

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

August 11, 2019

Forgive

***If you forgive men when they sin against you,
your heavenly Father will also forgive you.***

—Matthew 6:14

One of the hardest things you ever do is forgive someone who has intentionally hurt you. Your impulse is to retaliate, even the score, get revenge.

But revenge is too hot for humans to handle; drop it before you get burned. “*Do not repay anyone evil for evil ... Do not take revenge ...*” (Rom. 12:17, 19).

“*If you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins*” (Matt. 6:15). “He who cannot forgive breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass,” said George Herbert.

Lewis Smedes nailed it: “To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you.”

***The strongest person is not the one
who fights, but the one who forgives.***

— Joe Barnett

Myths About Forgiveness

1. **Wrong** : Forgiving means the offender didn't really hurt you.
2. **Wrong** : Forgiving means you excuse the offenders hurtful act.
3. **Wrong** : Before forgiving you must first understand why the offender hurt you.
4. **Wrong** : Before you forgive the offender you must feel forgiving toward him.
5. **Wrong** : Forgiving means that the offender will face no consequences.
6. **Wrong** : When your offender is punished, you find closure.

—Unknown

Imitation -vs- Transformation

Three Powerful Words

A funny story is told about General George Patton from his World War II days. He once accepted an invitation to dine at a press camp in Africa. Wine was served in canteen cups, but, obviously thinking he was served coffee, Patton poured cream into his cup. As he stirred in sugar, Patton was warned that his cup contained red wine and not coffee.

Now, General Patton could never, never be wrong. Without hesitating, he replied, "I know. I like my wine this way." And he drank it!

I relate this story because I see something of myself, and perhaps most of us here. It is difficult to admit mistakes. It is hard to admit when we are wrong.

Three of life's most difficult words to say are, "I was wrong." But they are also three of the most powerful words we can utter. "I was wrong" breaks down barriers between people. It brings estranged people together. And it creates a climate where intimacy and love may flourish. You may be surprised at

how positively many people respond to the words, “I was wrong”!

Naturally it is a risk. But to admit when you are wrong is not to confess that you are a “bad” person; simply an honest one. And true friends will appreciate you for it.

Whole and happy lives are built by people who have learned the power of intimacy, in part, through the use of the words “I was wrong.”

— From *Riches of the Heart* by Steve Goodier (via The Sower)

**“You can’t sink someone else’s end of the boat
and still keep your own afloat.”**

(Charles Brower)

Upcoming Events :

Gospel Meeting :

Cowden Church of Christ

Corner ... Cedar and Fifth Sts
Cowden, Illinois

Date : August 16 & 17

Time : 7:00 p.m. Friday 6:00 p.m. Saturday

Speaker : Billy Willis from Brownwood, Texas

Lady’s Day ... “A Heart Full Of Joy”

Presented by : Delores Nelson

Date : September 28, 2019 (*Mark this date.*)

Venue : Sunnyside Church of Christ



***Our 12th Annual Area-wide Sing-
ing will be on October 27
So reserve this date; it'll be here
before you know it.***

Pride Packages For Soldiers: We rotate the items that we bring in so there will be a variety of things available for Pat to send to our soldiers. For the next two weeks we'll be bringing: Writing tablets, stationary, Black ink pens, Small white envelopes

Reading: Matthew 18: 21-35 ; I Corinthians 13: 4-7

NEXT WEEK : (August 18, 2019)

Song Leader : Greg

Scripture Reader : Jonathan

Table & Announcements : Bob

Prayer List : .

Tim Bowyer: On Tuesday Tim will be admitted in St. Mary's hosp. for hip replacement surgery & anticipates release Wed. or

Susan Bowyer : Susan continues healing, but it will take time.

Doris Faulkner: Doris is falling off precipitously.

Kathy Minser: (*Reynolds' sister*), No firm diagnosis as yet.

Betty Lowe : Awaiting word on how they'll treat her issues.

Mike Nichols : Mike continues to show little progress.

Shelly Kruger : Pete's young niece is battling cancer and it's a real struggle. She is in urgent need of prayers.

Ruby Bradd : The 2 yr old daughter of Stephen & Ranae Bradd is in St. John's Children's Hospital being treated for stage 4 cancer, Ruby got to go home for one night, but had a severe bleeding problem and had to be taken back to the hospital.

Wayne : Many new meds and horrible diets, but no surgery yet.

Those with ongoing need of prayer :

Those with age related issues :

Marge, Ruby, Mary, Doris, Delores, Betty, Pete & Hazel,

Others with ongoing issues :

Madonna : Her biweekly chemo will continue indefinitely.

Nancy Miller : Parkinson's Disease

Brenda Stevens : Ongoing severe painful back issues

Butch Reynolds : Heart condition and back issues

Jerry Rankin : Heart Issues

Glenda Hyneman : Multiple recurring issues, some serious

Bruce Miller: Madonna's brother-in-law is holding his own.

Dan Luidhardt : Wayne's friend has severe kidney failure due to diabetes. His condition is deteriorating.

*** Each day as you pray for those on this list,
always include our congregation and her elders**

***Visitors are always welcomed.
We invite you to visit our assemblies.***

Schedule of Services :

Sunday Morning : Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:20 a.m.

Sunday Evening : Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday : Bible Study 7:00 p.m.



Ya'll Come !