

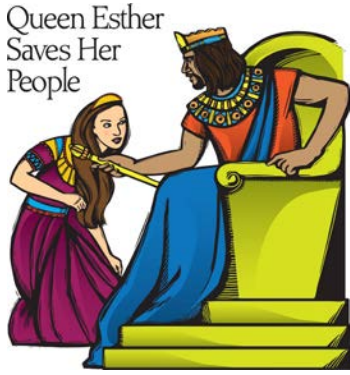
**NEW BIBLE STUDY:
LADIES BIBLE CLASS**

ESTHER

The Ladies Bible class has begun a new study, the Book of Esther. Every book and letter in the Bible serves some purpose. This book is no exception, because it has several:

- 1. It demonstrates the importance of **the Jewish people** to the plan of God in redeeming the world through Jesus, a descendent of Abraham.
- 2. It demonstrates the **providence of God** in fulfilling His plan to save men from sin.
- 3. It reveals the necessity of **reacting wisely** to difficult challenges.
- 4. It highlights the kind of **relationship the Jews and Gentiles** had during the time of the Persian Empire, which included the writings of Ezra, Nehemiah, Haggai, Malachi, and others.

The book clearly demonstrates the providential loving care that God has for His people, especially during their trials and persecutions. During this time,



God's purpose and will were served by His two faithful servants, Esther and Mordecai. She demonstrated in her life to be an example of courage, patience, decorum, and to have a demeanor that listened to the wisdom of those her senior (Mordecai).

Her Persian name ('Ester) meant "star" and her Hebrew name (*Hadasseh*) meant "myrtle" from the beautiful myrtle wood trees which expressed the idea of beauty. In character and appearance, she was no doubt a star and a person of great beauty.

The author of this book uses many literary techniques to make this biblical event even more alive and intriguing.

- 1. **Fore-shadowing:** Several verses in the beginning chapters give us a "heads-up" that something unique and exciting is about to happen.

2. **Well-developed characters:** Esther, Mordecai, Haman, King Ahasuerus, Queen Vashti, and others are clearly portrayed in attitude: the good, the bad, and the ugly.

3. A **"Cinderella" Plot:** It has a "from rags to riches" storyline; she went from being an orphan to becoming the Queen of the Persian Empire.

4. **Humor through irony:** Mordecai received what Haman thought was going to be his, and Haman received what he had planned for Mordecai (hung on a gallows).

5. **Heroes and Villains:** Haman, his wife, his family and friends plotted against the Jews: Esther saved the Jewish people.

6. **Poetic Justice:** They each received what they deserved.

Ladies, come join us in this wonderful study of God's word. We meet each Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. except when the Sumner County school system does not meet because of weather conditions.

Charles Williams

WISDOM

"To know wisdom and instruction, to understand words of insight, to receive instruction is wise dealing, in-righteousness, justice and equity; to give prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the youth-Let the wise hear and increase in learning and the one who understands obtain guidance, understand a proverb and a saying, the words of the wise and their riddles.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction".

Proverbs 1:2-7

We can all use a little more wisdom and knowledge, why not learn to love and respect God? If we want to be a true Christian then we have to learn to fear God!

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WINTER YOUTH CAMP

Winter Youth Camp will be **February 15- 18, 2019.** If you are planning to go, please sign up online by February 8th. For more details, please see **Andrew Spivey.**

SYMPATHY

Our Love and Sympathy to **Alex Sherrill** and family on the passing of his cousin, **Mark Moreland.** The Funeral was held on January 26th in Madison.

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES
Sun.: JESUS; Feeding the 5000, Mark 6
Wed.: JESUS; The Bread of Life, John 6

OUTREACH TEAM

Outreach Team # 1 lead by **Adam & Amy Williamson** will meet Sunday immediately following the evening worship services in front of the auditorium.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Ladies Bible Class meets on **Tuesday's at 10:00 am.** All Ladies are invited to come and study the Bible together and enjoy the fellowship.

BABY SHOWER

Colby & Montana Elliott are expecting their baby March 1st. The ladies of the church would like to give them a diaper shower. A basket will be in the Fellowship Room until **February 10th.** Please fill the basket with diapers, wipes, etc... See **Pam Newby** for more details.

PRESCHOOL/GRADE SCHOOL REQUEST

The Preschool (ages 2 – 5) & Grade School (grades 1 - 4) classes will be making and delivering gift bags for the shut-ins and are asking the congregation to help them by bringing toiletry items (shampoo, body lotion, etc.) or snacks and place them in the box in the Fellowship Room by **February 8th.**

COMMUNION CARE

The Communion Care List for 2019 has been posted on the bulletin board at the back of the auditorium. If you would like to help care for the communion trays, please sign your name by the month you would like. **We still have a few months open for sign up. A special thanks to all who helped with the communion trays in 2018.**

TNT MEALS

The schedule for **2019 Tuesday Nights Together (TNT)** is on the bulletin board at the back of the auditorium. Please sign the list if you are willing to provide a light snack or meal for the youth for a TNT.

THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you so much for the prayers and cards during Bobby's recent surgeries and hospitalization. He is recovering slowly and doing great in rehab. In Him,
Bobby & Linda Crusco

ORDER OF SERVICES
SUNDAY
February 3, 2019
BIBLE STUDY 9:00 A.M.
CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Prayer.....Barry Mayes
Nursery.....Peggy Buck

WORSHIP 10:00 A.M.

Welcome.....David Thompson
Song Leader.....Ben Hutson
Scripture Reading.....Colby Rowlett
Opening Prayer.....Winford Sheppard
Table.....Jim Cherry
Serve.....R. Pinckley, B. Sever, K. Yarbrough
LJ Kreynus, C. Suddarth, M. Ellis

Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Lee Boone
Ushers.....C. Embry, J. Huffman, T. Cummins
Nursery.....Marila Smith
Greeters.....(W. D.) B/M Smith (E. D.) L/J Clark
(Those serving should be downstairs 5 minutes early)

WORSHIP 5:00 P.M.

