



MOTHER'S DAY AT JCC!

Lattes For Ladies **Sunday** May 14

Help us honor the ladies in our lives!

Healing IN THE House

Cards are available
for your testimony.
Give Jesus some
praise!



MARCH ^{FOR} JESUS

A CELEBRATION OF JESUS

MAY 20, 2023 @ 10 AM

A procession through the streets of Elgin. Sign up with Dan Arias if you want to participate in the March for Jesus!



Volunteers needed each Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for VBS Event that starts July 5 – August 2. You will be incredibly BLESSED! See Debbie Perez.

MAY TEACHING SERIES

When Life Doesn't Go As Planned



May 07 » Joseph
May 14 » Mother's Day
May 21 » Esther
May 28 » Moses

Prayer REQUESTS

▶ SALVATION

- Walter Miner III Gearen Family Tom M. Stein Family
 Ryan K. Tyler M. Mandy W. Dave. O

▶ HEALTH ISSUES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art B. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Bob A. Healing/Kidney |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Armando » Back Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Camilia S. » Cancer/Leg |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jean G. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Mike P. » Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Karla D. » Cancer Recovery | <input type="checkbox"/> Mickey N. » Stroke |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mandy W. » Cancer | <input type="checkbox"/> Robert G. » Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maggie B. » Chemotherapy | <input type="checkbox"/> Kevin K. » Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Merle » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Angela A. » Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carlos V. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Michelle H. » Leukemia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Angie & Family » Life Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Kathy S. » Back Injury |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Samantha B. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Walter M. » Cardiac procedure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christine P. » Bone Cancer | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Howard P. » Cancer | |

METRICS THAT MATTER (05/07/23)

ATTENDANCE ▶ 30

GIVING ▶ \$1,480

GUESTS ▶ 0

VOLUNTEERS ▶ 15

DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ▶ 0



The first two mothers

Then the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you serve as midwife to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, you shall kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live." Exodus 1:15-16



These were God-fearing midwives who valued life and opted to save the lives of the Hebrew boys.



The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives. And the people multiplied and grew very strong. Exodus 1:19-20

These midwives went against the grain of the culture that called for death, but their profession was to promote and sustain life so they honored God by saving lives.

The Hebrew mothers

Now a man from the house of Levi went and took as his wife a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him three months. Hebrews 2:1-2




• The biological mother: Jochebed





• Moses' sister: Miriam

1. First, the courage to conceive is incredible.
2. Second, the courage to protect is huge!
3. Third, Pharaoh's daughter chooses life.
4. Fourth, Miriam steps up to "find" a nurse for Moses.


The Egyptian mother



*When she could hide him no longer, she took for him a basket made of bulrushes and daubed it with bitumen and pitch. She put the child in it and placed it among the reeds by the river bank. And his sister stood at a distance to know what would be done to him. Now the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her young women walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her servant woman, and she took it. When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby was crying. She took pity on him and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children." **Exodus 2:3-6***



Pharaoh's daughter named him "Moses" for he was drawn out of the water.



Of the five courageous women, only one gives birth. Three were without children. One adopted. All five were essential in nurturing and bringing forth life, the life of the greatest liberator of God's people.

Two remind us to stand up against discrimination and confront murderous practices. One challenges us to have the courage to trust in God's providence. One bravely believes in God's power to provide the solutions. And the final one, dares us to be inclusive.

