

G.L. O. CALENDAR FOR AUG. 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4 Communion Sunday	5	6	7 Zachary Bynum Bd	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 3rd Sunday Singing 6 p.m.	19	20	21	22 Justin Miller Bd.	23 Alissa Ivie Bd.	24
25 Business Meeting to be announced if needed	26	27 Kathy Reppond Bd.	28	29 Katalin Ivie Bd	30 Cecil Wolf Bd.	31 Bettye Pack Bd.

GOSPEL LIGHTHOUSE OUTREACH CHURCH

“ THE CHURCH ON THE HILL “



Pastors: Bennie & Jeanette Dendy

From the pastor's desk

August 11, 2013

Today is the best Sunday God ever created. Why? Because we all alive and ready to walk into His House of worship and plug into Him and rejoice! Is that not what we are here for to feel the little dolollies, that's what I call them, you may call them the spirit of God. Either way they run up and down your spine and make you feel like shouting, running, and dancing in the spirit, so just plug into God's socket and let go and let Him have His way! Come on in and join us. If it's your first time to be with us, don't let it be your last. God loves you and we'll treat you so many ways, you'll be bound to like one of them. If you come more than once we claim you as our own anyway. We hope you feel at home and come back next week. Bless you all!

Please keep in prayer: our troops, government leaders, our Evangelist, Sister Mary Adams, Sis. Bess Graham, Lay Witness For Christ Ministry, Dr. Sam and Sharon Mings, Israel, all churches, our prayer box, all the sick people, and the web site gospellighthouse-outreach.com. We put prayer request from our members and from the web site into our prayer box and pray over the names in the box each time we have service.

Our scripture for this week:

Lu. 12:6,7; ⁶ Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God?

⁷ But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows.

Just think how much He loves you; he knows every hair on your head and he willingly gave His life for all; sinners and saints! What an awesome love! Amen...

WHAT FORGIVENESS IS AND IS NOT:

Author u/k. Someone shared this with me. I thought, this is so right and maybe some others beside myself haven't seen this. But remember the verse that Pastor Dendy shares with us, **"If you can't forgive others, how can God forgive us!"** If God can't forgive us will we make heaven? Think about it!

Colossians 3:13: Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

To understand forgiveness we must realize what forgiveness is NOT:

Forgiveness is not forgetting. Deep hurts can rarely be wiped out of one's awareness.

Forgiveness is not reconciliation. Reconciliation takes two persons, but an injured party can forgive an offender without reconciliation.

Forgiveness is not condoning. Forgiveness does not necessarily excuse bad or hurtful behavior.

Forgiveness is not dismissing. It involves taking the offense seriously, not passing it off as inconsequential or insignificant.

Forgiveness is not a vague notion of 'tolerance'. This is, at best, a low-grade parody of forgiveness. At worst, it's a way of sweeping the real issues in life under the carpet.

Forgiveness is not pardoning. A pardon is a legal transaction that releases an offender from the consequences of an action, such as a penalty.

Throughout the Old Testament we read that only God can forgive sins. We hear David exclaim, "He forgives all my sins..." (**Psalm 103:3**). We also see examples of human forgiveness—even in pain—like Joseph forgiving his brothers for selling him into slavery. Joseph gains true freedom. He then names his son Manasseh, "one who causes to be forgotten."

In the New Testament we see Jesus, the Lamb of God, come into to the world to die for our sins. Through His shed blood we can once and for all receive ultimate forgiveness. This is the pure "gospel of grace." This forgiveness is a gift. We do not deserve it but God, in His grace, reached out to provide forgiveness to a dying world.

Then we read in the verse above the impact of this on those of us who have received that forgiveness. Its ethical challenge parallels "love your enemies" and "pray for your persecutors."

In the final analysis, forgiveness is an act of faith. By forgiving another, I am trusting that God is a better justice-maker than I am. By forgiving, I release my own right to get even and leave all issues of fairness for God to work out. I leave in God's hands the scales that must balance justice and mercy. I simply forgive others and leave them to God.

RESPONSE: Today I will leave fairness and justice in God's hands. I will obediently forgive others just as the Lord forgave me.

PRAYER: Lord, grant me the faith to trust You with the offenses committed against me. I will forgive.