

The Burden of Wait

by Sam Dilbeck

It is a story ripped from the security cameras of Walmart. A child accompanies his mother through the aisles staring in wonder at the sheer volume of stuff. Cat food. People food. Vacuum cleaner bags. Toys. Not just one or two different toys, but every toy on the commercials shown during Saturday morning cartoons. They're all right there on the shelves beckoning him to play. So he tears himself away from Momma's grasp and runs into the embrace of the toy aisle and looks for anything already opened. But Momma has other plans. On the video we watch her explain to the child why they cannot get a toy today. Her face is calm and sympathetic to his desires, but they don't have the money for it. He starts to chafe, so she reasons some more. His birthday is only three weeks away, he will get lots of toys then. His irritation escalates, but Momma tries to remain calm though it is obviously difficult. The scene continues until the boy goes into full blown tantrum mode and she loses any shred of dignity and takes him to the woodshed.

Patience is one of the hardest lessons parents need to teach their children. The need to wait. Too many people forget or never learned this lesson. As a result our culture seeks instant gratification. Nobody wants to wait. We don't want to wait in line. We don't want to wait to buy. We don't want to wait for love. We want it all and we want it now.

It is rightly stated, "Patience is a virtue." The idea comes from the list of Christian virtues in 2 Peter 1:5-7, "And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity." It is the ability to hold up under the pressure of time and stress. Christian living demands patience and waiting, but many of us have followed the example of an impatient world.

Beginning next Sunday morning we will be examining patience and the burden of waiting. How do you deal with the pressures of being a caregiver to an ailing loved one? What do we do after we pray? What does it mean when God says, "Vengeance is Mine?" We will answer these questions and more during the months of June and July. We hope you can join us for each lesson in this series. Check out the website for specific titles and dates. And bring your friends to hear the practical lessons from Sam and Cory.

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Prayer List

Eula Parrish continues to have problems with her foot and needs our prayers.

Wanda Brown is in room 206 at Heritage Oaks Retirement Village.

Willie Winters is out of the hospital and in room 503B at Heritage Oaks West.

Continue to Remember: Bill Abercrombie, Yvonne Ainsworth, J.D. Beggs, Don Bowen, Melba & Eleanor Bower, Anita Hawkins, Marjorie King, Velma McDougald, Ruth Moore, Irene Ross, Randy Short, Pat Wheat, Meagan Gould, Dalton McCullough, Carl Schmidt, and Jayme Shafer.

Service Men: Clay Bayes, Jason Book, Alston Compton, Robert Johnson, Josh Moehring, Ryan Payne, Douglas Ramsey, Ryan Stewart, Morgan Weaver, Payton Weaver

Announcements

Bible Class Material for the Summer quarter is ready to be picked up in the workroom. The quarter begins Sunday, June 7.

5th Sunday Today. Plan to stay for the food and fellowship immediately followed by our second service led by the young men. No 6:00 PM service.

Youth Mission Trip to Leonard is coming up July 18-23. If you're interested in going, **the \$40 deposit is due TODAY.**

Mission Trip Meeting this Wednesday night in the Family Room for everyone interested in participating and their parents.

The Summer Youth Series (SYS) will begin Tuesday evening **June 9.** We will be going to Bridgewood Church of Christ. SYS will continue each Tuesday night through Aug. 11.

10th Anniversary Ladies Retreat! Grab a friend and join us for a wonderful time Sep. 25-26 at Summers Mill in Salado, TX. ****New Trivia Question**** -- Before Summers Mill was a conference and retreat center, it was a _____."

The Ladies at Eastside Church of Christ invite our ladies to their 10th annual Ladies' Day program on June 27 at 9:15 AM. Charlene Milton of Fairfield and Rowena Winfrey of Corsicana will speak on "Walk in the Light: Letting Your Light Shine for Jesus."

Upcoming Youth Events:

July 13-15 - VBS

July 18-23 - Youth Mission Trip to Leonard

July 31-Aug. 2 - Leadership Initiative (young men)

Birthdays This Week

May 31 - Oliver Jackson, Nancy Milam

June 2 - Faith Beamon

June 4 - Gunner Myers

Next Week's Class King Josiah Obeys God's Word
2 Kings 22-25

Records for May 24, 2015

Bible Class	157
AM Worship.....	235
PM Worship	168
Wednesday	176
Contribution	\$8,618.96

Privileged to Serve

Song Leader	Mark Blaylock
Opening Prayer	Hank Jett
Communion Leader	Brian Hand
Communion Servers	
Bobby Barham	Tyler Baumgartner
Joe Glass	Ken Green
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Wayne Prater	Kyle Slaughter
Gene Steinkraus	Brent Stewart
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Closing Prayer	Paul Slaughter
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