

## As 2020 Ends...

# Let Us Forget

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*"Forgetting those things which are behind"*  
Philippians 3:13

Memory is a wonderful asset for anyone. Some can remember by name nearly every person they meet. Some can remember all they read.

The Bible teaches us to remember. The Jews were commanded to remember the Sabbath (Exodus 20). Youth were to remember God (Ecclesiastes 12:1). Peter wrote to stir memory (2 Peter 1:13). The Lord's Supper is an exercise in memory.

But, the Bible also teaches us to forget. The happiest people have learned to forget. Much of Paul's success was due to his ability to forget. What should we forget?

1. **Christians should forget past sins.** Christ has saved us and God has pardoned every sin of which we have repented. His blood has cleansed and removed the sin. When God forgives, He forgets — and so should we. Let's not doubt His precious promises.

2. **Christians should forget their mistakes.** All make mistakes, even Christians. If there were no mistakes, there would be no need for erasers on pencils. We can learn and profit from mistakes. Some dwell on a mistake until it destroys them. Mistakes can be stepping stones to great victories. Men of history experienced numerous failures. Henry Ford and Thomas Edison succeeded because of determination and perseverance.

3. **Christians should forget the petty quarrels and misunderstandings of life.** You have misunderstood others, and you have been misunderstood. Misunderstandings occur in business, personal and church life. We may be offended by the words or deeds of another. Sometimes the hurt is deeply felt. But, don't harbor hurt feelings, lest they sour and bitter the spirit.

4. **Christians should forget their good deeds.** The good done yesterday will not suffice for tomorrow. We must not hold our good deeds against God as though He were under contract to save us. Salvation is of grace, not debt. Our giving for good works is a joy, not a reason to boast.

There are things to remember and other things to be forgotten. Let us do both wisely.

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*Forgive and forget, not revenge and regret.*

### News & Notes

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:** Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. The Covid-19 restrictions still apply (masks & distancing).

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Next Saturday, Jan. 2nd, 8:00 a.m. at EJ's in Chester. **PANTRY:** Cereal.

**REMEMBER WITH CARDS & PRAYERS:** Linda Parkes, 159 S. Surry Road, East Liverpool, OH 43920.

**SICK & SHUT-IN:** Randy Waite, Randy Beagle, Charlie Delong, David McCoy, Jim Hadley, Marlene Evans, Shirley Beagle, Russell Martin, Cam Adamson, Doris Dunham, Rick Beck (minister at Weston, WV), John McClung (address on bulletin board), Josh Morrison (having testing; surgery upcoming), Alex Harless. **CITY HOSPITAL (hospice):** Tom Postlethwait. **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **VALLEY OAKS CARE CENTER:** Fred Larrimore, (Room 210). **IN TENNESSEE:** Steve Higginbotham. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

### REMEMBER

*Always remember to forget the things that made you sad,  
But never forget to remember the things that made you glad.*

*Always remember to forget the friends that proved untrue,  
But never forget to remember those who have stuck by you.*

*Always forget to remember the troubles that passed away,  
But never forget to remember the blessings that come each day.*

- Author Unknown -

### TIME RUSHES ON



Time rushes on, unchecked, unaltered, carrying every material object to its inevitable end. Rust, decay and death are its perpetual companions. We are all running out of time. The only thing that really matters is: **Are you prepared to meet God?** Are the books of your life balanced? Are you ready to go? When time is swallowed up in eternity, **where will you be?** "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2).

- Frank Chesser -

### In Christ We Have ...

- ⇒ A love that can never be fathomed.
- ⇒ A life that can never die.
- ⇒ A righteousness that can never be tarnished,
- ⇒ A peace that can never be understood.
- ⇒ A rest that can never be disturbed.
- ⇒ A joy that can never be diminished.
- ⇒ A hope that can never be disappointed.
- ⇒ A glory that can never be clouded.

*"He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?"*

Romans 8:32