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Weekly Schedule

Sunday

Sunday School, 9:30 AM
Morning Worship, 10:45 AM
Children's Church
Prayer Time, 5:00 PM
Evening Worship, 6:00 PM

Monday

Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 AM

Tuesday

Prime Time Choir, 10:30 AM

Wednesday

Prayer Meeting, 6:00 PM
Youth IMPACT, 6:00 PM
Sanctuary Singers, 7:00 PM

SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING

**NEXT WEDNESDAY, 6:00PM
OCTOBER 12TH, 2022**

**(TO DISCUSS AND VOTE ON
FACILITY REPAIRS WHICH ARE
NEEDED AT THIS TIME)**



FORERUNNER

October 6, 2022

THE SOVEREIGN TIMELINE

As we continue our study of the book of Esther, I am impressed by the timeline of the events. We tend to think that the events of chapters 1, 2, and 3 occur over a series of weeks. However, *years*, not *weeks*, are passing by.

Chapter two begins with the phrase, "Later when King Xerxes' anger had subsided..." Historians believe that Xerxes attempted a conquest of Greece between chapters one and two, but was defeated. (The big party of chapter one had been strategically planned to rally the forces for battle.) History reflects Xerxes and his army were soundly defeated. Xerxes came home a defeated king. At this point, the king's advisors proposed finding a new queen. The stage was set for God to use Esther and Mordecai to become key political leaders in the Persian Empire.

We see God's hand at work when we look at the timeline of Esther and Mordecai's lives. For at least a year, Esther is separated from her cousin (who has been like a father to her), her home, her lifestyle, her day-to-day routine. While she has been given beauty treatments, she has still been away from everything she called "normal." Mordecai's life has also been affected. The scriptures state that "he walked back and forth near the courtyard to find out how Esther was and what was happening to her." (Esther 2:11, NIV)

Even as the weeks and years passed by, Esther and Mordecai remained faithful. God knew how HIS timeline would evolve. God's greater purposes were being achieved.

Charles Swindoll points out that the sovereignty of God makes us active. It drives us before Him as we plead, "Lord, involve me in the process, if it pleases You. I'm available. Use me." We are thankful that our God is still sovereign and ruling. May the timeline of our lives continue to reflect a faithfulness to God's Word and God's purposes.

Saved to Serve,
Denise

MEMORIALS and HONORARIUMS

In Memory of Jackie McGee

By DeWayne and Grace Kelly Georgia Barnette

In Memory of Pam Gates

By George and Laverne Smith Budget
Denise Palmer TWB
Ron and Diane Denny Budget
DeWayne and Grace Kelly Georgia Barnette

In Memory of Katie Reed

By DeWayne and Grace Kelly Georgia Barnette
Ron and Diane Denny Budget
John and Virginia McCarty Georgia Barnette
Jimmy and Leesa Sitter Youth Ministry

In Memory of Kay Asher

By Jimmy and Leesa Sitter Gideons International

In Memory of Wanda Allen, Wanda Richardson and Sue Fant

By Roy and Margaret Cordray Georgia Barnette

In Memory of Bo Williams

By Jimmy and Leesa Sitter Budget

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Friday, October 7

Jeremiah 11 – 12, Philippians 1

Saturday, October 8

Jeremiah 13 – 14, Philippians 2

Sunday, October 9

Jeremiah 15 - 17, Philippians 3

Monday, October 10

Jeremiah 18 - 19, Philippians 4

Tuesday, October 11

Jeremiah 20 - 21, Colossians 1

Wednesday, October 12

Jeremiah 22 - 23, Colossians 2

Thursday, October 13

Jeremiah 24 - 25, Colossians 3

Friday, October 14

Jeremiah 26, Colossians 4

Saturday, October 15

Jeremiah 27 - 28, 1 Thessalonians 1



Our Ladies Bible Study meets on Mondays at **10:00AM** in the FLC. We are studying "Jonah – Navigating a Life Interrupted" by Priscilla Shirer. This study is facilitated by Grace Kelly. Books are \$17.

NW LA Baptist Association Annual Meeting – Monday Morning, October 10, 2022 at 10:00AM – Lunch. First Baptist Church – Shreveport, Frost Chapel (543 Ockley St). Guest Speaker: Dr. Willie McLaurin, Executive Committee, SBC. We will be electing Messengers for the meeting this Sunday night, October 9th.

Prime Time Singers – this Tuesday, 10:30AM.

Branson at Bethany Tickets are on sale in the church office. The tickets are originally \$17 but we will be selling them to our members for \$10 each. First come, first serve. Showtime will be Tuesday, November 29th at 9:30 AM with a meal following the show. There will be a sign-up sheet in the office. See Bro. Harold on Sunday or Ms. Claire during the week to buy your ticket.

Deacon's Meeting – Sunday, October 16th, 4:30PM

Business Meeting – Wednesday, October 19th, 6:00PM.

FALL FAIR 2022

Saturday, October 29th 2:00 – 4:00 PM

We will have our annual Fall Fair Trunk-n-Treat in our back parking lot. (Don't worry, LSU is not playing that weekend, I've already checked!) Our friends with old-time cars will also be joining us and we'll have Fair Food and a Bounce House for everyone to enjoy.

Ways you can help:

- 1.) Trunk-n-Treat – sign up to decorate the trunk of your vehicle and pass out church-provided candy.
- 2.) Donate individually wrapped candy – the candy bins are in the hallways.
- 3.) Invite your family and friends!
- 4.) Come and enjoy the fun, food and fellowship!



A BIG Thank You
to everyone who came and helped clean our church grounds last week. You all worked hard and we appreciate you! Thanks to

Harry Fletcher, Ron Denny, Harvey Ramsey, Mike Gaddis, Jimmy and Leesa Sitter and DeWayne Kelly.