



those sins (Acts 2:21, 38; 22:16). And, because they are no more, they're just not important enough for Him to remember any longer.

It is with all of this said that we must ask ourselves what we remember. Do we remember God in the mornings when we wake up? Do we remember Him in the evenings when we lay our heads to rest? Do we remember

Him in the good times? Do we remember Him in the not-so-good times? Do we remember Him at school, work, play, Church, and everywhere else as we go through a normal day? Do we remember His loving kindness, His mercies, His blessings, His promises to us? If not, then God may not be as important to us as we may have thought He was and we need to remedy that. **“Remember the Creator in the days of your youth”** cries The Preacher in Ecclesiastes 12:1. **“Remember His marvelous works which He has done”** cries the psalmist in Psalm 105:5. **“Remember that Jesus Christ, the seed of David, was raised from the dead”** cries Paul in Second Timothy 2:8. And, if you have fallen from the glory of God by sinning against Him again (Romans 3:23), **“remember from where you have fallen”** and **“repent and do the first works”** cries Jesus in Revelation 2:5. We must remember these things and never forget them because of just how important they are, whether we realize it or not. May God help us in our endeavor to remember what is truly important.



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Services

Sunday: 9:30 AM
10:20 AM
6:00 PM

Wednesday: 7:00 PM

Elders:

Charles Kelley
Pat Ledbetter
Jeff Nunn
Kyle Pope

Deacons:

Dean Bowers
Eddie Cook
Pat Goguen
Neil Ledbetter
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“I Will Not Forget Thee”

By Curtis Carwile

I can remember my first service here at Olsen Park as the preacher-in-training. Becca, her mother, her grandmother and I had left Louisville, KY on Tuesday morning with a pocket full of dreams and a Uhaul truck full of junk. After we stopped for the night around Oklahoma City, we got up on Wednesday morning and we were in Amarillo by that afternoon. We spent the rest of that afternoon bringing in boxes and unpacking them and whatever else our tired bodies would allow us to do. Then, we got ready for Church and left, not having any clue as to where the building was. I remember that we called Bobbie Ford after taking some obvious wrong turns and getting directions from there. Eventually, we made it and we met some of you for the first time all over again. I can still remember what Kyle spoke on that night in class. We were going through Revelation at the time. Kyle quickly and effortlessly breezed through something I still don't understand completely. As he taught class, I remember telling Becca, “I can really learn from this

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guy.” When services ended, we went back to our apartment with several of the men to help us move in. I remember that, because we had done so much earlier that day, it took the ten of us about five minutes to get everything that was left out of the moving van and into the apartment. I also remember that, because our dryer didn’t have the right “something,” the rest of the men stood around in our small little kitchen



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looking over David Warren’s shoulder as he fixed whatever the problem was. After that, everyone went home and we went to bed. And, that is about all I can remember for the next month. I’m sure that, to some degree or another, I will always remember that day.

It is always interesting to notice the things you remember because those are the really important things to you. It is why people remember birthdays. It’s why spouses (hopefully) remember their wedding anniversary. What you remember are the things that are important to you. So, what does God remember? What will He never forget? What is important to Him?

One thing that He remembers is His covenant with Abraham. In Genesis 12:1-3, God made His covenant with Abraham that, if Abraham would make Him his God, then He would bless Abraham and his seed in order to bless all the nations of the earth. In Exodus 2:24, God remembered His promise to Abraham and began the process of bringing Abraham’s physical descendants out of Egyptian bondage. In Deuteronomy 4:31, Moses reiterated that God would never forget that promise. And, in Galatians 3:8, Paul explains that He remembered that promise by bringing the offer of salvation and justification to everyone through His Son and Abraham’s Seed, Jesus. God remembered His covenant promise with Abraham because it was important to Him to see that all families of every nation be blessed with the offer of deliverance out of the spiritual bondage of sin.

Something else He remembers is His covenant promise with Noah. In Genesis 9:15-16, God promised Noah and His descendants that He would never again destroy the world with water. He sealed that promise with a rainbow in the clouds. He did that because it was important for Noah and his descendants to believe two things: One, that God always means what He says and will always do what He says He’ll do. And, two, that God will destroy the world again, not with water this time, but with fire. In Second Peter 3:10, Peter tells of God’s promise to “melt” away the elements of both heaven and earth when the Day of the Lord comes. God remembers His promise to Noah because it is important to Him that his descendants look to that rainbow, look to the Ark (His instrument of deliverance), and look to the Day of the Lord.

One final thing (even though there are many more we could discuss) which God remembers is you. In Isaiah 49:15, God says that, even though a mother who just gave birth may forget the baby to whom she just gave birth, He promises that **“I will not forget thee.”** Even though God is speaking to the Israelites when He says it, it is still just as true for us today. It is important **for** Him to remember you and me because we are important **to** Him. We are important to Him because He loves us (John 3:16). And, because He loves us, He remembers His promises to Noah and Abraham because they are essential for us to receive the fullness of His love.

It truly is an amazing comfort to know that the God who created all heaven and earth remembers you and me, individually. In all of the trials and triumphs that we face in this life, God remembers us. And, even though it is difficult to imagine anything greater, God promises something else. God promises that, for those who turn to Him in humble obedience, He will remember their sins no more. Just as the things a person remembers are important, the things that a person forgets just aren’t all that important. The repentant servant’s sins just aren’t all that important to God. They’re not important to Him because He has already forgiven them. They were forgiven, washed away, when that person called on His holy name by repenting from his life of sin and being baptized for the remission of