

Vermont Avenue Baptist Church
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Washington, D.C. 20009
Rev. Dr. John J. Cox, Pastor

This is the day the Lord has made, I will rejoice and be glad in it ~Psalm 118:24

Sunday Worship

7:30am & 10:45am

Online @
www.vabcnwdc.org

Via YouTube @
Vermont Avenue Baptist Church
DC

Devotional Time

Every Tuesday at 12:00pm

Conference Call Number

605-313-4159

Access Code

175374#

Wednesday Virtual Bible Study

Every Wednesday

at 1:00pm

ID: 839 9246 2209

Password: Christ

By Phone: 1-301-715-8592

Password: 852582

At 6:30pm

ID: 843 1085 7132

Password: Christ

By Phone: 1-301-715-8592

Password: 991423

See you there!



Greetings Church Family,

Forgive me

1 John 1:9

Forgiveness works like a reset button. It acknowledges that a mistake was made and, by virtue of that mistake, something needs to be done about that. I don't know about you but I have needed to ask for forgiveness. I have made mistakes and said the wrong thing or done the wrong thing. When that happens we tend to focus on the person we have offended. And, if you are a person of character then you will want to make it up to them and ask for their forgiveness. What we tend not to think about is how our actions have offended God.

What should you do when you offend God? According to scripture it is simple, just ask God for forgiveness. The bible tells us that God is faithful and just to forgive you. Isn't that good news? God is not like people. Sometimes people withhold their forgiveness. They want to enjoy being the offended party while also keeping you in the posture of the offender. But God says I can't wait to forgive you. That's because God wants to get His relationship with you back on track. That is because you matter to God.

I have one last thing to say about forgiveness. Forgiveness is not always external sometimes you have to remember to forgive yourself. Some of the things you have done cause you to feel bad about who you are. When you forgive yourself you lift a burden off your back and you are free to move forward, forgiven.

God Bless You,

Pastor Cox