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Jim & Angela Brown

Worship With Us Sunday

Sunday AM

"Esther and The Providence of God"

Lesson #6 (Haman's Demise)

Esther 7:3-5

Sunday PM

"The Gospel of Mark"

Chapter 3

Mark 3:1-2

9AM and 5PM



ESTHER AND THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD - PART 6 - HAMAN'S DEMISE

Sunday, as we come to the sixth lesson in our current preaching series, the providence and the power of God is on full display as the plan to destroy the Jews is itself destroyed. As we have talked about throughout our study of the story of Esther, no one interrupts the plan of God! There was no power both then or now that can thwart the will of Jehovah God. As we continue the story on Sunday, the stakes are high and the drama is riveting, but it is a foregone conclusion that the will of God is to be accomplished.

As we think of our own lives, the same is true. The world is dark. Evil literally surrounds us. Often it appears that Satan is winning. We must remember that the final chapter has not yet been written and that every promise God has ever made has been kept perfectly. The story of Esther reminds us of so many things we must not forget. I look forward to sharing with you Sunday!

Jim Brown



It has been said that fall officially arrived this week. The weather over the next few days will give us a feel of fall with cooler mornings and milder days. We will welcome this change after weeks of very hot weather. There is a story in Luke 19 about a man named Zacchaeus. We all have sung about him at some point. Zacchaeus was a wee little man, that climbed up in a sycamore tree better for the Lord to see. There are lessons we can learn from this familiar story. Zacchaeus was a chief tax collector and he was rich. Zacchaeus being a man of wealth lacked peace. He had success but lacked satisfaction and held a position but lacked acceptance. In this story his one encounter with Jesus changed everything. Just because someone is successful does not mean they are

spiritually right with God. Zacchaeus had money, but he needed mercy. He had riches, but he needed righteousness. He had status but needed salvation. After his encounter with Jesus there was a change of heart that brought about a change in his priorities. He began his day lonely, disliked, and lost. He ended his day changed, forgiven, and saved. That transforming power of Jesus continues today through His precious gospel. Our obedience to that gospel can change us, putting our life "In Step With The Savior." Looking forward to seeing you this Sunday. Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family.

Your Elders

Carter's Corner...



WE HAD A GREAT START TO THURSDAY MORNING with our Jr. & Sr. High Prayer Breakfast in the Lighthouse. Thank you to Marshall McCauley and his family for getting up early and providing breakfast for our students before school. It is always encouraging to see students willing to start their day together before heading off to school.

OUR JR. HIGH FIRESIDE WAS SUNDAY NIGHT, and we enjoyed another good evening together. Thank you to Amelia Slavinski for hosting. Our Jr. High students are a fun group, and Firesides give them an opportunity to spend time together, strengthen friendships, and enjoy being part of the youth group outside of our normal classes.

LIGHTHOUSE IS THIS WEDNESDAY NIGHT from 5:00–7:00, hosted by Julia Halbrooks. The Ping-Pong Championship finished a little ahead of schedule at our last Lighthouse, so we will have a regular night together this week. Come hungry, bring a friend, and plan to spend the evening with us!

5TH QUARTER IS THIS FRIDAY NIGHT following the home football game. This week is Volleyball Night, so we will head to the gym after the game for some late-night volleyball, ice cream sundaes, and another fun night together. Bring a friend and come join us after the Bulldogs finish up Friday night!

SPARKS & INTERMEDIATES ARE GOING BOWLING this Sunday afternoon at Tenn Pin! Our bowling time will be from 1:00–3:00 PM, and we will leave the church parking lot at 11:30 AM for anyone who would like to ride the bus. Families are also welcome to drive separately and meet us there. For lunch, you can eat at the bowling alley or stop somewhere along the way—whatever works best for your family. We are trying to keep the afternoon as simple and flexible as possible. We are looking forward to a fun afternoon together!

OUR BIB 101 WORD THIS WEEK WAS MERCY. Paul describes God as being *"rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us."*—Ephesians 2:4

Last week we studied grace, and mercy is closely connected to it. Grace is receiving something good that we do not deserve; mercy is being spared what we do deserve. Scripture does not minimize the seriousness of our sin, but it continually reminds us that the God against whom we have sinned is also a God who is rich in mercy. Understanding mercy should change more than the way we think about God. Jesus said, *"Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful"* (Luke 6:36). Those who have received mercy should become people who are willing to show it. This week, remember how much mercy God has shown you, and allow that truth to shape the way you treat someone who needs mercy from you. Have a great week!

