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If you are a visitor to our service this morning, please provide your name and address so we can acknowledge your visit by sending you a welcome note.

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And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?”
“And He said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
And with all your soul, and with all your mind.’
This is the great and foremost commandment.

The second is like it,
‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’
On these commandments depend
The whole Law and the Prophets.”

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT
Matthew 22:36-40

And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying,
“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.
Go, therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them
In the name of the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
Teaching them to observe all that I commanded you;

And lo, I am with you always, even to
The end of the age.”

THE GREAT COMMISSION
Matthew 28:18-20

You can use the tear off on the edge of the bulletin and drop it in the offering box or the box in the foyer. Alternatively, you can click [here](#) or use the contacts below if you would like to:

- Acknowledge your visit with us (physical or virtual) OR
- Contact us with prayer requests, questions, concerns, needs OR
- Request visitation prayer at your specific location (in your home, at the hospital, or nursing facility, etc.)

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May 8, 2022

MELBOURNE
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Sunday Service beginning at **9:30 AM**

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ORDER OF SUNDAY SERVICE

Special video opens the service

Old Testament Reading, [Proverbs 3:1-4](#)

Worship

Offering

Announcements of upcoming events

Pastoral prayer for the children before Sunday School classes.
The Nursery is available for infants at any time.

New Testament Reading, [Matthew 10:32-33](#)

“Esther’s Rise per God’s Plan,” [Esther 2](#),
by Rick Krebs

The Lord’s Supper is offered, along with prayer ministry
while worship continues.

Benediction & Closing Prayer

This Sunday Morning:

Children’s Church: Pre-school—1st grade class and 2nd—6th grade class.



MCC Vacation Bible School (VBS), “Spark Studio: Created in Christ, Designed for God’s purpose.” Monday-Friday, June 13-17, 2022.
Register at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/81201e>.



Graduation Sunday Celebration is **May 22**. Please let Rick know if you (or your son/daughter) is graduating this year.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

05/10: Tuesday:

Memoirs Group, led by Ann Blaylock, at the *new time*, **4:00 PM** in the church sanctuary every Tuesday. Text Ann at [\(321\) 960-1946](tel:3219601946) for more information or just join us.

Prayer Meeting, Wanda Appledoorn will be hosting a [Zoom](#) meeting at **6:30 PM—7:30 PM**. See the book, [Prayer Revolution](#).

The Chosen Women’s Bible Study, at **6:15 PM**, for a journey group Bible Study based on Season One of “The Chosen” TV series. All ladies are welcome. Contact Kim Judd, [\(321\) 212-9839](tel:3212129839), or Laurie Wilson, [\(321\) 961-3658](tel:3219613658), with questions.

05/11: Wednesday Evening:

Youth Group, For grades 7—12, from **6:00 PM—7:30 PM** for girls and boys grades 7-12 at the MCC led by Davis and Denice Hemenway [\(303\) 961-0010](tel:3039610010) or davis.hemenway@gmail.com.

05/12: Thursday Afternoon:

Bible Art Journaling Group will be meeting in the church sanctuary, the morning group from **11:00 AM—1:00 PM**, and the afternoon group meets from **2:30 PM—4:00 PM**. For more information text Barbara Murgatroyd, [\(321\) 355-9705](tel:3213559705) or just join us.

Women’s Prayer Group, meeting at **1:30 PM—3:30 PM**, For weekly meeting location, please contact the leads, Jenny Reed or Laurie Wilson.

05/13: Saturday Morning:

Saturday morning Prayer Group, for ladies is open for new participants.. The group meets by Zoom @ **8:00 AM**, for an hour to worship and pray, and to take time with the Lord and each other. Contact leader Cindy Coleman: vampirewoman16@yahoo.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

05/15: Sunday Morning: Sunday Service at 9:30 AM

For *Sunday’s Sermon*, continue reading ahead the book of [Esther](#).

Date 05/08/2022 I have a Prayer Request Questions Need



Prayer Requests or Questions for the Pastoral Team?

If you have questions or a prayer request, write in the space below and place in the offering basket or the box in the foyer.

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Sermon Notes: “Esther’s Rise per God’s Plan” [Esther 2](#), by Rick Krebs .

Old Testament Reading: [Proverbs 3:1-4](#).

New Testament Reading: [Matthew 10:32-33](#).

What we will learned last week: ([Esther 1](#))

- The story before the story.
- Reading through a Christian world view lens.
- The state is set, the lines are drawn.
- The application for us—today.

What we will learn this week:

- The King’s plan and approach
- Esther’s metamorphosis
- Mordecai’s rise in prominence
- Reflection and application.

In Cinderella, the prince invited women to a ball. In this real-to-life story what did king Xerces agree to do to replace his prior Queen Vashti who displeased him by rejecting his command to show herself to his drunken friends? ([Esther 2:1-4](#))

We are next introduced to the other main characters in this example of God’s sovereignty, two Jews exiled from Jerusalem. What were there Jewish names? ([Esther 2:5-7](#))

What was Esther’s relationship to Mordecai? ([Esther 2:7](#))

What was one of the characteristics that Esther possessed? ([Esther 2:7](#))

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What other character did Esther exhibit while in the harem of Xerces? ([Esther 2:8-9](#))

Did Mordecai abandon Esther to her fate when she was taken into the king’s harem? ([Esther 2:10](#))

What was king Xerces’ opinion of Esther and how did he respond? ([Esther 2:17-18](#))

What other of Esther’s character do we see in [Esther 2:10](#) and [Esther 2:19-20](#)?

What is the Hebrew and Babylonian meaning of the name Mordecai? (see e.g., [Mordecai](#))

What is the meaning of the name Hadassah or Esther? (see e.g., [Hadassah](#); [Esther](#))

The Bible is not just stories, but history. This verse provides a specific time, place, and a relationship to a well attested historical figure in history, [Xerces](#), ruler of Persia.

Since Mordecai was in close proximity to Esther, he was in a position to overhear a conspiracy. What happened when Mordecai passed this information to Queen Esther. ([Esther 2:21-22](#))

Additional Notes:

Internet Resources: [The Bible Project: Esther Overview](#); [Esther Overview Poster](#)