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# White Steeple Banner

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What's your biggest regret in life? If it's anything like these random New Yorkers, it has one very important word in it.

Students from Strayer University set up a chalkboard on the sidewalk near Lieutenant Petrosino Square in New York City for one day. At the top of the board was written, "Write your biggest regret." They provided a supply of colored chalk and set up a video camera to record people writing on the board.

The chalkboard attracted many people walking by and was soon filled to overflowing with written regrets that were poignant and thought-provoking.

- Burning bridges
- Never speaking up
- Not being a good husband
- Should have spent more time with family
- Staying in my comfort zone
- Not saying "I love you"

- Never applying to med school
- Not making the most of every day
- Not being a better friend

As the board filled up with so many different stories, they noticed that almost all of these regrets had one thing in common. Nearly all of them involved the word "not." They were about chances not taken. They were about words not spoken. They were about dreams never pursued.

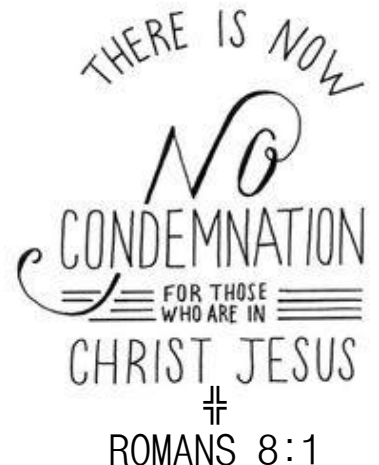
But then they gave these same people an eraser and wrote "Clean Slate" at the top of the chalkboard. As she erased her regret one young woman had tears in her eyes as she said, "I feel hopeful. It means that there are possibilities."

That's what Christ has done for us. We are given a clean slate. All our sins are forgiven. Not only the sins of the past, but any sins we may yet commit are made clean through the shed blood of Jesus.

Because of what Christ has done for us, we don't need to live regret filled lives. As the Apostle Paul wrote, "There is therefore no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:1).

In Christ, all our sins are washed away and we stand before God cleansed. We must not allow the sins of our past to steal the joy of the Lord found in forgiveness.

Blessings,  
Pastor Brian



**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

Brian Prucey	2nd
Connie Grzesiek	2nd
Wayne Lee	4th
Cameron Lee	8th
McKayla Rice	8th
Jennifer Lofton	9th
Jim Middleton	9th
Michael Bond	16th
John John Fox	17th
Janet Jones	18th
Carlion Middleton	21st
Dennis Spearman	21st
Billie Starr	23rd
Patrick Humphrey	30th

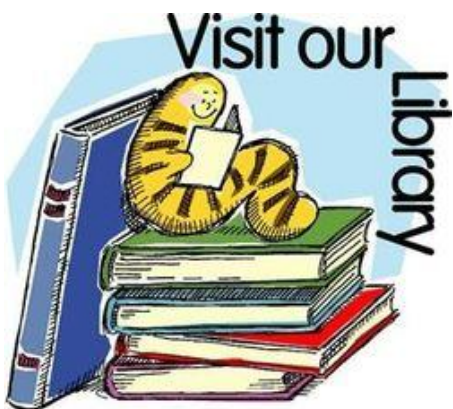
**ANNIVERSARIES**

Kenneth & Jennifer Lofton	13th
Pam & Bill East	14th
Joe & Flo Tyler	16th
David & Susan Barnes	26th
Jimmie & Sherry Hudson	28th
Jim & Carlion Middleton	30th



**Fellowship**

Friday, April 9th  
from 12 - 2 p.m.



Located in the rear  
of the Sanctuary  
See Wanda Kent  
for more  
information



**CHARLIE'S CHATS**

Thanks to all of you who have  
been faithful in choir practice  
and singing in the choir each  
Sunday.

We still have a few chairs  
available in the Praise Choir –  
maybe one is just for you!!  
Come join us each Wednesday  
at 6:30 for practice.



**Welcome  
to Our  
Church  
Family**  
Mary Dell Hamilton



**VBS 2016**

**June 26 to 30**



**In  
Sunday School  
at 9:30 a.m. each  
Sunday...  
There's a class  
just for you!**

**GET  
INVOLVED**

THERE ARE MANY WAYS  
TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



We have exciting  
opportunities to get  
involved in various  
areas of EGBC and  
would love for you to  
be a part of our team  
in our church family!

**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**SUNDAY**

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

Adult Prayer 6:30 p.m.  
Youth/Children  
Bible Studies 6:30 p.m.  
Praise Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.