In Him, Carter

HALLOWEEN ON THE HILL

OCTOBER 31
TRUNK OR TREAT • FOOD • FUN

WE NEED YOUR TRUNK!

SIGN UP IN THE LOBBY TO DECORATE A TRUNK
AND HELP MAKE IT A GREAT NIGHT!

TREATS. PEOPLE. PURPOSE.

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to Day School in memory of Jean Qualls by Shirley King.

...a Memorial has been given to the Widows/Orphan Ministry in India in memory of Jean Qualls by Dwayne & Susan Harber.

Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Bobby Copley who passed away. He was the father of Tressa (Clay) Sanders and Todd Copley and the brother of Jimmy (Cathie) Copley.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Felecia Howell who passed away. She was the niece of George & Mary Sue Bragg.



Tennessee
Children's Home

September Items

**Toilet Paper
Paper Towels**



If you are unable to deliver Meals On Wheels on your assigned date, please contact George Bragg the night before at 931-729-4978 so he can get a replacement.

**Special Thanks To All Who Volunteers
Who Help Make This Program A
Success!**

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

**September 20, 2026
\$ 11,686.82**

Camp: \$ 153.00

**Budget:
\$15,075.00**



***Congratulations to Mr. &
Mrs. Hawkins Winstead
(formerly Abbie Lampley)
who were recently married!***

Let us

*Pray
for you*



...Faye Dotson is in St. Thomas Hickman Hospital Swing Bed for rehab. She is in room 121. She has had a low grade fever and not felt well the last couple of days.

...Glenda Dorton will be transported to Nebraska September 29th for further rehab.

...Chris Scott will need kidney surgery to remove a mass on his kidney. This has not been scheduled.

...Hilda Atkinson, sister of Barbara Beard, got a cancer free report from a recent scan.

...Frances McMeen of the Mobley Ridge community, has been diagnosed with cancer and would appreciate prayers.

...Sandra Barber will have a shoulder replacement October 1st.

**Remember Those Who Are Sick...
Recovering from surgery or other illness:**

Allen Walker, Stevy Odom, Ann Johnston, Emily Copley, Chris Scott, Bobby McCoy, Cathie Copley, David Nash

**Please Pray For Those Who Are
Dealing With Cancer:**

Woody Woodruff, Matt Howell, Lynda Walton, Rufus Woodard, Linda Thomasson, Nick McNabb, Dale Thomas, Ed Sullivan

Home:

Ann Johnston, Bobby & Sandy McFarlin, Billie Sue True, Janet Barber, Marilyn & Lonnie Gilliam, Wanda Givens

Nursing Home Life Care Center:

John Thomas Givens, Joanna Campbell, Willie B. Coates, Frances McClanahan, Larry Talley

Glenda Dorton:

Shirley Ryan Ability Lab Hospital
355 E. Erie Street Room 2133
Chicago, Illinois 60611



**Ladies' Wednesday Night Class
"Digging Deep In God's Word"
A Study By Cindy Colley**

Our Elders



Ken Dickerson



Gary Gatewood



Mike Goodpasture



Wayne Qualls



Craig Shelton



Shane Willis

Place
Stamp
Here

Preside

September 27

Randy Wright

(PLEASE BE ASSEMBLED
UP FRONT BY 8:55)

Left Side

Daniel Dressler
Marshall Spencer
Brad Davis
Justin Beard

Right Side

Michael Bryant
Kristen Slavinski
Sam Chessor
Bryan Woods

P.M. Chapel

Trevor Buchanan

Communion Prep.

September 27

Patrick & Alice Jones

Prayer Week Of September 27

S.M.W.
Gary Baker

S.M.D.
Brad Garland

S.E.W.
Clay Chessor

S.E.D.
Cory Martin

W.E.B.S
John Jacobs

W.E.D
Cameron Wright

Read Scripture

September 27

Patrick Jones

Elder's Prayer

Wayne Qualls

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

A CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER STUDY



Taught by STEVE BAGGETT & CARTER HOOVER



SUNDAY NIGHTS
5:00 PM



AUDITORIUM



BEGINNING
SEPTEMBER 13



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