



Trying to Learn How to Wait

It seems like what you want takes forever to arrive and what you don't want shows up on the fast track. Lately, I've had to develop patience in letting the process move at its own pace. God calls us to wait. "Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD." (Psalm 27:14) Abraham and Sarah waited 25 years for the arrival of their promised son, Isaac. My goodness, they would have been old parents if they had the child immediately upon receiving the Lord's promise. Someone joked that would be like an elderly couple purchasing a home next to the elementary school and telling the realtor, we want to live here because we plan to have a child.

Learning to lean, Learning to lean,
I'm learning to lean on Jesus
Finding more power than I've ever dreamed
I'm learning to lean on Jesus.

Those words are the chorus to a popular Gospel song. We think that power comes through movement such as regular rigorous exercise. But, Isaiah even said, "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." (Isaiah 40:31)

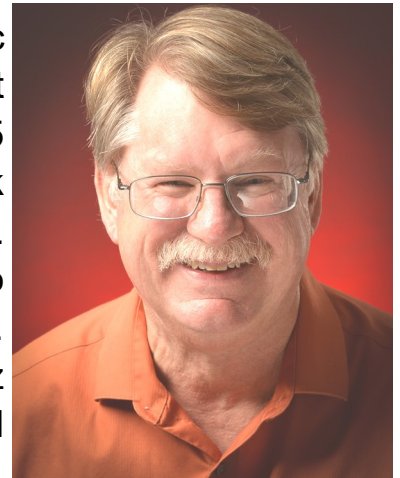
Waiting until we know that the direction we walk or run means the Lord is right beside us leads to victorious blessings. I like to think of this waiting as being plugged into the battery charger. We are not moving but we are being filled to maximum strength to really go when the time comes. Prayer is the power cord and the Holy Spirit is the charger.

And we should not be busy with all kinds of little things that will drain our energy to the point that when something major comes we struggle to handle it with depleted power. Be patient to allow God to renew your strength for the right time to serve him with plenty of strength.

What's Up Doc? Dave "Doc" Kirby Sunday August 25th

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Services

We are looking forward to having the multi-talented Doc Kirby share with us his speaking, singing, and trumpet playing. Doc and I (Rev Ed) have been friends since 1985 when I attended Troy State University. He hired me to work at WTBF-Radio. We were a part of the college's musicals. Doc reads and reviews many books. He works at the radio station and Doc is a journalism professor at Troy University. Oh yes, in all these activities he finds time to travel with jazz bands to foreign countries to share the gift of music and share the Gospel.



Needlepoint Prayer Cushions in the Making

These prayer cushions will be placed at the base of the Communion rail. They will add colorful artistic beauty to the sanctuary as well as provide comfort when you kneel at the altar. Please consider making a donation to the "Prayer Cushion Fund."

Denomination Status Update

The next United Methodist Church General Conference (world-wide gathering of all United Methodists) will be May 2020 in Minneapolis, MN. At the Alabama-West Florida Annual Conference we elected the following clergy delegates Larry Bryars, Lisa Ausley, Sung Kuk Hong, and Lester Spencer. Our laity delegates are Steve Furr, Beverly Maddox, Gene Floore, and George Mingledorff. Pray for these eight delegates. Our conference has created a task force to look at our conference's options. You can quote me on this "You cannot legislate a solution to a doctrinal difference." Such an attempt was displayed at the Saint Louis General Conference 2019. Let us "wait" and trust that our AWF Conference is working seriously on our options and all of us anticipate that May 2020 General Conference will be the defining moment in the course of the direction that the United Methodist Church must decisively make. A house divided cannot stand and especially cannot effectively witness the Gospel to the world.

Matthew 12:25, "But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: 'Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand.'"

The United Methodist Church cannot continue in its present state.

Please pray for a new way with Christ.

We Pray All Experienced an Enjoyable Summer

So, September will usher in the optional formal attire. Our summers are always dress casual for all services. Of course, my saying is "If they will let you into Wal-Mart with what you are wearing then we will let you into the church with what you are wearing."

Back to School for Our Youth

We are blessed to have great youth and youth leaders in our church. Dylan Hollis, Donna and Chad Copeland teach Bible studies and inspire our faithful group of young folks. We appreciate all that our youth leaders do and we are so thankful to see young people in our church. Amen.



Dates Approaching to Mark on Your Calendar

October 20, 2019, 11 a.m. Church Homecoming Dr. George Mathison

October 1st through 5th, 2019, 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. Pike County Fair
volunteers needed at church booth

October 26, 2019, Brundidge Peanut Butter Festival, volunteers needed to work table for church outreach

November 3, 2019, 6:30 p.m. Charge Conference FUMC Troy location

Please be receptive to accepting various church leadership positions as we prepare charge conference. We are one in the Spirit of God.

Memorials and Honorariums

In Honor of Lawrence Bowden

Laura & Jim Carpenter—Mason McLendon Fund



Cathy Connell-1st, Luke Barron-3rd, Alissa Barron-3rd,
Barbara Dunn-4th, Clem Rodgers-5th, Rush Hixon-
6th, Dale Harden-7th, Ross Hixon-9th, Michelle
McDowell Waren-10th, Johnny Garrett-11th, Kimberly
Howard Culver-12th, Mark Galloway-14th, Morgan
Jordan-14th, Stark Laney-15th, Katie Sanders Thomas-
15th, Henry Howard, Sr.-16th, Chuck Dickert-19th,
Henry Dawson Culver-19th, Kendra Harden-21st,
Susan Ginn-21st, Laura B. Carpenter-25th, Jeff Hollis-
26th, Aletha Park-27th, Emily Whitlock-28th

Smiles From Mrs. Sara

- 1.) Did Adam and Eve ever have a date?
- 2.) Why couldn't Humpty Dumpty be put together again?
- 3.) Is it better to write on a full or an empty stomach?
- 4.) What code message is the same from left to right, right to left, upside down, and right side up?



Answers: 1.) No, they had an apple. 2.) Because he wasn't everything he was cracked up to be! 3.) Neither.
Paper is much better to write on. 4.) SOS

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