



“Let It Go and Let It Flow”

My wife’s grandfather shared this story with me. I want to encourage you to read Psalm 51:1-13 before and after the story. Here it is: Edwin Markham was a gifted poet. After a long and successful career, he came to the age of retirement. As with many of us, he anticipated the ease and rest that would come with a comfortable retirement. Then, to his great dismay, he made a shocking and disappointing discovery. His life savings and investments had been mishandled and fraudulently misappropriated. To make matters worse, the mishandling was committed by his banker. Harder yet, the banker was a friend. Sadly, there was no legal action he could take. He found himself a pauper in retirement! Stop for a moment and consider how you would feel had the victim been you.

Bitterness filled his soul as he tried to restructure his life. He thought he could start making a living by writing again. He sat hour after hour, day after day with his paper before him, trying to write, but the words would not come. He was overcome and blocked, obsessed by the wrong that had been done to him, the injustice, the unfairness. He was filled with bitterness!

One day, Markham sat at his desk, paper before him, doodling. He was drawing circles on the paper. Finally, he cried out, “I must forgive him or I shall die!” And as he said those

words, there was something like a release from within. He had released the man! He had made the absolute surrender: “Oh God, I do forgive him!” He looked at the circles on the page and thought about the all encompassing circle of God’s love that had included him with all his sins and all his faults. “If God can forgive me and include me in his circle of love, I must forgive this one who has wronged me.”

Then, in a moment of inspiration, the poetry began to flow from within, from his pen, onto paper. He wrote four lines for which he is probably most recognized:

“He drew a circle that
shut me out;
Heretic, rebel, a thing
to flout.
But love and I had the
wit to win,
I drew a circle that
took him in.”

From that moment and for the next twenty years, beautiful poetry and songs flowed from his pen. Why? Because of the forgiveness in Edwin Markham’s heart. Markham had his greatest career after the age of 60, having found healing and restoration through forgiveness. It is never too late to forgive!

Pastor Leonard

ADULTS

Wednesday Night September 27

Menu

Brisket or Pulled Pork,
Potato Salad, Baked Beans,
Rolls, Banana Pudding

First Place 4 Health Tuesdays, 5:00 p.m.

Church Conference Room

Ladies Book Study October 2, 1:30 p.m.

The new book is *Vanishing Grace* by Philip Yancey and is \$10. Books are in, and you may pick yours up in the church office.



Find Your Place Ministry Fair Sunday, October 8 9:15-10:15 and 11:30-12:30

The Ministry Fair is an opportunity for you to learn more about the many ministries here at BBC. There will be booths set up with information and visuals to help you “find your place” and get involved!

A Missing Piece Help for those dealing with grief and loss

The next meeting will be held at la Madeleine restaurant, 7615 Jefferson Highway, on Thursday, September 21 at 9:30 a.m. The group will continue to meet on the third Thursday of each month.

Newcomer Ministry Fall Fellowship Sunday, October 1

The event will be held immediately following Worship in the Activities Hall. Please RSVP to Felicia at 927-5454.

EXTENDED TEACHING CARE

With the beginning of a new school year, we have an urgent need for more adults and teens to serve on an ETC team as we now have four classes instead of three. Please call the church office to help with this important ministry.

Pause for Prayer Wednesday, October 4

Prayer guides will be available at Family Night Dinner on the 4th, and in the church office.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Ollie Steel Burden
Juanita Matherne

BRG Bluebonnet
Alice Thornhill

**Home from the
Hospital**
Julia Tweedy
Ken Best
Evan Heil

In Appreciation
Words of sincere appreciation
have been received from:
Dr. Lynn Naul
Jim and Barbara Dasch

MEETINGS

**Education
Committee**
Sunday, September 24
5:00 p.m., CCR

**In-Reach
Committee**
Wed., September 27
4:00 p.m., CCR

**Newcomer
Ministry Team**
Monday, September 25
6:00 p.m., CCR

Trustees Meeting
Monday, October 9
6 p.m.

BROADMOOR BAPTIST PRESCHOOL

During the month of October, the preschool will be using pumpkins for their curriculum theme each day. They are asking for church members to please donate 50 pie pumpkins for this purpose by Thursday, October 4. Pie pumpkins are the smaller size used for cooking. Pumpkins can be dropped off in the church office. The preschool is also looking for adults to read a story to each class between the hours of 9 and 11 a.m. on Tuesday, October 3rd. Please call the church office for more information or to volunteer to read.



CALENDAR

Thursday, September 21

- 9:30 A A Missing Piece group meets at la Madeleine's
- 10:00 A BBQilters
- 11:30 A Holy Grill

Friday, September 22

- 9:00 A Yoga
- 11:30 A Holy Grill
- LLL Potluck, CAH

Saturday, September 23

- 9:00 A First Place Nutrition Workshop, Upper Room

Sunday, September 24

- 9:00 A Library Opens
- 9:15 A Sunday School
- 10:30 A Worship, Dave Oakley preaching

Extended Teaching Care

D'Wana & Sarah Chiles, Allison Roark, Paul, Lauren, & Ryan White

- 5:00 P Education Comm. Mtg.
- 5:00 P Youth Choir
- 5:45 P Belles and Beaux
- 6:00 P Youth Bible Study

Monday, September 25

- 6:00 P Newcomer's Ministry Team Meeting,CCR

Tuesday, September 26

- 9:30 A Yoga
- 5:30 P First Place for Health

Wednesday, September 27

- 7:00 A Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 4:00 P In-Reach Comm. Meeting
- 5:15 P Church Family Dinner
- 6:00 P Chapel Bells (1st-5th)
- Youth Bible Study
- 6:15 P Adult Bible Study
- 7:00 P Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, September 28

- 10:00 A BBQilters

Friday, September 29

- 9:00 A Yoga

YOUTH

Fall Retreat

October 27-28

Judson Baptist Retreat Center in St. Francisville
Chaperones Needed!

LLL

Thursday, October 12

LIGO Livingston Observatory
Lunch to be decided

Friday, November 17

Potluck Luncheon
11:30 a.m., CAH
Guest Musicians:
The Foto Sisters



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LLL Potluck

Friday, September 22
11:30 a.m.

Fried Chicken provided
Bring a side dish or dessert to share
Call the church office to sign up

Communion

Sunday,
October 1
10:30 a.m.