Welcome.....David Thompson
Song Leader.....Ben Hutson
Scripture Reading.....Colby Rowlett
Opening Prayer.....Charles Simmons
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Table.....A. Williamson/B. Smith
Closing Prayer.....Allyn Hosman
Nursery.....Marila Smith

WEDNESDAY February 6, 7:00 P.M.
CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Welcome.....David Thompson
Song Leader.....Ben Hutson
Opening Prayer.....Carl Newby
Closing Prayer.....Gerald Miles
Closing Building February.....Brent Smith
Treasurer/Assist February.....R. Pinckley/D. Johnson
Visitor Desk Volunteer.....Pam Newby

IF YOU CANNOT SERVE, PLEASE CALL
 Alex Sherrill.....615-289-9935
 Church Office.....615-452-3431

ZONE # 3

Your zone is responsible for picking up the communion cups and straightening the songbooks during the month of February.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sun. Bible Study 9:00 a.m. • Sun. Morning Worship 10:00 a.m. • Sun. Evening Worship 5:00 p.m. •
 Wed. Evening Bible Class 7:00 • Tues. Ladies Bible Class 10:00 a.m. September-May

SICK LIST

Dorothy Sullivan is recovering from cataract surgery. **Ann Tyler** has a cracked vertebra. **Cathy Henderson** fell and broke her hip last week. She is now at NHC for rehab. **Frances Catron** is home now recovering from kidney stones. **Carl Rushing** had surgery on Jan 21st. The surgery went well. **Jim Huffman** is recovering from eye surgery. **Mike Martin**, family friend of Terry & Donna Jennings, will have a shunt put in on Feb. 11th. **Dock Campbell** is at the VA hospital in Murfreesboro. **Marilee Frederick** is recovering from knee replacement surgery. **Jane Hughes** is staying with her daughter in Alabama. **Jon Crump** is now at The Waters in Gallatin. **Donna Holmes**, daughter of Eva Petty, has been very sick. **Joe Kane**, father of Kenny Yarbrough, has leukemia. **Harvey Victory**, great uncle of Olivia Ellis, has pancreatic cancer which has spread through his body. **Craig Sweeney**, son of James & Doris Sweeney, is at the Georgetown Hospital & Cancer Research Center. **Lester Sparks**, father of Rachael Mayes, is waiting on additional treatment options. **Elizabeth Jones**, mother to Wanda Mathewson is on hospice. **John Arnold**, father of Brenda Arnold is homebound and dealing with serious health issues. **Bob Crusco**, brother-in-law to Ken & Brenda Veale, is home now and will continue with therapy.

CARE LINE: 615-452-2464



PRAYER LIST

Chris Tyler; **Joe Adams**; **William Dunn**; **Jean Deaton**; **Jon Crump**; **Kylie Pruitt**, cousin to Bob Sever; **Ida Lou Sherrill**, mother of Alex Sherrill; **Zachery Simmons**, grandson of Charles & Fay Simmons; **Elias Benjamin Simmons**, great grandson of Charles & Fay Simmons; **Jane Huffard**, friend to Carl & Pam Newby; **Lester Sparks**, father of Rachel Mayes; **Debbie Sparks**, sister of Rachel Mayes; **Randell Wallace**, friend of Jim Huffman; **Lawrence Redding**, son-in-law of Betty Melcher; **Taylor Lackford**, niece of Brenda Veale; **Dustin Lackford**, nephew of Brenda Veale; **Janice Haskins**, sister of Jim Cherry; **Larry Conley**, friend of Wanda Proctor; **Wayne Holt**, nephew of Grace Bracey; **John Gregory**, brother of Bob Gregory; **Pam Flory**, friend of Sherry Sever; **Delaney Bruce**, friend of Betty Johnson; **Harold Cole**, friend of Lena Baggett; **Bobbie Carter**, sister of Janice Johnson;

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Ted Lawrence, brother of Wanda Proctor; **Betty Billingsley**, sister of Wanda Proctor; **Walter Wooten**, brother of Wanda Sherrill. **We depend on families and friends to help us update this list. Please notify us of any changes.**

SHUT-INS

Ron & Anna Radish, **Bill & Jane Dunn**, **Cathy Henderson**, **Penny Campbell**, Brookdale Bellevue, Room 417, 8118 B Sawyer Brown Road, Nashville, TN 37221, **Lillie Sisco**, **Dorothy Sullivan**, **Dock Campbell**, Brookdale Assisted Living, Room 404, 2025 Caldwell Drive, Goodlettsville; **Emogine Williams**, Richland Place Health Center, 500 Elmington Ave, Room 327, Nashville TN 37205; **Thelma Ambrose**, mother of Helen Milliken, Room 123 at Elmcroft at Rivergate; **Jean Thurman**, mother-in-law of Myra Rasnick, Brookdale, Hendersonville.

OUR RECORD THIS WEEK	
Bible Study.....	124
Morning Worship.....	186
Sunday Evening.....	102
Wednesday.....	86
Contribution.....	\$8,095.36
Youth Group Account.....	\$4,745.23

Elders		
Tony Butler.....	615-452-0560	
Jim Cherry.....	615-479-2149	
David Johnson.....	615-300-9084	
Alex Sherrill.....	615-289-9935	
James Spivey.....	615-451-0776	
David Thompson.....	615-598-6621	
Jerry Watson.....	615-461-8137	
Deacons		
Carl Newby	Winford Sheppard	Brent Smith
Ken Veale	Adam Williamson	Robert Williamson



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