

Northside Church of Christ

“God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”
John 4:24



Asking For Forgiveness By Mike Riley

A querist asks, “Does God forgive people who do not ask? I have never seen where that happened. Should I forgive anyone who doesn’t ask?”

The Bible teaches that repentance has always been a prerequisite for forgiveness being granted by God (Psalm 51; Jonah 3:10; Acts 2:38; Acts 3:19; Acts 8:22; Acts 17:30; 2 Timothy 2:25; 1 John 1:9. Our Lord gives us the criteria for forgiving others who sin against us in Luke 17:3-4, “Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent, thou shalt forgive him.” We can certainly see clearly that asking for forgiveness coupled with repentance is necessary for forgiveness.

In Matthew 18:15-22, the Lord gives us instructions on how to deal with a brother who trespasses against us. In Matthew 18:21-22, Peter asked, “Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but Until seventy times seven.”

The number, “seven,” was the most sacred number to the Hebrews, symbolizing God’s completion and perfection. In other words, as often as our brother repents and asks our forgiveness, we are to forgive our brother. The duty of forgiveness has no limit, save in the want of penitence in the offender. We should also remember that in no instance should a Christian harbor malice or retain resentment toward a sincere penitent offender (Colossians 3:13). We should have the loving attitude of our heavenly Father in this regard; when He forgives, He forgets (Hebrews 8:12; Hebrews 10:17; cf. Jeremiah 31:31-34).

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

9:00 AM

Study of Revelation

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:00 AM

5:00 PM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Family Bible Study
7:00 PM

No Bible Study This
Week



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“Study to shew thyself
approved unto God, a
workman that needeth
not to be ashamed,
rightly dividing the word
of truth.”

2 Timothy 2:15

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Influencing Lives For Christ

By Mike Riley

We influence the lives of more people than we realize we do. Just stop and think for a moment all of the people we've known in our lifetime. Think of all of the clerks who've rung up and bagged our groceries at the supermarket; the mechanics who have serviced our automobiles; the strangers with whom we've struck up a casual conversation while watching a football game, or waiting for a flight at the airport, or standing in line at the bank. Could we even reasonably estimate how many people would be on that list of contacts?

As Christians, we make an indelible mark on the lives of numerous people every day, often without even realizing that we've done so. We may not even recall interacting with some of the folks we come in contact with, but they will well remember us – whether favorably or unfavorably – depending upon the nature of that interaction.

Most importantly, what do these interactions tell the world about Jesus Christ? What kind of portrait do we paint of our Lord and Savior with our words, our behavior, and our attitudes – even in those situations where we don't know the people around us and may not ever expect to see them again?

Jesus often used casual contacts as stepping stones to more meaningful conversations. For example, the woman at Jacob's well (John 4), the man born blind (John 9), and Zacchaeus (Luke 19). Then there is the apostle Paul and his interaction with the Philippian jailer in Acts 16.

How many seemingly insignificant connections do we make in the world around us that might turn into opportunities for the gospel – if we conduct ourselves in a Christ-like manner?

Brethren, let us indeed "Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time" (Colossians 4:5), for we never know who we are influencing for the cause of Christ. Wherever we go, whomever we meet, and in whatever circumstance we find ourselves, always remember that we are the "light of the world" – our lives giving glory to God (Matthew 5:14-16).

Prayer Requests This Week

- Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments (Howard Hall, Serrie Smith, Millie Williams, Donna Hill)
- All those affected by COVID-19
- Connie Montgomery
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Communion Preparation

- Sign up sheet for 2020 is in foyer
- March - Montgomery
- April - Rowell
- May -

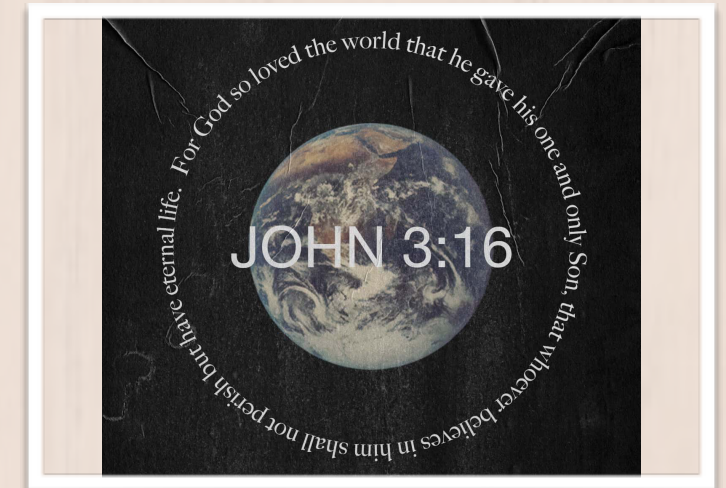
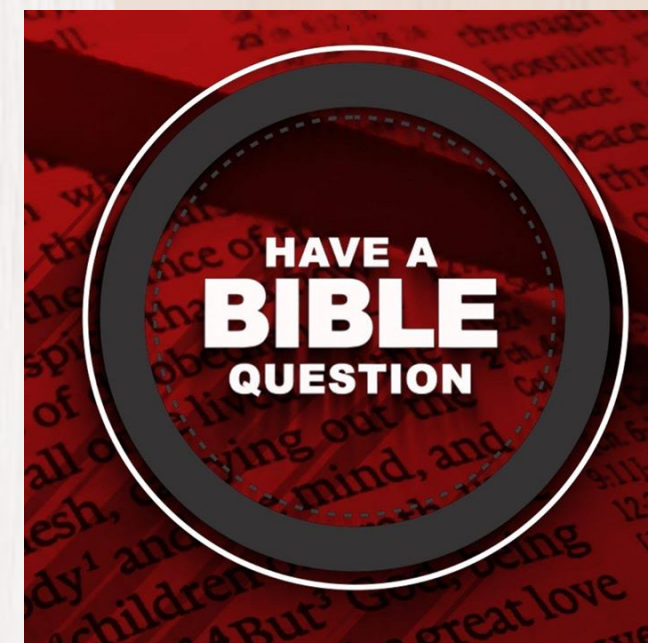
Announcements

- No Sunday Bible Study or Evening Worship or Wednesday Night Bible Study Next Week
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April Birthdays & Anniversary's

- None

Every Sunday Morning
@ 6:00 AM
on WTOK-TV



Men to Serve

Sunday Morning

- Announcements/Opening Prayer - Don Potts
- Scripture Reading - Ephesians 6:17-18
- Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell
- Head of Lord's Table - Shay Cooper
- Scripture Reading - 1 Corinthians 11:23-29
- Assist on Lord's Table - Camden Copper
- David Cradic
- Mark Potts
- Closing Prayer - James Johnson

Sunday Afternoon - No service

- Comcast Cable 8
- Comcast Cable 438
- Comcast Cable 1012
- DirecTV 12
- Dish Network 9306
- Dishnet Local 49
- Over-the-air 11.3