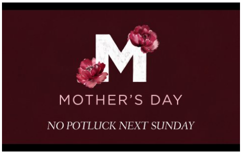
Done Edit bulletin Back to Edit Update

Print
Copy

Grace Community Church of Topsail

Forgiven People Forgive People - Matthew 6:12

GRACE
COMMUNITY CHURCH
OF TOPSAIL



Graduation Sunday
Sunday, May 3rd, 2026
Join us as we recognize our graduates!

Psalm 57:5–11 ESV

> Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!
> Let your glory be over all the earth!
>
> They set a net for my steps;
> my soul was bowed down.
> They dug a pit in my way,
> but they have fallen into it themselves. Selah...

Continue reading »

♫ **He Is Our God**

♫ **Behold Our God**

2 Corinthians 5:17–21 ESV

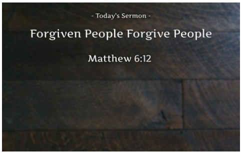
> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was...

Continue reading »

♫ **Jesus Messiah**

♫ **I Stand Amazed (My Saviour's Love)**

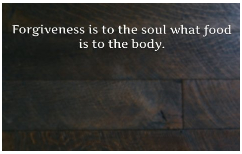
Kingdom Culture
HOW HEAVEN TOUCHES EARTH
SERMON ON THE MOUNT SERIES



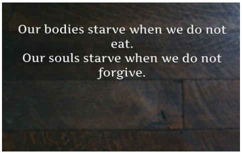
- Today's Sermon -

Forgiven People Forgive People

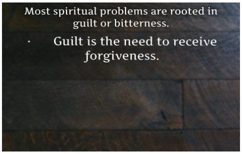
Matthew 6:12



Forgiveness is to the soul what food is to the body.

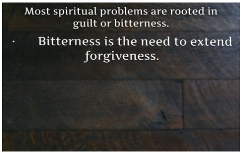


Our bodies starve when we do not eat.
Our souls starve when we do not forgive.



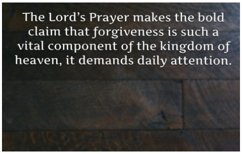
Most spiritual problems are rooted in guilt or bitterness.

- Guilt is the need to receive forgiveness.



Most spiritual problems are rooted in guilt or bitterness.

- Bitterness is the need to extend forgiveness.

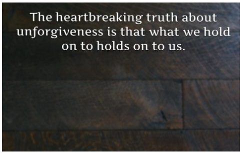


The Lord's Prayer makes the bold claim that forgiveness is such a vital component of the kingdom of heaven, it demands daily attention.

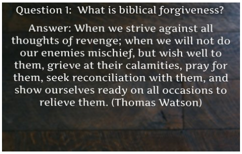
Matthew 6:12 ESV

> and forgive us our debts,
> as we also have forgiven our debtors.

Continue reading »

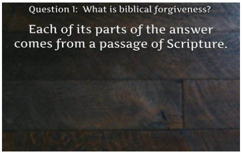


The heartbreaking truth about unforgiveness is that what we hold on to holds on to us.



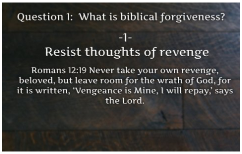
Question 1: What is biblical forgiveness?

Answer: When we strive against all thoughts of revenge; when we will not do our enemies mischief, but wish well to them, grieve at their calamities, pray for them, seek reconciliation with them, and show ourselves ready on all occasions to relieve them. (Thomas Watson)



Question 1: What is biblical forgiveness?

Each of its parts of the answer comes from a passage of Scripture.

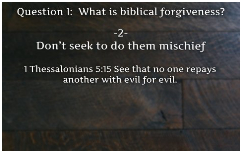


Question 1: What is biblical forgiveness?

-1-

Resist thoughts of revenge

Romans 12:19 Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, ‘Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,’ says the Lord.

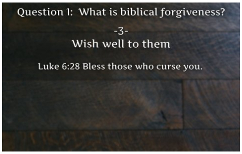


Question 1: What is biblical forgiveness?

