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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

Tuesday

Prime Time Choir, 10:00 AM
Sing at Brookdale, 10:30 AM

Wednesday

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

**Emmanuel
Baptist Church
Lottie Moon Goal:
\$10,000
Ingathering will
be Sunday,
December 18th.**



FORERUNNER

December 8, 2022

THE SECOND EDICT

As we reach the conclusion of the study of Esther, the ending chapters are sometimes not emphasized as much as the previous chapters. But the symbolism found in these chapters is powerful.

The plot by the evil Haman has been exposed and Haman has been hung on the same gallows he built for the death of Mordecai. The king has approved the writing of another edict allowing the Jews to defend themselves. The tables were turned. No longer was there "bewilderment" in Susa (Esther 3:15), but there was "celebration, happiness, joy, gladness and honor." (Esther 8:15-16) Charles Swindoll states that "it was like Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's all rolled into one. It was like Berlin on the ninth of November, 1989."

Dr. Vernon McGee compares the king's first edict to our lives before salvation. The first edict in the book of Esther put the Jews under a death threat. For us today, we are all sinners and the wages of sin is death. (Romans 3:23, 6:23) This represents the first edict in our lives. But the second edict in Esther's day offered a way of deliverance for the Jews and a way for them to be saved from certain death.

JESUS is our second edict. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son..." JESUS offers salvation to us from certain spiritual death. During the Christmas season, even the Old Testament story of Esther points us to our desperate need for a Savior -- we're doomed without Him. Jesus offers the entire world victory over bewilderment, doom and death. *Thank you, Father, for Your victory that began in a manger in Bethlehem.*

Saved to Serve,
Denise



MEMORIALS and HONORARIUMS

In Memory of Nadine Allen

By George and Laverne Smith	Budget
Sharon Wheless	Lottie Moon
Denise Palmer	Bereavement
Gene Taylor	TWB
Wayne and Carol Dillman	Budget

In Memory of Riley Ormston, Wyatt Ramsey and R. C. Martin

By Wayne and Carol Dillman	Budget
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In Memory of Claude Burch

By Sue Burch	Lottie Moon
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In Memory of Richard Palmer

By George and Laverne Smith	Budget
Jimmy and Leesa Sitter	Budget
Wayne and Carol Dillman	Budget

In Memory of Frances Clark Waddell

By Jimmy and Leesa Sitter	Budget
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In Memory of Linda Millican

By Mike Asher	Budget
Celebration Class	Budget
Ron and Diane Denny	Budget
Wayne and Carol Dillman	Budget
Mike and Judy Gaddis	Lottie Moon
Sharon Wheless	TWB
Gene Taylor	TWB
Denise Palmer	Bereavement

In Honor of Katie Cloyd, Lorea Cloyd and Charlie Sherrod

By Dr. William P. Spillers	Lottie Moon
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THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Friday, December 9

Hosea 11 – 12, Jude

Saturday, December 10

Hosea 13 – 14, Revelation 1

Sunday, December 11

Joel 1 – 3, Revelation 2

Monday, December 12

Amos 1 - 2, Revelation 3

Tuesday, December 13

Amos 3 – 4, Revelation 4

Wednesday, December 14

Amos 5 - 7, Revelation 5

Thursday, December 15

Amos 8 - 9, Revelation 6

Friday, December 16

Obadiah, Revelation 7

Saturday, December 17

Jonah 1 - 4, Revelation 8

Thank you so much for your cards, phone calls and donations in memory of our grandson, Riley Ormston. Your love and caring means more than words can say. Glen and Linda Hall

Thank you all for your prayers, calls, cards and support in the death of my brother. Rev. Gary and Linda Palmer



Bro. Lane's sermon this Sunday Morning will be found in Luke 1:46-55, "The True Christmas Spirit."

Christmas Choir Cantata "GO, TELL IT!" – presented by the Sanctuary and Prime Time Combined Choirs, Sunday, December 11th, 6:00PM in the Sanctuary. Please sign up to bring finger foods (sandwiches, chips, fruit and veggie trays, drinks, etc.) for our fellowship after the service.

Our Prime Time Choir will go to Brookdale in Bossier - Tuesday, December 13th at 10:00AM to sing at 10:30.

Our Lottie Moon International Missions Offering Ingathering will be Sunday, December 18th in the Morning Worship Service.

Sign up for Family Night at Christmas, December 18th, 6:00PM in the sanctuary. Please see Bro. Harold or sign up in the church office. Also, you may sign up to bring desserts or sodas for our fellowship after the program.

Come celebrate with Bob and Karen Johnston Saturday, December 17th from 2:00 – 4:00 in the Family Life Center. This will be a come and go celebration for the entire church family. The golden couple requests only gifts of Love and Prayers.



Deacon's Meeting – Sunday, December 18th, 4:30PM.

Business Meeting – Wednesday, December 21st, 6:00PM.