



## **NEVER ENOUGH**

*By: Martin Drummond*

Some Christians probably get tired of reading biblical mandates to forgive others.

To them, the recurring message of scripture might seem like a mother's admonition to "Clean up your room!" that keeps being neglected.

The patient mother knows, however, that the room won't clean itself and that laziness toward personal habits lays a foundation to larger, costlier problems.

And so her admonitions continue.

To stop them is to settle for disarray, something that is never good.

Today's reading in the *One-Year Bible* contains another admonition to forgive others.

It's in Matthew 18 and involves the question of Peter who asked, "*Lord, how many times shall I forgive someone who sins against me? Up to seven times?*"

It is supposed by Bible scholars that Peter was thinking he'd impress God and Jesus by this implied willingness to give others seven strikes before saying, "*You're out!*"

And the fact is that many people never reach that threshold of forgiveness toward others.

The grudges are just too tasty, too sticky, it seems. But Jesus wasn't impressed.

In fact, Jesus said one should forgive another 490 times at a minimum. Of course, Jesus was using hyperbole in order to make a point that Christians aren't to keep score regarding forgiveness.

For to do so implies a deep root of hypocrisy. And Jesus points this out quite clearly in His parable (Matthew 18:21-34) that follows.

We all are quick to desire the forgiveness of others, even if our pride blocks us from verbalizing it.

If only we were as quick in our desire to forgive others.

Jesus said elsewhere that God will forgive us according to the pattern that we use to forgive others.

That's a very tough teaching for many. Because many are clinging to very tasty, very sticky grudges.

Please, my friend, view grudges as poison. Because that's just what they are.

No matter how badly we've been wounded by another, no matter how distasteful the idea of letting the offender(s) off the hook -- regardless of whether they ask forgiveness or not -- we've got to let it go.

For the consequences of rebellion against God just might leave us forever with something infinitely more distasteful than a bowlful of swallowed pride.

Please.... forgive always. Without keeping score.

The benefits are out of this world.



## SOUTHWINDS CHRISTIAN CHURCH IS BRINGING **FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY** TO YOU!

Financial Peace University is a life-changing program that teaches you how to make the right decisions with your money.

The curriculum, designed by Dave Ramsey, the personal money management expert, extremely popular national radio personality, and author of the best-selling book, *The Total Money Makeover*, will empower you with the practical skills and confidence needed to achieve your financial goals and experience true financial peace!

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*Financial Peace University* classes meet for two hours each week for 13 weeks, during which time the average family pays off \$5300 in debt and saves \$2700.

The first lesson is totally free! All you have to do is register to attend.

We will be holding 3 **free previews** at the church on the following days:

**Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

**Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**

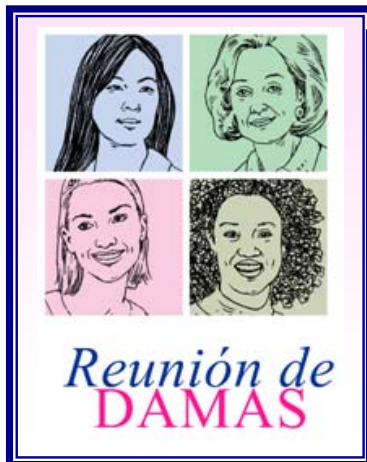
**Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

Sherry Medder, our class coordinator, will be available after each free preview if you wish to purchase your family membership and attend the full course.

If you would like to register for a free preview, please do so by visiting our website ([www.southwindschristian.com](http://www.southwindschristian.com)) and following the link provided there.

If you have any questions, please contact Sherry Medder.

***Stop worrying about money.  
Begin your journey to financial peace!***



## REUNION DE LAS DAMAS ESTA NOCHE A LAS 7PM

Tema: Un Año de Metas en Cristo  
Disertadora: Zary Garrido  
Hogar: Zaida Velásquez (18620 Lenaire Dr)

*Para más información comuníquese con  
Ada Rosa o Lupe Belmont*



### IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

This Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday school hour we will be having our quarterly brunch. **Please bring a dish to share.** This is a great opportunity to invite your friends and family.

*\*The Sunrise Café will still be serving coffee at 9:10am*

Please join us this Sunday at 9:10 a.m. in the **Sonrise Café**, located in the auditorium foyer. This is a good opportunity to fellowship with other believers, introduce visitors, or in general, get to know each other. Come a little early and mingle while enjoying coffee or juice and something to eat.



## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2010 AT 4PM

The Board of Elders and Deacons is calling an annual meeting of the entire congregation for the first Sunday in February, as mandated by our Constitution and Bylaws. The purpose of the meeting is to affirm or reject the slate of Elders, Deacons and Trustees and approve the budget for the present year.

According to our Constitution and Bylaws, **ARTICLE III: VOTING ELIGIBILITY**, *“Only active members 16 years of age and older will be permitted to participate in the business matters of the congregation. Questions concerning eligibility shall be referred to the Elders.”*



### BOARD MEETING

Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 5pm  
at the church

All Elders, Deacons, and Trustees are asked to attend this meeting

### ALL CHURCH WORKDAY Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 9am

There are many things to be done both inside and outside of the building. Everyone is asked to make plans to come and help for a few hours. Help us maintain this property that has been entrusted to us.



### YOUTH GROUP WEDNESDAY NIGHTS GAMES, FOOD && A LESSON 5-8PM

10850 Quail Roost Dr  
South Miami, FL, 33157  
For More Info  
Call Karen 305.213.8923

Our Youth Group is growing quickly!!  
On Wednesdays we play Softball & Football from 5pm until 7pm and we're working on adding Volleyball & Basketball to the mix. From 7pm to 8pm we eat and have a great lesson!!! If you know any teenagers tell them where we're at!!  
Any adults that want to come and join in on the fun are more than welcome!!! For more info please call Karen Rodriguez 305.213.8923



February Order Deadline: February 21<sup>st</sup>  
February Distribution Day: February 26<sup>th</sup>

\*\*\*Note: There are certain boxes that are available for online ordering only.  
Please check website for those items.

# FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9  11am ----- Financial Peace University Preview 7pm	10	11  7pm	12
13 Board Meeting 5pm ----- Financial Peace University Preview 7pm	14	15	16 Financial Peace University Preview 7pm	17	18	19 Work Day 9am ----- Confraternidad 5pm
20 Angel Food order Deadline	21 	22	23	24	25	26 Angel Food Distribution
27 Financial Peace University Begins 6pm-8pm	28					



## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mariana Colman
2 <sup>nd</sup>	David & Linda Hiers
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Heidi Garcia
6 <sup>th</sup>	Marc Hargraves
6 <sup>th</sup>	Renee Hernandez
6 <sup>th</sup>	David & Sherry Medder
8 <sup>th</sup>	Carl Paschal
9 <sup>th</sup>	Rachel Hernandez
14 <sup>th</sup>	Nicolasa Hernandez

14 <sup>th</sup>	Doris Torres
15 <sup>th</sup>	Gladis Garcia
16 <sup>th</sup>	Kim Schoenfeldt
16 <sup>th</sup>	Ricky Velasquez
16 <sup>th</sup>	Tania Veloz
17 <sup>th</sup>	Sixto & Ada Rosa
18 <sup>th</sup>	Amelia Hernandez
20 <sup>th</sup>	Alice Dacosta
24 <sup>th</sup>	Mark & Kim Schoenfeldt



# Serving Schedule

## JANUARY 30

### COMMUNION MEDITATION

Steve Chin

### COMMUNION SERVERS

Eppy Suarez\*

Jake Mills

Jose Rodriguez

Pete Moolah

### DONATION COUNTERS

Marilyn Redden

Eppy Suarez

## FEBRUARY 6

David Medder

Gene Kinnaird

Chris Kinnaird

David Hiers

Jordan Hernandez

Tom Fields

David Hiez

*\*Will lead offering prayer*



# Pauta de Servicio

## 30 DE ENERO

### ORACION OFRENDA

Manuel Velásquez

### ORACION SANTA CENA

Eppy Suarez

### LECTURA DE LA PALABRA

Chumán Rodriguez

### SIRVIENDO A LA MESA

Reinaldo Alvarez

Nelson Garrido

Sixto Rosa

Marino Polanco

## 6 DE FEBRERO

Santiago León

Manuel Velásquez

Zaida Velásquez

Nelson Garrido

Reinaldo Alvarez

Marino Polanco

Mario Girón



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Got Questions?



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