

# Wildwood Church of Christ

114 Cleveland Ave. Wildwood, FL. 34785

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Sunday: Bible Class – 9:30a.m. Worship – 10:30a.m. Wednesday Bible Class – 6:30p.m.

TLC(Tuesday Ladies Care) – Every Tuesday 9:30a.m. in Fellowship Hall

**2023 Theme: Be What Matters!**

**Theme for July: “BE HIS SERVANT”**

**July 30, 2023**

Song #513 Standing On The Promises

Song #467 I Must Tell Jesus

Opening Prayer – Keith Jones

Pass Communion

Song #300 When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

Lord’s Supper – Reggie Colton

Howard Alls Jimmy Glenn

Brad Green Jeremy Stokes

Song #838 Where The Soul Never Dies

Sermon: Four kinds of hearts

Song #603 I Am Mine No More

Song #512 God Will Take Care Of You

Closing Prayer – John Workman

## To Forgive or Not to Forgive

After laying to rest her husband of 50+ years, a very dear lady visited with me and began to share the emotional pain and humiliation her deceased husband had caused her over the years of their marriage. She ended her visit with the statement that she would never be able to forgive her husband for all that he had done to her. I tried to comfort her to the best of my ability, but was really at a loss for words.

I fear too often that we, as Christians, have a warped sense of what forgiveness is really all about. Or worse yet, that we have become so caught up in the way in which the world thinks that we have forgotten the words of Jesus on the subject of forgiveness. Let’s refresh our memories.

*“For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.” Matthew 6:14-15*

*“And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in Heaven may forgive you your sins.” Mark 11:25*

The message Jesus teaches regarding forgiveness is so very plain. As long as we fail to forgive others, we can expect no forgiveness from God. (Note the absence of any action on the part of the offender! The same attitude seen from the crowd at the cross.) Are we willing to put at risk our eternal home with God because of our need to hold a grudge? Is not the problem of forgiveness more about our relationship with the Lord than with the offensive brother? We are called by God to live a life that is distinctively different than the rest of the world, including the way in which we deal with offenses. The apostle Paul, in dealing with the problems of lawsuits among brothers (also a problem of forgiveness, or the lack thereof), questioned, “Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be cheated?” (1Corinthians 6:7) Are we just that intent on getting our “pound of flesh”? Or maybe we have determined that we are capable of judging for the Lord who deserves our forgiveness or not.

As we daily strive to clothe ourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ (Galatians 3:27) may we challenge ourselves to live up to the words penned by the apostle Paul, “ Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” Ephesians 4:32

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## PRAYER LIST

- ~ **Continue to keep Larry Hyder** in your prayers as he deals with his health issues. Keep Janet in your prayers as well.
- ~ **Wayne Freeman** is not doing well and is very weak. **Joyce Freeman** has not been feeling well again and she is having some tests run in the next few weeks. She asks for prayers for both of them.
- ~ **Pat Ponsford** has been in the hospital with fast then slow hearbeats, high and low blood pressure, and very nauseated.
- ~ **Sherry Scott** was in another car accident last week right here, close to the church building. She was still hurting from the first one and now this has worsened her condition and soreness even more.
- ~ Ashley Myers' mom, **Kellie Ward** had brain surgery last week and is recovering and doing well from the actual surgery.
- ~ **Sister Dorothy Colton**, Reggie's mother, has been having some health problems with her heart.
- ~ **Alba Cherena** was in the hospital in Ft. Lauderdale. The doctors are puzzled as to what was wrong with her. Please keep Alba in your prayers – she was very upset when we talked with her this past Friday.
- ~ **Al Alvarez**, Jim & Linda Routzahn's son-in-law, has a rare brain disorder called Moyamoya. He has had 2 surgeries to help improve the blood flow to his brain and so far it has been successful. His vocal chords have been affected so he needs prayers that they will return to normal.
- ~ **Bryan Noland** has had many surgeries for his cancer and right now he is not doing well. The bone grafts that were done may be failing. Bryan's mother-in-law also has cancer.
- ~ **Rick Whittle**, a faithful gospel preacher in Spanish Fort, AL, passed away very quickly from cancer. His funeral was yesterday.
- ~ **Glynda Casteel's** Alzheimer's is getting worse. **Reida & Fred** need prayers for strength as they care for her.

**Remember:** Linda Grove, Edra Nell Courtney, Martha Pope, Charles & Mary Jane Wright, Peggy Murphy, Patricia Webber, Jamie McCartney, Ken & Sherry Scott, Sam Costa, Steve Hutsenpiller, Lana Vernon and family of Ricky Baker, family of Tara Strickland, Keith Jones, Lottie Colton, Ron & Carol Rollins, Greg Pope, Shirley Threet, John & Leigh Workman, Jeanette Harris, Joyce Prather, Taylor Williams & family, Millie Tudor, Tina Lipps, & her mom Sharon, Jim & Sue Allison, Teresa Broyles, Mollie Holley, Bill Cefaloni, Glenda Mount, Tim Sigler, Bryan Noland, Kathy Cefaloni, Peggy Baird, Linda Terry, Kacey Terry, Amanda (Joan Strickland's granddaughter), Cody Grissom

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ~ **Men**, we will be taking up the sign-up list in the next week or so. If you have not looked at the list, please do so. We need your help in serving for our worship service.
- ~ **House To House, Heart To Heart** – make sure to pick some of these up and hand out to friends and people you come in contact with. This is a great tool to share with those around us.
- ~ **Extra communion cups** are available if you need some at home or when travelling. See David or Sarah
- ~ **\*\*\*Super Saturday VBS – Saturday, August 12, 10:00-2:00.** Please check the sign-up list in the foyer – use your talents & please help us!
- ~ **Fix A Meal sign-up list** - Check to see when you can help make a meal for Wayne & Joyce Freeman.
- ~ **Greeters:** We need more help with being a greeter. **Please sign-up on the list in the foyer.**

**PANTRY Items Needed** – Soap    Deodorant    Toothpaste & Toothbrushes

**July Birthdays:** Greg Pope-25, David Myers-25, Sarah Alls-28, Jeanette Harris-28, John Workman-28, Alex Fort-31

**July Anniversaries:** Don & Joyce Albert-28

**August Birthdays:** Mary Costa-5, Mary Ellen Murphy-8, Jennifer Freeman-10, Rhese Hileman-10

**August Anniversaries:** John & Barbara Howlett-5, Terry & Debbie Bunch-6, Jamie & Carol McCartney-11

**Nursery Class:** **July 30** – Lana Vernon    **Aug 6** – Destiny Green    **Aug 13** – Tracy Jones

**Greeters:** **July 30** – Barbara Howlett & Ila Jean Locke    **Aug 6** – Joan Strickland & Reese Meskil    **Aug 13** – Jack & Judy Kyle

**Communion Preparation:** **August** – Dawn Binkley    **September**-Mary Wise