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# Newsletter

*the practice of patience*



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## Waiting = Trusting

by Pastor Brandon Lenhart

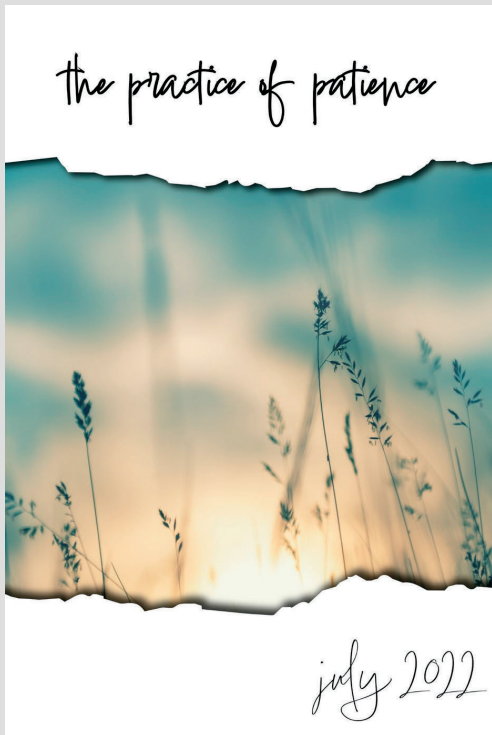
"Those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." (Isaiah 40:31, NRSV)

Rooted in Isaiah's prophecies to the nation of Israel in the Old Testament, this very famous verse of Scripture has been quoted by one generation after another for millennia as a means of encouragement and hope. But what does it really mean to wait?

A closer look at the Hebrew word translated in this verse as "wait," can also be translated as "to hope for," or "to trust." Thus, another rendering of this verse can be: "Those who trust (put their hope) in the LORD will find new strength..." What's interesting when the focus is put on waiting, or hoping, or trusting, is that all of these words point to the virtue of "patience." More than a virtue, however, patience is a manifestation of the Holy Spirit living in a person. It is a fruit produced in the life of one who is focused on the LORD and surrendered to His will. Not only is patience a product of a life surrendered to GOD, but it is also a daily practice required in the believer's life; it is a discipline to be lived out on purpose that does not come naturally.

Isaiah's audience desperately needed to hear this message, but sadly they turned a deaf ear to it and ultimately succumbed to their sinful ways rather than waiting/trusting/hoping in the LORD as their main source of strength. As a result, the people of Israel became so hard-hearted that instead of soaring, they plummeted. Instead of running, they grew weary because of the burden of sin they were under. And, instead of walking with their heads held high with confidence in the LORD, they fainted under the weight of rebellion against GOD's way of life for them as they tried to make their own way, on their own terms.

Though this passage of Scripture was written some 2700 years ago, its truth is still as applicable today as it was during the days of Isaiah. True freedom cannot be known apart from trusting in the LORD with all our hearts and not leaning on our own understanding. We must seek His will in all that we do so that we can truly see what path He desires for us to take (Proverbs 3:5-6). But this takes patience. GOD's timing is perfect, and all too often we are required to wait patiently on Him.



**July 3 Sermon Title: The Practice of "Waiting"**

(Romans 8:18-25; Isaiah 40:31)

Key Point: "The practice of patience requires waiting on the LORD."

**July 10 Sermon Title: The Practice of "Listening"**

(Matthew 13:1-23)

Key Point: "The practice of patience requires active listening in order to discern the truth."

**July 17 Sermon Title: The Practice of "Respecting"**

(Matthew 7:12)

Key Point: "The practice of patience requires the respectful treatment of others."

**July 24 Sermon Title: The Practice of "Abiding"**

(John 15:1-17)

Key Point: "The practice of patience requires abiding in Christ and loving one another."

**July 31 Sermon Title: The Practice of "Enduring"**

(Matthew 24:1-14)

Key Point: "The practice of patience requires faithfully enduring till the end."

## WHITEHALL CAMP MEETING July 16th - 24th, 2022

The Whitehall Camp office handles all of the lodging reservations for Camp Meeting.

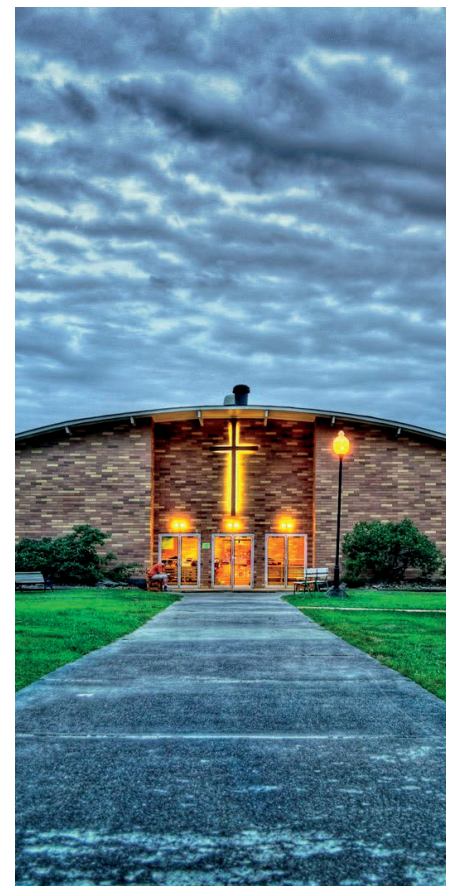
The Western PA Ministries office handles the planning and programming aspects of the event. If you have any questions regarding the programming (Kids Korner, what's going to be happening that week, speakers, worship leaders, dates) please contact the Western PA Ministries office at 724-867-9601, [wpaministries1@gmail.com](mailto:wpaministries1@gmail.com), or [www.wpamin.com](http://www.wpamin.com).

**For Kids Korner at Whitehall Camp Meeting 2022**

please visit the website:

**<https://wpamin.com/kids-korner>**

for more information and to register any children you will be bringing.





# BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, July 24th / 12:00 noon

Know - Grow - Go

We will be going over our annual report, budget, and ratifying new board members. Please plan on staying for the meeting directly after the Sunday morning service.



**We're on TV!**  
Pittsburgh Faith & Family Channel  
Saturday @ 4am  
Mondays @ 8am  
Wednesdays @ 9pm

**How to Watch: [ctvn.org/pff/how-to-watch/](http://ctvn.org/pff/how-to-watch/)**

North Main sermons are now available to watch on TV. Check out Armstrong Cable Channel 95 or over the air: 40.6 Pittsburgh or 47.6 Johnstown/ Altoona.

Discipleship is the element of ongoing ministry and service, which drives followers of Christ to step into the fullness of their God-given abilities and giftedness for the kingdom of God and His righteousness. Completely committed followers of Christ find it a privilege to get involved in ministry that connects the unchurched to Christ. They strive to plug in where they are gifted and take seriously the mandate to Go and make disciples of all people.





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## North Main Softball

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Upcoming Games:

Monday, 6/27

Tuesday 7/5

Friday 7/15

You're invited to come out & cheer on our church Softball Team!

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Mon-Thu 9am-4pm



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Guatemala



January 7 - 14, 2023

Please contact the church office if you're interested in going on this missions trip along with others from North Main.