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# CHURCH OF CHRIST



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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### SUNDAY:

Bible Classes.....9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.

Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY:

Bible Classes.....6:00 p.m.

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**WELCOME!**

We invite you to all of our services.

*“...the churches of Christ salute you” (Romans 16:16)*

# FOUR REQUIREMENTS OF FORGIVENESS

Eph. 4:30-32

## INTRODUCTION:

1. Forgiveness is often misunderstood or taken lightly.
2. Some congregations, and individual Christians with problems, likely do not have a forgiving spirit.
3. Forgiveness requires at least four things; we must . . .

## DISCUSSION:

### **I. KNOW WHAT IT MEANS TO FORGIVE.**

#### A. Forgiveness Defined:

1. “to send away from, let be, let alone, cancel a debt”. When we forgive, we treat that one like we did before.
2. “To forgive is to accept within yourself the consequences of the sins of others. It means to accept the pain, the problems and the burden that comes when someone sins against you. Forgiveness is neither an easy nor a frequent gift”.

#### B. OT views of God’s forgiveness (Mic. 7:19; Ps. 103:8-12).

#### C. Forgiveness Described (Heb. 8:12), he behaves as if He forgets.

### **II. KNOW WHY WE ARE TO FORGIVE.**

#### A. A Command from God.

#### B. An Attitude (Col. 3:13).

#### C. A Reciprocity (Mk. 11:25,26). (forgive to be forgiven).

### **III. KNOW WHEN TO FORGIVE.**

#### A. Forgive When? (Lk. 17:3). Forgive when it happens.

#### B. Forgive How Often (Mt. 18:21-22).

1. Peter willing to go extra mile and forgive 7 Xs (OT required only three Xs c.f. Amos 1:4) This fell short of Christ’s expectations of 70 X 7 (or, limitless).
2. Christians to be in the “forgiveness business”.

### **IV. KNOW HOW TO FORGIVE.**

#### A. Parable of the Unmerciful Servant (**Mt. 18:23-35**).

#### B. Examples of great men

1. Jacob & Esau (Gen. 33:4-5).
2. David & Saul - in the cave (1 Sam. 24:1-7).
3. Stephen (Acts 7:60).
4. Our Lord on the cross (Lk. 23:34).

## WINE INTO WATER

You've heard a multitude of prayers on my behalf  
I pray one more won't be too much to ask  
I've tried to fight this battle by myself  
But it's a war that I can't win without your help.

Tonight, I'm as low as any man can go  
I'm down and I can't fall much farther.  
Once upon a time, you turned the water into wine  
Now on my knees, I'm turning to you, Father,  
Could you help me turn the wine back into water?

So many times I've hurt the ones I love  
I've pushed them to the edge of giving up  
They've stood by me, but how much can they stand  
If I don't put this bottle in your hands.

I shook my fist at heaven, for all the hell that I've been through  
Now I'm begging for forgiveness, and a miracle from you...

'Cause tonight, I'm as low as any man can go  
I'm down and I can't fall much farther.  
Once upon a time, you turned the water into wine  
Now on my knees, I'm turning to you, Father,  
Could you help me turn the wine back into water?

Lyrics by: T Graham Brown, Bruce Burch & Owen Hewitt  
Recorded by: T Graham Brown

Wine *is* a mocker, strong drink *is* raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise (Proverbs 20:1).

Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, *when* it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things. Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast. They have stricken me, *shalt thou say*, and I was not sick; they have beaten me, *and* I felt *it* not: when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again ((Pro 23:29-35).

*Welcome! To our visitors!*

*We are thankful for your presence. Please fill out one of the blue cards and place it in one the collection plates.*

**AM Bible Study:** Philippians 3:17f.

**AM Sermon:** Four Requirements for Forgiveness (Eph. 4:30-32).

**PM Sermon:** God's Plan for Revival (2 Chron. 7:12-14).

**Wed. Bible Study:** Revelation 6:10f.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **Brenda Warne** was back at *Genesis* last Sunday evening and Monday morning. They have adjusted her medication and are going from there. Additionally, she had a stress test on Wednesday.
- If anyone would like to take over replying to the Bible correspondence courses, John has the supplies, and you may also see **Janet Bennett**.

**REMINDERS:**

- ❖ There are new change cans in the back for *POTTER Children's Home*.
- ❖ **Check the foyer board for area events.**
- ❖ Please inform **John** of any changes to the prayer list, or directory.
- ❖ Remember to take advantage of our library.

AM Study	AM Worship	PM Worship	Wed.	Contribution (Budget)
36	49	36	27	\$2,515 (\$2,420)

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Diann Bachmann, Betsy Cook, Erma Endly, Mike & Karen Grove, Cathy Jackson, Bruce & Kim Johnson, Gary Jones, Tina Keith, Rick Lambert, Jody Main, Carol Mitchell, Linda Steele, Helena Tewksbury, Jean Whitley and Randy Yost.

**SHUT-INS:**  
Debbie Jones,  
Nancy Love,

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** **Debra Bates-Phillabaum**, **Weston Boulet** (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), **Rachell Cook** (Angela Herald's friend), **Tiffany Endly** (Jerri Mackie's niece), **Helen Gregg**, **Bob Henthorn** (Laura Jamiel's dad), **Trudy Kerby**, **Colleen Kiester** (Mo Smith's sister), **Linda Potts** (Joyce Starrett's sister-in-law), **Kellie Price** (Richard Mayo's cousin), **Addy Reed**, **Rodney Reeves** (Erica Cunningham's father), **John Rockhold**, **Wilma Roe**, **Bob & Marge Watson**, the **U.S.A.**, **Ukraine** and remember to pray for **one another**.