

"The Gospel According to Luke: Lord Teach us to Pray" (Part 3)  
Luke 11:1-13

*"He who cannot forgive destroys the bridge over which he himself must pass." (George Herbert)*

*"If the forgiveness that we received at the cost of the blood of Christ is so ineffective in our hearts that we are bent on holding unforgiving grudges and bitterness against someone, we should not claim to be saved."  
(John Piper)*

- The Principles of Forgiveness:
  - Our ability to joyfully forgive one another is based on God joyfully forgiving our sins. *"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."* (Ephesians 4:32; cf. Colossians 3:13-14)
  - Forgiveness belongs to the matter of fellowship. *"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."* (Matthew 6:14-15)
  - Satan loves bitterness, anger, and the slander that comes with unforgiveness. *"And give no opportunity to the devil....Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths....Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice."* (Ephesians 4:27,29,31)
  - Christian forgiveness does not keep a record of wrongs. *"Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, and if he sins against you seven times in a day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."* (Luke 17:3-4)
  - Love and forgiveness and a desire for healthy reconciliation is an evidence of being born again. *"If anyone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen."* (1 John 4:20; cf. Matthew 5:7; 6:14-15; 7:18, 21).
- Why do we keep record of wrongs or hold back forgiveness?
  - **Power:** When someone has done something wrong to us, we can use it against them to get what we want.
  - **Identity:** It makes us feel superior, righteous, or more mature than someone else.
  - **Entitlement:** We feel owed because we have endured the weaknesses and sins of others. Or we are a victim and should get our way because someone hurt us.
  - **Lack of Faith:** We need people to feel the appropriate amount of guilt for what they have done. *"So you should rather turn to forgive and comfort him, or he may be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow."* (2 Corinthians 2:7)

### **Announcements:**

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of April we are collecting monetary donations for HeartCry Missionary Society. The goal of their ministry is to glorify God and to bring the greatest possible good to humanity through the preaching of the gospel and the establishment of biblical churches throughout the world by means of equipping and mobilizing indigenous churches and missionaries. For more information about HeartCry, please see the bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary. You can give your monetary donations on Venmo, please make sure to mark that it is for HeartCry. You can also put your monetary donations into the container on the back table. ***TODAY is the LAST day for this collection!***

★**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We have a couple opportunities for you all to serve:

- The Children's Ministry is looking to add volunteers to their ministry. If you are a church member and are interested in serving in this ministry, or have any questions about serving in this ministry, please see Kalen or Courtney Dees.
- The Greeting Ministry is also looking to add volunteers to their team, specifically male volunteers. If you are a church member and are interested in serving in this ministry, or have any questions about serving in this ministry, please see Shawn Bailey.

★**CHURCH GAME NIGHT:** Our monthly Church Game Night is TONIGHT, at Andy's house (1062 National Drive SE; Hebron), starting at 5pm. Bring your favorite board games and card games to play. Bring a snack or finger food to share with everyone! We would love for everyone to join us for this time of fun and fellowship!

★**COMMUNION:** We are partaking of and celebrating Communion together as a Church body NEXT Sunday, May 4th.

★**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:** We are having a Fellowship Lunch NEXT Sunday, May 4th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up to bring something for the meal. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the food and the fellowship with us!

★**CHURCH NIGHT OF PRAYER:** Our monthly Church Night of Prayer is on Tuesday, May 6th, from 7-8pm. During this prayer time we will be praying for specific prayer requests within the church body. Please consider joining us for a portion of this time or for the full hour of prayer.

★**CELEBRATION OF THE LADIES OF LEGACY:** Ladies, mark your calendars and plan on attending our First Annual Ladies of Legacy Celebration! It will be on Saturday, May 17th, at 11am, here at the church. There is a sign-up list on the wall in the entryway, please sign-up if you plan on attending!

-**MEN:** We need your help as we celebrate the ladies of Legacy! We will need the men of Legacy to sign-up to help put the "Brunch in a Box" together for this celebration! You have your own sign-up list on the wall in the

entryway. We need as many men as possible to sign-up to volunteer their time and energy to set-up for this event!

-For any questions, please see Kathleen Riley (740)497-7990.