

South Green Street Church of Christ

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Forgiveness

(How good is your memory?)

We all know what our strengths and weaknesses are for the most part. Some folks are good singers (I'm told this isn't me). Some people are good listeners and are overall good communicators. Good cooks know people like their dishes. Good mechanics can fix cars just by listening to the engine run. You get the idea. We know what we are good at. I don't count myself as having many strengths, but I have a decent memory. Having a "good" memory can be a blessing, but it can also be a challenge. When we need to prepare for a test or hold on to some information that is important, having good memory is a blessing. Unfortunately, having a good memory that allows us to hold on to thoughts of someone who has done us wrong which has turned to a grudge is not good. We may remember our past too much as well!

Aren't we thankful that God's memory doesn't function like ours? How do we know? When we repent of our sins, are baptized for the remission of sins, and remain faithful, we become a child of God. Do we make mistakes? Do we stumble? Do we struggle with sin? Of course, we all do (**I Peter 5:8**). When we seek daily to strengthen our walk with Christ (which is a process), God understands we are under attack by Satan and we veer of course occasionally. He will not hold us hostage to our past. How do we know? **Micah 7:18-19** says, "Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea."

This phrase, "You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea," is very powerful and "attention getting." God's forgiveness is concealing. Meaning, He lets things go if we seek to let things go. To what extent does God place our sins and mistakes away? The depths of the sea is something we understand but cannot grasp. Dan Winkler says this about ocean trenches, "They are yawning, narrow depressions across the ocean floor. One of these is the Mariana Trench east of the Philippines. It's 1,580 miles long, 43 miles wide, and almost 2 ½ times deep as Pike's Peak is tall. It's the largest hole on earth that we know about, and it serves as a great example of what Micah called the 'depths of the sea.'" Additionally, Dan says, "With forgiveness, God has promised to 'put away' our sin (**2 Samuel 12:13**). The stone that represents our past is thrown behind God's back where it falls into the deepest part of the sea and becomes nonexistent." God doesn't think about our past and replay our sin and mistakes. There is no way to thank God enough for that.

What does God want? **Psalm 51** shows us He desires a contrite heart, followed by sincere repentance, and desire for us to not only pick up the pieces, but to realize we must be dedicated and committed to Him. God directs our steps (**Jeremiah 10:23**). We know God is all knowing, but Scripture tells He is all forgiving if we are "all in." Have you held on too long to grudges, held on too long to sin, or held on too long to the past? God takes all these things and places them in a place that is so deep we can't comprehend. The most important thing to remember is the sacrifice of Christ. God knows all, but He wants all to come to Him. May we live in such a way we never forget that.

~Allen

Parable of the Unforgiving Servant Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. "But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. "So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

Church Potluck

The annual Christmas Potluck will be held Sunday, December 22, after the morning worship service. Everyone is invited to attend. Meat will be provided by the church.

Thank You Note

Thank you to the Young N Heart for the Fruit Basket. I enjoyed the visit with John and Carol Weaver.

In Christian Love,
Anna Edwards

Baby Shower

Join us for a Baby Shower honoring Catherine & Grant Ward, on January 5, 2025, between 1:30 –3:30 PM at the South Central Bank Operations Center, 501 S L Rogers Wells Blvd. Registered at Amazon. Catherine is the daughter of Lynn & Charlotte Beals. If you are unable to attend the shower, there is a table set up in the basement for gifts.

Partners for Africa

Through your efforts with increased giving on Sunday, November 24, and other special contributions, we are able to meet Dorians requested needs. The elders have decided to make an additional contribution to fund 50% of an additional well. We appreciate your generosity.

Pantry

Items needed for the pantry: 5 oz cans tuna, chicken noodle soup, tomato soup, vegetable soup, spaghetti noodles (1 lb box), pasta sauce (no glass containers), canned vegetables, instant oatmeal– individual packets, breakfast bars and crackers.

Family Matters

Prayer List

- Micki Bagby, 1034 Coral Hill Halfway Rd., Glasgow
- Kelly Beals, wife of Tim Beals, P.O. Box 124, Glasgow, KY 42142
- Frenchie Belcher, is undergoing knee surgery this week, 78 Temple Hill Rd., Glasgow
- Dorothy Brake, 300 Westwood St., Rm 34, Glasgow
- Steve Brown, 105 Wingate Ave., Glasgow.
- Terry & Debbie Bunnell, 343 Winners Circle, Glasgow
- Suzie Dove, 361 Dunedin Way, Glasgow
- Judy Dugger, 180 Scottie Dr., Apt. 152, Glasgow
- Gary Edmunds 5899 Old Bowling Green Rd., Glasgow
- Jeff Edwards, son of Anna Edwards, 308 Circle Springs Dr., Glasgow
- Glenda Elam, 100B Lyon Ave., Glasgow
- JB & Kathleen Emberton, 119 Robin Dr., Glasgow
- Becky Foster, 1636 Pritchardsville Rd., Glasgow
- Seth Thomas Groce , 180 Scottie Dr., Glasgow
- Tish Gumm, 350 Paul Bastien Lane, Glasgow
- David Hammer, 299 Zoe Dr., Glasgow
- Brooke Honeycutt, daughter of Marty & Chantal Honeycutt, 682 Spencer Rd., Glasgow
- Jeffrey Lynn Lile, brother of Sonya Hogue, 447 Lanny Harlow Rd., Hardyville, KY 42746
- Virginia Neville, 104 Ridgecrest, Glasgow
- Jackie Perkins, 1081 Dripping Springs Rd., Glasgow
- Mark Prichard, 211 Autumn Ridge, Glasgow
- Billy Pritchard, 117 Douglas Dr., Glasgow
- Fred Proffitt, 307 Hall St., Glasgow
- Lenneth & Bonnie Rich, 308 Patton Terrace Rd., Glasgow
- Denny Riddle, 70 Penny Lane, Glasgow
- Dottie Ritter, 207 Seay St., Glasgow
- Ed Spear, 1038 Poplar Springs Rd., Glasgow
- Grant Turner, son of Zac & Jennifer Turner, will be undergoing outpatient surgery soon 510 Northwood Dr., Glasgow
- Lynn Vick, 111 Karakal Dr., Glasgow
- Mike Williams, 4556 Old Bowling Green Rd., Glasgow
- Jerry Wood, 917 Bristletown Rd., Glasgow

