

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 want to welcome each of you as we worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and glad you chose to be with us here at University. If you are visiting, we are so glad you have come our way and 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 and greeting you in person. This is also our week for our monthly fellowship luncheon and would ask you to stay and be our special guest. All are welcome to stay and fellowship together for a great time for sharing and being together. Again Welcome!

Looking for a church home? We would love to visit with you about it. Want to know more about your walk with Him? Would like to set up a group or personal bible study? Need some assistance or know of a need we need to be aware of? Please take the time to visit with us we would like to know how we may serve you.

Again we are so glad you have come our way. Thanks again to Weldon, who once again is filling in during our absence. I am thankful for that. We are so thankful for the opportunity to get away a bit and relax and recharge during the summer. The weather is beautiful and we are grateful for the time off. We are also excited to get the opportunity to meet up with the congregation and work we support with the TV program “Let the Bible Speak.” I hope to bring back a recent update. Thanks again for all your help and for being here today. We will see you soon.

**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:**.....Eric Sharum

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**.....Keith Parrish

**RECORDS OF THE WEEK**

Bible School: .....	39
Morning Worship: .....	70
Evening Worship: .....	26
Mid-Week: .....	28
Ladies Class: .....	
Contribution: .....	\$3,972.00
Weekly Budget: .....	\$3,750.00

**THOSE WHO SERVE:**

**Sunday Morning:**

Opening Prayer: .....Glen Wampler

Closing Prayer: .....Tim Curtis

**Sunday Evening:**

Opening Prayer: .....Klaus Mueller

**Wednesday Evening:**

Opening Prayer: .....David Byrd

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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:**

Leroy and Pat, Brad and LaDonna.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Jack and Amy Mooney on the birth of their daughter, Adeline Mabel 7 lbs & 2 oz. who was born last week. Keith and Dana are the proud grandparents and Jean Parrish is the great-grandmother.

**PRAYER REQUEST:** Levada has requested prayers for Doug Yates and his family. Doug is in need of a liver transplant and money to pay the medical bills.

**THE MONTHLY LUNCHEON IS THIS SUNDAY JUNE 25TH** at the Student Learning Center after the morning service. Everyone make plans to attend.

**JUNE CALENDAR**

25 - Monthly Luncheon

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

- 5 - James Brennan
- 5 - Joslyn Burch
- 6 - Jarrett Belflower
- 12 - Shiloh Stoner
- 17 - Joshua Sharum
- 20 - Kaiden Higgins
- 30 - June Hanna

**GOSPEL MEETING:** July 6-9 - Marlow Church of Christ - Speaker: Todd Houston - Vindicating God's Good name - Thurs - Sat at 7 p.m. - Sunday: 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.

Come early for an encouraging singing session Saturday at 6:30 p.m. A meal will be provided on Sunday

**CONTINUED PRAYER LIST:** Kathy Allbritton, Roy Bennett, James & Barbara Bolton, Claudine Bolton, Debbie Bowden, Kaiden Higgins, Leroy & Pat Horn, Brad & LaDonna McKinzie, Letha Owens, Jean Parrish, Sue Peddy & her grandson Lee & daughter Beckie, Kenny Richardson, Dwaine Zacharias, David Byrd's father, Bryan Cain's father, Joshua Kelsey, Lena Kelsey, Randy Hill, Kim Warren, Joyce Ray, Dala Melton & Teri Lynn Disney.

**EXTENDED CARE:**

Jack Treffinger is in McMahon in room A 82 B

Joyce Ray is in Cedar Crest in room 106

**THE WESTVIEW BOYS' HOME** grocery truck will be here the week of **August 7th, 2017.** Needed items for the boys.

**Shopping List:**

- Olive Oil
- Capri-Sun
- 100% Juice
- Canned Soda
- Chex Party Mix
- 15 oz. Pork-n-Beans
- Beef Jerky/Slim Jims
- Powerade Zero (No Red Please)
- Mixed Nuts
- Cashews
- Almonds
- Red-Skin Peanuts

**Non-Food:**

- Febreeze
- Flashlights
- Magic Eraser
- 9-Volt C Batteries
- Dove/Caress Soap
- Mechanical Pencils

**GROWING SPIRITUALLY**

The most important goal in life is to be a faithful Christian. In order to do this one must grow spiritually. Everyone can grow spiritually if they will just follow the teachings of Jesus Christ in the right spirit. Here are some things that we must do:

1. Be faithful in our worship of God with the saints. (Hebrews 10:25)
2. Read the Bible daily. (II Timothy 2:15)
3. Pray daily. (I Thessalonians 5:17)
4. Make doing right the number one priority of our life. (Matthew 6:33)
5. Quit doing those things that are sin. (Galatians 5:19-21)
6. Put on the whole armor of God. (Ephesians 6:13-18)
7. Do unto others as you would have them do to you. (Matthew 7:12)
8. Look for opportunity to do good to others. (Galatians 6:10)
9. Give honor to whom honor is due. (Romans 12:10)
10. Do all things in love. (I Corinthians 13: 1-3)

If you are doing these things you will grow spiritual.

Jim