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5. When the doors slam shut before you can knock on them, you are in a holding pattern.

When we are deep in the belly of a difficult situation, there are no interruptions. God has our undivided attention. All we can do is sit, think, meditate, and pray. We cannot run from God because there are no mountains that are high enough, valleys that are low enough, rivers that are wide enough, rooms that are dark enough, or places that are hidden enough from Him.

We must remember to praise Him while we're waiting and remember three things:

1. The pattern has a purpose.
2. The pattern has a plan.
3. The pattern has a process.

So stop struggling and start listening, praying and trusting. He'll keep you right where you are until you can clearly hear Him say, "I love you."



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HOLDING PATTERNS

Many times God will allow a painful situation or a painful circumstance in our life to "swallow us up." This season in our spiritual growth is a holding pattern. We can't move to the left or the right. All we can do is sit, like Jonah sat in the belly of that great fish, so God can have our undivided attention and speak to us.

God put Jonah in a holding pattern because He needed to speak to his heart. Jonah was all alone. There were no friends to call, no colleagues to drop by, no books to read, no food to eat, no interferences, and no interruptions. He had plenty of time to sit, think, meditate, and pray. When we're deep down in the midst of a difficult situation, God can talk to us. When He has our undivided attention, He can show us things about ourselves that we might not otherwise have seen.

A Few Of God's Holding Patterns:

1. When you are sick in your physical body and you have prayed, but God has not healed you yet, you are in a holding pattern.
2. When you are having problems with your children and you have put them on the altar, but God has not delivered them yet, you are in holding pattern.
3. When you have been praying for the salvation of a loved one and they have not been saved yet, you are in a holding pattern.
4. When you are in a broken relationship and you have given it over to God, but it has not been restored yet, you are in a holding pattern.

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Worship And Study Opportunities

Sunday:

Bible School.....9:30 A.M
Worship.....10:30 A.M
Evening Worship....6:00 P.M

Wednesday:

Ladies Bible Class.....10:30 A.M.
Mid-Week Bible Class....7:00 P.M.

ELDER OF THE MONTH:.....Charlie Kelsey

ANNOUNCEMENTS:.....Glen Wampler

RECORDS OF THE WEEK

Bible School:77
Morning Worship:114
Evening Worship:68
Wednesday Ladies' Class:.....
Mid-Week:61
Contribution:\$4,004.00
Weekly Budget:\$3,770.00

THOSE WHO SERVE:

Sunday Morning:

Opening PrayerCharles Kelsey
Closing Prayer:Shawn McKinzie

Scripture:Bryan Cain

Sunday Evening:

Opening Prayer:Tim Curtis
Closing Prayer:Kenneth Richardson

Scripture:Tyler Brandon

Wednesday Evening:

Opening Prayer:Coy Watson
Closing Prayer:James Bolton

Scripture:Jarred Kelsey

PRAYERS: Tiffany Jones is in the hospital with a blood clot in her leg. Please keep her and Michael and the kids in your prayers. Chuck Ray, Greg's dad is in Memorial Hospital in room 325.

PRAYER REQUEST from Charles and Genie Kelsey.

Our daughter-in-law's (Kim) family is very close and they are in the midst of a medical crisis with her much-loved aunt, Mary Courington. Kim's father preaches at their local congregation. His brother's family, Billy & Mary, also attend there. Son Alex attends Freed Hardeman and daughter Jasmine is still at home. Jasmine visited Lawton with Paul and Kim years ago when they were first married.

They are keeping everyone updated via facebook and the same info can be found on a blog, <http://prayingformary.wordpress.com/>

We appreciate your prayers on their behalf. Genie

LADIES' BIBLE CLASS will resume Wednesday, March 23 at 10:30 A.M. The lessons will be "Rules for Happy Living" and will be taught by Lisa Converse.

YOUTH DEVOTIONAL this Sunday night, March 20th, at the home of Bryan & Kathy Cain.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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| 3 - David Byrd | 21 - Debbie Bowden |
| 5 - Bryan Cain | 22 - Cleo Harper |
| 5 - Pat Horn | 23 - Klaus Mueller |
| 7 - Kenneth Richardson | 23 - Todd Stoner |
| 12 - Barbara Bolton | 25 - Wyatt Stoner |
| 13 - Travis Repp | 28 - Roy Bennett |

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Tim Doughty was moved on Monday to Wynnewood, Okla. His new address is:

Tim Doughty
Wynnewood Care Center Room 307
810 California Street
Wynnewood, Okla. 73098

His new phone number is 405-665-2425

SUNDAY, MARCH 27TH will be the 4th Sunday luncheon. Everyone make plans to attend.

WESTVIEW BOYS' HOME will be back in April 2011. Needed items for the boys:

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| Cookies | Bottled Water |
| Miracle Whip | Vienna Sausage |
| Mayonnaise | Beef Broth |
| 100% Juice | Chicken Broth |
| Canned Pop | Powdered Gatorade |
| Bottled Water | |
| Vienna Sausage | |

Non-Food

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| Lotion | Liquid Pump Hand Soap |
| Wasp Spray | Kleenex |
| Sunscreen | Liquid Cascade |
| Dryer Sheets | Napkins |

CONTINUED PRAYER LIST: Roy Bennett, James Bolton, Joslyn Burch, Tim Doughty, Donna Fletcher, Bill & Marvenia Harrington, Leroy & Pat Horn, Kenneth & Lola Jackson, Peggy Leverett, Brad & LaDonna McKinzie, Chesley & Jeannie Montague, Letha Owens, Herb & Jean Parrish, Kenny Richardson, Marie Sexton, Kimberly Taylor, Juanita Turner, Dwaine Zacharias, Brooke Alvey, Erin Bryan, Lauren Caldwell, Johnny Fitzsimmons, Donna Flower, Jason Hamlin, Larry Harris, Sally Hayes, Dortha Adler, Marvin McCathern, Paige Mitchener, Geraldine Nettles, Adam Ray & Chuck Ray, Don Turner.

Gardening God's Way

Plant three rows of peas:
Peace of mind
Peace of heart
Peace of soul

Plant four rows of squash:
Squash indifference
Squash gossip
Squash grumbling
Squash selfishness

Plant four rows of lettuce:
Lettuce be faithful
Lettuce be kind
Lettuce be obedient
Lettuce really love one another

No garden without turnips:
Turnip for meetings
Turnip for service
Turnip to help one another

Water freely with patience and
Cultivate with love.
There is much fruit in your garden
Because you reap what you sow.

To conclude our garden
We must have thyme:
Thyme for God
Thyme for Bible Study
Thyme for prayer

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