

Communicator

THIS WEEK AT FBC

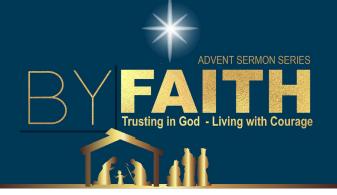




3:00-4:30pm

Questions? Nicole Wright at Nicole Wright@cweng net





Senior Pastor Church Office 903.595.1021

Pike Wisner

Bible Study 9:30 am Worship 8:15 & 10:45am

Church Office Hours 8:00 am-5:00 pm Monday - Thursday

ENJOY THE WAIT?

We have almost forgotten how to wait. Almost everything is immediate online transactions, using an app to order your fast food prior to showing up to avoid the wait, access to movies through our smart TV's, curbside service from online grocery orders, text messaging so we don't have to wait on someone to check emails, and so on.

And, when we do have to wait - it can feel agonizing. A traffic light that

is just too long; being put on hold when trying to sort out (of all things) your phone bill; arriving at the hospital during "quiet hours" and being asked to be seated in the waiting room until visiting hours resume; and even not hearing back quickly enough from the text you just sent.

What about waiting on God? What about when we prayerfully ask for answers, for needs to be met, or for lives to be changed, and don't receive a quick answer? Is His delay mean spirited or meaningful; is it hurtful or hopeful? Think of the child who is forced to wait for Christmas day and the anguish that they seem to experience... but oh the joy when the gift is opened!

Isaiah 40:31

...but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength. ESV

...but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. NIV

Our sovereign Lord has joined together waiting and hoping. Perhaps we need to learn to wait so that we can gain new strength for what lies ahead. Perhaps, we can enjoy the wait.

Join me this Wednesday night as we consider how to prepare for Christmas, through waiting!

- Pike







TWW Updated Reporting **Total Goal**

\$4.2 Million

Total Gifts Received \$1,533,454.00

Total Pledges Outstanding \$718,487.72

Total Pledges and Gifts \$2,504,086.79

DECEMBER 1, 2019

Bible Study Attendance 446

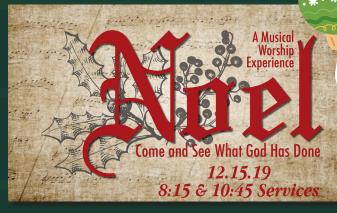
2019 Budget Giving

YTD Budget \$ 1,776,644.00

YTD Received \$1,567,056.87

> New Together We Worship **Offering Envelopes** Available this Sunday!

COMING UP...



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christmas eve Car

DECEMBER 24, 2019 | 4:00PM & 6:00PM



Margaret Berzas

TOGETHER WE WORSHIP

G

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Gail Morgan



Wendell Cavett



Edie Feliciano

NAME

AMOUNT

PAYMENT ON PLEDGE **ONE-TIME GIFT**

IN HONOR OF: IN MEMORY OF: