

“Some Things Take Time”

Are you a patient person? Do you think God is patient? What do we mean by “patience” anyway? Is it merely the ability to wait, or is it the ability to wait peacefully, without anxiously thinking “hurry up already”?

Last Wednesday, I was reading from John 16 in our Bible reading plan. It contains a verse that touched me many years ago, and once again brought healing to my heart. The setting is Jesus telling his disciples of his pending death and departure. He says to them, **“I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth”** (John 16:12-13). What struck me about this scripture is Jesus’ patience with his disciples. He has so much he wants to tell them, but he understands their humanity and limited abilities. He understands that they can only grow at a certain pace. So he says he will not tell them everything right now, but instead allow them to absorb what he has said, and later the Spirit will give them more truth as they are able to grasp it.

Just like several of you (I assume), I wrestle with setting unrealistic expectations for myself. I then project those onto God, thinking he is disappointed and frustrated with my slow rate of spiritual growth. So this scripture has provided me with a great deal of peace through the years, telling me that God is patient with me. That doesn’t excuse unwillingness to grow, or giving in to desires that distract me from God. It is to say that God knows I need time to process and develop.

Sometimes good and valid concerns can be exploited by Satan and turned into something harmful. Such is our desire for growth in ourselves and others. Thankfully God is patient with us, which in turn helps us be more patient with others.

Curtis Williams

This Week’s Bible Reading Schedule

Date	New Testament	Old Testament
Monday, 11/10	John 19	Ezekiel 37-40
Tuesday, 11/11	John 20	Ezekiel 41-44
Wednesday, 11/12	John 21	Ezekiel 45-48
Thursday, 11/13	1 Thess. 1	Daniel 1-4
Friday, 11/14	1 Thess. 2	Daniel 5-8
Saturday, 11/15	Reflection*	Reflection
Sunday, 11/16	Reflection	Reflection

*Saturdays and Sundays are reserved as days to re-read and reflect upon previous readings, or catch up on readings missed during the week.

OPERATION SERVANTHOOD: A MORNING OF FOOD, FELLOWSHIP AND FAITHFULNESS TO GOD

Sunday, November 23

9:10 to 10:30 am

Instead of Bible classes, we will be having a period of eating and fellowship, followed by a presentation of our various ministries, and an opportunity to serve people in need. Please bring canned goods, sugar, flour, canned fruits, or pie mixes, which will be delivered to Boles Children’s Home.

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Sunday morning schedule

Bible classes.....9:30 am
Worship service.....10:30 am

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Order of Worship

Opening Songs
Welcome & Call to Worship
Scripture Reading
Song: *The Glory-Land Way*
Song: *He Is Exalted*
Song: *Our God, He Is Alive*
Song: *How Great Is Our God*

Offering

(Children’s Offering* and kids dismissed to Children’s Worship**)
Song: *God Is So Good*

“Face-to-Face”***

Song: *Create in Me*
Communion
Song: *My Only Hope Is You*
Song: *Jesus Is Lord*

Message

Family News
Scripture Reading
Song: *Get Right Church*

New to North Pointe and have children?

Children are an important part of the North Pointe church. For this reason we offer the following opportunities for children during our worship service:

Nursery: A staffed nursery with pagers for parents, is provided during the worship service. The nursery for babies, toddlers and two year olds is located in E Hall past the restrooms. A separate, non-staffed nursery is also available for parents to use as needed.

***Children’s Offering:** To teach our children the discipline of giving we provide them an opportunity to contribute in a visible way. This money is used for various ministries.

****Children’s Worship:** Because children have their own unique level of learning and expression we offer a special worship period for children 3 years of age through 2nd grade. Children are dismissed to Children’s Worship following the Children’s offering.

***What is “Face-to-Face with God”?

This time during our worship service allows three opportunities for personal prayer. Your may: 1) remain in your seat and spend time privately praying to God, 2) go to the back of the cafeterium where a member of our prayer team will pray for you or with you, privately and confidentially, or 3) come to the front row of seats with your public prayer request where the prayer leader will include your request in his prayer concluding this period.

North Pointe News

This Week

Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, November 12

10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Home of **Deanna Priebe**
316 Love Bird Lane, Murphy

Mustin Pointe Group

Wednesday, November 12

Meets each Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m.

Home of **Bill and Patty Mustin**
2714 Briarbrook Lane, Garland
Study: Renewing Your Spiritual Life

Future Events

Special Contribution for Orphan Sunday

Sunday, November 16

Lifeline of Hope currently brings aid and assistance to 20,000 homeless children in 11 countries. You will have an opportunity to give to this organization that supplies many needs for orphans.

Kick-off Meeting for Pointe Groups of Young Families and Young Adults

Sunday, November 16

5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the church office

Operation Servanthood

Sunday, November 23

(See back page for details.)

Holiday Open House

Sunday, December 7

3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Home of **John and Stephan Cathey**
3265 Heatherbrook Lane, Richardson
Everyone is invited.

"... so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation in which you shine like stars in the universe ..."
Philippians 2:15



Today

God's Girls

Sunday, November 9

12:30 to 1:45 p.m. at the church office
Bring your lunch.

God's Soldiers

Sunday, November 9

3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the church office

Leadership Training for Christ

Bible Bowl Practice

4:15 to 5:15 p.m. at the church office
Bring your notebooks and make sure you have read your chapters!

This Week

Children's Chorus

Wednesday, November 12

6:45 p.m. at the church office

Future Events

Baby Blessing Day

Sunday, November 16

Christmas Cookie Party

Saturday, December 6

For Kindergarten through Fifth Grade

1:00 to 2:30 p.m. at the church office

Christmas Musical "Visions of Christmas"

Sunday, December 14

Leadership Training for Christ

Friday, April 10 – 11, 2009

Beverly Ritz

North Pointe Youth Ministry

Today

Leadership Training for Christ

Bible Bowl Practice

4:15 to 5:15 p.m. at the church office

Bring a pencil, three colors of highlighters, and your Bible.
Remember to read your chapter assignments.

This Week

Teen Pointe Group

Wednesday, November 12

7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Home of **Mike and Frances Campbell**
6006 Pleasant Valley Road, Wylie

Matt Lee

Record for Sunday, November 2

Worship Attendance: 179

General Offering: \$4,233.00

Children's Offering: \$22.43

Future Facilities Offering: \$300.00