

## REMEMBERING

A couple in their nineties are both having problems remembering things. During a checkup, the doctor tells them that they're physically okay, but they should start writing things down to help them remember. Later that night, while watching TV, the man gets up. 'Want anything while I'm in the kitchen?' he asks. 'Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?' 'Sure. Should you write it down so you can remember it?' 'No, I can remember it.' 'Well, I'd like some strawberries on top with whipped cream, too. Maybe you should write it down', she says. He responds, 'You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream. I don't need to write it down; I can remember it!' Toddling into the kitchen, the old man returns after about 20 minutes and hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs. She stares at the plate for a moment before asking 'Where's my toast?'



## LOOKING GOOD

A man moved to a Seniors' home and noticed a lady was constantly staring at him. After a few days, he asked, "Ma'am, why have you been staring at me all the time?" "You look just like my third husband," she replied. "Well, how many times have you been married?" he asked. She answered, "Twice – so far!"



## DANCING

A wealthy woman was giving a garden party with several well-to-do guests. During the festivities, two gardeners were out on the back lawn working. One was busy weeding when the other suddenly leaped high into the air and spun around. Taken by his grace, a guest remarked to the host, "That man is such a talented dancer! I'll pay him \$500 to dance at my next party." When the host asked the first gardener about such an arrangement, he yelled, "Hey, Louis! For \$500 could you step on that rake again?"

The oldest computer traces back to Adam and Eve; an apple with extremely limited memory. Just 1 byte and then everything crashed.



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## Precious Little Memories

Precious little memories  
 of little things well done,  
 Make the very darkest day  
 A bright and happy one.

Tender little memories  
 Of some word or deed,  
 Give us strength and courage  
 When we are in need.

Blessed little memories  
 Help us bear the cross  
 And soften all the bitterness  
 Of failure and loss.

Priceless little memories  
 Are treasures without price,  
 And through the gateway of the heart  
 They lead to paradise.

~ Helen Steiner Rice

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**Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Services.**  
**20 Centre Street W., Strathroy, Ontario**

**Thot:** "Memories are priceless possessions that time can never destroy, for it is in happy remembrance that the heart finds its greatest joy."

~ Helen Steiner Rice

## GRAY HAIR

A young child walked up to her mom and stared at her hair. As her mom scrubbed the dishes, the girl cleared her throat and asked, "Why do you have some gray hairs?"



The mother paused and looked at her daughter, "Every time you disobey, I get another strand of gray hair", she explained.

The mother returned to her task of washing the dishes. The little girl stood there thinking. She cleared her throat again. "Mom?" she said, "Yes dear?" her mother answered. "Why is Grandma's hair *all* gray?"

## MARTIAL ARTS

A young boy had been absent from church for a few weeks. On his return, he explained to his pastor that he had been taking karate lessons. He proudly exclaimed, "I can now break a two-inch board with my cast."



### Something to Think About...

*"For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more"* ~ Hebrews 8:12

There are certainly many things which we want to remember. We save photos on our phones or in an album. We reflect on the good ol' days and find delight in our memories. We are blessed. But thank God there are things that He chooses to forget!

It's only through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ that forgiveness is possible to all who chose to believe in Him. The Old Testament brought a *remembrance* of sins, not the *remission* (cancelling our debt) of sin as we receive through the Lord. *"For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins"* (Matthew 26:28). Indeed, it's only through Christ's sacrifice of His own life that provides the ability for us to receive His forgiveness. In Acts, Peter tells a Roman named Cornelius that *"everyone who believes in [Jesus] receives forgiveness of sins through His name"* (Act 10:43). Cornelius and those in his home did believe, and they received forgiveness in Christ.

So, what does it mean that our Lord remembers our sins no more? Does it mean that our all-knowing, never-changing, God can actually forget the wrongs we've done? There are several passages in the Bible that indicate that God forgives *and forgets* our sin. Isaiah 43:25 says, *"I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more."* And the prophet, Jeremiah, announcing God's promise that, *"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I shall make a new*

*covenant..."*, then proclaims God's promise, *"I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more"*, of which the Hebrews writer then quotes many years later to apply to the rich redemption we have received in Jesus. Rather than treating us as our sins deserve, God removes our sins from us *"as far as the east is from the west"* (Psalm 103:12) — an immeasurable distance. Think of travelling around the globe. When does one stop going east and start going west? It is impossible to say. When we're saved, our sins are completely forgiven. That's what Hebrews is talking about — Jesus made a one-time, all-complete, forever, sacrifice completely removing our sin. God remits sin on the basis of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross (Romans 3:24-25); remission that only comes by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8-9).

God is the original for "Out of sight, out of mind". The phrase, *"Remember no more"* means He'll "hold it against us no more!" Though God recalls our past mistakes, our wandering away, our sins, all that we have done or failed to do, He doesn't hold it against us. He deals with us on the basis of His grace and mercy, not law and merit. Once sin has been forgiven, it's never brought up before us again. The matter is settled eternally.

That's a lesson, we too can apply to our own lives. So often we hear, "Well I'll forgive, but I can't forget". That's natural. The more you try to forget, the more you'll remember every detail, right? But we can choose to not hold it against the person who has wronged us, to move on and not keep a record and treat them as though they never did what they did, said what they said, or failed to do what they said they that

would — because that's what God did for us; we're forgiven through the completed work of Christ our Lord and Saviour. Because of the cross of Calvary, we know that if we confess our sins, God is faithful to forgive, cleansing us of all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9) allowing us to stand before Him under the righteousness of His own Son, Jesus. Rather than hold our sins over us, He frees us from the slavery of sin; sets us free to experience a new life. We then can join King Hezekiah in praising our Redeemer: *"You have put all my sins behind your back"* (Isaiah 38:17). Like Paul, we can forget what is behind and *"press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called [us] heavenward in Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 3:13). And in our experience of forgiveness from God, we can — we must — forgive one another.

### Mark Your Calendar!

August 4<sup>th</sup> – Communion

#### August Corn Roast

- Date to be confirmed

**Weekly Services at 10:30 a.m.**

**Wednesdays 1:30 p.m.**

Weekly Prayer (FBCS Godwinks' Café)

**Message Series**

***That Ol' Time Religion!***

**Come and join us!**