-2-

Don’t seek to do them mischief

1 Thessalonians 5:15 See that no one repays another with evil for evil.

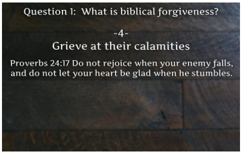


Question 1: What is biblical forgiveness?

-3-

Wish well to them

Luke 6:28 Bless those who curse you.

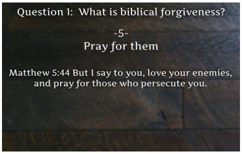


Question 1: What is biblical forgiveness?

-4-

Grieve at their calamities

Proverbs 24:17 Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles.

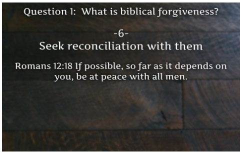


Question 1: What is biblical forgiveness?

-5-

Pray for them

Matthew 5:44 But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you.

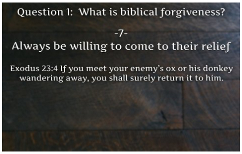


Question 1: What is biblical forgiveness?

-6-

Seek reconciliation with them

Romans 12:18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.

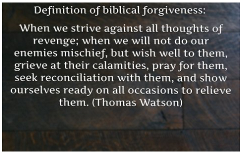


Question 1: What is biblical forgiveness?

-7-

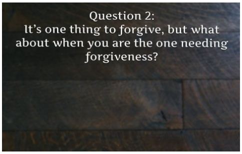
Always be willing to come to their relief

Exodus 23:4 If you meet your enemy's ox or his donkey wandering away, you shall surely return it to him.

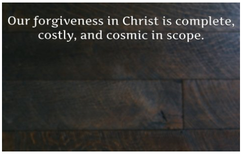


Definition of biblical forgiveness:

When we strive against all thoughts of revenge; when we will not do our enemies mischief, but wish well to them, grieve at their calamities, pray for them, seek reconciliation with them, and show ourselves ready on all occasions to relieve them. (Thomas Watson)



Question 2:
It's one thing to forgive, but what about when you are the one needing forgiveness?



Our forgiveness in Christ is complete, costly, and cosmic in scope.

Ephesians 1:7–8 ESV

> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight

Continue reading »

Colossians 2:13–14 ESV

> And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside,...

Continue reading »

1 John 1:9 ESV

> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Continue reading »

Psalm 103:12 ESV

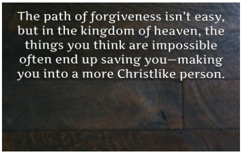
> as far as the east is from the west,
> so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Continue reading »

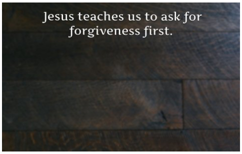
Micah 7:18–19 ESV

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity
and passing over transgression
for the remnant of his inheritance?
He does not retain his anger forever,
because he delights in steadfast love.
He will again have...

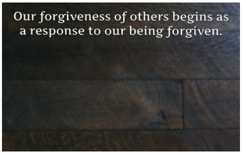
Continue reading »



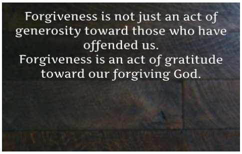
The path of forgiveness isn’t easy, but in the kingdom of heaven, the things you think are impossible often end up saving you—making you into a more Christlike person.



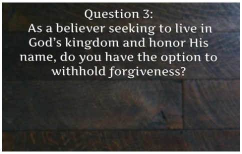
Jesus teaches us to ask for forgiveness first.



Our forgiveness of others begins as a response to our being forgiven.



Forgiveness is not just an act of generosity toward those who have offended us.
Forgiveness is an act of gratitude toward our forgiving God.



Question 3:
As a believer seeking to live in God’s kingdom and honor His name, do you have the option to withhold forgiveness?

