

## FREEDOM FROM BITTERNESS

- I. Bitterness \_\_\_\_\_...
- A. ... Me to my \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. ... Me to my fallen sense of \_\_\_\_\_ -  
Romans 12:17; I Corinthians 13:5
  - C. ... Me to \_\_\_\_\_ agenda –  
2 Corinthians 2:10-11; Ephesians 4:26-27
- II. The \_\_\_\_\_ To Be Free From Bitterness Is \_\_\_\_\_ -  
Ephesians 4:31-32
- A. When I forgive, I not only release my \_\_\_\_\_, I release \_\_\_\_\_  
Matthew 6:12; Mark 11:25; Luke 17:4
  - B. What forgiveness is \_\_\_\_\_...
- III. Forgiveness \_\_\_\_\_ ...
- A. ... Me to trust the \_\_\_\_\_ of God – I Peter 2:23
  - B. ... Me to receive the \_\_\_\_\_ of God - Matthew 18:35
  - C. ... Me to display the \_\_\_\_\_ of God – Matthew 5:39; 44-45

**THANKS TO WISE WARRIOR WEDNESDAY VOLUNTEERS**

Wise Warrior Wednesday was a big success this week! This idea was first hatched by Wendy Kimmey and Cindy Elk to transform what we usually do on a Super Saturday into a Wednesday night format using our already existing class structure. It worked well. Special thanks to: the Munsami care group for their leadership, the youth group for their skits, Tom Kimmey for his enthusiastic singing, David and Lisa Foster for the activity, all teachers and helpers, those who helped with registration, all who brought cookies, and everyone who invited a friend. Can't wait till we do it again!

**BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY! SEPTEMBER 16**

Last year we had a very successful Back To Church Sunday event. At least two people we know of were restored because of it. So this year we're planning our second Back To Church Sunday for September 16<sup>th</sup>. Please be praying about it and thinking about who you will invite: a friend, relative, neighbor, co-worker, or a stranger. All are welcome! Much more information to come!

**BE BETTER NOT BITTER**

In the 1940's Donald Tippet worked at a YMCA in New York City. One night two delinquent teens robbed the YMCA and beat Donald Tippet with brass knuckles, leaving him for dead. He was found, rushed to a hospital, where for weeks he lay in a coma near death. He survived, but lost sight in one eye. The two boys were caught and Tippet showed up at their trial. To everyone's surprise he begged the court to release the teens to his custody because he believed they could change their lives. So the judge gave him custody. One boy soon committed another crime and went to prison. But the second boy turned his life around and went to college and then to medical school! He became an eye surgeon skilled at taking people who'd lost their sight in accidents and restoring it to them.

As children of God we have received an abundance of grace! It's only right that we become conduits of God's grace and pour it out on others. "Freely you have received, freely give!" (Matthew 10:8)

Richard Blaisdell

**August**

- 12 BTS Devo and Promotion (Youth)
- 12 Arden Courts Team 2
- 19 Care Groups Meet
- 26 Arden Courts Team 4

**September**

- 2 Care Groups Meet
- 3 Office Closed
- 9 Arden Courts Team 2
- 10 MNFTM
- 16 Back To Church Sunday
- 16 Care Groups Meet
- 17 MNFTM
- 23 Arden Courts Team 4
- 29 ChristianWorks Auction

**YOUTH NEWS**

Our **Back to School Devo** will be tonight, following PM services. We will only take 30 minutes so that everyone can get home.

We have a few left over **summer shirts** if anyone still needs one. \$5 each

**Fall Calendars** will be available on Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>.



**IMPORTANT DATE**

Fall Retreat: November 9-11

I believe it is unfortunate when we link the words **foreign** and **missions** together. You do not have to travel around the world to be a missionary. We have two **GREAT** missionaries in our midst and their names are Richard Blaisdell and Tom Kimmey! Richard has been a faithful minister of the word at Buckingham for nearly 40 years. As he has proven to be an excellent proclaimer of the Word; he has also led by example. I assume we have all known preachers who could pontificate in a great way but when you compared their marvelous words with their lives; they did not jive. Such is not true with Richard. Tom has been faithfully serving our congregation for over seven years and has had a GREAT impact on the youth that are here and have been here. His leadership of our teens has been impressive and when you see the quality of our kids; that is a reflection on Tom's positive leadership. When you examine his life, it is evident that he cares deeply for our children and they love him as well. It takes a special gift to work with teens and he has that gift in spades. Jesus said the following in Matthew 13:57: "Only in his hometown and in his own house is a prophet without honor." I pray that we do not take these two spiritual giants for granted. Buckingham Road is blessed in many ways and two of them are Richard and Tom!

Jim Corner

**A NEW VOCABULARY WORD**

School hasn't even started and yet I feel somewhat accomplished—I've learned a new vocabulary word. Better than just a word, actually, a new phrase. I can't really tell how wide-spread this phrase might be – for all I know it may be in wide circulation and I didn't know since I'm a fairly late adopter of new trends, technology and culture generally. You can tell me if you've heard it. Anyway, the phrase is...

"Church Hurt."

As in, "My friend isn't going to church right now. He's been Church Hurt." Which is pretty close to a verbatim rendering of the phrase I heard from my (much) younger and (infinitely) hipper colleague as she described a friend's emotional state with respect to his church.

So. Church Hurt.

Well, there's some good news. I don't believe you can be hurt, in the way we are speaking of here, by something you care nothing at all about, by something in which you have no emotional investment. So. Caring. Which is good. And, to care is to be involved. To be part. Which is also good. Very good. And if you care, and if you are involved, and if there are other people, and if there is church, then there will be "Church Hurt." There's some sort of law that says so. Kind of like the law of gravity, except I don't know the name of it. But my not knowing the name of it doesn't keep it from being as real as this month's bills. So here's another way to look at it. If you haven't been "Church Hurt," at least to some degree, then you probably aren't doing it right. If you have gotten this far, completely unscathed, and with your dignity wholly intact, you might want to check some things. Do you really care? Are you really involved? If you are, it's gonna happen. Just sayin'. Here's the trick, I think.

Whatever happens, you got to make sure the "Church" (with all the caring and involvement and everything that means) stack is taller than the "Hurt" stack.  
Charles Elk

**Weekly Schedule:**

**Sunday:**  
Bible Class: 9:00 a.m.  
Morning Assembly: 10:00 a.m.  
Evening Assembly: 5:00 p.m.  
Spanish Assembly: 10-12 a.m.

**Wednesday:**  
Bible Class: 7:15 p.m.  
Spanish: 7:00 p.m.

**Budget:**  
2018 Budget.....\$9,250  
Contribution.....\$8,182  
2018 Weekly Average.....\$8,645

**Statistics:**  
Bible Class.....103  
A.M. Worship.....168  
P.M. Worship.....87  
Wednesday.....130  
Latino Worship.....22  
DBR Year's Total.....5,831

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