

Divine Providence and Esther the Queen

The Book of Esther

I. God's Providence and Foreknowledge

What problems are associated with the providence of God
Romans 8:18; 2 Corinthians 4:16—17; Ephesians 2:1—2; John 12:30;
Psalm 139; Isaiah 46:9—10

II. The Story of Esther the Queen

The story of Esther is one of faith and character

III. God's Hand Over Israel

How does the story of Esther show God's providence?

IV. God's Providence Today

Philippians 2:12—13; Ephesians 2:10; Romans 2:6; Jeremiah 17:10

SPIRITUAL NEEDS: Those dedicated to mission work; the leaders of the church, Our College students. Our Teen Ministry Piero and Edita Drago. Clarence LeBlanc (Pat's son): recovery and renewal. Emily Madey: difficult divorce and custody issues.

HEALTH NEEDS Joe Merillat (former youth minister at Oceanside) is out of the hospital recovering from a serious infection. Joe Fruscella (Jane's husband and Freddy's father) was hospitalized this past week. Elizabeth Jambor (Rhonda Davis' grandniece) has begun chemotherapy for Hodgkin's lymphoma. Jane Fruscella is recovering from knee surgery. Darren (Kristina Anderson's brother-in-law) has a mass on his vertebrae. An MRI is scheduled for further diagnosis. Gayle Davidson is recovering from knee surgery. Diane Lamont (Linda Conn's sister) is recovering in a nursing home. Vicki Foster (friend of Jeff Shepherd) has terminal cancer. Preston Havens (Jeff Shepherd's uncle) has terminal cancer. Cherie Ramos (friend of Lyn Newton) was diagnosed with cancer and has paralysis from the rib-cage down. Julia Peters Goldstein (friend of Julia Apple), cancer. Beverly Smith (Rita Vanzizie's mother in Belize): heart and vision problems. Also, Rita's

sister has cancer. Muriel Burke has been admitted to Carnegie Gardens Nursing Center. Sam Meredith is dealing with health issues. Lori Hackman is dealing with several serious health issues. Billie Branham (Jennifer Godby's sister) is dealing with colorectal cancer. Pat Dixon's mother is dealing with heart problems. Merrill Stevens (Michelle Bethea's sister-in-law) is dealing with a recurring jaw infection. Ed Masterson's mother is suffering from several serious health issues. Jimmy & Sarah Hines: many critical medical issues. Cressy (Pat LeBlanc's niece): recurrence of breast cancer. Nancy Muriel and Jackie Gonzalez' Uncle Herman has inoperable cancer.

FINANCIAL AND FAMILY NEEDS Jim Anderson has a potential job lead with AAR (Melbourne Airport). Rhonda Davis, Marjie LeCavalier, and Laura Imhoff all need new jobs.

SERVING IN THE MILITARY: Danny Elsmore (Nancy and Jackie's cousin) has received a new assignment. Marlene Shirley's grandson is stationed in Korea. Jane Fruscella's granddaughter, Zhana Young, has been deployed to Afghanistan. Pray for a safe return.

Family Happenings

On the weekend of February 17—19, Oceanside will be hosting the annual LAUNCH Singles Conference. This conference has been held in many different states, and it is an honor to be able to host it. Up to 100 Christian single adults will be travelling here to participate. Carol Burkhard and others in the congregation have been coordinating this event for over a year, and the time is almost here. With the loving warmth of this congregation, our guests should feel very welcomed here! Please pray for this event, and if you want to participate or help in some way, let Carol know.



There will be a Mother-Daughter retreat at Central Florida Bible Camp on February 3—5, 2012. The theme this year will be "In His Image." Becky Bishop of the Central Church of Christ in Winter Haven is coordinating this event. There is an informational flyer posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway.

