

## 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 a 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.
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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## WELCOME

We would first like to welcome each one here today that has come to worship the Lord. We are so glad you have come our way and if visiting would invite you back the next time you are able. If you are visiting we would also ask if you would remain after services a brief moment so we might get the chance of meeting you and welcoming you here in person. Today is also our monthly fellowship luncheon, Please stay as our guest. A reminder to everyone who will be attending the luncheon today at the conclusion of the lunch we will have a small devotional after in place of having a evening service.

Looking for a church home? Have a need or know of someone who does. Would like to know more of your walk with Him. Interested in forming a small study group or would like a study yourself. Please contact us so we can know more of how we may serve you.

Reminder to download our FREE church app and stay connected. Search our application on the app store by searching ucoclawton.

I want to thank the congregation for allowing my family and I to take a small break before summer really hits. We have enjoyed our time off in the past and look forward to a uneventful and relaxing trip. In my absence I want to thank Roy Young for stepping out of retirement so to speak to fill the need for class and for the lesson this morning. Our plan is to be back with you Lord willing next week. We have such a great support for everything we do here at University and for that I am indeed thankful and we are all blessed for it.

### 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**.....Charles Kelsey

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**.....David Byrd

**RECORDS OF THE WEEK**

Bible School: .....38  
Morning Worship: .....67  
Evening Worship: .....27  
Mid-Week: .....35  
Ladies Class:.....  
Contribution: .....\$3,962.00  
Weekly Budget: .....\$3,953.00

**THOSE WHO SERVE:**

**Sunday Morning:**

Opening Prayer: .....Bryan Cain

Closing Prayer: .....Ed Valdez

**Sunday Evening:**

Opening Prayer: .....Klaus Mueller

**Wednesday Evening:**

Opening Prayer: .....Tommy Bowden

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If you would like to see a past sermon you can go to our web site and click on the weekly sermons tab.

**PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

J. L. Bolton, Tony Salas & Dana Parrish. Donna Caldwell's mother is still in the hospital.

**FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON** this Sunday after the morning service.

There will not be a 6 pm service this Sunday night May 19. We'll have a devotional following our lunch potluck. Please plan to join us!

**THE SENIOR BANQUET WILL BE ON SUNDAY NIGHT JUNE 2ND:**

All friends and family are invited to our Senior Banquet for Emily Gill after evening services at the Student Learning Center on Sunday June 2nd.

**THE WESTVIEW BOYS' HOME** Grocery Truck will be here the week of August 12, 2019.

**Shopping List**

- Canned Soda
- Vanilla Wafers
- Meat Tenderizer
- Fajita Seasoning
- Velveeta Cheese
- Steak Liquid/Marinade
- Bottled Water/Gatorade
- Scalloped/Au-Gratin Potatoes
- Sliced Sweet Bread & Butter Pickles
- Bacon Ranch/Ranch Suddenly Salad

**Non-Food**

Spray N Wash

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 - Ed Valdez
- 4 - Shirley Mueller
- 12 - Janna Barrington
- 24 - Jo Ann Valdez
- 27 - Cathy Brennan
- 27 - Letha Owens

**EXTENDED CARE:**

Charlie & Sidonia Kelsey are in room A 76 in McMahan

Jack Treffinger is in McMahan in room A73 B

**CONTINUED PRAYER LIST:** Roy Bennett, Barbara Bolton, Tommy & Debbie Bowden, Flo Fitzsimmons, Kaiden Higgins, Leroy Horn, David & Becky Kelsey, Charlie & Sidonia Kelsey, LaDonna McKinzie, Letha Owens, Jean Parrish, Sue Peddy, Denice Ross, Kenny Richardson, Dwaine Zacharias, Johnny Burch, Dale Brennan, Katrina Brennan, Randy Frazier, Joshua Kelsey, Lena Kelsey, Randy Hill, Kim Warren, Louie Hill, Mary McCathern, Dala Melton, Teri Lynn Disney and Angie Caldwell.

In Case You Missed It

**Daniel 6:10** Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

Let's consider Daniel for a moment. Here is one of the great rulers of the Persian empire, in charge of the King's affairs and of the affairs of the entire government. If anyone could say they were too busy — it could be Daniel at this time! But in spite of all this responsibility, he makes it a point to set himself apart from the world and pray three times a day. Does that not cause us to pause and think right now how busy are we - - really? And busy doing what? The conclusion: If we are neglecting to meet personally with God, as He intended for us to be with Him! Let's keep our priorities in order and be more of a people of prayer! And even though we are all busy lets not let it be at the expense of our most important relationship anyone could have.