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## ***“Being Forgiven by God”***

*By Pastor Amos L. Durham*

Some of the most wonderful stories in the Gospels are told to us only by Luke. One of those stories is the story in **Luke 7:36-50**. It is a story that introduces us to several personalities. There is the Pharisee named Simon that invited Jesus into his home. There is the unnamed woman whose life was stained and scarred by sin. We also meet an unnamed creditor and his two unnamed debtors. Then, there is the most important One in the story and that being the Lord Jesus Christ.

It is a story with both, thrilling and tragic scenes, and also with delightful and disturbing moments. The story can be approached from the perspective of each participant in the story, and from each participant, lessons can be drawn that speak to different areas of our life. The dominant theme in the story is that of forgiveness, and considering the subject of forgiveness from three different perspectives. The one theme that seems to rise from each participant in the story is that of forgiveness and the power of forgiveness in their lives. The subject of forgiveness is a wonderful subject and one that plays a large role in the Scriptures, especially in this story. Just as the story can be approached from various viewpoints, the subject of forgiveness in the story can be approached from more than one perspective.

As we think about the power of forgiveness, as illustrated in our story, I want us to look at forgiveness from three perspectives. The first involves the matter of being forgiven by God. There is the woman who is called a “sinner.” The words of Jesus to her in **verse 48, “Thy sins are forgiven,”** remind us how one can be forgiven by God. Our sins, as we shall see, may be many, but we can be forgiven by God.

The Lord’s words to her in **verse 50, “go in peace,”** reminds us that not only can we be forgiven by God, but we can forgive ourselves as well. An unnecessary load of guilt is being carried by those who have heard the Lord say, **“Thy sins are forgiven.”**

And then, there is the story of the creditor and his two debtors. Each had their own debt, but we read in **verse 42 that “he frankly forgave them both.”** In his act of forgiveness, we are reminded of the matter of forgiving others.

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## **"To Be Forgiven by God"**

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So, we see in the story the matter of being forgiven by God, forgiving ourselves, and forgiving others. We are given three different perspectives on the subject of forgiveness and the power of forgiveness in each situation.

**To be continued...**

### **March Birthdays**

1 Thelma Greer  
3 Toby Cates Sr.  
5 Enid Foster  
7 Mary McGill  
8 Jeanette Pearson  
11 Johniece Wofford  
14 Micheal Wofford  
21 Marilyn Foster  
25 Jody Jackson

1 Samantha D. Rice  
4 Grace Hughes  
5 Arthur Talley  
7 Pearl Snoddy  
9 Barbara H. Jackson  
12 Malinda Briggs  
20 Keith Earles Jr.  
21 Michael Spencer Sr.  
29 Willie Cheeks

2 Barbara J. Jackson  
4 Lauren Littlejohn  
6 Irene Steen  
8 Teresa Foster  
11 Doris McEntire  
14 Marvin Foster  
20 Pam Mills  
25 Megan Davis  
31 Michael Huey

### **March Anniversaries**



**Charles & Ann Jeter**  
**March 16**  
**33 years**



**Cecil & Mary Foster**  
**March 27**  
**51 years**



**Rev. Stanley & Carolyn Johnson**  
**March 28**  
**48 years**

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## Bible Word Search.

### Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 256
Matt. 11:18-30

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After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

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**Jesus the Teacher 2**

ASHES	BEARABLE
CITIES	BURDEN
DEPTHS	CHILDREN
EARTH	CHOOSES
EXCEPT	GLUTTON
FATHER	HEAVEN
FRIEND	HIDDEN
GENTLE	HUMBLE
HEART	JUDGMENT
JESUS	LEARNED
KNOWS	MIRACLES
LIFTED	NEITHER
LIGHT	PLEASURE
PRAISE	REMAINED
REVEAL	PROVED
SIDON	REPENT
SKIES	SINNERS
SODOM	DRINKING

February Word Search Answer –Deliver us and forgive our sins.*Psalms 79:9 NIV*

## Medical News: Stroke

### What is a stroke?

A stroke, also known as a cerebrovascular accident or CVA is when part of the brain loses its blood supply and the part of the body that the blood-deprived brain cells control stops working. This loss of blood supply can be ischemic because of lack of blood flow, or hemorrhagic because of bleeding into brain tissue. A stroke is a medical emergency because strokes can lead to death or permanent disability. There are opportunities to treat ischemic strokes but that treatment needs to be started in the first few hours after the signs of a stroke begin. The patient, family, or bystanders, should call 9-1-1 and activate emergency medical services immediately should a stroke be suspected.

A transient ischemic attack (TIA or mini-stroke) describes an ischemic stroke that is short-lived where the symptoms resolve spontaneously. This situation also requires emergency assessment to try to minimize the risk of a future stroke. By definition, a stroke would be classified as a TIA if all symptoms resolved within 24 hours.

### What is the NIH Stroke Scale?

Not all strokes affect the brain equally, and stroke symptoms and signs depend upon the part of the brain affected.

- For example, most people's speech center is located in the left half of the brain so a stroke affecting the left side of the brain would affect speech and comprehension. It also would be associated with weakness of the right side of the body.
- A right brain stroke would make the left side of the body weak. And depending on where in the brain the injury occurred, the weakness could be the face, arm, leg or a combination of the three.. For more information visit [www.medicinenet.com](http://www.medicinenet.com)

## March 2017

**March 18 8:00am-1:00pm Girl Talk 2016**

**March 19 9:50am Act of Baptism**

### FAMILY PORTRAITS

*Life Touch Photography* will be taking pictures for RBC on:

**Friday, March 24 – 1pm - 8pm**

**Saturday, March 25 – 10am – 5pm**

**Sunday, March 26 – 12pm – 6pm**

**There is a \$5.00 sitting fee charge due when you arrive to take your pictures. You will receive an 8x10 free. This is being sponsored by the Fellowship Ministry. These pictures will be going in the church souvenir booklet. The committee is asking that ALL members please sign up to have your family portrait taken.**

### New Members/Converts

**Adriane Hardy-----Salvation/Baptism**

## Worship Services

9:15 a.m. **Sunday School/ Dea. M. Spencer**

10:00 a.m. **Worship/Children's Church**

7:00 p.m. **Mid-week service/Rev. S. Johnson**

### Worship Assignments

**March 5**

Deacons' Ministry  
**Holy Communion**  
Praise Team/Sanctuary Choir  
Senior Ushers  
Children's Church

**March 12**

Praise Team/Sanctuary Choir  
Junior Ushers  
Children's Church

**March 19**

Praise Team  
Senior Ushers

**March 26**

Praise Team/All Male Choir  
Junior Ushers  
Children's Church