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Sunday School: 9:00 am & 10:30 am

Worship Service: 9:00 am & 10:30 am

May 4, 2018



To **CONNECT** with God, each other & the world
as we experience **PURPOSE, BELONGING &**
LIFE-CHANGING discipleship.



Closer than we think

Have you ever heard the advice to (wait for it....) “wait patiently”? It seems like an oxymoron, doesn't it? It certainly is for me. I am a bit more patient now than I was as a younger man, yet I still struggle with the patience portion of that advice. It's been said that the things we dislike most in others are the characteristics we like least in ourselves. Yep, that works for me. I don't like to wait, but sadly, I often leave people waiting. I don't like this about myself.

I read a scripture the other day that gave me an expanded perspective of this flaw of mine. Isaiah the prophet wrote: “So the LORD must wait for you to come to him so he can show you his love and compassion. For the LORD is a faithful God. Blessed are those who wait for his help.” (Isaiah 30:18 NLT) It appears that I also leave God waiting. (sigh)

The thought of God waiting is not common to most of us. Generally, we ask God how

long will we have to wait for Him, not realizing that He, is in fact, waiting for us. And what is it, do you suppose, that God might be waiting for? Is it possible that He is waiting for us to “come to Him, so He can show us His love and compassion?”

Often times, it is “difficulty and deprivation” that help me calibrate my focus (and faith) back on the Lord. In his book, God is closer than you think, John Ortberg said, “The biggest difference between you and God is that God doesn’t think he’s you. In pain, we get very clear about not being God.” In terms of understanding God, pain is often thought of as punishment. However, God is able to use our pain as a way to guide us to Him. He prunes away distractions and hones our focus on Him. He does not simply abandon us when we are lost. No, he patiently waits, guides, and tends to us.

God’s faithfulness and patience are as certain as the Northern Star in the night sky. But does God wait for us at a distance that is similar to a star’s proximity to the earth? The writer of Psalm 139 said, “I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence! If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go down to the grave, you are there. If I ride the wings of the morning, if I dwell by the farthest oceans, even there your hand will guide me, and your strength will support me. I could ask the darkness to hide me and the light around me to become night, but even in darkness I cannot hide from you.”

No, God is not distant. He is closer than we think. He is waiting for us. May you know the Lord’s love and compassion as you turn to Him.

Your brother and friend,
shaun

Church Opener

May 6

9:00 AM

Ron Huxtable

May 13

9:00 AM

Larry Kniveton

Head Usher

Church Lock-Up

May 6

10:30 AM

Ron Huxtable



The next meeting
will be

Tues, May 15

6 pm

Murray Van Dyke's
(13238 Martin Rd
NW).

Call or text Alan



5/1 Preta Laughlin

5/2 Larry

Schaapman

5/6 Tanner Wallace

5/7 Carol Dirksen

5/7 Paden Wallace

5/7 June Hobson

5/9 Darin Arnall

May 13
10:30 AM
Steve Kennedy

Nursery

May 6
9:00 am
Phyllis Bierlink

10:30 am

Meredith, Bryn, &
Shea Heikes

May 13

9:00 am

Joan Aliment

10:30 am

Kim Wilson & Josiah
Schaapman



Communion
Sunday
May 6

Baerlocher for more
details,
509-823-8901.



May 4—33 years

Ray & Cheri Clarke

May 8—25 years

Darin & Christina
Arnall

May 8—42 years

Rod & Rita Luce

May 18—27 years

Eric & Sharma
Williamson

May 21—57 years

José & Josie
Castillo

May 22—25 years

Ross & Cassi
Calloway

May 23—4 years

Oscar & Estefany
Valadez

May 27—1 year

Ethan & Amanda
Williamson

May 28—41 years

Elliot & Debby Kooy

May 28—13 years

Josh & Allison
Razey

May 29—36 years

Larry & Joan
Aliment

May 30—7 years

Dale & Paula Hille

May 30—3 years

Kacey & Kiely Kiehn

5/11 Linda

Guzman

5/12 Keelan Razey

5/13 Truleigh

Razey

5/13 Rita Luce

5/13 Briana

Melburn

5/14 Ryan Massey

5/14 Larry Spence

5/16 Robin Prchal

5/17 Jim Bishop

5/19 Sue

Hendrickson

5/19 Christine

Massey

5/19 Scott Bierlink

5/20 Aaryn Bishop

5/20 Tabor

Schaapman

5/20 Kiersten Lau

5/21 Gavin

Guehrn

5/22 Earl Wolf

5/22 Todd Wurl

5/22 Glenda King

5/23 Jane

Kennedy

5/25 Zoila Castillo

5/26 Gail Grigg

5/26 Kraig Low

5/28 Betsy

Kennedy

5/28 Marcus

Roduner

5/29 Larry Koenig

5/30 Spencer

Elmore

5/31 Betty Larkin

5/31 Grace van
der Merwe

May 31—5 years
Josh & Tanya Allen



Times & Locations of Sunday School Classes

- **9:00 am—Study of Genesis** led by Elliot & Debby Kooy in the administration office board room
- **10:30 am—That the World May Know** video series led by Heath Wilson in the administration office board room (**This class ends on May 6**)
- **Nursery (ages 0-2 yrs)** both services—downstairs, first room on the right
- **Children's Church (ages 3-5 yrs)** both services—downstairs, end of the hall
- **Children's Sermon (Grades K-4th)** Second service, dismissed after worship songs—upstairs, room #201

May 6th @ 4pm
WORSHIP
TEAM
Meeting

For all worship team members
and anyone interested in joining the team

At Quincy Free Methodist Church in the fellowship hall. Questions? Call 787-4491

A colorful poster for a worship team meeting. It features a large, stylized musical note in shades of purple, pink, and blue, surrounded by vibrant, swirling patterns and splashes of color. The text is arranged in a clear, eye-catching layout, with the date and time at the top, the event name in large, bold letters, and the details at the bottom.

6TH GRADERS - YOU'RE INVITED!

GET R.E.A.L. YOUTH GROUP



QUESTIONS? CONTACT RYAN, 237-3141

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30 6:30-8:30PM

LUMBERYARD—815 2ND AVE SW

GRADUATION SUNDAY

Celebration!

June 3

There will be a cake reception after the second service honoring our 2018 High School Graduates!

Graduates—

1. **5–6 photos of you** (baby through senior year) are needed for the Graduation Sunday slideshow honoring you! Please email or text them to Ryan (ryan@qfmc.org / 237-3141) or Vonna (vonna@qfmc.org / 398-2051) or bring them to the church office by May 20.
2. **Call Ryan** to make an appointment for a video interview by May 20. This will be shown on Graduation Sunday.

If you have a 2018 college graduate email their graduation info to vonna@qfmc.org. We would love to include them in the Graduation Sunday bulletin.





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