

“In the Heart of the Community with the Community at Heart”



GBC Newsletter

February 2012



The Biblical Counselor's Corner

When I forgive someone, does that mean that I am also required to forget what happened?

Ephesians 4:32 commands us to love and forgive others exactly the same way God forgives us. How does God forgive us? He removes the penalty against us that resulted from our sin. He does this by applying the effects of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ to our personal account. Paul's calls this "kind and tender-hearted." **The key to forgiveness is the effect of the cross of Christ on our personal relationships.** We have the ability to forgive because we have been forgiven. Being forgiven should motivate us to forgive others. When we refuse to forgive, we elevate ourselves even above God! One who refuses to forgive is scoffing at Christ's death, for in His death forgiveness is made possible.

What does it mean to forgive someone? It means:

- a. I will not dwell on the incident.
- b. I will not bring the incident up and use it as ammunition.
- c. I will not talk to others about the incident.
- d. I will not allow the incident to stand between or hinder the personal relationship.

Often times we have sinful attitudes and unrealistic expectations when trying to forgive someone. These may include:

- a. Expecting the offender to earn or deserve forgiveness.
- b. Desiring to punish the offender.
- c. Demanding a guarantee that it won't happen again.

Once verbal forgiveness has taken place the "reconciliation and replacement" principle should be practiced. Reconciliation would mean that:

- a. The relationship is restored at least to its condition before the conflict arose, or even to a better relationship;
- b. Barriers are gone.
- c. There is a deeper and more realistic, honest relationship.

The replacement principle of "put off and put on" means that we make the effort to replace hurt and revengeful thoughts, words, deeds, and motives with godly ones (Philippians 4:8; Romans 12:14; 20-21).

By our thoughts, words, and deeds we can demonstrate forgiveness and rebuild relationships with people who have offended us. No matter how painful the offense, with God's help, we can imitate the forgiveness and reconciliation that was demonstrated on the cross by Jesus. By the grace of God, we can forgive as "God in Christ Jesus forgave you." (Ephesians 4:32) Remember, "we forgive TO forget, NOT forgive and forget."



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Join us for our... 2012 Pictorial Directory

Sign up begins Feb. 12
Picture Days: March 9 & 10
Don't be left out; everyone is needed!

FEBRUARY 2012 MONTHLY EVENT CALENDAR

The ROCK

**Raising Our Children
for the King -**

Children's Ministries on
Wednesday evenings at
6:30 pm in Kidmo room

- Feb. 16th "I Love Jesus" Night
(Wear something red!)
- Feb. 29th Leap Day
Extravaganza

College/Young Adult

Small Group

See Tim Lansing for
details

DRIVEN NEWS

Our DRIVEN youth
ministries meet Wednesday
evenings at 6:30 pm in the
Fellowship Hall. All youth
are welcome to attend.
Please see the DRIVEN
page for more details.

MOMENTUM
July 17-22, 2012
Eastern Kentucky
University



CHILDREN'S CHOIR -
Every Sunday at 9:00am

Ladies Ministries

Ladies, would you like to be a
part of the planning committee
for the upcoming Ladies' Tea?
Please join us on Thursday,
Feb. 16, at 6pm. We will meet
at the church in the Adult
Sunday School room.

SAVE THE DATE: Ladies' Tea
April 28th at 2pm

MISSION NEWS...

WAYNE & ELLEN PATTON

BRAZIL MINISTRY UPDATE

Back at Cotijuba:

- Pray the 220 electricity can be connected for the water pump.
- Pray for the Lord to send us people that want to learn about Bible Storying.
- Pray for Val as he prepares his family to leave.
- Pray that our outreach team can be restarted upon our return.

From PATTON'S EMAIL

PATTY MORRIS

FRANCE MINISTRY UPDATE

Greetings from Villeurbanne! As you probably know, I am planning to come on home ministries this summer (May 22 – Aug. 21). I am behind in my planning so I'm now trying hard to work on my schedule. My time is relatively short especially considering that I will be back in Ohio / Indiana to visit individual supporters and attend Encompass World Partners "Family Reunion" from about July 16-27 and then the FGBC Vision 2020 conference in Indian Wells, CA is right on the heels from July 28 – Aug. 1. I am also trying to schedule visits to supporting churches in Longview, TX and Clearfield, UT. Anyway, I would like to come and give an update of the work in France / Europe while I'm home (the other one!)

Thanks again for your faithful prayers and support. I'm looking forward to being with you again! (DATES SET FOR: August 12 & 13)

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From PATTY'S EMAIL

CECIL & DEBBIE O'DELL

TOKYO MINISTRY UPDATE

Please join our team in praying for many opportunities to meet new Japanese students and professionals in 2012. Please pray for many seeds to be planted and harvested in the lives of each heart.

Ken & Sonoka focus most of their time on young couples and students that are a part of our ministry.

Nao & Chiiko focus on our surfing ministry and other creative way ways to do evangelism and discipleship. They are in the process of joining Encompass World Partners as Special Assignment missionaries. Please pray for their ministry and needs.

Junko is focused on young women on campus and single working women in the SoCal area. Junko is applying for permanent residence status this year and we are pray that she will be granted a Green Card so she can continue in this ministry.

