

March 31, 2024



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Call to Worship	Lyle LaPlante
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Communion	Troy Richards
Sermon	Micheal Pickering
Closing	Don Garrick



Closing

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A Forgiving Spirit

There is no more important characteristic found in the human heart than forgiveness. Its importance is seen in the home, church, community, and nation. Someone has said there are "three kindred spirits in the heart—giving, thanksgiving and forgiving. Usually where one is found, all are found." A forgiving heart is an essential quality every child of God should have (*Eph. 4:32*).



Reasons To Be Forgiving

God commands it (*Mark 11:25*). This should be sufficient reason for any right-thinking person to be forgiving because God's promises rest upon obedience to His word. But forgiveness on mere obedience to command usually falls short of what it should be. Anything done out of a sense of duty or necessity is usually not from the heart (*cf. 2 Cor. 9:5-7*). Consider the parent who makes the child say "I'm sorry" when, in reality, he is not sorry at all. He says it but only to appease his parents.

The example of Jesus (*1 Pet. 2:21; Phil. 2:3-5; Luke 23:34*). As our example in all things, He would not require of us that which He would not do Himself. Even when His life was taken from Him, He had a forgiving attitude. It is said of Him, "He gave all, then forgave."

We have been forgiven. God, in Christ, has forgiven the sins of the Christian (*Eph. 4:32*). As Christ has forgiven him, he is to forgive others (*Col. 3:13*). One who is unwilling to forgive after he has been forgiven is viewed disdainfully by the God of heaven (*Matt. 18:21-35*).

In order to have future forgiveness (*Matthew 6:14-15*).

What It Means To Forgive

Forgiveness is more than just speaking the words. It must be sincere and from the heart. It must be patterned after the forgiveness God has granted to us. It must be accompanied by actions which befit true forgiveness.

Forgiveness involves a kind attitude—abandoning all animosity and hatred. All bitterness, anger, wrath, clamor, and evil speaking should be put away (*Eph. 4:31*). We can hold no grudges. One must deny the impulse to get even and seek to do the forgiven one good.

Forgiveness involves forgetting (*Heb. 8:12*), but what does it mean to forget? It is impossible for a person to completely obliterate the wrong from his mind. Rather it means to not hold the person accountable for it anymore. When forgiveness is granted that should end the matter. It should never again be dredged up or held against the one who has been forgiven.

Forgiveness should be given by the "golden rule" (*Matt. 7:12*).

One should always be willing to forgive—even at repeated offenses. *Matthew 18:21-22* has the apostle Peter asking, "'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.'"

Jesus was willing to forgive those who crucified Him, but they were not forgiven until they acknowledged their wrong and repented of it (*Luke 23:34; Acts 2:36-39*). When one refuses to repent, he is to be regarded as a "heathen and a tax collector to you" (*Matt. 18:15-17*).

Gene Taylor

Prayer Request

- Eduardo Pena pray that him and his son Michael forge a lasting relationship
- Sue Barbarotto's friend Bill Michael fell and received a brain injury
- Jo Harvey's tour guide in Egypt Sayed his mother has passed on. Please remember the family at this sad time
- Former member Natalie Tenney had heart surgery at Danbury Hospital on Thurs., Mar. 21st pray for her recovery
- ***Zoom attendee*** Shanthi his sister Esther Rani has kidney problems
- Continue prayers for Randy Walker's sister Becky who has stage 4 pancreatic cancer. Becky tumors have not grown but the tumors in her ovaries are 9 centimeters which is a not a concern. She is continuing with her chemo but is not getting sick. She is able to function and perform day-to-day activities. Becky's grand-daughter Lizzie has lost feeling in her toes and lower third of her left foot which has been amputated. She continues to be happy and is thriving.
- Continue prayers for Doug Vile who has been diagnosed with Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and his wife Jere who is always by his side and a constant support
- Continue prayers for Karen Stanzione's son-in-law Jose Correia after receiving two organ transplants which were a kidney and liver on Thurs., Feb 22nd. Jose's surgery was performed on Fri., Feb. 23rd. Surgery went well. Jose was discharged on Fri., Mar. 22nd. A visiting nurse is scheduled to go by several times a week to check his wound vac. Jose's next visit with his surgeon at Mt. Saini is scheduled for next Thurs., Apr. 4th and then on Fri., Apr. 12th. He had bloodwork on Tues., Mar. 26th they will have the results on Thurs., Mar. 28th

- The work in Mozambique and Zambia
- Pray for our missionaries and families
- Pray for our leaders, teachers and each other
- Pray for safe travels for our congregation members

Praise and Thanksgiving

- Former member Stephanie Terry had surgery on Wed., Mar. 13th due to an intestinal blockage. Surgery was 30 minutes. They found adhesions which was caused by a kink in her small intestine. The doctor corrected it. The doctor noticed her appendix looked like it might start causing problems so he also removed it. She is doing well and recovering

Services & Meetings: Week of March 31, 2024

Sunday AM Worship 9:30 am
Sunday AM Bible Classes for ALL AGES 11:00 am

Wednesday Night Bible Study

w/ Zoom component 7:00 pm— 8:00 pm
Jim Hopper

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Event Calendar

Mar. 31st	Easter Sunday	
Apr. 4th	Bowling Fellowship	12:00 pm—2:00 pm
	Strikers—840 Federal Rd—Brookfield, CT	Contact : Michael P.
Apr, 6th	Men's Breakfast	8:30 am—10:00 am
	90 Clapboard Ridge Rd.—Danbury, CT	Contact: Michael P.

Bible Classes

11:00 am —Sunday Classes for **ALL AGES**

Adult Class

"Finishing Colossians 1" - Gene Pollastro

Ongoing Meeting (church building)

⇒ Mad Hatters Barber Shop Rehearsals	Tues.	7:00 pm
⇒ Narcotics Anonymous	Thurs.	6:30 pm—9:30 pm
⇒ Al-Anon	Thurs.	7:00 pm—9:00 pm

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It's a chance for us to connect, come together to share, laugh and see each other as we unlock the bible together.

Come join us!



Weekly Fellowship

Thursday—Bowling fellowship

12:00 pm—2:00 pm
Strikers
840 Federal Rd., Brookfield



