

MARC'S REMARKS

Nine Requisites for Contented Living

1. Health enough to make work a pleasure.
2. Wealth enough to support our needs.
3. Strength to battle with difficulties and overcome them.
4. Grace enough to confess your sins and forsake them.
5. Patience enough to toil until some good is accomplished.
6. Charity enough to see some good in your neighbor.
7. Love enough to move you to be useful and helpful to others.
8. Faith enough to make real the things of God.
9. Hope enough to remove all anxious fears concerning the future.

—Johann Wolfgang von Goethe
(1749–1832)

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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

Bible Study . . . 9:30 A.M.
Worship 10:15 A.M.
Worship 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Study . . . 7:00 P.M.

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THE PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear the word of truth Romans 10:13–17

Believe the truth Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24

Repent from all sins. Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

Confess the name of Christ
. Matthew 10:32–33; Acts 8:35–39

Be baptized in His name
. Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Colossians 2:12

Walk in newness of life and **be faithful** unto death
. Romans 6:1–4; Revelation 2:10

Think on These Things

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Forgiving

Beth Ellen Rowland

Do we truly understand what it means to forgive? *The Reader's Digest Dictionary* defines “forgive” in this way:

1. To excuse for a fault or offense; pardon, 2. To renounce anger or resentment against; cease to blame.

The definition of forgiveness in the Holy Bible is: *the act of pardon, to blot out, remission, remember no more*. We fall short, we repent, God forgives and forgets, but we remember it forevermore.

We know by studying God's word, no sin is greater than another. The consequences may be greater but all unforgiven sin will cast us into Hell. A person who commits murder may truly repent and God forgives him, wiping away all his sins but when he moves in next door to us, do we put his forgiven sin out of our minds?

When should we forgive? When our neighbor sins against us and asks for

forgiveness, we must forgive. Luke 17:3–4 says,

“Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, ‘I repent,’ you shall forgive him.”

Sometimes we feel we do not have to forgive because the person hasn't asked for forgiveness. Have we let them know we have been offended? We must have a forgiving heart. When Christ was on the cross, He asked God to forgive those people who were murdering Him and they had not asked Him to forgive them. “Father, forgive them for they do not know what they do” (Luke 23:34). They did not know the magnitude of what they were doing. They did not know He was the Son of God.

When Jesus gave His disciples an example of prayer, He included forgiving

Thanks for worshipping with our church family!

FAMILY TALK

Rejoicing with the Angels

Shortly after services Wednesday night, **Jackie Harmon** was rebaptized. Something in **Bill Brittenham's** sermon this past Sunday prodded her to reconsider her baptism as a teenager and motivated her to ask Bill to rebaptize her. Jackie, we are thankful for your commitment and faithfulness!

About Our Sick

Gladys Winters, who recently had knee surgery, is undergoing rehab at Reunion Plaza. She is staying in the same room as her husband, **Pat**.

Also remember **Lenita Lansford's** husband, **Charles**, as he struggles with cancer.

Teen Devotional

The monthly teen devotional will be hosted by the **Calvert's** tonight after evening services.

Weekly Newsletter

Joey Avance and **Sherry Brittenham** are working together to produce our weekly newsletter. We appreciate their efforts to keep us informed on some of the social events happening in our daily lives.

If you do not receive it via email, you can pick up a hard copy on the shelf each Wednesday night.

SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements
John Haley

Song Leading
Jack Calvert

Lord's Supper
Bill Rinehart
Pete Rowland
Preston Ellis
Hayden Ellis

Prayers
Sam McJunkins II
Dee Minter

Scripture Reading
John Marc Hinds

Bulletins
John Marc Hinds
Caleb Rinehart

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements
Jon Barry

Song Leading
Phillip Moore

Lord's Supper
Sonny Monaghan
Jackie Jamison

Prayers
Wendell Mobley
Jerry Schnelle

WEDNESDAY

Announcements
Randy Ellis

Song Leading
Daniel Allgor

Prayers
Sam McJunkins III
Sonny Monaghan

Invitation
Marc Hinds

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of trespasses. "And forgive us our debts, *as we forgive our debtors*" (Matt 6:12). We should always be ready to forgive others, mentally placing ourselves in their place. At anytime, we or someone we love, might commit a similar trespass.

Therefore, let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall (1 Cor 10:12).

When our brother or sister asks the Church to pray to God for the forgiveness of their sins, are we rejoicing with the angels in Heaven or are we mentally judging if they are truly repentant? We must remember the thoughts of our hearts can condemn us. When the woman was taken in adultery and the men wanted Jesus to approve them stoning her, His answer was, "He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first" (John 8:7).

In 1 John 1:8-9, John writes,

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess

our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to clean us from all unrighteousness.

Once a person has been cleansed of their sins, how are they any different from any other believer? Should they be treated any different than any other believer? Absolutely not! They are in as much a saved condition as any other repentant believer. In Galatians 6, verses 1-2 we find,

Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, *you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted*. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

All of us are not tempted by the same things. Some are inclined to gossip, some struggle with the "little white lie," some unthinkingly sow discord, others cheat on their income tax; but we are all guilty of sin. We need to help one another to overcome our temptations by encouraging each other.

Confess your trespasses to one another and pray for one another that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. . . .

Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins (James 5:16, 19-20).

If we will obey our Lord's commandment given in Matt 22:37-39, we will find it much easier to forgive and be more understanding.

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you (Eph 4:32). 📖

Sermon Notes

TONIGHT ...

Back to School Matthew 5:13-16

It's that time of year again. Our young people will be heading back to school in the next week or two. Supplies are being purchased and preparations are being made.

On your devotional night, tonight's lesson will be directed toward you, young people. We'll be looking at the appeal of Jesus for his followers to be salt and light.