



The Psalms are a rich resource of spiritual insight and nourishment. IN preparation for preaching, and for my own edification, I have been reading “The Message of the Psalms” by Walter Bruggemann.

One of his keys to understanding many of the Psalms is this:

- 1) Orientation
- 2) Disorientation
- 3) New orientation

By “orientation” he suggests there are Psalms that describe life in its blessed best, “seasons of well-being that evoke gratitude.” This is the world we are conditioned to expect. The good life.

“Disorientation” describes the “anguished seasons of hurt, alienation, suffering and death.” These are the Psalms of lament, when the writer pours out their soul to God in pain, asking the question, “why?”

“New orientation” describes the seasons of life when we are “overwhelmed with the new gifts of God, when joy breaks through despair.” This is when we discover that the Lord has walked us through the “valley dark as death.” These Psalms “affirm a sovereign God who puts humankind in a new situation.

Bruggemann says that these are not so much static, distinct phases of life, but there is constant movement between them. And God’s desire is to move us from what we know about life and God to new insights about life and God, with increased faith. This does not happen without the seasons of “disorientation”, where our job is to cry out to God, to relinquish our inadequate understanding about God, and open ourselves up to hear and experience the gifts and promises of God in a new way.

The prime example of this for Christians is the resurrection of Jesus. Bruggemann helpfully points out that Philippians 2:5-11, the great hymn to Christ, follows this pattern.


- 1) Orientation: “though he existed in the form of God...”
- 2) Disorientation: “[He] emptied himself...”
- 3) New Orientation: “Therefore God has highly exalted him...”

In this movement from Orientation through Disorientation to New Orientation, the people of God grow in faith and depth of understanding God. So as you read through the Psalms in August, try to pay attention to this movement.

Here are the books I read last month in the #52booksin2016 Challenge.

- 1) Reflections on the Psalms – C. S. Lewis (Biblical Studies)
- 2) Seven Women and the Secret of Their Greatness – Eric Metaxas (Biography)

- 3) Challenge: A Long Obedience in the Same Direction: Discipleship in an Instant Society – Eugene Peterson (Discipleship)
- 4) Precious Remedies Against Satan's Devices –Thomas Brooks (Spiritual Care)
- 5) The Adventures and the Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes – Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (Fiction)
- 6) The Coldest Winter: America and the Korean War – David Halberstam (History)
- 7) Firehouse – David Halberstam (Biography)



**Summer  
Worship Time  
9:30 a.m.  
(for July and August)**

We continue to work through the Psalms in worship this month. As we work our way through selected Psalms, I would urge you to pick up the reading guide, and read along with us. It is usually only one or two Psalms per day. There is great benefit in reading the Prayer Book of the Bible. May the Lord speak to each of us as we ponder these timeless Psalms.

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Pastor Jim



Notes:

We are very thankful for the time and resources to travel and spend time with family.

We are also incredibly grateful for all who volunteered their time, treasure and talent to the VBS. We had a blast, and pray for the gospel to be firmly planted in the lives of the children who attended. Aim high!

On Saturday, August 20th we will hold a Memorial Service for Jeanie Connell at 12:00 p.m. at church.

On Saturday, August 27th a Memorial Service for Bill Sperry will be held at 1:30 p.m. at Samaritan Village.

### Welcome our New Secretary



Our new church secretary is Kohl James. He is a student at MJC, and has been playing with the Praise Team for the last month or so. The office hours have changed, so make a note of them. Welcome, Kohl!

### Office Hours

Tuesdays 1:30-5:00 p.m.  
 Wednesdays 1:30-5:00 p.m.  
 Fridays 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon



