Kick off Sunday for ABC YAK

Sunday, October 12th
9:45am
Fellowship Hall

Bring a friend and enjoy some time with other fun loving young adults who are excited about Jesus
From Your Pastor . . .

A continuation of a series of Banner Articles about forgiveness.

Abingdon Baptist Church family,

Sometimes, forgiving is very difficult. It seems like God can forgive us so easily yet we find it so difficult. I think part of the problem is that we fail to recognize that God's forgiveness is given so instantaneously and completely. It is, however, far from cheap or easy. Remember that our sin is so heinous against the backdrop of God's holiness that in order for us to be forgiven, Christ had to die on the cross.

So when John says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." He's not talking about some "rubber stamp" formality. He's talking about understanding the deadly seriousness of our sin and the expansive power of God's "blood-bought" forgiveness.

That being said, I'll ask once again: Why is it so hard for us to forgive? Besides being a matter of life and death, forgiveness is not something that one can do and then forget it. Contrary to what you may have heard, "forgive and forget" is not in the Bible. In fact, when one has been truly wronged, I'm not sure it's humanly possible to forget. The scripture you may be thinking about is from Psalm 103: "as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us." There is no "forgetting" in that verse.

To truly forgive, means not forgetting. Notice that the word "forgive" is a verb. It is an action. So the act of forgiveness is to, in every way, treat the offender as if they had done you no wrong at all. Wouldn't it be a lot easier if we could just forget about it? Unfortunately, we need to remember so we can demonstrate forgiveness with purpose.

Someone might observe that kind of behavior as being fake and untruthful. Perhaps, but if one must decide to forgive, it just may be a reminder of the terrible price that was paid so that our relationship with our creator could be restored. Perhaps that's what the hymn writer had in mind when writing,

**Because I have been given much, I too must give;**

**Because of thy great bounty, Lord, each day I live**

**I shall divide my gifts from thee**

**With every brother that I see**

**Who has the need of help from me.**

See you Sunday,

Steven
Deacon of the Month - October
Steve Lowe 206-7910

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SUNDAY SCHOOL
Attendance for Sunday, October 5: 114

Greeters
Upstairs entrance
Charles Grogan Jim Hughes
Downstairs entrance
Peggy Hughes Patricia Hensley

Extended Session Workers
October 12
The Roberts’ Family

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Ushers & Greeters
11:00am
Co-Chairs:
Kevin Abel, Larry Payne, Mike Overstreet

October
Greeters
Mary Fraysier Nan Jones
John Crigger Floyd Sutherland


USHERS: October
Ronnie Webb Tony Roberts
Jerry Culbertson Roy Morelock

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Worship Technicians:
Bill Klose and Norman Klose
Tony Roberts & Thomas Roberts

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Van Drivers: October
Mike Overstreet 356-3129 (c)

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Financial Update
September 28, 2014

Budget Funds
Weekly Requirement $7,863.37
Received $9,163.00
Year-to-Date Budget $314,535.20
Year-to-Date Receipts $246,791.83

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Alma Hunt State Missions Offering
To-date (goal $5,000.00) $2,743.00

Building Fund
To-date $98,475.99

Gifts...

The following people have given in memory of
Elizabeth Sneed to the
Alma Hunt Fund...
...Joanna Owens, Sunday School Class

The following people have given in memory of
Chad Sills to the
Alma Hunt Fund...
...Roger & Mary Garrett

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6:00pm Sunday Night Kaffee

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Hearts of Gold

WEDNESDAY October 15
10:00am Aerobics/Walking
5:00pm Wednesday Fellowship Supper
Menu:
Baked Spaghetti, Tossed Salad, Roll, Assorted Desserts
Kid’s Menu: Chicken Tenders, Chips
5:30pm Cherubs
(Music for 3, 4 & 5 yr-olds)
Children in Action
(Missions grades 1-5)
Youth Missions
(6th-12th Grade)
Worship
Financial Peace University
6:10pm Mission Friends
(Missions for 3, 4 & 5 yr-olds)
Children’s Choir
(grades 1-5)
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**Prayer Concerns**

**Hospital:**  
Niswonger’s Children’s Hospital  
Ainsley Berry  
Johnston Memorial  
Eva Cunningham  

**Recuperating:**  
Doris Southerlin  
Dolores Lampson  

**Treatments Continuing/Pending:**  

**Long Term:**  
Curtis Burkett, Roger Clifton, Corine Collins, Kenneth Denton, Frances Dover, Ray Duncan, Judy Ferrell, Betty Griffith, Lucille Heath, Jim & Ann Howard, Paul Jones, Esther Kelly, Vivian Kite, Bill Munsey, Buzz Murray, Mary Pace, Don Ray, David Robinson, Wesley Smith, Floyd Sutherland, Bob Taylor, Joyce Wright.  

**Independent Living/Retirement/Assisted Care & Rehab Facilities:**  
Vivian Anderson, John Blankenship, Lydia Collins, Dancey Flanagan, Doris Fleenor, Evelyn Hilt, Christine Kohr, Janet Lambert, Dolores Lampson, Mae Ledford, Genevieve McCall, Jean Moore, Virginia Moore, Ruth Noe, Vera Rivera, Howard Smith, Sally Stevens, Leona Willis.  

**Homebound:**  
Mary Dennison, Mary Hunicutt, Mae Ledford, Jeanette Millsap, Rosa Lee Phelps, Virginia Saunders, Ruby Stout, Jake Turner, Shirley Turner.  

**Sympathy:**  
Expressions of Love & Christian Sympathy go out to the family of Elizabeth Snead in her passing.  

**Homebound of the Week**  
Mae Ledford  
600 Walden Road  
Abingdon, VA 24210-2356  

*If you have prayer requests or know of needs in our church family, or have an update or correction to any of our prayer requests, please contact the church office prayer & share line at ext. 42.*  

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**Happy Birthday . . .**  

**Monday, October 13**  
- Coma Tiller  
- Doris Fleenor  
- Lisa Mullins  

**Thursday, October 16**  
- Nick Abel  

**Saturday, October 18**  
- Vicki Burkett  
- Marcia Potter  
- Jill Harless  
- Samuel Harris  

**Wednesday, October 15**  
- John Atwell  

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Women’s Get-Away
November 8-9

"Imagine"... that’s the theme this year, so IMAGINE being among women from Abingdon Baptist and other churches from around our state attending this weekend of fellowship and spiritual renewal. The Get-Away offers conferences for ladies of all ages and features special speakers, worship leaders with great music!

To him who is able to do
immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Ephesians 3:20-21

Twenty reservations are currently available, so don’t delay...confirm your reservation now with a $15 deposit thru the church office.
Ministers
Pastor          spollard@abingdonbaptist.org  ext. 23  Dr. Steven Pollard
Minister of Music and Worship  pdeans@abingdonbaptist.org  ext. 24  Rev. Parke Deans
Church Organist
Church Pianist
Church Secretary          tvickers@abingdonbaptist.org  ext. 32  Mrs. Trina Vickers

Entire Congregation

A church with a world mission and a world program in association with the Lebanon Baptist Association, Baptist General Association of Virginia, Southern Baptist Convention, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and Baptist World Alliance.

Church office hours: Monday - Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm

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