

WHO CAN YOU TRUST?

(Howard E. Butts, Jr.)

The Forgiveness Factor

Various Passages

Grudges: The Scars of Betrayal

Like Moby Dick, a grudge is a "_____."

Habakkuk 3:17-18 Despite pain, yet I will "rejoice in the God of my salvation." This is the _____ of forgiveness.

Getting Over It: The Forgiveness Function

Forgiving ourselves

Forgiving God

Living with both fallenness and hope

Getting On With It: Living in Forgiveness

The importance of being vulnerable: replace a natural reaction of grudge-bearing with the spiritual response of _____. "Living is forgiving."
Matthew 18:21-22, 23-35

Being realistic about it: vulnerability can be painful.

Four signs we are not living with a forgiving spirit:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Conclusion

Summarized, forgiveness involves...

- ... acknowledging _____ tendency to betray others.
- ... _____ ourselves, others and God.
- ... living in forgiveness.

Humanly speaking, this is _____! Are we left in the agony Paul expressed in Romans 7:15-24?
_____! There is also Romans 8:1.



EXPERIENCE FAITH

Encounter God

MATTHEW 18:20

Experience God Together

MATTHEW 22:37-40

Empty Self

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8

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Lamentations 3:22-23

OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPERIENCE FAITH

Welcome to each of our guests! Thank you so much for coming. We hope you are blessed today and will come again very soon. It would help us greatly if you will complete the tear-off section of this bulletin and turn it in after the service at the E³ Central desk in the main foyer. We have a gift at E³ Central for each first-time guest and will follow up with you by telephone.

Veteran's Day is today and observed on Monday. We are so grateful for those who have served in our armed forces on our behalf. Thank you, military veterans, for your sacrifice and your patriotism.

2018 Bible Reading

Monday – Micah 1; Tuesday – Micah 3; Wednesday – Micah 6; Thursday – Micah 7; Friday - Nahum 1; Saturday - Habakkuk 1

Bible reading and prayer emphasis bookmarks are available at E³ Central.

Trust God Sunday

Last Sunday was our annual Trust God Sunday, and it was a great success. The congregation gave 224.91% of our weekly budget requirements! Thank you.

2019 Church Budget

The proposed 2019 church budget has been available to church members for three Sundays and discussion of the budget was in a church conference last Sunday. A vote without discussion will be in both morning services today.

Foster Care/Adoption

Today, our church joins with thousands of other churches across the globe to put emphasis on God's heart for vulnerable children and to stand for kids who have lost the protection and care of family. In light of Psalm 82:3 where God commands us to defend the weak and the fatherless, we ask that you join us in praying for orphans, foster children, and vulnerable children around the world.

2019 Mission Trips

Mission trip dates for 2019 are available today through the Sunday School as well as at the International and National Missions board in the education hallway. Pray about where God may lead you to serve outside of Wichita Falls in 2019.

For the hearing impaired, personal p.a. sets are available at E³ Central in the foyer.

Experience God Together with Us

8:30 a.m. Blended Worship in the Worship Center
9:50 a.m. Small Group Sunday School classes for all ages
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship in the Worship Center

Faith Family Fellowship Supper

Our Wednesday evening Faith family fellowship suppers are from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. This weeks menu is cheesy beef pasta casserole, garlic bread, salad bar and dessert. Cost is \$4/person (\$15 family maximum) and college students are \$2. We hope you will join us this week.

Deacon Ordination

Our deacons are recommending that Russell Hill and Kris Mahan be ordained as deacons. These men are active in our church and have been interviewed and approved by the deacons and staff. A church confirmation vote will be taken Wednesday, December 5 and their ordination will be Wednesday, December 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Richard Haddox, who was previously ordained, has been welcomed to our deacon group. Pray for these men and their families as they serve among us.



Richard Haddox



Russell Hill



Kris Mahan

Online and Text Giving

Online giving is available using your debit card. Go to faithwf.com and click on the online giving link. You will have the same options that are available on your offering envelope and will receive a receipt for your contribution.

Giving through text message is also available! To contribute, text **FBCtxt** and the **amount** you want to give to **73256**. When you make your first contribution you will need to set up your account information, which will be saved, so that future contributions will be quick and easy. This option is available for general budget contributions **only**.

FaithConnect

Update your membership record (address, phone numbers, cell provider, etc.) online at **FaithConnect**. Go to faithwf.com and on the "Resources" drop-down menu click on **FaithConnect**. There, you can access your family's personal information and update it as needed, upload a more recent photo, check your contribution status, give online and register for events as well as secure contact information on your class members.

As part of your first visit to **FaithConnect**, you will receive an email with your username and temporary password. Then you are ready to check out your personal information at **FaithConnect**.

 **CENTRAL** is located in the Rhea Road foyer outside the Worship Center. It is the place to go for information and sign-ups for Bible studies, children's and adult activities and all things in church life.