



PRAYER REQUESTS

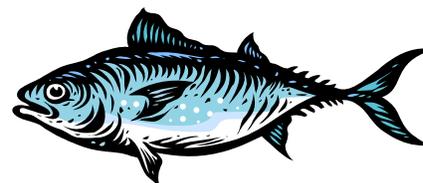
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- **Mark McCollum, Reagan Kenyon, Pam Richard's Parents, Sasha Tompkins & La Donna Gammill** all need your prayers as they continue to seek great results.
- **Bobbye Wright** had a serious fall and could use prayers.
- **Beverly and Clifford Gunn, Robyn Drake, Judy Roybal, JO Vick, Dick and Judy Bird, Belle Yokum, Willie Johnson, Larry Reeder, Koben Puckett**, are all in need of prayers.

Announcements

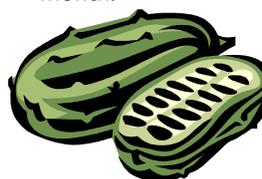
- **Mark McCollum** continues to need ongoing prayers as he continues his chemotherapy treatments.
- On **Wednesday** evening we will meet at **7:00 PM** to begin a new study led by a variety of men in the congregation. Please join us for this challenging study.
- **Pam Richard's** father is not doing well in his battle against cancer and could use some extra prayers.
- Our congregation is sending five young women to Pine Springs Bible Camp next week. Patricia Miller will be teaching. She and the girls will be leaving next Sunday morning for a week of devotionals and fellowship. Please keep their travels



and the entire camp time in your prayers.

Benevolence Update

We are collecting **tuna, canned tomatoes and whole pickles** for the Portales Christian Children's Home this month. As we joked last week, this is the breakfast of champions :-)
We need **FIFTY** items by the end of this month.



Ben Morenes will bring the lesson today Men Serving this Month

- **Announcements:** Tom Oliver
- **Scripture:**
- **Song Service:** Mark McCollum

Happy Birthday

June 13— Jace Richards

June 19— Les Miller

Anniversaries—

June 27— Tommy & Tricia Marshall

Calendar of Events

June 24— Ben Morenes from EEM will preach on Sunday morning.

July 1— No Potluck today.

July 4— Independence Day

July 8—Migul from Mexico will be here.

We will have a potluck.

July 18— Working for the Master at 6 PM

August 5— Potluck

August 15— Working for the Master at 6

August 22— First Day of School for Students

High Cost Forgiveness by Ron Rose

Inside church, forgiveness is talked about every weekend. But, when you get outside the walls of church, the reality seems, at times, to be an unexplainable mystery, one that people have trouble grasping.

The latest celebrity messes up and Entertainment Tonight produces an exclusive on damage control and image repair. "Is this the end of the line?" "Will the fans forgive?" Spin-doctors twist words and write scripts designed to garner favor and that illusive declaration of "forgiveness."

You don't have to be a Christian to know that without forgiveness you are stuck. The festering wounds of betrayal and humiliation, the corrosiveness of disgrace and dishonor, and the unwillingness to turn loose of hoarded hurts, lingers long past the "sin." How do you recover from bad choices and what could have been?

Forgiveness, but it's demanding and bewildering. In the end, it's a choice -- an exacting and misunderstood course of action. Some, outside the faith, label it crazy, or even a symbol of "brain damage."

Jesus spoke often about forgiveness. It was and continues to be, a deal-breaker part of His Kingdom:

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven" (Luke 6:37 NIV).

This forgiveness is not just limited to the public failures and private indiscretions; it reaches down to all the "minor" installments that have been stacked away in our pain bank.

As I see it, there are two dangerous **forgiveness myths** that need to be busted:

1. Forgiveness takes away the consequences. Get that out of your head.
2. Forgiveness has to be earned. Forgiveness means you turn loose of this mess regardless of what the other person wants, or does.

Three things happen when a Christian forgives:

1. God is honored.
2. Grace is experienced.
3. Brokenness is healed.

You **CAN** be a forgiving person, because God has given you the power. You can forgive someone else because God has forgiven you. He has shown you the way. When you choose to refuse to hurt the person who has hurt you, you write a story of grace over a bottomless pit of festering pain. And, your choice not only releases the person who has wronged you, but it unleashes the best in you.

Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you (Ephesians 4:31-32).

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