

Those to Serve

(B) Calvin Burks
(FV) Jack Wall
(O) Doug Pruett
(A) Jorge Garza
1st prayer Judd wall
2nd prayer Calvin Burks
Announcements: Mike Mallett
Singing: Kevin Grant

December 7th

Pearl Harbor Day

December 25th

Christmas Day

December 31st

New Years Eve

January 5th

Mission Sunday

Prayer List:

Willis Hughes
Mike Lovell
Letha Sheldon
Ruby Jones
Loyd Crownover
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement

Christmas Party

**Christmas
Party at
Mike & Connie
Mallett's Home
December
14th at
5:30 pm**

Happy Birthday

Sarah Vann Dec 7th

Lynette Vann Dec 14th

Virgina Lovell Dec 19th

Kevin Grant Dec 24th

Letha Sheldon Dec 25th

Will Vann Dec 26th

Quotes & Sayings

- A teacher's job is to take a room full of live wires and make sure they are well grounded. – *unknown*
- Don't pretend to be something you aren't.
Aesop (c.620-560 BC)

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Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."

Sunday Worship:

9:30 am Bible Study

10:20 am Worship

12:30 pm Afternoon

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

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One of the Greatest Gifts You Can Give to Someone (and Yourself)

By Edd Sterchi

There is a gift that you can give to others that is absolutely amazing and it does not cost a thing (monetarily, anyway). It is never the wrong color or size. Everyone who receives this gift always loves and cherishes it. And, amazingly enough, when we give this to someone, we also receive something in return. It's a win-win. Ready to hear what it is? It is the gift of forgiveness.

The Oxford English Dictionary defines forgive as: "to stop feeling angry or resentful towards (someone) for an offense or mistake." Our English word forgive comes from the Old English words "for" and "gifan" (give). So forgiveness in the original root means to give (as in give up). In forgiving someone, we give up on anger, resentment, and revenge – and in doing so, we give the person we are forgiving something, and we are giving ourselves something, also.

I'm sure you have heard the phrase, "forgive and forget." Notice within those words are the words "give" and "get." When we forgive another, we give them a renewed relationship, but we also give ourselves peace of mind – those thoughts of anger and resentment have been let go.

Jesus gave the reminder that if we want forgiveness from God, then we must forgive our fellow humans (Matt. 6:14-15). It is God's design that forgiveness is a gift to others and to ourselves.

Paul, through inspiration, wrote in Col. 3:12-15, "Therefore...put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts..." When we learn to give forgiveness to others, we make it much easier for the peace of God to rule in our hearts.

So do you want to give a great gift and receive a great gift at the same time? Then learn to forgive. Two for the price of one – what a deal! Forgiveness is truly the gift that keeps on giving!

Should We Let the Kids "Decide for Themselves"?

Occasionally we hear parents who say that they don't want to force religion on their children. These misguided folks think they are doing their kids a favor by letting them "decide for themselves". They're afraid that there will be some resentment in the children later if religion has been 'crammed down their throats'.

May we be absolutely blunt in response? That is one of the stupidest ideas anyone ever suggested!!! We force many things on our children. We insist that that they bathe, brush their teeth, change their clothes, etc. We "cram" education down their throats by making them attend school regularly. We demand that they do their homework. We force them to eat good food, get adequate rest, and do other things that are important to their health and development. We do all of this because we know it is in their best interest. And, we do it even when the kids don't like it. Why is it that this common sense approach is neglected by parents who are determined to "let the kids decide for themselves" when it comes to religion?

Dr. James Dobson writes: "There is a critical period when certain kinds of instruction are easier in the life of children. There is a brief period during childhood when youngsters are vulnerable to religious training. Their concepts of right and wrong are formulated during this time, and their view of God begins to solidify. The opportunity of that period must be seized when it is available. The absence or misapplication of instruction through that prime-time period may place a severe limitation on the depth of the child's later devotion to God. When parents withhold indoctrination from their small children, allowing them to "decide for themselves", the adults are almost guaranteeing that their youngsters will "decide" in the negative."

God's word has always taught us the truth on this subject: "*Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it*" (Proverbs 22:6).

- by Greg Gwin