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PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

The Aslan Announcer

Open House • Ice Cream Social • Science Fair



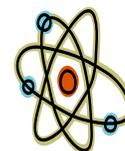
Mark your calendars now and make plans to bring your family to our annual **Open House • Ice Cream Social • Science Fair** on **Friday, June 1st.**

Classrooms will feature projects students have completed during this school year, and many of our students creative science experiments will also be displayed.

The **Ice Cream Social** will begin at **6:15 p.m.**

and the **Open House & Science Fair** begins at **7:15 p.m.**

*As a reminder, **June 1st** is a **Minimum day.** **Students** will be **released at Noon!**



Principals Place: I'm Really, Really Sorry! pt. 2



Previously we looked at King David's merciful act of overlooking the very offensive, profane, and dishonorable acts of Shimei when David was forced into exile.

David's pardon of Shimei was without question an admirable act. But there's more to this story than meets the eye. To catch the full breadth of David's act of forgiveness, we need to look at the end of his life and listen to his last words. Before we expose a most intriguing and ironic scene from Scripture, I would like to ask, how you would have felt if this had been you? If someone had publicly humiliated you in front of your family and friends, would you ever be able to forgive and forget?

Let's review briefly.

When Shimei comes to seek forgiveness (2nd Sam 19), David gives what appears to be an unconditional pardon. He cancels the debt, which is the essence of forgiveness. But on his deathbed, just before taking his last breath, David tells Solomon not to hold Shimei guiltless! In fact, David tells his son to bring Shimei to the grave. Why? David's last words were to even the score, so to speak. But this just doesn't seem to line up with Scripture. Again, we must ask ourselves "why?".

Forgiveness means to cancel a debt, but it doesn't mean to forget. The word *nasa* is the Hebrew word for forgive, meaning to lift up, to pardon, or to lift off

a debt. To forgive someone is to cancel the debt owed to us, but it doesn't mean that we should forget. To forget could be unwise, as long as remembering does not fill you with bitterness.

One way you can tell whether you have forgiven someone is if you have a "bitter taste in your mouth." Often when we have been offended we tend to drink the poison of bitterness, hoping the other person will feel the pain. Another way to determine whether or not you have truly forgiven someone is to consider how much he/she occupies your thoughts. If you are controlled by

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Notes from our PCS Staff

Lost and Still Not Found

We have an overabundance of items on our Lost and Found Rack. The Lost and Found Rack is available during school hours just outside the office. It will also be available during the Open House on June 1st for your convenience. *All items not picked up by the end of the year will be donated.* Thank you!



PCS Uniform Sale

We have some very exciting news, Tommy Hilfiger Uniforms will be doing a special promotion for us over the summer—June 19-July 2, they are offering 20% off all uniforms and logo application fees! This will be the perfect time to stock up on uniforms for the 2018-2019 school year. Keep an eye on your email in mid-June for the promo code and more information.

Drama and /or Music Elective

We are looking for a drama and/or a music teacher who would be interested in teaching an after-school elective. Is this a skill you have? Or do you know anyone who might be interested? Please contact our secretary, Jenny Schofield, at 530.672.6657 or providence.christian@yahoo.com



We L VE our Families & Volunteers

Academic Decathlon

Parent volunteers are needed to come help prepare and hand out snacks for this year's Academic Decathlon. The Academic Decathlon for grades K-3 will be held May 14th, and for grades 4-8 on May 15th, volunteers should meet in the office after morning drop-off.

If you are able to assist in this capacity, please contact our receptionist, Ellen Walker at: 530.672.6657 or via email: receptionist_pcs@yahoo.com

Jog-a-Thon Update

The Jog-a-Thon has been one of our most beloved PCS events over the years, but unfortunately, due to lack of volunteers and a coordinator, we will not be having our Jog-a-Thon fundraiser this year. If you are interested in helping out with this event so we can continue it next year, please connect with our secretary, Jenny Schofield at: 530.672.6657 or via email:

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Teacher Appreciation

We LOVE our teachers!! And to show them our appreciation, we are having a luncheon catered for them and our staff on Friday, May 18th. A flier went home regarding contributions of drinks, desserts, and volunteers for set-up and clean-up. If you can help with any of these, please contact our receptionist, Ellen Walker at: 530.672.6657 or via email:

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Memorial Day—A Day of Remembrance

What is Memorial Day?

