

## Waiting

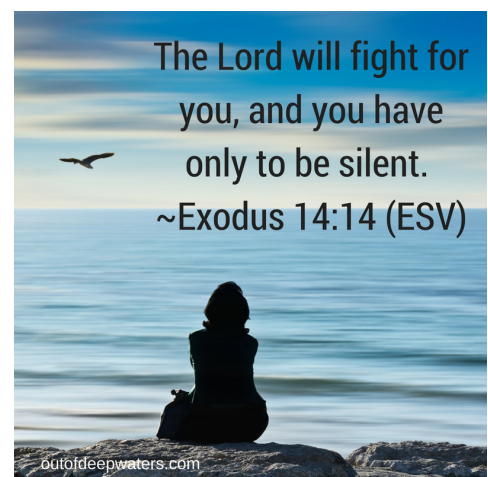
Waiting has become a major part of our life. We have so many tools to make life faster, but we still end up waiting in line. We can scan products at the grocery store, so numbers don't even need to be entered. We can do so many things online now. We can even order groceries online. We have had drive through "fast" food for a long time also. We still end up waiting in line at the drive up "fast" food place. It almost seems that the faster we can get at connecting, wireless, computer, drive through, the more we wait in line.

If God is the ultimate in Power and goodness why would anyone ever have to wait? God runs at better than gigabit speed with no wires or slow down or lack of power. If there are no bottlenecks in the transmission of prayers that could all be heard instantaneously by God, who could hear every conversation at once with no loss of understanding, why would we need to wait at any time ever with God? God goes from void to universe in seven statements, not seven days. In Genesis he only gives one statement a day so we can grasp the magnitude.

Since we trust God to know what is best, we must need to wait because we need it. It isn't that God can't hear or doesn't know. It isn't an issue of faulty equipment like we have with our technical difficulties. Are there benefits in having to wait? Rushing into things can lead to the wrong decision. We may not know all the options at the time. We learn more when we see things clearly. Fasting is a way of waiting without food for an answer from God. Prayer is telling a God who knows everything what we see around us and forming a request. Study is looking intently into the word of God and life and understanding something we didn't know before.

God is waiting on us. He is waiting for us to get quiet enough to hear him. We get too much noise and distraction until we can't hear God. Would we make the right connection to God with an instantaneous answer? Would we appreciate the solution if we never experienced the problem because God intervened? Anytime we have to wait, we should ask, what are we supposed to learn or understand. We aren't waiting on God. Use the time between to comprehend what an all-powerful instantaneous God is allowing us to see.

--Terry



### Giving During the Quarantine

There have been a number of inquiries on the best way to make contributions during the quarantine period. Fortunately, there are a number of avenues available--choose the one that works best for you!

- Go to **www.mesachurch.org** (our web page) and look for the **Give Online** link at the top of the page. Click on this and complete the information requested. *There is a small fee for checks and auto withdrawals from bank and a % fee if a debit card is used.*
- Use **Bill Pay** through your regular bank--these checks are delivered by mail from your bank. *There is no charge for this service.*
- Mail a check to the church office.
- Drop off your contribution at the office window. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday.

### Live Stream Service

Several have indicated that they get dropped from the live-stream video worship. The explanation that has been given is due to high demand in the area at that time on Sunday. Many churches are streaming on Sundays, so a little more patience than normal is sometimes needed. You can often just close out and come right back in. If you have Facebook, some have had better luck with it than with U-tube through the web page. Both are available for watching later in the day; however, the one on-line will be sermon only since part of the copyright prevents us from storing the group singing.

### Congratulations!

A hearty congratulations to Dale & Sandy Barger on the birth of their second Great, Great Grandson, Rennit Patric Jensen. He was born Friday, April 17th and weighed 8 lbs. 20zs. and was 21 inches long. He and his family live in NE. Sandy says she will have plenty of pictures to show once we are all back together!

