

Classes and Teachers

Sunday AM

Cradle Roll: Payton Knight
2-3 Years: Rm 6 Susan Powell
4-5 Years: Rm 4 Kathy Long
Lori Miles
1-5 Grade: Rm 5 Lukas Powell
6-12 Grade: Rm 1A Donovan King
Adults: Audit. Kent Miles

Wednesday PM

Cradle Roll: Rm 3
2-3 Years: Rm 6 Linda Knight
4-5 Years: Rm 5 Kathy Long
1-5 Grade: Rm 5 Amy Wilson
6-12 Grade: Rm 1A Kent Miles
Terry Powell
Adults: Audit. Art Wilson

Prayer List

Family

Illness - Sommer Tupper
Surgery Recovery- Shirley Glover
Hospital-Lee Ann Drea-Dollie Spivey's niece-rare blood disease
Death-Edna Whilcher-Linwood Burden's cousin, Snow Ponder-Rosalind Burden's sister in law's mother, Linda Cerigioli-Robin Cooper's aunt
Encouragement - Family of Edna Whilcher, Gail Ponder & family, Lee Ann Drea, Shirley Glover, Cerigioli family, Dolly Phillips, Cooper's, Burden's
Other- Dolly Phillips-Susan Powell's mom-fell-bruised & sore
Traveling - Linwood Burden-Durham, NC
Thanksgiving-Jen Irvin & son Joel home & healthy

Friends

Illness - Sherrye Chambers-cancer, Mrs. Smith-friend of Ben Cooper-cancer, Nich Gross
Hospital-Miya-niece of coworker of Linda Knight's
Surgery-Marie Chambers-hip
Death-Amanda Frey-neighbor of Jen Meador-her mom
Encouragement - Sherrye Chambers, Marie Chambers, Amanda Frey & family, Mrs. Smith, Miya, Michelle Cohen

Men & Women at Woodbine

Kristen-her husband waits for her release, Laura-for son & husband who was sentenced, Betty-remain faithful since baptism, Caitlin- seeking to do God's will since baptism, Ajuna-thank you for baptism. Please read all the prayer requests posted on the board by the front door.

Birthdays for August

Robin Cooper-1
Kent Miles-1
Shaeleigh Tupper-1
Mattox Fallaw-8
Marjorie Johnson-9
Linwood Burden II-28

Anniversaries for August

Kent & Lori Miles-9
Clyde & Carol Crane-13
Terry & Susan Powell-14
Jason & Gretchen Thetford-19
Daniel & Jennifer Cudney-19
Dollie & Gram Spivey-22
Please show all the above celebrating Birth - days and Anniversaries love and best wishes.



Announcements

- Today after the Morning Worship we will have our **Quarterly Fellowship Meal** followed by a **2:00 PM Afternoon Worship Service**. All visitors and members are encouraged to stay for the great fellowship and day of worshipping God.
- The **Young Adults** will meet August 11th & 25th at 6:30PM.
- There will be a **Youth Day** at the Richmond Hill church of Christ on Saturday, August 12th beginning at 8:30AM.
- The men will have a **Bible Study** on Tuesday, August 15th at 7:00PM. All men are encouraged to attend.
- There will be an **Elders/Deacons Meeting** on Thursday, August 17th beginning at 7:00PM.
- **Polishing The Pulpit** will be held August 18th -August 24th in Sevierville, TN.
- There will be a **Baby Shower for Jen Irvin & Joel** on Saturday, August 26th from 2:00-4:00PM. She is registered on Amazon and at Target.
- Please submit your Biblical questions to the elders or Art for the **4th Sunday Question & Answer Service** on August 27th.
- Ladies are encouraged to sign up to make **Visitor's Bread** for our visitors. The sign-up sheet is posted in the foyer.
- Men are encouraged to sign-up to take care of the **yard/lawn maintenance** in the foyer. There are a couple of months available this year.
- There will be a **Men's Day** at the Johnson Street church of Christ in Brunswick, September 8 & 9. There will be a Fish Fry the 8th starting at 7PM and the Men's Day the 9th at 10AM. Details will be posted later.
- Please mark the date on your calendar for September 23rd for our **Annual St Marys Family Retreat at Crooked River State Park** beginning at 10:00AM. There will be food, fun and Art will be bringing a lesson. More details will follow.

Items for the Pantry

Cereal Crackers

Soups Jelly

Raman Noodles

Fruit Juice

Peanut Butter



Forgive & Forget

The phrase "forgive and forget" has been in the English language for a long time. An older member of the church once commented to me concerning forgiving and forgetting, "I don't know which is harder to do!" As difficult as they are for us humans to do-do them we must if we are to have forgiveness from our Father in heaven (**Matt. 6:15**).

Forgiveness in the original language of the Bible 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 (and the guilt of them) so far away, they can never be reached again. Truly God is the epitome of "forgive and forget."

But I wish to examine the phrase "forgive and forget" from another angle. 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 a brother who obviously had repented. Paul writes to them "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 was giving to them, and now they were to give, as well. They were to confirm their love once again for him by forgiving and comforting him. All involved would benefit from this.

So let's always remember to "forgive and forget." And let's always remember that to get, we must first give. Edd Sterchi

Elder's Corner... Summer has quickly come to a close! Vacation Bible School is over and school has already started. Once again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts to everyone who participated in making this year's VBS a great success. To see the kids in the classrooms, crafts, snacks and puppets you know there was a positive impact on them. The adults also benefited from watching *Is Genesis History* in the auditorium. We want you to take advantage of our new Facebook page St. Marys Church of Christ @churchofchriststm. Visit the site and follow it to stay abreast of upcoming activities and the lessons for each Sunday. While we are on upcoming activities make sure you have your calendars marked for Saturday, September 23rd (10:00AM) for our Family Retreat at Crooked River State Park. We have Pavilion #1 reserved and are looking forward to some great fellowship and spiritual enrichment. Also, it won't be long before our Gospel Meeting with Brother Eric Owens, October 23rd-26th (7:00PM Mon-Thur). In **Ephesians 6:6-8** we are told that as bondservants of Christ we are to do: *...the will of God from the heart; 7 with good will doing service, as unto the Lord, and not unto men; 8 knowing that whatsoever good thing each one doeth, the same shall be received again from the Lord, whether (he be) bond or free.* **ASV** Let each one of us persevere and have the continuing endurance to do the will of God, so that we may receive the promise (**Hebrews 10:36**).

Sermon Topics

AM: Waiting On The Lord
PM: Bible Character - Jonah

Preacher's Corner... How is your heart? It has been rightly said that "the heart is the heart of the matter!" We're not talking about the blood pump in our chest but rather our sensitivity to things spiritual. When is the last time you have been touched by God's truth. A realization of your need for God, or some life-changing event in your life? Cardiomyopathy is a condition where the heart muscle becomes too thick making it harder to pump blood-do we suffer from a spiritual hardening of the heart? The words of Jesus seem to characterize our own generation, "For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed,...Lest they should understand with their hearts an turn, So that I should heal them." (**Matt. 18:15**). Remember God's sword of truth (**Eph. 6:17; Heb. 4:12**) has two edges; one edge cuts to obedience "Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?" (**Acts 2:36**) but the other cuts to rebellion "When they heard these things they were cut to the heart...and they cast him out of the city and stoned him." (**Acts 7:54-58**). Will your reaction be one of betterment or bitterness?