Matthew 6:14–15 ESV

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

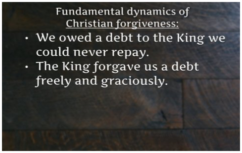
Continue reading »

Matthew 18:21–35 ESV

Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

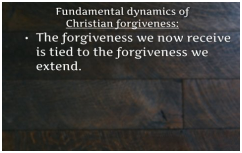
“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be...

Continue reading »



Fundamental dynamics of
Christian forgiveness:

- We owed a debt to the King we could never repay.
- The King forgave us a debt freely and graciously.



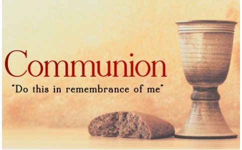
Fundamental dynamics of
Christian forgiveness:

- The forgiveness we now receive is tied to the forgiveness we extend.

Matthew 6:12 ESV

> and forgive us our debts,
> as we also have forgiven our debtors.

Continue reading »

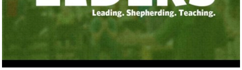

Communion
"Do this in remembrance of me"

Matthew 26:26–29 ESV

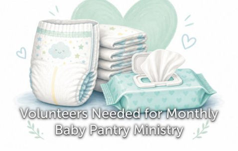
> Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for...

Continue reading »

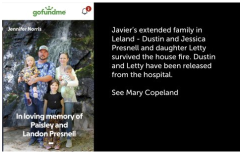
Hallelujah For The Cross



Leading. Shepherding. Teaching.

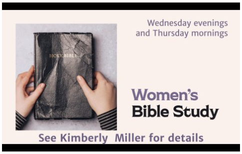


Volunteers Needed for Monthly Baby Pantry Ministry



Javier's extended family in Leland - Dustin and Jessica Presnell and daughter Letty survived the house fire. Dustin and Letty have been released from the hospital.

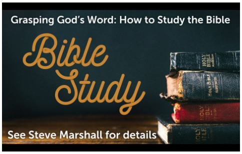
See Mary Copeland



Wednesday evenings
and Thursday mornings

Women's Bible Study

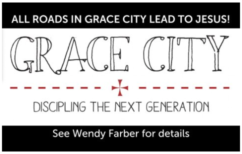
See Kimberly Miller for details



Grasping God's Word: How to Study the Bible

Bible Study

See Steve Marshall for details

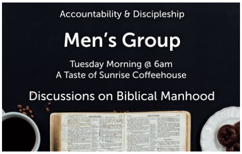


ALL ROADS IN GRACE CITY LEAD TO JESUS!

GRACE CITY

DISCIPLING THE NEXT GENERATION

See Wendy Farber for details

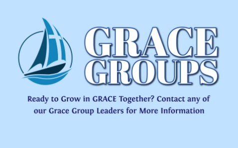


Accountability & Discipleship

Men's Group

Tuesday Morning @ 6am
A Taste of Sunrise Coffeehouse

Discussions on Biblical Manhood



GRACE GROUPS

Ready to Grow in GRACE Together? Contact any of our Grace Group Leaders for More Information