### May Calendar and Birthdays

Make sure you scroll down one more page for the May birthdays! We are not actually doing a calendar since most activities have had to be canceled due to social distancing. We do want the High School Seniors to know you are not forgotten! We plan to have a belated celebration when we can be together again! LTC is also planning an event for Mesa participants as well! Stay home, stay healthy and stay spiritual so we can return with JOY soon!

### Order of Worship--April 26, 2020

Song: "Step by Step"

Song: "It is Well"

Prayer: Chuck Watts

Song: "All to Us"

Song: "Above All"

Song: "10,000 Reasons"

Communion & Contribution: Vince McNeil

Song: "Turn Your Eyes on Jesus"

Lesson: "In the Face of Danger We Wait" (Terry)

Song: "Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Prayer: Jack Farr

## Praise and Prayers

### new and critical

Tracy Bouley.....MRI Plan of Action  
 Julie Vega ..... Staph Infection  
 Dot Reners (J. Bonebrake's Sister).....Pneumonia  
 Kevin Olson (A. Nichols' son-in-law.....Pneumonia  
 Jerra Bonebrake ..... Shoulder Surgery recovery  
 Osvaldo (Missionary in El Salvador).....Health  
 Stephanie Hasper..... BiopsyResults

### on-going health problems

Debbie McMorries (Steve Young's mom), Martha Carroll, Lisa Fenwick, Bob Klosterboer, Joyce Rutledge (B. Kerley's Mom), Dot Reners, Heather Jette, Luana Guthrie, Malta O'Gorman, Jacquelyn Gatica, Joan Piercy, Debbie Suazo, Tewana Carter, Samuel DuBoise, Merlene Hanzuk, Stacey Cummings, Lynda Campbell, Lynnitia Knoch, Peter Ballesteros, Shirley Mathis, Jon Hardin

### military prayers

Andrew Jones (C. Burd's G'son), Anthony Galvan (Millers G'son), Jake Hinkle (Hinkle's G'son), Briana Aston (S. Yeats' Niece), Michael Ford, Jake Teague (Grandson-in-law of Sue Johnson), Jared Cannon, Kyle Sharp, John Dunwoody, Zack Ubrig, Chris Kingsbury

### Attendance & Offering

Sunday Worship: On-line service

Wednesday: On-line service

Budget: \$13,027

Giving: \$10,243

YTD Average: \$11,381

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

- May 3:** T. J. Foster and Frances Hinkle
- May 4:** Monica Miranda
- May 6:** Sofia Muela
- May 7:** Juan Davila, Regina Koomson, Sarah Schwab and Bri-  
anne Shaffer
- May 8:** Vadis Bonner and Scott VanWormer
- May 9:** Lisa C. Fenwick and Kevin Maiorano
- May 10:** Libby Barnes and Cynthia Bonebrake
- May 12:** Brooke Engle, Acacia Glenn, Galen Jette, Tory Ken-  
ner, Jose Urguides and Susan VanWormer
- May 13:** Holly Jacobson, Barbara Kerley and Tony Valencia
- May 14:** Rebeka Farr and Danny Vansant
- May 15:** Graham Anderson, Daniel Fenwick, Sarah Koomson  
and Cynthia Sanders
- May 16:** Stephanie Horton
- May 18:** John Blake, Yvonne Clayton & Fernando Mendoza
- May 19:** Kim Clark, Carl Goodman and Jessie Henley
- May 20:** Katelyn Black
- May 21:** Staci Buchanan and Eric Vansant
- May 22:** Keith Wilson
- May 23:** Hayden Colvin and John Kennedy
- May 24:** Fernanda Alvarado, Ramon Alvarado and Steve Church
- May 25:** Tim Fitzgerald
- May 26:** Reinah McNeil and Ann Nichols
- May 29:** Brooke Horton
- May 30:** Ivanna Ankoma and Heather Hilton

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\*Terry off on Thursday \*Edison off on Friday

\*Joel off on Tuesday \*Joshua off on Friday