

Melbourne Church of Christ

"A family of believers seeking to grow spiritually while sharing Jesus and serving others."

Forgive and Forget

by Edd Sterchi

I once heard it said, "I don't know which is harder to do, forgive or forget!" As difficult as it is to forgive, we have to forgive if we are to have forgiveness from our Father (Matt. 6:15). Forgiveness has the connotation of "to send away." For example, in Micah 7:19 we read that God will "cast all our sins into the depths of the sea." When God forgives us, He sends our sins so far away, they can never be reached again. Truly God is the epitome of "forgive and forget."

I noticed that inside the words "forgive" and "forget" are the words "give" and "get." In other words, to truly get the benefits that forgiveness can bring, we must first give something. For those of us desiring the forgiveness of another, we need to give that person a truly repentant attitude and lifestyle (Matt. 3:8). Then and only then will we get reconciliation with our brother or sister in Christ.

For those of us needing to forgive another, we need to give an attitude of compassion and willingness to work out/forget our differences toward the one who has wronged us (Matt. 5:23-24). Only then will we get harmony with our brother or sister in Christ. As a wise person once noted, we may not be able to totally forget that we were wronged, but we can act like it never happened.

The Christians at Corinth were to forgive one who obviously had repented. Paul writes, "you ought rather to forgive and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one be swallowed up with too much sorrow. Therefore I urge you to reaffirm your love to him" (2 Cor. 2:7-8).

The wayward brother gave of himself, and now they were to give in return. They were to confirm their love once again by forgiving and comforting him and everyone would benefit. May we always remember to "forgive and forget." And let us always remember that to get, we must first give.

Dates to Remember

★ Ladies will meet 4th Monday in Feb. @ 6 p.m. bring a finger food

Sermons and bulletins available @
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Sunday Bible Class 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
Wednesday Evening 6:00 p.m.



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* Communion is gluten-free and travel communion is available.

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
SONG LEADER	TBA	TBA
OPENING PRAYER	TBA	TBA
CLOSING PRAYER	TBA	TBA



Self-Served

Bible Quiz: The Unforgiving Servant

Read Matthew 18:23-35

1. This parable was told because Peter asked Jesus about ____.

2. How many times should a person forgive?

3. In the parable, why did the king forgive his servant's debt?

4. What did the servant do to his fellow servant who owed him money?

5. The king in this parable represents ____.



Prayer List

Military: Derek Love, Tyler Talkington, A.J. Talkington

Officers: Steven & Sherry Davidson, Josh Morehead, Jamie Irvin, Tyler Webb, Caeden Wolfe, Blake Johnson

Health: Ted Kidd Joyce Newbrey Donnie Vest Joanna Smith
 Joe Guiltner Dan Clark Wilma Cooper Wayne Crosby
 Tracy Thomas Brooke Pritchard Troy Gaston James Nicholson
 Bill Roland Hayden Phillips Donny Smith Joanne Weston
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Nursing Home: Debbie Hoskinds, Holly Stroud, Emma Jean Cooper

February Birthdays

Frank Fowler 1st Joyce Newbrey 5th Aaron Young 8th
 Cindy Phillips 11th Brighton Beebe 11th Dewey Brightwell 13th
 Davey Wyatt 14th Harris Wyatt 14th David Lawrence 19th
 Kaleb Moser 25th Chipper Lamb 27th

February Anniversaries

Acy & Iris Beebe 13th

Ted & Sheilla Wammack 14th

Luke 17:1-4, "And Jesus said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ² It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. ³ Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, ⁴ and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."