Additional Prayer Requests

- Catherine Bagby, mother of Robert Bagby
- Joann Birdwell, sister of Betty Driver
- Maria Bryant, coworker of Sonya Hogue
- Steve Bulle, friend of Jamie Lowe
- Jeff Burd, nephew of Karen Kerney
- Roy Fox, family of Norma Redford and Sherry Furlong
- Ted Garmon, friend of Randall & Betty Turner
- Pat Green, friend of Jewel Searcy
- Mark Hanstein, father of Laura Warren
- Jason Hapney, son of Gary & Teresa Hapney
- Cathy Holley, friend of Sonya Hogue
- Tom Hughes, friend of Tony & Melissa Shirley
- Mark Isenberg, brother of Lloyd Isenberg
- Earl Jackson, husband of Runelle Jackson

- Roy Lanier, grandfather of Laura Warren
- Sharon Lenhart, mother of Cathy Bishop
- Nancy Miller, sister of Linda Kelsay & Kathy Williams
- Lana Morrice, daughter of Fred Proffitt
- Marjorie Palmore, mother of Kim Palmore
- Natalie Philbeck, friend of Mike & Charlotte Pruitt
- Judie Pitcock, mother of Amy Gill
- Katelyn Poteet, great granddaughter of Glenn & Judith Pitcock
- Kim Smith, sister of Tony Shirley
- Margie Smith, friend of Sandra Kidd
- Brad Spear, son of Ed & Pat Spear
- Jennifer Stump, friend of Freda Dugger
- Becky Thompson, daughter of Jackie & Sherri Perkins
- Kim Turner, friend of Angie Kessler
- Charles Tyler, father of Karen Drake
- Larry Williams, friend of Tommy Gumm
- Susan Williams, friend of Frenchie Belcher
- Bobbie Wilson, brother of Bonnie Rich
- Betty Wright, sister-in-law of Becky Speer
- Cale Zurcher, friend of Gary & Missy Groce

Ladies Bible Class

Ladies Bible class will resume in the New Year. Just a reminder that if Barren County Schools are closed for inclement weather, there will be **no** class.

From the Elders

Our Wednesday evening service will be held on Thursday evening, December 26, and not on Wednesday the 25th. Services will be at 6:30 PM.

For The Record

Sunday AM Attendance	358
Sunday Contribution <i>week of Dec 8</i>	\$14,148.00
2024 Weekly Budget.....	\$13,250.00
2024 Weekly Average <i>week of Dec 8</i>	\$13,308.67

Responses Year To Date

Baptisms	10
Prayer Requests	14
Placing Membership	23

Sunday Morning, December 22, 2024
10:30 AM

Deacons in Charge	John Weaver
.....	Chris Page
Song Leader/Welcome	Steve Birge
Opening Prayer	Frankie McCoy
Scripture Reading	David Alls
Lesson	Bart Warren
Presiding at the Table	Jeremy Prichard
Serve Communion (Auditorium)	Roger Cline
.....	Jimmy Lowe
.....	Raymond Utzman
.....	Billy Joe Cline
.....	John Estes
.....	Kyle Arnold
Serve Communion (Balcony).....	Brandon Turner
.....	Carter Alls
.....	Luke Prichard
Serve Communion (Basement)	Bobby Steenbergen
.....	Tim Adams
Closing Remarks	Leland Glass
.....	Tommy Gumm
Dismissal Prayer	Allen Jones
Ushers	Jimmy Smith
.....	Adam Groce
Pick Up Cards	Porter Estes
.....	Will Bowman
Control Room	Joe Prichard
.....	Andrew Gilpin
Bus Driver	Tarry Lockett

Sunday Evening, December 22, 2024
5:00 PM

Song Leader/Welcome	Steve Birge
Opening Prayer.....	Robbie Fudge
Lesson	Bart Warren
Presiding at the Table	Brad Lowe
Dismissal Prayer	Hunter Clark

Thursday Evening, December 26, 2024
6:30 PM

Announcements.....	Bart Warren
Song Leader	Scott Bradford
Opening Prayer.....	Marcus Franklin
Lesson	Allen Jones
Dismissal Prayer	Asa Jones

If you are unable to serve, please contact one of the Deacons in Charge

Elders

Mark Bowman	Tommy Gumm
Scott Bradford	Frankie McCoy
Robbie Fudge	Jackie Perkins
Leland Glass	

Ministers

Bart Warren—Pulpit Minister
Allen Jones—Associate Minister

Deacons

Robert Bagby	Jeremy Prichard
David Gray	Joe Prichard
Allen Jones	Brandon Turner
Christian Kaumanns	Zac Turner
Tarry Lockett	John Weaver
Chris Page	Patrick Wright

Church Information

Bart's Email	bart@sgcofc.com
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Nancy's Email.....	nancy@sgcofc.com

Worship Times

Sunday Morning Bible Class	9:30 a.m.
Sunday A.M. Worship.....	10:30 a.m.
Sunday P.M.	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Devo	6:30 p.m.

The following services are livestreamed on our website:
Sunday 10:30 A.M.
Sunday 5:00 P.M.
Wednesday Devo 6:30 P.M.

