

FORGIVERS AND FORGIVEN

The nineteenth century English authors, William Thackeray and Charles Dickens, became bitter rivals. In the winter of 1863 they met in London and coldly failed to recognize each other. But Thackeray turned back, seized Dickens' hand, and said to Dickens that he could no longer bear the coldness that had existed between them. Dickens was touched. They parted with smiles, forgiving one another. After that incident Thackeray died. Thomas Martin later wrote, "The next time I saw Dickens he was looking into the grave of his great rival. He must have rejoiced, I thought, that they had shaken hands so warmly a day or so before."

The Bible teaches us to **forgive** others **gladly** (Ephesians 4:32). The Bible teaches us to **forgive** others **generously** (Matthew 18:21-22). The Bible teaches us to **forgive** others with **finality** (Proverbs 17:9). Forgiveness is not in the spirit of "I'll forgive, BUT I'm telling you I'll never forget!" Emerson said, "When you bury animosity, don't set up a headstone over its grave." Has anyone wronged you? "Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, even as God also in Christ forgave you" (Ephesians 4:32).

O Man! Forgive thy mortal foe,
Nor ever strike him blow for blow;
For all the souls on earth that live,
To be forgiven must forgive.
Forgive him seventy times seven;
For all the blessed souls in heaven
Are both forgivers and forgiven.

- Charles Pugh III

Trust
In The Lord
With All
Thine Heart
Proverbs 3:5

- ◆ Trust in yourself, and you are doomed to disappointment.
- ◆ Trust in your friends, and they will die and leave you.
- ◆ Trust in your money, and you may have it taken from you.
- ◆ Trust in reputation, and some slanderous tongue will blast it.
- ◆ Trust in God, and you will never be confounded.

- Bulletin Digest -

Deal with the faults of others as gently as you do your own. - Henrichs

News & Notes

BAPTISM: Morgan Haught.

CONFESSION & RESTORATION: Melissa Rosohac, 411 Westlake Lane, New Cumberland, WV 26047. Phone: 304-794-6009. Please add to your directory.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Josh & Courtney Dalrymple on the birth of a son, Aiden James on February 28th. The proud grandparents are Bob & Karen Trotter, and the great grandparents are Jim & Marilyn Hadley. Best wishes to all. Please add Aiden to your directory.

ANNUAL SPRING SING: Today, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. at the Beaver Street Church of Christ, Lisbon, OH.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Ladies are invited to come and participate in this labor of love to help make stuffed bears for kids.

MEN'S LEADERSHIP CLASSES: Each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. All men are invited and urged to attend this class.

STUDY ON REVELATION: Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., except the last Wednesday of the month which will be song practice.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Next Saturday, March 11th, 8:30 a.m. at the Columbiana, OH Church of Christ. Sign-up sheet on the desk in the foyer.

TIME CHANGE: Turn your clocks AHEAD ONE HOUR next Saturday, March 11th before going to bed. Daylight Saving Time begins.

COVERED DISH DINNER: Next Sunday, March 12th at about Noon at the Multipurpose Building. All are invited to come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

FRIDAY NIGHT SING: March 17th, 7:00 p.m. at the National Road Church of Christ, Wheeling, WV.

SUMMER CAMP APPLICATIONS: On the desk in the foyer.

PANTRY: Baked beans.

SICK & SHUT-IN: Eva Stefl, Betty Henthorne, Doris Dunham, Ruth Wright (Sharon Williams' sister). Charles Leroy Burdine, Jr. (Willard's brother) P.O. Box 59, Smithfield, WV 26437. Laverna Richards (Twila Adamson's sister): 340 Pittsburg Landing, Summerville, SC 29485. Tasha Hall Beatty (member at Southern Hills): 1034 Pyramus Rd., Chester, WV 26034. **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller, Jim Mick, **CALCUTTA HEALTH CARE:** Ella Beagle. **WORTHINGTON NURSING AND REHABILITATION CENTER,** PARKERSBURG, WV, Margie Logston. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

The Clock of Life

The clock of life is wound but once
And no man has the power
To tell just when the hands will stop
At late or early hour.

Now is the only time you own;
Live, love - Toil with a will,
Place no faith in tomorrow
The clock may then be still.