

**REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CHURCH**

Sunday 10:00 am.....Bible Classes  
 11:00 am.....Worship  
 5:00 pm.....Worship  
 Wed. 7:00 pm.....Bible Classes

**WELCOME, VISITORS!**

We are so glad you are here. If this is your first time with us, here’s what to expect. We seek to worship according to the New Testament pattern. As a result, we **sing** without the accompaniment of mechanical musical instruments (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16). We have a weekly observe the **Lord’s Supper** (cf. Acts 20:7) which consists of unleavened bread and fruit of the vine (Matt. 26:26-29). This memorial is designed for those who have been baptized for the remission of sins to partake (Acts 2:38, 42). There will also be an **offering** collected from our members (1 Cor. 16:1-2). As our guest, you are not expected to make a donation. Feel perfectly comfortable passing the collection plate down the row. You will also hear the **preaching** of a Bible-centered message (Acts 20:7) and men leading the congregation in **prayer** (1 Tim. 2:8). We think you will find our worship meaningful and refreshing as we strive to do it in spirit and in truth (John 4:24). We encourage you to observe carefully and stay a while afterwards so that we can get to know you better and answer any questions you may have.

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**ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION RECORDS**

	2018 Goals	Last Week	1 yr ago
Bible Study	60	52	46
Sun AM	80	71	53
Sun PM	40	43	19
Wed	45	44	30
Contribution	1950	2351	1578

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**The Name Jesus Means a Lot**

When Joseph found out that Mary, his betrothed, was pregnant with a child that wasn’t his, he was obviously distressed. But he was told in a dream by an angel, “*Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.*” The name Jesus means, “Jehovah is salvation.” This is good news to all of us. To help us always remember, look at Jesus’ name as this acrostic:

**J**ehovah’s  
**E**verlasting  
**S**on  
**U**ndoing  
**S**in’s scourge!

The name of Jesus means a lot and is should always have great meaning to us – “*for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved*” (Acts 4:12)!

- Edd Sterchi

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Prayer List** \* Paxton Bloyd \* Debbie Bradshaw (lymphoma) \* Lula Cheatham \* Sharon Cornett \* Riley Decker (leukemia) \* Matthew Edwards (cancer) \* Britany Harden \* Willard Holliday \* Amanda Jewell (mitral valve stenosis) \* Wilma Landis (cancer) \* Eli Marcom (brain tumor) \* Kenny Perkins \* Kara Reed (cystic fibrosis) \* Ancil Reynolds \* Teresa Yates (cancer) \* Galen Yarberry (cancer)

### Medical Updates

- \* **Sharon Cornett** has been dealing with nasty cold type symptoms lately.
- \* **Jim Deno** had shoulder surgery last Fri.
- \* **Wayne Eastridge** continues to have a host of health issues among which are inflamed lungs and anemia.
- \* **Pat Perkins** is now in Campbellsville Nursing & Rehab Center. She has taken a bit of a turn for the worse and is in need of our prayers.

### Thanks to All Who Helped

Thanks to all who helped with donations to **Backpack Buddies** and the **Cancer Center**. You have been very generous and you are helping to make a difference. We will let you know when it's time to start giving again.

Anniversaries This Week - Jack Flippin & Susan Ryan (Dec. 26)

Birthdays This Week \* Shawn Milby (Dec. 24)  
\* Ema Hardesty (Dec. 27) \* Sarah Smith (Dec. 27)

Love THE LORD YOUR GOD  
WITH ALL YOUR heart AND  
WITH ALL YOUR soul AND WITH  
ALL YOUR mind AND WITH  
ALL YOUR strength. -MARK 12:30

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

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!

- Edd Sterchi