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## From the Pastor's Heart

### I Will Not Remember

The Lord spoke through the Prophet Isaiah: "I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more." Isaiah 43:25

Henry Ward Beecher said that to say, "I can forgive, but I cannot forget" is just another way of saying, "I cannot forgive." Paul tells us that we are to forgive one another "just as God in Christ has forgiven you." (Ephesians 4:32)

How has he forgiven us? He's forgiven us completely, without any merit on our part. None of us deserve to be forgiven, but he has lavished it on us anyway. He forgives our sins — all of them — completely.

And then he forgets: "And I will not remember your sins." (Isaiah 43:25)

In forgiveness, forgetting is a matter of choice. To *not remember* an offense means that you will no longer attempt to hold that offense against them. You won't bring it up in a disagreement. You won't use it for leverage.

This means you'll do your best to treat the other person as if it never happened at all, or as if it will never happen again.

Which brings us to another quote from Beecher: "Forgiveness ought to be like a canceled note, torn in two and burned up, so that it can never be shown against the man."

Forgiveness should be this way between you and others, because this is exactly how it is between you and God.

May God Help Us Forgive One Another,  
Pastor Steve



We are so pleased to announce the salvation and baptism of two of our youth! Gabe Leach and Roma Warrington were both baptized on Sunday, February 25th.

## Dinner for Eight

Would you be interested in hosting a "Dinner for Eight?" Hostesses will provide the main dish and guests will bring side dishes. The event will be planned by the hostess—date, time, theme (ex: Mexican, Italian, cook-out or even going out for pizza). The purpose is to bring our church family together for fellowship. The feedback from last years' "Dinner for Eight" was that it was a blessing to everyone. Please don't miss out on a blessing with our church family. If you are interested in being a hostess please call the church office at 234-2928.

## NO Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast and Study Group will not meet in March. They will resume study on Saturday, April 7th at 7 am.

## Time Change

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 11th. So, spring your clocks forward one hour when going to bed Saturday night March 10th.



Friday, March 30th at Noon

Combined Good Friday Service at the First United Methodist Church with Pastor Steve bringing the message.

Sunday, April 1st

Sunrise Service at 7 am with Richard Eident  
Continental Breakfast 7:45-8:15 am (*youth fundraiser*)  
Traditional Worship at 8:30 am with Pastor Steve  
Continental Breakfast 9:30-10:15 am (*youth fundraiser*)  
Contemporary Worship at 10:30 am with Pastor Steve

## Thank You Notes

✉ We cannot adequately express in words how much we truly appreciate the kindness and support from our church family for all your love during our difficult time with the passing of Richard "Dick" Johnson. Thanks to Pastor Eident for your kind words that so eloquently described Dick's life and what he meant to so many. Also, thank you to the Deaconesses for the delicious meal to nourish our bodies. We are saddened but comforted in the fact that he is in a better place.

With much love,  
Madonna Johnson and family

✉ John Greathouse would like to remind and thank the 55 church members who purchased tickets to the Lions Club Chili-Vegetable Soup Supper to remember to redeem them at the First Baptist Church at 1804 S. 9<sup>th</sup> St., this Friday **March 2** at 4 to 7 pm.

*Special*  
EASTER OFFERING

We will collect the Easter Special Offering on Sundays, March 18th and 25th. The offering will be used to send people in our church to summer camp at Camp New Hope. Please use the Easter Envelope from your envelope box for this donation.

## Church Life

**Saturday, March 3**  
NO Men's Breakfast

**Sunday, March 4**  
8:30 am Traditional Worship  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Contemporary Worship  
5-7 pm F/R Group Meeting

**Monday, March 5**  
10 am Staff Meeting  
5:30 pm Worship Meeting

**Tuesday, March 6**  
7 am Prayer Time  
7 pm Bible 101 Class

**Wednesday, March 7**  
9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group  
5:15 pm Bell Choir Practice  
6 pm Mid-Week Program  
6 pm Choir Practice

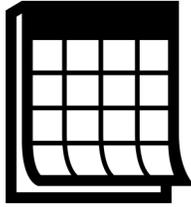
**Thursday, March 8**  
6 pm Praise Team Practice  
6:30 pm Study on James

**Sunday, March 11** (*Daylight Savings Time Begins*)  
8:30 am Traditional Worship  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Contemporary Worship  
5-7 pm F/R Youth Group Meeting

**Monday, March 12**  
10 am Staff Meeting  
6 pm Trustees' Meeting  
7 pm Board Meeting

**Tuesday, March 13**  
7 am Prayer Time  
7 pm Bible 101 Class

**Wednesday, March 14**  
9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group  
5:15 pm Bell Practice  
6 pm Choir Practice  
6 pm Mid-Week Program



## Serving Communion

### Sunday, March 4

**8:30 am** — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Don Inman, Steve Lane, Jack Little, Gene Swearingen, Colin VanDeventer

**10:30 am** — Jeff and Amy Maninfior, Nick Maninfior, Dennis Goings

### Sunday, March 11

**8:30 am** — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Don Inman, Denny Booker, Jack Browning, Tim Buford, Dan Cunningham,

**10:30 am** — Herb Ault, Max Betty, Bob Morgan, Josh Recker

We extend our sympathy to Patricia Swiech and her family on the passing of her mother, Tammy Miller (54) on February 18th.



We extend our sympathy to Dawn Albin and her family on the passing of her mother, Freda Robison (85) on February 19th.

We also extend our sympathy to Madonna Johnson and her family on the passing of Dick (85) on February 22nd.

## Woods' Retirement

We are writing to let you know **that we will begin a transition in April and conclude our "full time" service with CMF on September 30, 2018.** As you can imagine, this is neither an easy decision nor an easy transition for us. We first came to visit Africa in May 1986, then moved our family to Kenya in August of 1987 to begin ministry. Since 2004 we've been privileged to empower and work with more than 120 Tanzanian national families from 31 different tribes to plant churches in unreached places. Tanzania has become **"home"** for us.

Gary and Judy Woods

The Laura Catherine Young Van Gundy Memorial Scholarship has some changes for the 2018-19 school year. At the request of the donor the scholarships will be awarded to members of FCC who are pursuing higher education in *Christian Ministry only*. If you would like to apply for this scholarship, please contact Robin in the church office by March 31st.



## Left Over Food/Drink

We are so happy that many activities take place at the church. When using the kitchen please do not put any left over drinks or food in the refrigerator. Please take home, give-away or throw away all food or drink that is left over, unless you know someone is coming to get it. Thank you.

**BUILDING FUND Update** Building Fund balance: \$260,031.68

**Church Attendance**  
February 18th — Traditional: 81, Contemporary: 72 = 153  
February 25th — Traditional: 84, Contemporary: 84 = 168