

## Quick to Forgive

By David Wright

On our 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, Carolyn and I spent the weekend in a quaint Indiana town near Bloomington. On Sunday morning, we visited a friendly church there. The brother presenting the Lord's Supper comment said an insightful thing: We tend to be quick to condemn, but God is quick to forgive."

Being quick to condemn is a big temptation. Of course, correction is in order when someone is plainly or habitually doing wrong. Unfortunately, we may reach harsh conclusions based on initial impressions. We think we know the whole story but actually know only the first sentence.

Being quick to forgive is not a temptation. It is a struggle. Jesus says, "If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him" (Luke 17:3-4).

Marital friction, as an example, puts this teaching to the test. If our spouse hurts our feelings at breakfast, maybe we forgive right away. If we are then offended at lunch, forgiveness may take a while. And if the third offense of the day is given over dinner, we will probably go to bed angry.

But our conduct is to be modeled after God's. How many times a day do we need to go to the Lord in prayer and ask for forgiveness for a sinful thought, word, or attitude? Does he tire of forgiving us after breakfast? Is there any limit to the number of times we can confess sin and be comforted by his grace?

God is quick to forgive. We are quick to condemn. But we shouldn't be. The Bible says, "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you" (Eph. 4:32).

**Prov. 6:6-8 "Saving and Spending" (AM)**

**Ps. 34:12-17 Love Your Life" (PM)**



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**August 25, 2019**

**Elders: Monty Lawley, Larry Mathis, Steve McClelen**  
**Deacons: Jason Turner, Leslie Thomas, Rodney Yarbrough, Hesikiah Williamson, Willie Coleman, Sr.**

**Pulpit Minister: David Wright Youth Minister: Leslie Thomas**

<b>Sunday Morning Bible Class</b>	<b>9:00</b>	<b>AM</b>
<b>Sunday Morning Worship</b>	<b>10:00</b>	<b>AM</b>
<b>Sunday Evening Worship</b>	<b>5:00</b>	<b>PM</b>
<b>Wed Evening Bible Study</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>PM</b>

Visitors, we are glad you came and hope you will fill out the pink side of the visitor card on the back of the pew in front of you. We have an attended nursery for infants to 18 months. Please come back.



**Eric Raney (Laura Raney's son)** had a second stomach surgery on August the 19<sup>th</sup>. He came home from the hospital on Thursday. His recovery is expected to be slow.

**Carl Brown** is home from the hospital. He will be seeing his heart Dr. soon.

**Barbara McDonald** had surgery recently. She is home and improving.

**Zelma Floyd** got good news from the Dr. last week. He said she had broken the bone near her collar bone. And it is already mending by wearing the arm sling.

**Please continue to remember to pray for those that are recovering from recent surgery/illness:**

Lisa Ray, Lisa Pack-Jami Wilkinson's friend, Jesikah Sexton's mom-  
Leaane Newhouse.

**Memorial Service:** The Memorial service for Jean Landness is Sat Sept the 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am here at the church building. The Family is catering the meal for everyone, but they are requesting that the ladies bring deserts.

**Barbara Klein** is organizing the set up and serving. If you can help, please let her know. Men who can serve as an usher at the service are also needed, please let David Wright

Aug 25 Tina Landess  
Aug 26 Terry Tunnell  
Aug 28 Melba Jean Mathis  
Aug 28 Allyson Ponder  
Aug 28 Kolby Rozelle  
Aug 29 Ronald Brown  
Aug 31 Roland Jones  
Sept 2 David Patterson  
Sept 4 Melissa Jones  
Sept 5 Patsy Jones  
Sept 5 Monty Lawley  
Sept 6 Dorothy Beck  
Sept 6 Wanda Hopkins  
Sept 6 Jerry Perkins  
Sept 7 Barbara Williamson

Aug 30 Jerry & Charlerie Perkins

**Dinner with Family** meets every Wednesday evening from 5:30- 6:45. It's okay if you are late. You are still welcome. Only \$2 dollars for each person or \$5 dollars for a family. Joyce and Paula want to especially encourage Christian men to come and lead the prayer before the meal! And if you cannot make it in time to eat they will fix you a to go box. Just text or call and let them know. (loycecell:214 - 674- 2471.

**Sunday Morning Adult Bible Classes for the fall quarter-beginning Sunday**

**September the 1st.**

Auditorium: Jason Turner - The Passion AND the Glory  
Room 1: David Wright -Multiply: Growing Through Discipleship  
Fellowship Room: Steve McClelen  
- Worship Through Song, Without Singing

**The evangelism team is not door knocking today.**

*Dear Brothers & Sisters,  
Thank you a[[ so much for the anniversary cards. Thank you for thinking about us!*

*Love you  
Pat Slayton*

The Landess family wishes to thank the congregation for all the acts of kindness shown to Jean and Nelda in the last year of their life-the calls, visits, and prayers.

**Round House tonight!**  
Thanks to Casey and Donna for hosting!