

## DO YOURSELF A FAVOR: FORGIVE

Do you remember Peter's exchange with Jesus concerning forgiveness? Peter asked, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Till seven times?" Rabbinic teaching demanded one forgive his brother three times. Peter surely thought himself generous to double the amount and forgive his brother three times. Peter surely thought himself generous to double the amount and add still another to it. But Jesus turns this whole matter of keeping mental records on its head by replying, "I say not unto you. 'until seven times': but, 'until seventy times seven'" (Matt. 18:21,22). Bitterness, resentment, and a refusal to genuinely forgive those who have injured us will backfire every time, always compounding our level of misery. I once heard of an epitaph engraved upon the headstone of an unkept, long-forgotten grave, which sadly read, "Died of Grudgitis." I wonder how many thousands—perhaps millions—of death certificates could correctly list "grudgitis." as a contributing cause of death? Have you ever heard someone bark through clenched teeth, "I'll get even with them if it's the last thing I do" too often it is. Perhaps the cause of your sleeplessness, your tight, churning stomach, or your throbbing head is no more than your refusal to let go of a seething, simmering anger.

Harbored, hateful unforgiveness,  
Seeming harmless at the start,  
Soon becomes malignant business,  
Like a cancer in the heart.

If you are painfully enduring a relationship constantly strained by your bitterness and harbored resentments, do yourself a favor. Yes do yourself a favor. **FORGIVE!**

—Dalton Key

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Times of Worship:

SUN: 9:00am - Worship

10:15am - Bible Study

6:00pm - Worship

WED: 6:30pm - Bible Study

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**HOSPITAL**

Megan Hall, Erlanger.  
Blake Hall, Erlanger, Neo-Natal Unit.  
Sandra McCall, URMIC, Rm. 209.

**AT HOME**

Dessie Taylor, Fairy Johnson, Kenneth Poff,  
Sally Owens, Polly Gibson, Polly Taylor,  
Sterling Wayne Shelton, Dan Mullins,  
Garland Brown, Sandy Penwell, Clara West,  
Susie Hastings, Vance McMahan, Angie Smoot.

**PANTRY ITEMS**

Soup, Chili, Pork & Beans

**READ NEW TESTAMENT THRU**

Wayne Johnson & Carl S. Sims.

**SYMPATHY**

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Russell Johnson, father of Elaine Jenson & grandfather of Erika Jenson. His funeral was Wednesday at the Manchester Funeral Home.

**CARE TEAM MEETING**

There will be a combined Care Team meeting in the fellowship hall, January 7th at 6:00pm. Please bring finger foods.

**NEW ARRIVALS**

Congratulations to Anthony & Kim Reed on the birth of daughter, Elena Grace born Dec. 23rd weighing 7 lbs. 14ozs. Mother & baby are doing fine.

Congratulations to Jonathan & Megan Hall on the birth of their son, Blake Andrew, born Dec. 26th weighing 1.7 lbs. Blake will be in the neo-natal unit at Erlanger for several months. Please keep this family in your prayers.

**MEN TO SERVE**

**THE FOLLOWING ARE TO SERVE IN JANUARY:**

**LORD'S TABLE AM.**

\*Bob Gillen                      \*Jeff McCullough  
Gene Parker                      Ron Livingston  
Rickey Woods                      Frank Penney

**LORD'S TABLE PM.**

Don Gregory & Bill Hollins

**USHER & COUNT AM**

Steven Barnes & Chuck Henegar

**USHER & COUNT PM**

Joe Verner & Tim Green

**THOSE TO SERVE, SUN. JAN. 2:**

**9:00AM**

Announcements:                      Don Gregory  
Song Leader:                              Scott Vaughn  
First Prayer:                              Jayson Little  
Scripture:                                  Steve Barlow  
Closing Prayer:                          Adam Willmore

**6:00PM**

Song Leader:                              Scott Vaughn  
First Prayer:                              David Sullivan  
Scripture:                                  Steve Barlow  
Closing Prayer:                          Jim Thompson

A.M.: "Faith Inherited" (Matt. 23:1-12)

P.M.: "Mature Christians" (Eph. 6:10-24)

**PICK-UP ATTENDANCE CARDS, SUN. JAN. 2:**

Blake Williams & Blaine Kay

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS, SUN. JAN.2:**

Amy Eppes & Sandra Patterson

**THOSE TO SERVE, WED. JAN.5:**

Devotional:                              Carl Sims  
Announcements:                          Scott Vaughn  
Opening Prayer:                          Tim Brown  
Closing Prayer:                          Bill Hollins  
Song Leader:                              Jayson Little

Remember to notify David Sullivan @ 607-1580 if you are not able to serve at your appointed time.

**"It takes more strength of character to withstand good fortune than bad!"**

**INFORMATION**

If you have information for the bulletin, please have it into the church office by Tuesday @ 3:00pm because the bulletin is printed on Wednesday morning.

If you have information for the bulletin or power point and the office is closed, please leave the information in **Jeannette's voice mail box** or you can call her at home @ 728-7925. The power point for Sunday is done on Saturday afternoon.

Your co-operation would be greatly appreciated. **IF WE DON'T KNOW IT, WE CAN NOT PASS IT ALONG!**

**MARRIAGE WORKSHIP**

**Jan. 8-9: Winchester, 9:00am-11:30am.**

This workshop is for singles, dating couples, engaged couples, and married couples. You must be at least college-age to attend. This is free of charge but you are asked to sign-up for the Saturday sessions in advance, by calling the church office at 931-967-1441 or e-mailing the church secretary at [p.bishop@winchurchofchrist.org](mailto:p.bishop@winchurchofchrist.org). Free child care is available on Saturday.

**LIBRARY MEMORIALS**

Donations have been made to the Library in memory of Virginia Duke by Riley & Delores Medford and an anonymous donor.



Words are inadequate to express the gratitude I feel for your many acts of charity to me during my recent hospitalization and on going recovery. I am convinced that without the many prayers lifted up to God on my behalf, I would not have survived! The food and cards have lifted my spirits; and I thank God daily for my fellow Christians here at Main Street church of Christ.

Donna Costilow

**BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE**

Lessons Graded (12/15-12/21).....	847
Requests For Personal Contact.....	1
Students served.....	339

Lessons Graded (12/22-12/28).....	672
Requests For Personal Contact.....	1
Students served.....	269

**STUDENT COMMENTS**

This Bible study has opened up a new awareness in me and a hunger to know and understand the Word of God. Thank you (Madison Heights, VA)

Thank you very much. I really enjoy studying and completing the lessons you send me. Thank you and God bless! (Donalsonville, LA)

Merry Christmas & a happy new Year! Thanks for taking the time to grade these lessons. God bless! (Alamo, GA)

**BAPTISMS**

We rejoice over the recent baptism of Phillip Howard Brown, Sr. & his daughter Angel Brown. Phillip lives at 149 Perry Lane. Phone: 273-7653. M10/30, F1/25.

**SAVED!**

- ◆ A physician can save your life...
- ◆ A lawyer can save your business...
- ◆ A financial advisor can save your money...
- ◆ A coach can save your athletic career...
- ◆ But only Jesus can save your **SOUL!**

"...by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead...neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:10-12) —Bulletin Digest