One Memorial Day, some children were asked what Memorial Day meant to them. "That's the day the city swimming pool opens!" answered one eager boy. Another replied, "That's when we get a three-day weekend and summer starts!"

What these children didn't

realize, or appreciate, was that they can freely go to the city pool and enjoy their holiday because more than a million people have put their lives on the line to preserve America's democracy. Many of them have died so citizens of other countries might also enjoy the privileges of political, social, and economic freedom. This special day, which has a history

stretching back all the way to the Civil War, is our annual reminder of those who died in the service of our country.



Principals Place: pt. 2 (Cont'd. from Pg. 1)

thoughts of bitterness toward an offended brother or sister then you restrict the redemptive work of the Holy Spirit. Also, forgiveness—the absence of bitterness—is a good sleeping tonic.

I wonder if David had Shimei in mind when he wrote Psalm 4:

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!

You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer! O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame? How long

will you love vain words and seek after lies? Selah.

But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him. Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent. Selah

Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD...In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

Don't miss part 3 as we uncover the mystery of David's sweet revenge to even the

score with Shimei.

Making ready a people prepared for the Lord,
Mark Hamby

Have you ever been betrayed or treated shamefully? The book *Sweet Revenge* will leave an indelible mark upon the souls of young and old as they discover the secret of turning bitterness into blessing, even when you've been stabbed in the back.



Memorial Day ...continued

History of Memorial Day

Memorial Day was originally known as *Decoration Day* because it was a time set aside to honor the nation's Civil War dead by decorating their graves. It was widely observed on May 30, 1868, to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers, by proclamation of General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former sailors and soldiers.

On May 5, 1868, Logan declared in General Order No. 11 that:

The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating, the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form of ceremony is pre-

scribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonies of respect as circumstances may permit.

During the first celebration of Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which 5,000 participants helped decorate the graves of the more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried in the cemetery. This 1868 celebration was inspired by local observances of the day in several towns throughout America that had taken place in the three years since the Civil War. In fact, several Northern and Southern cities claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day, including Columbus, Mississippi; Macon, Georgia; Richmond, Virginia; Boalsburg, Pennsylvania; and Carbondale, Illinois.

In 1966, the Federal Government, under the direction of President Lyndon Johnson, declared Waterloo, N.Y., the official birthplace of Memorial Day. They chose Waterloo—which had first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866—because the town had made Memorial Day an annual, community-wide event during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

Memorial Day 2018

Memorial Day is our opportunity to pause and remember the sacrifices of many of America's best citizens. They made the supreme sacrifice on our behalf, so please remember to honor these heroes on May 29.

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Office Hours:

8:45 a.m.-3:15 p.m.



May 2018

- ◆ May 3: National Day of Prayer — 10:00am
- ◆ May 10-11: 4th Grade Rock-n-Water Trip
- ◆ May 14: Academic Decathlon — K-3rd
- ◆ May 15: Academic Decathlon — 4th-8th
- ◆ May 18: Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- ◆ May 28: Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL

June 2018

- ◆ June 1: Minimum Day
- ◆ June 1: Ice Cream Social / Open House / Science Fair, 6:15pm
- ◆ June 5: Step-Up Day
- ◆ June 6: 1st Grade Field Trip to Sacramento Zoo
- ◆ June 11: JK Graduation — 10:00am
- ◆ June 12: Field Day - Minimum Day 12 Noon Release
- ◆ June 13: Kindergarten Graduation — 10:00am
8th Grade Graduation — 7:00pm
- ◆ June 13: Last Day of School, Minimum Day, 12 Noon Release
- ◆ June 25: Board Meeting — 6:00pm