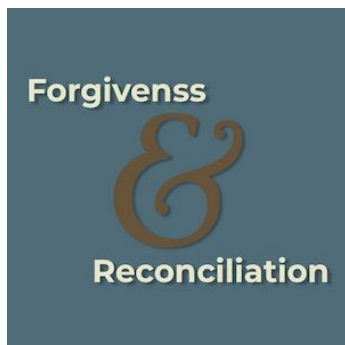




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Forgiveness and Reconciliation – part 2

Last week in the Lift article we looked at the first part of the phrase, forgiveness. Today we are considering the second part, reconciliation. (NewsNation) "In 1995, 14-year-old Tony Hicks became the youngest person in California to be charged and convicted as an adult with murder for killing 20-year-old San Diego pizza deliveryman Tariq Khamisa.



"Sometimes in deep trauma, there is a spot of clarity," Azim Khamisa told NewsNation. "I realized that Tony was not my enemy." Nine months after his son's death, Khamisa started the Tariq Khamisa Foundation, which tries to convince teens to turn away from gangs, crime, and violence. He also tried to convince Hicks to join the effort even as he remained behind bars. Hicks resisted for five years. "I didn't feel like I was ready," Hicks said. "I didn't feel like I deserved to be forgiven for what I had done." Eventually, he did agree and now sits on the foundation board. Hicks was released from prison in 2019 after serving 24 years for Tariq Khamisa's death.

Azim Khamisa says he heard the arguments against forgiveness, and for hanging Hicks "from the highest pole. But how does that improve society?" The Tariq Khamisa Foundation has reached an estimated two million teens in its 29 years of operation. Many of its events feature Azim Khamisa and Tony Hicks on stage "together in the spirit of healing to end youth violence," as the foundation's website states."

As we saw last week, we are commanded to forgive. We are also commanded to take the next step and "be reconciled." Matthew 5:23-24, "So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother and then come and offer your gift." These are the words of Jesus. Jesus is God. Therefore, God himself commanded us to "be reconciled." Since it is a command by God, to not reconcile is a sin. No matter who brought about the rift in our relationship, we must go to them and forgive, seek forgiveness and reconcile, to restore that relationship.

There are two caveats. Reconciliation may not always be legitimately possible. Romans 12:18, "If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all." Paul taught that we must really, really try to reconcile, but there are times when the other person does not want to. Sometimes we say they don't want to, but the truth is, we did not really try. We did not really forgive and did not really try to reconcile. If we try to reconcile, but they will not, that is all we can do. Pray for them anyway.

The second situation is when we do forgive, but because the hurt is so deep and severe, and our fear of being hurt again, we can't be friends again or be around them at all or for very long. Some people cannot or will not change and are destined to hurt us again. And so reconciliation is not possible. However, forgiveness and being civil whenever you are around them is required. Paul takes it one step further. Romans 12:18, "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink, in doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

And so, let us obey our Lord. Let us forgive and reconcile whenever it is possible, as it depends on us. May the Holy Spirit convict us all when we don't. After all God forgave us and reconciled with us...



CBC WEEKLY PRAYER POINT

We ask God to give you complete knowledge of His will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding. Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while you will grow as you learn to know God better and better. We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy, always thanking the Father. He has enabled you to share the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light. For He has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his dear Son, who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins." Amen. **Colossians 1: 9b-14 (NLT).**

Prayer & Praises

- Chelsey Meyers-Yost requested prayer for Brian Meyers' (her Dad's) prostate surgery that is coming up. Also, pray that he won't need radiation after and for her mom, Barb, and the family during this time.
- Mary & Dave Titzell requested prayer for healing for Jan (sister), who had neck surgery at Hershey Medical.
- Bob & Brenda Foltz requested prayer for Rick Storm (Bob's brother-in-law). Rick is having pancreatic cancer surgery.
- Ray Hunt requested prayer for Chris Hunt. Chris needs healing; he is in the ICU and will be having a heart catheterization.
- Brett Miller requested prayer for Lisa, Avery, and Ken, a family who attended the Carnival on Saturday.
- Kerry & Traci Kauffman shared a praise for the birth of their third grandchild.
- Keep the families of the Northern Regional police officers in your prayers, as well as their co-workers and the Sheriff's Department and the York community.
- Keep praying for Janet Deardorff's health.

Please pray for these congregations and pastors:

- Collinsville Congregation in Collinsville, VA and Pastor Roy McVey
- Columbia Furnace Congregation in Edinburg, VA and Pastors Bill Fitchett and Buster Doman

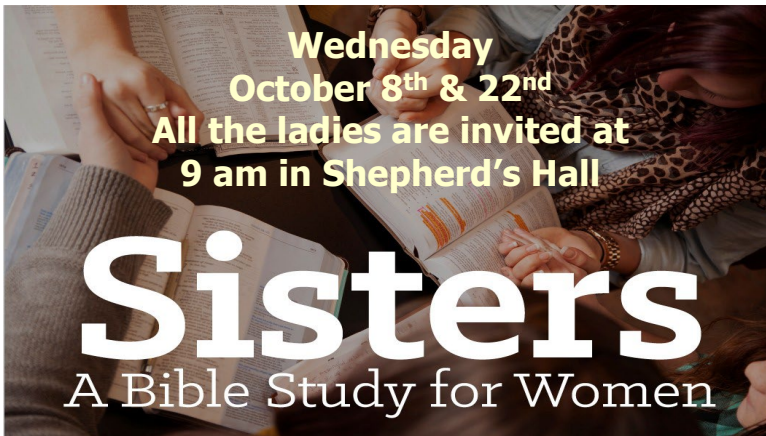




HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday, November 9th

11:45 am – 5 pm
Fun ~ Food ~ Games
More info to come!



