

Good Morning!

**Welcome to Meadowlark
Church of Christ!**

**Visitors please fill out
an attendance card ... thank you!**

Giving and Receiving Gifts!



Gift-giving in Scripture:

- *Joseph to his brothers (Genesis 45)*
- *The People of Israel for building and decorating the tabernacle (Exodus 35)*
- *To King Hezekiah following God's victory (2 Chron. 32)*
- *When Esther became queen (Esther 2)*
- *King Nebuchadnezzar gave gifts to Daniel for interpreting his dreams (Daniel 2)*
- *Wise men brought costly gifts to the baby Jesus (Matt. 2)*

FORGIVENESS

Why is forgiveness such a big deal for us?

- 1. Adam & Eve sinned against God (Gen 3).***
- 2. God is completely pure and sinless.***
- 3. The "wages of sin is death" (Rom 6:23) & "all have sinned" (Rom 3:23).***
- 4. Without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness (Hebrews 9:22).***
- 5. Jesus brings the gift of forgiveness through His blood (Ephesians 2:1-10).***
- 6. Because Jesus shed His blood, we all have the opportunity to be clean and forgiven!***

Jesus prayer:

***..and forgive us our debts as we also
have forgiven our debtors .. For if
you will not forgive men .. Your
Father will not forgive you.***

(Matthew 6:12-15)