John is a student at Long Beach City College and has been help with contact making and evangelism on the campus. He also has been helping at CSULB where he will be transferring to in the fall. Please pray for John and his studies as well as the relationships he is able to develop on both campuses. With all our love and deep appreciation, Cecil & Debbie

From O'DELL'S EMAIL

WOMEN OF GRACE

FEBRUARY 2012 THRU JUNE 2012

PROJECT	DATE	TIME	LADIES READ AND ANSWER
	Feb. 4	10:00 AM	District Rally Whittier Community
Encompass World Partners Beca Ruiz	Feb. 7	6:30 PM	Now or Later Page 82
	March 13	6:30 PM	Chapter 1 in Daniel
GO 2 Indian Ministry	April 10	6:30 PM	Chapter 2 in Daniel
	May 5	10:00 AM	District Rally at Bellflower
	May 8	6:30 PM	Chapter 3 in Daniel
	June 12	6:00 PM	DINNER OUT

Thank you for your faithfulness to Women of grace through out this year.

We are a small group but God works through each one of use to do his work.

Beverly Adams, President

Calendar for ROCK Wednesday Nights
2012

- January 4 – Campus Dark
- January 11 – ROCK resumes
- January 18 – Crazy Hat Night
- February 16 – I Love Jesus Night – Wear something red!
- February 29 – Leap Day Extravaganza
- March 14 – Grow to be like Jesus – Wear GREEN!
- April 4 – Holy Week
- April 11 – Campus Dark
- May 9 – Crazy Hair Night/Mother’s Day crafts
- June 13 – End of Year Celebration/Father’s day crafts
- June 20 – Campus Dark
- June 27 – Campus Dark
- July 4 – Family Summer Camp Kick Off
- July 11 – Family Summer Camp
- July 18 – Family Summer Camp
- July 25 – Family Summer Camp
- August 1 – Family Summer Camp
- August 8 – Family Summer Camp
- August 15 - Family Bible Camp (VBS)
- August 22 - Campus Dark
- August 29 – Campus Dark
- September 5 – ROCK Round-up and Registration
- September 12 – ROCK 2012-2013 Begins!
- October 31 – Harvest Celebration
- November 21 – Campus Dark
- December 19 – Campus Dark
- December 26 – Campus Dark
- January 2 – Campus Dark

DRIVEN

youth ministries

DRIVEN WINTER CAMP 2012

It's Here! DRIVEN Winter Camp has finally arrived. Meet on the GRACE Campus on February 24th @ 4:30p with luggage in hand. We will return on February 26th around 4:30p. Winter Camp will be held at a cabin in Green Valley Lake, CA. Cost is \$50 and our theme for the weekend will be focused around "Connecting With God". Consider joining us for a great weekend together. Reserve your spot today!

Momentum News

A quick reminder for those looking to attend Momentum 2012. You must sign up and turn in your Confirmation Slip by Wednesday, February 8th in order to go this summer.

CrAZY DRIVEN

The last Wednesday of February, known as CrAZY DRIVEN, is a great time to invite your friends who don't currently attend church. Just do it!

Month @ a Glance**DRIVEN WEDNESDAY**

6:30p - 8:00p

Every Wednesday Night

Momentum Sign-Up DeadlineWednesday, February 8TH**Valentine Cookie Fundraiser**

7:00p - 9:00p

Friday, February 10TH**Valentine Cookie Fundraiser**

8:30a - 4:00p

Saturday, February 11TH**WINTER CAMP 2012**Friday, February 24th

thru

Sunday, February 26TH**CRAZY DRIVEN**

6:30p - 8:00p

Wednesday, February 29TH**Cookie Fundraiser**

The DRIVEN Youth Group has begun selling their Valentine, Heart Shaped Chocolate Chip Cookies for \$5. If you are interested in supporting the youth by buying a cookie for yourself or for someone special, please fill out the form in the bulletin or contact the church office. Cookies will be delivered on Sunday, February 12th after the morning service.

FEBRUARY 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			01 FAMILY NIGHT: 6:30p DRIVEN/ROCK & ABS 8:00p Worship Team Practice	02 10a Pastor's Bible study 2:45p DDJohnston Bible Club	03	04 Wesley Lansing 8a-12p CHURCH WORK DAY 9:30a Women of Grace Rally - Whittier
05 S.S. Training Class CPR groups	06 Tatum Smith	07 6:30p Women of Grace – Pat Ward's home	08 FAMILY NIGHT: 6:30p DRIVEN/ROCK & ABS 8:00p Worship Team Practice	09 10a Pastor's Bible study 2:45p DDJohnston Bible Club 7:00p Missions Comm. Mtg.	10 Alyssa Echevarria Macgyver Lankford 7-9:00p DRIVEN Fundraiser – Valentine Cookies	11 8:30a-4:00p DRIVEN Fundraiser – Valentine Cookies
12 S.S. Training Class	13	14 Willie & Marlene Chambers Dennis & Leticia Posada VALENTINE'S DAY 	15 FAMILY NIGHT: 6:30p DRIVEN/ROCK & ABS 8:00p Worship Team Practice	16 10a Pastor's Bible study 2:45p DDJohnston Bible Club 6:00p Ladies' Planning Committee - Tea	17	18
19 CPR groups	20 7:00p Ladies' Discipleship (Patton home)	21 Josie Ramirez Michael & Jade Lansing 7:00p Elder Board (Patton home)	22 Jenna Wilson FAMILY NIGHT: 6:30p DRIVEN/ROCK & ABS 8:00p Worship Team Practice	23 10a Pastor's Bible study 2:45p DDJohnston Bible Club	24 DRIVEN WINTER CAMP – Green Valley Lake, CA \$50.00	25 Don Fisher DRIVEN WINTER CAMP – Green Valley Lake, CA
26 Phyllis Fisher DRIVEN WINTER CAMP – Green Valley Lake, CA 7:00p Deacon Board Somervilles - here	27	28 Ron Morrow	29 LEAP DAY! FAMILY NIGHT: 6:30p DRIVEN/ROCK & ABS 8:00p Worship Team Practice			