Porters Neck Grace Group

6pm 1st & 3rd Sunday

Bill & Jenny Morrison
828-244-5196

Stephen & Celeste Anderson
910-508-7208

Castle Hayne Grace Group

1st Sunday at 5pm & 3rd Friday at 6.30pm

Bobby & Wendy Rosinbaum
910-602-0121

Rob & Harriet Sullivan
919-917-5988

Washington Acres Grace Group

6pm 1st & 3rd Sunday

Ben & Ashlyn Regier
910-431-5646

Warren & Miriam Rich
910-622-1711

Country Club Drive Grace Group

6pm Every Friday

Tom & Kimberly Miller
920-737-6445

Max & Melissa Luke
910-619-0168

South Belvedere Grace Group

6pm 1st & 3rd Friday

Jim & Deborah Farmer
910-470-0424

Evan & Micaela Head
910-547-1999

North Belvedere Grace Group

5pm 1st & 3rd Sunday

Bob & Necey Highet
910-785-1247

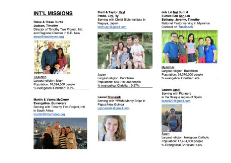
Tom & Barbara Sheldon
410-610-7123

Holly Ridge/Sneads Ferry Grace Group

6pm Friday, Every 2 weeks

Cooper & Madison Strand
501-545-6845

Taylor & Becca Hess
619-772-0142



INT'L MISSIONS

Steve & Rissa Curtis
Judson, Timothy
Director of Timothy Two Project, Intl.
and Regional Director in S.E. Asia
steve@timothytwo.org

Tajikistan
Largest religion: Islam
Population: 10,094,000 people
% evangelical Christian: 0.7%

Martin & Vanya McCrory
Evangeline, Guinevere
Serving with Timothy Two Project, Intl.
in South Africa
martin@timothytwo.org

Brett & Taylor Rayl
Paton, Lily, Ry
Serving with Christ Bible Institute in
Nagoya, Japan
brett.rayl@gmail.com

Japan
Largest religion: Buddhism
Population: 123,218,000 people
% evangelical Christian: 0.57%

Laurel Brunsink
Serving with YWAM Mercy Ships in
Papua New Guinea
Lgbrunsink@gmail.com

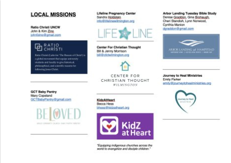
Job Lal Nei Sum &
Eunice San San Lin
Bethany, Jeremy, Timothy
National Pastor serving in Myanmar
Connect on facebook

Myanmar
Largest religion: Buddhism
Population: 54,370,000 people
% evangelical Christian: 4%

Lauren Jaski
Serving with Pioneers
in the Basque region of Spain
lsjaski29@gmail.com

Spain
Largest religion: Irreligious Catholic
Population: 47,434,000 people
% Evangelical Christian: 1.6%

Missionaries that GCT Supports



LOCAL MISSIONS

Ratio Christi UNCW
John & Kim Zing
johnfzing@gmail.com

RATIO CHRISTI

GCT Baby Pantry
Mary Copeland
GCTBabyPantry@gmail.com

BELOVED

Lifeline Pregnancy Center
Sandra Holdstein
info@lifelinewilmington.org

LIFE LINE

Center For Christian Thought
Bill & Jenny Morrison
bill@cfctwilmington.org

CENTER FOR
CHRISTIAN THOUGHT
WILMINGTON

KidzAtHeart
Becca Hess
bhess@kidzatheart.org

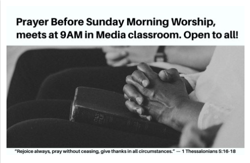
KidZ at Heart

"Equipping indigenous churches across the world to evangelize and disciple children."

Arbor Landing Tuesday Bible Study
Denise Graddon, Gina Brohaugh,
Cheri Standish, Lynn Norwood,
Cynthia Manion
dgraddon@gmail.com

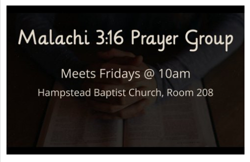
Journey to Heal Ministries
Emily Parker
emily@journeytohealministries.org

Journey to Heal MINISTRIES



Prayer Before Sunday Morning Worship, meets at 9AM in Media classroom. Open to all!

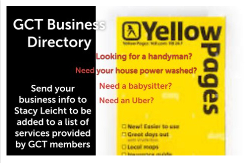
"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances." — 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



Malachi 3:16 Prayer Group

Meets Fridays @ 10am

Hampstead Baptist Church, Room 208



GCT Business Directory

Send your business info to Stacy Leicht to be added to a list of services provided by GCT members

Looking for a handyman?

Need your house power washed?

Need a babysitter?

Need an Uber?

Yellow Pages
New! Easier to use
Great days out
Local maps

GRACE
COMMUNITY CHURCH
OF TOPSAIL

Grace Community Church of Topsail

11 members