8-01-16	Monday	Psalm 85, Psalm 86
8-02-16	Tuesday	Psalm 87, Psalm 88
8-03-16	Wednesday	Psalm 89, Psalm 90
8-04-16	Thursday	Psalm 91, Psalm 92
8-05-16	Friday	Psalm 93, Psalm 94
8-06-16	Saturday	Psalm 95, Psalm 96
8-07-16	Sunday	<b>Psalm 95 (Royal)</b>
8-08-16	Monday	Psalm 97, Psalm 98
8-09-16	Tuesday	Psalm 99 Psalm 100
8-10-16	Wednesday	Psalm 101, Psalm 102
8-11-16	Thursday	Psalm 103, Psalm 104
8-12-16	Friday	Psalm 105, Psalm 106
8-13-16	Saturday	Psalm 107, Psalm 108
8-14-16	Sunday	<b>Psalm 107 (Wisdom)</b>
8-15-16	Monday	Psalm 109, Psalm 110
8-16-16	Tuesday	Psalm 111 Psalm 112
8-17-16	Wednesday	Psalm 113, Psalm 114
8-18-16	Thursday	Psalm 115, Psalm 116
8-19-16	Friday	Psalm 117, Psalm 118
8-20-16	Saturday	Psalm 119, Psalm 120
8-21-16	Sunday	<b>Psalm 115 (Temple Liturgies)</b>
8-22-16	Monday	Psalm 121, Psalm 122
8-23-16	Tuesday	Psalm 123, Psalm 124
8-24-16	Wednesday	Psalm 125, Psalm 126
8-25-16	Thursday	Psalm 127, Psalm 128
8-26-16	Friday	Psalm 129, Psalm 130
8-27-16	Saturday	Psalm 131, Psalm 132
8-28-16	Sunday	<b>Psalm 130 (Penitential Lament)</b>
8-29-16	Monday	Psalm 131, Psalm 132, Psalm 133
8-30-16	Tuesday	Psalm 134, Psalm 135, Psalm 136
8-31-16	Wednesday	Psalm 137, Psalm 138, Psalm 139
9-01-16	Thursday	Psalm 140, Psalm 141, Psalm 142
9-02-16	Friday	Psalm 143, Psalm 144, Psalm 145
9-03-16	Saturday	Psalm 146, Psalm 147, Psalm 148
9-04-16	Sunday	<b>Psalm 146 (Hymn and Doxology)</b>

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Mission Statement ~ With God in control, the mission of the Harvest Presbyterian Church is to proclaim and bear witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ and nurture the faith of our church family.

## Harvest Leadership 2016

### Deacons

Virginia Bathe (Moderator)  
John Baughman  
Pat Cousins  
Art Johnston  
Nora McKinsey  
Martha McNamara  
Linda Sherman  
Myrna Wilhite

### Elders

Patti Arbizu (Clerk/Worship)  
Susan Bennett (Communications)  
Cyndy Cawley (CE/Mission)  
Michael Cousins (Treasurer)  
Staci Edwards (CE)  
Brandy Meyer (CE/Youth)

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# August 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  6:00 p.m.— Church Prayer Meeting	2 	3	4	5  10:00 a.m.— Bible Study at Kuglin's	6
7  9:30 a.m.— Communion  	8  6:00 p.m.— Church Prayer Meeting	9	10	11	12  10:00 a.m.— Bible Study at Kuglin's  12:00 p.m.— Deacons	13  
14  9:30 a.m.— Worship	15  6:00 p.m.— Church Prayer Meeting	16	17  1:15-3:15 p.m —Session (Youth Room)	18	19  10:00 a.m.— Bible Study at Kuglin's	20  12:00 p.m.— Jeanie Connell Memorial Service
21  9:30 a.m.— Worship	22  6:00 p.m.— Church Prayer Meeting	23  	24	25	26  10:00 a.m.— Bible Study at Kuglin's	27  1:30 p.m.— Bill Sperry Memorial Service (Samaritan Village)
28  9:30 a.m.— Worship  End of Month Potluck after the Worship Service	29  6:00 p.m.— Church Prayer Meeting	30	31  	1	2  10:00 a.m.— Bible Study at Kuglin's	3

## August Sunday School Schedule\*

August 7—Nursery: Kendall Meyer & Staci Edwards; K-3rd: Beth Stochl & Brandy Meyer

August 14—Nursery: Kendall Meyer & Judy Salyer; K-3rd: Beth Stochl & Cyndy Cawley

August 21—Nursery: Kendall Meyer & Brandy Meyer; K-3rd: Beth Stochl & Judy Salyer

August 28—Nursery: Kendall Meyer & Anette Arias; K-3rd: Beth Stochl & Staci Edwards

\* This schedule may change! Check with Brandy Meyer if you have any conflicts or questions.



## Regular Prayer List

### *Assisted Living:*

Donna McRae— *Golden Age Home Care, (memory care)*

### *Health Issues:*

Virginia Irons

Roger Morrow

Dorothy Nelson

Margaret Kuglin (eye)

Patti Arbizu (knee)

Alice Visser (English Oaks)

**Grace Olds (Patti Arbizu's mom)**



- ♦ Office hours: Tuesdays 1:30-5:00 p.m., Wednesdays 1:30-5:00 p.m., Fridays 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
- ♦ Movie Night August 4th! We will be showing Zootopia
- ♦ No Mariner's Meetings during the Summer!

*Friendly Reminders*



15—Bill & Eileen Sperry

21—Greg & Staci Edwards

29—Tom & Virginia Bathe

30—Jim & Beth Stochl



3-Tom Bathe

3-Ruth Strange

10-Nawatha Reed

13-Cyndy Cawley

15-Nora McKinsey

15-Adra Edwards

19 Betty Baughman

21-Rachel Stochl

23-Beth Stochl

29-Richard McKay

29-Eileen Sperry