



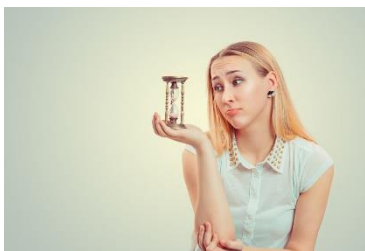
November 8, 2020

Weekly Newsletter

The Preacher's Post – *Darin Kennedy*

It is hard to wait and watch. You make your vote, but counting the ballots takes much longer to do. Patrick Mahomes may throw a gazillion touchdown passes, but he has to wait and watch his defense (we don't want him to play linebacker) stop the other team from scoring a gazillion plus one. You can put your pot on to boil, but the icy stare you give it won't make it boil any faster. It's hard to wait.

Yet, life is about waiting. That is true even of the spiritual life where waiting can last into the hundreds and thousands of years. Abraham was told that he would claim the land of Canaan, but on a dark night in a dark vision, God told him that it would be over 400 years before that happened. Those 400 years were the time the Israelites spent in Egypt, enslaved generation after generation while it seemed their prayers for deliverance fell on deaf ears. The New Testament is replete with promises of Jesus' return, something the first century writers described with great anticipation, even urgency. Now, 2,000 years later, we have to continue producing anticipation and urgency because those qualities are not easy to maintain over such a long wait.



But we continue waiting, and the question changes from "How long?" to "How?" Since we have absolutely no idea how long it will be, we are consigned to ask what the character of our waiting will be. Will we wait in anxiety and darkness and fear, mourning how bad we've got it or complaining about

God's timing? Will we be so resigned to the situation that we simply fall asleep? Will we lay down our armor too soon and become completely at home in this foreign land, complacent to its priorities and perspectives and practices? Will we live as if we are accustomed to and defined by how long it's taking? If so, we are the ones who are getting old, because this waiting is getting old.

Instead, we must continue to be defined by what we are waiting for. We wait for God to claim victory over His enemies, including death. We wait for everything in heaven and earth to be brought to unity. We wait for new heavens and a new earth where righteousness is at home. We wait to be gathered to Christ, to live by the light of God in His presence for all eternity. If the *goal* of waiting continues to define us, then we live as if, by the certainty of God's promises, it is already happening. The taste of it only whets the appetite to experience it all.

Birthdays: November 8th – 14th

Jamie Harrington – 9th

Sharon Church – 9th

Donna Wealand – 9th

Ben Church – 10th

Daniel Kennedy – 10th

Jane Parke – 12th

Sarah Cook – 14th

Prayer Requests

Susan Foster – is recovering from knee replacement surgery, **Becky Bonacker's** grandson (Gary) – is very ill with COVID 19, **Hannah Guntert's** friends (The Palmers) – lost their 3 year old son (Truett) after some severe health complications including cancer, stroke and seizures, **Vickie Sullivan's** brother – passed away unexpectedly this week, **Pat Kreisel** – is experiencing some back pain and is limited in her mobility, **Jerry John** passed away this week, **Michael Kennedy** and his fiancé (Helen Isaac) – are experiencing mild cold/flu like symptoms due to COVID, **Larry Sullivan** – is recovering from shoulder replacement surgery, **Joe Harber's** wife (Charlotte) – is suffering from some ongoing health issues, **Bill Haley's** childhood friend (Mark Lough) passed away this week, **Hannah Guntert's** grandmother (Wanda Thomason) – has been diagnosed with breast cancer, **Mitch and Peggy Rush's** granddaughter (a family from East Independence church) – is suffering from a severe head injury. She is 6 years old. She was in a car accident., **Stormy Cook's** brother (Ralph) – has been put on a liver transplant list, **Hannah Guntert's** cousin (Grant Funderburk) – is in the process of receiving a nerve stimulator implanted in his colon. He is 7 years old, **Jurhee Bench** – is well and is able to leave her room more now, **Buddy and Sharon Self's** daughter (Lisa Self) – has a blood clot and fluid in her lungs. She is slowing regaining her strength, **Shirley Simmons** – had open heart surgery. She continues to make improvements everyday but is still recovering, **Kelly Seuferling** – **UPDATE:** she had surgery again last week. Surgery went well. She is still recovering. She will start chemotherapy in approximately 3 weeks, **Flora Swartz's** friend (Joanie Green) – is still taking chemo pills, **Andy Hester, Joel Morehead, Bruce Keeton, Will Kreisel, Lena Bramlett, Dave Nash**

Service Opportunities:

Harvesters

Harvesters serves 26 counties in the KC area. This holiday season they are asking for food donations to pack holiday food boxes. Here are the items needed:

pkg. stuffing mix; 15 oz. cans of sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, green beans, and corn; packages of gravy mix, corn bread mix, instant potatoes, and 10 oz. cans of mushroom soup. A collection tub will be in the lobby of the church.

2020 Youth Christmas Project

This year we will be adopting 10 underprivileged kids and buying them Christmas Presents.

If you are interested in donating money to buy presents for these kids add "Youth Christmas Project" to the note section of your offering. **You can also give through Breeze. There is a fund set up in Breeze called "Teen Christmas Project".**

New Wednesday Night Classes:

7:00PM

0-4 years - A staffed nursery will be available.

K-6th grade - Trek 812 will be held downstairs

Jr and Sr High – led by Shane

Adults - Brian Wahlen will lead a class about eschatology (the science of last things) in the auditorium.

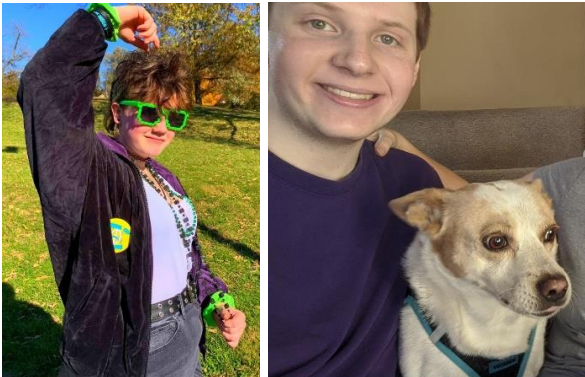
THIS CLASS WILL BE LIVESTREAMED.

Small Group at the Building:

The 4PM small group at the building has resumed on Sunday evenings.



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Sarah Cook is turning 15!!!

Daniel Kennedy is turning 20!!!