Wednesday
October 8th & 22nd
All the ladies are invited at
9 am in Shepherd's Hall

Sisters

A Bible Study for Women

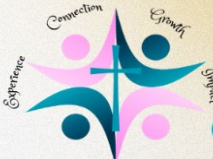


How to Be Happy In Jesus Small Group

October 2nd, 9th, 23rd, 30th

6:30 pm in the Sanctuary

See Dave Titzell if
you need info



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REVIVAL OCTOBER 12-15

Service Times:

Sunday, 10.12 – 9 am – Message “The Marks of a Loving Church” Music – Bermudian Men’s & Women’s Choir

Sunday, 10.12 – 6:15 pm – 6:45 pm for mini concert with Whispering Creek Bluegrass, Service begins at

7 pm – Message “How Your Life Can Change”

Monday 10.13 – 7 pm

Message – “God is Awesome, He Deserves Your Praise”
Music – Beth Marshal & Mike King
West York Church of the Brethren

Tuesday 10.14 – 7 pm

Message – “What Should I Do When Life is a Burden”
Music – Our Popular Sing-a-long

Wednesday 10.15 – 7 pm

Message – “How to Know You Are God’s Child”
Music – Pastor Gary & Linda Firster

Guest Evangelist: Stafford Frederick
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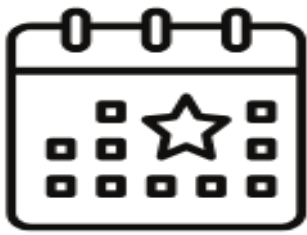
LOVE FEAST

Love Feast will be observed on October 5. On that Sunday, we will celebrate our normal worship at 9:00 AM. After this celebration worship, we will move to the Gathering Place for Love Feast, where we will find our seats at various tables. We will then celebrate in the normal three-fold way: feet washing, Lord’s supper (common meal), and communion (the bread and the cup). There will be feet-washing and hand-washing areas away from the table seating. Feet and hand washing will remain male/female separated. After the feet/hand washing, we will share a meal together which will include two different kinds of soups. After the meal, we will remain at the tables to celebrate communion with the bread and cup. For those of you who have never celebrated Love Feast before, this will be a great opportunity to see what this blessed ordinance is all about. We hope you all will join us.

Childcare will be available.

October 21st, 2025

Commission Meeting 6 pm
Board Meeting 7 pm



Reminders

Wednesday 10/1

Newsletter Deadline!

6:30 pm – Life Group



Thursday 10/2

6:30 PM – How to be Happy in Jesus Small Group

Friday 10/3



Sue Deardorff's Birthday

Saturday 10/4



Brenda Eisenhower's Birthday



Kerry Kauffman's Birthday

Sunday 10/5

09:00 am – Come Worship



10:30 am – Love Feast

No Sunday School

Monday 10/6

Newsletter Prep & Printing



Tuesday 10/7



Mike Eisenhower's Birthday



Dan Thrift's Birthday

Newsletter Assembly



6:30 pm – Women's Fellowship – Fruitbelt

Farmworker's Visit and meal (leaving @ 4:30 pm)

Wednesday 10/8

9:00 am – Sisters Bible Study

6:30 pm - Life Group



7:45 pm – Ladies & Men's Choir Practice

Thursday 10/9

6:30 PM – How to be Happy in Jesus Small Group

Friday 10/10



Connie Shultz's Birthday



James & Dorothy Kauffman's Anniversary

Saturday 10/11

Susquehanna Region Conference at Ridge CBC

Sunday 10/12

09:00 am – Come Worship – Morning Revival

10:00 am – Intersections Café

10:20 am – Sunday School

12:00 pm – Widows/Widowers Luncheon at

Noon at Hoss's

6:15 pm – Revival with Pastor Stafford

Frederick, Mini Concert with Whispering Creek
Bluegrass

Monday 10/13

7:00 pm – Revival Services

Tuesday 10/14

7:00 pm – Revival Services

Wednesday 10/15

7:00 pm – Revival Services



Linda Meck's Birthday

Saturday 10/18



Larry & Carol McKinley's Anniversary

Sunday 10/19

09:00 am – Come Worship

10:00 am – Intersection's Café

10:20 am - Sunday School



John Fisher's Birthday



Gabriel Good's Birthday



Butch Warren's Birthday

Monday 10/20



Victor & Lakota Mojica's Anniversary