

God Turns Enemies Into Friends

Martin Niemoller was a Lutheran pastor in Germany during the rise of Hitler. Because of his opposition to Hitler, he was arrested and imprisoned in two different concentration camps over a period of 8 years.

He was forced to watch as other prisoners were mistreated and killed. Part of his punishment was to watch helplessly as others were starved to death, beaten to death, or taken to the gas chambers. He himself was not beaten or deprived of food.

There was a gallows built outside his cell. He watched many people go to their death on the gallows, and he fully expected to one day be executed himself on that gallows. He watched as these people approached death and wrote that many of them cursed their executioners and Hitler. Many would tell their executioners that there was a God, and He would give them their just rewards for being murderers.

As he watched these people face death, he began to wonder how he would face his own death when it came his time to walk up those steps to the gallows. What would be his last words as they placed the rope around his neck? Would he curse them or be like Jesus and ask God to forgive them?

He writes that he learned that God is not the enemy of his enemies. In fact, he says he learned that God is not even the enemy of God's enemies. God turns enemies into friends by forgiving them, loving them and saving them.

Have we learned that God is not the enemy of His enemies? "For God so loved the world that He gave His Only Begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

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Sunday, August 5, 2018

<p>Prayer List Updates</p> <p>Myatt Leath – baby from Valley View church of Christ; in NICU at LeBonheur with respiratory illness</p>	<p>Upcoming Events</p> <p>Tuesdays ladies' Bible study; 10 am children welcome</p> <p>today guest speaker Dakota Crossno; potluck after morning services</p>	<p>Correspondence Course Ministry</p> <p>week of July 30 – August 4: 12 lessons graded</p>
<p>Birthdays</p> <p>Miles Young August 5 Asher Sills August 5</p>	<p>Announcements</p> <p>A committee is being formed for the centennial celebration October 5-7. To serve, see Larry Brooks or Matthew Sills.</p>	<p>August Haiti Needs</p> <p>rulers erasers powdered milk</p>
<p>Memory Verse</p> <p>The Lord who made the earth, the Lord who forms it to establish it, Yahweh is His name, says this: Call to Me and I will answer you and tell you great and incomprehensible things you do not know.</p> <p>Jeremiah 33:2-3</p>	<p>There will be a graveside service for Linda Taylor September 2 at 2:00 in the Leachville cemetery. Dinner will be served after for close friends and family at the former Malt Shop. If you wish to attend the meal, please R.S.V.P. to Barbara Lloyd at 870-539- 6506 no later than August 24.</p>	<p>Last Week's Attendance</p> <p>Sunday morning: 48 Sunday evening: 31 Wednesday evening: 24</p>

Weekly Service Assignments

<p>Sunday Morning</p>	<p>Bible class: 9:45 am worship: 10:45 am</p>	<p>Sunday Evening 6:00 pm</p>
<p>First Prayer Rudi Cagle Announcements Joel Ingram Second Prayer Matthew Sills</p>	<p>Scripture Reading Joel Ingram</p>	<p>First Prayer Larry Towell Closing Prayer Raymond Lasley Lord's Supper Matthew Sills Ken Beach</p>
<p>Lord's Supper 1. Braden Drury 3. Ken Beach 2. Matthew Sills 4. Justin Beach Closing Prayer Peter Salley</p>		<p>Wednesday Evening 7:00 pm</p> <p>First Prayer Raymond Lasley Closing Prayer Rudi Cagle</p>