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES, WINTER, 2012

Sunday a.m.: *Psalms*, Adults, Auditorium
Wed. p.m.: *Hebrews*, Bruce Pierce. Fellowship Hall
Teens: Selected Lessons, CJ Salie

Singles Happenings

Jan 27—29 UCC, Montgomery, AL
Feb 17-19, LAUNCH Singles OCEANSIDE!!
Satellite Beach, FL
Mar 16—18 Central Florida Bible Camp
May 4-6, East Ridge, Chattanooga

For Info: Carol—321-698-1111

Sermons are recorded. If you are ill, in the nursery or out of town and wish to hear one you missed, please see Jim Conn or go to our website:

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January Birthdays & Anniversaries

3—Ruth & Tim Wilson, Gina Gonzalez
7—Michael Clarke
9—David Woodford, Jr.
10—Bryan Pierce
12—Ruth Wilson
15—Willie Bryant
19—Jessica Ximenez, Denise Kromko
21—Farron Sutherland, Jr.
22—Lauren Branard
24—Xavier Muriel, Jarrett Willingham
26—Bethany Clarke
27—Margaret Wahtera



PANTRY PONDERINGS

Doubled plastic and paper bags are in constant need

Please call Margaret at 960-5227 if there are food needs during the week (members and visitors)

Pantry Report for week ending January 11:
130 households visited the pantry, feeding a total of 380 people.

CAMPBELLS LABELS AND BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

If you do not have a school to collect these for, collect them for Mt. Dora! Give yours to Rita Meredith.

CANS FOR HABITAT

The boxes are back in the hall—teens are collecting empty, rinsed out, soda cans.

ELDERS
John Branard 454-4145
Bill Werner 254-0283

EVANGELIST
Jim Conn 676-7954

DEACONS
Scott Clements, Worship
901-831-2832

Bruce Pierce, Adult Ed
777-9823

David Woodford, Sr., Teens/Youth
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ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sunday:
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Kids Kingdom
Children's Bible Hour
10:30

Sunday Evening
6:00 p.m.
Bible Study at the building
and in homes (communion
available at all locations)

Wednesday Evening
7:00 p.m. Service

Pantry Hours
*Available to the neighborhood,
community, and members*
Wednesday, 2:00–4:00 p.m.
Saturday, 9:00–11:00 a.m.
In case of emergency, contact the Wahteras
259-6253

**Counting People because
People Count**

January 8, 2012
Bible Study.....31
Worship.....92
Contribution.....\$1,872.60 (*Budget, \$1985.44*)

**Sunday Evening
Small Groups**

Location	Leader	Time
Building	Conn	6:00 p.m.
Palm Bay	Bryant@Clarke	6:00 p.m.

SERVING AS WORSHIP LEADERS

	January 22	January 29
Song Leader	John Wahtera	CJ Salie
Opening Prayer	David Woodford, Sr.	Scott Clements
Scripture Reading	Jarrett Willingham	David Woodford, Sr.
Closing Prayer	CJ Salie	Bill Werner
Communion	Bob Grassman	John Branard
Sermon	Jim Conn	Jim Conn
Lord's Table	Willie Bryant, Michael Clarke, Bob Grassman, Mark Vangorder	Willie Bryant, Michael Clarke, Bob Grassman, Mark Vangorder

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Celebrations

Worship and Family News for the Church of Christ Oceanside



Song Leader, Tyrone Carter
Lord Reign in Me
Shine Jesus Shine
Welcome, Bill Werner
Holy Ground (Medley)
Scripture Reading, Esther 4:12—16, Mark Vangorder
Opening Prayer, CJ Salie
God Will Make a Way
Before the Throne of God Above
Communion/Offering, Michael Clarke
Come to the Table
Dismiss Children
He Knows Just What I Need
Message: "Divine Providence and Esther the Queen" Jim Conn
Sweet Will of God
Closing Comments, Bill Werner
Just Over in the Gloryland
Closing Prayer, Bruce Pierce

In 484 BC, Xerxes abolished the Kingdom of Babel and took away the golden statue of Bel. This is a photo of Xerxes Cuneiform: "Ahuramazda is the great god, the greatest god who created the sky and created the land and created humans Who gave prosperity to the humans Who made Xerxes king King of many kings, being the only ruler of the totality of all lands. I am Xerxes, the great king"

When Esther's words were reported to Mordecai, he sent back this answer: "Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape. For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?" Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: "Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish." Esther 4:12—16

**Serving at the
Lord's Table:
Willie Bryant,
Michael Clarke,
Bob Grassman,
Mark Vangorder**

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