

SCHEDULE

In-person Gathering **Sun. 10:00 am**
Live-streaming **Sun. 10:00 am**
Prayer Event **Wed. 6:30 pm**

PRAISE TEAM REHEARSAL

"I am Alpha and Omega,
beginning and the ending,
says the Lord." -Rev. 1:8



PASTORS' APPRECIATION DAY

Huge thanks to Neal Spurlock and his team for a heartfelt presentation... thanks to each one of you for the generous gift! Pastors Bob & Phylis

BIRTHDAY GATHERING

*Please join us
in honoring*

ROB HUERTA

AGED **50** YEARS

November 7, 2021
12:00 Noon @ Huerta's Patio

GUEST SPEAKER



Stan Scism



Missionary •
Teacher • Author •

will be at JCC on November 14 @ 10:00 AM

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Send **GOOD NEWS
& GREAT JOY!**

Kick-off: October 17
Collection: November 14

Project Leader: *Gabe Gearen*

ESTHER

Made for This Moment

Nov 07 » Singing the Lord's Song in a Strange Land
 Nov 14 » Guest Speaker: Stan Scism
 Nov 21 » Relief Will Come
 Nov 28 » The God of Great Turnarounds

PRAYER REQUESTS

► SALVATION

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Jason G. | <input type="checkbox"/> Ray H. | <input type="checkbox"/> Gearen Family | <input type="checkbox"/> Kirk Aricioglu |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brian H. | <input type="checkbox"/> Karen W. | <input type="checkbox"/> Mike F. | <input type="checkbox"/> Dave S. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benjamin G. | <input type="checkbox"/> Cheyenne W. | <input type="checkbox"/> Tom M. | <input type="checkbox"/> Bato R. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ryan K. | <input type="checkbox"/> Tyler M. | <input type="checkbox"/> Stein Family | <input type="checkbox"/> Donald S. |

► HEALTH ISSUES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sam H. » Cardiac Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Laura K. » Auto Immune | <input type="checkbox"/> Searria » Graves Disease |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ruth H. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Ozzie M. » Dialysis | <input type="checkbox"/> Michael D. » Dialysis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jean G. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Eloisa » Severe diabetes | <input type="checkbox"/> Keith » Cardiac Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art B. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Armando L. » Back Injury | <input type="checkbox"/> Carol C. » Cancer Spots |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Don H. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Sergio P. » Needs kidney donor | <input type="checkbox"/> Evelyn K. » Cardiac Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tommy P. » Anxiety | <input type="checkbox"/> Dan B. » Liver transplant | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Noe F. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Javier » COVID | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Macario A. » Dialysis | <input type="checkbox"/> Darius » Health Issues | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Juan A. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Carol P. » Cancer-stage 4 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Randy F. » Immune disorder | | |

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Jesus didn’t come to make us safe. He came to make us dangerous to the kingdom of darkness.” —Christine Caine

METRICS THAT MATTER (10/31/21)

ATTENDANCE ► 32 GIVING ► \$2,190 GUESTS ► 2
 VOLUNTEERS ► 14 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ► 0


ESTHER

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Singing the Lord's Song
in a Foreign Land

How shall we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land? Psalm 137:4

The ESTHER Story



The Persian king, Ahasuerus, selects Esther, a Jew, to be queen, after he becomes displeased with his current wife, Queen Vashti.

- Mordecai, who has been like a father to Esther, overhears a plot to assassinate the king and duly reports it to Queen Esther, thus saving the king's life (Esther 2:21-23). This is entered in the historical records.

- King Ahasuerus promotes Haman, an Agagite, to the highest position in his royal staff and commands everyone to bow down to him and pay him homage.

- Mordecai refuses to bow down. This enrages Haman and he plans to eradicate not just Mordecai, but all of Mordecai's same ethnic group, the Jews.

- Mordecai brings horrible news to Esther about the genocide of the Jews. He tells her to approach the king and "plead with him personally for her people." In doing so, she will risk her life.

- Esther solicits fasting support from Mordecai and her servants and does indeed approach the king and invites him and Haman to a banquet.

- The king has a sleepless night and commands the historical records be read to him.

- Providentially, the section read was Mordecai's account of the assassination plot. The king realized nothing had been done to honor Mordecai. He asks, "What should be done for the man the king wants to honor?" Haman is shocked to find out he will be the one to honor Mordecai.

- Esther reveals Haman's plot to the king. The king has

Haman killed and Mordecai is promoted as his replacement.

• A new law is passed enabling the Jews to defend themselves and consequently they are saved from annihilation.



How Does a Person of Faith Live in a Faithless World?

1

Living as a person of faith requires affirming the covenant: *Initially Mordecai and Esther hide their ethnicity.*

The initial response of Mordecai was disguise and compromise. Mordecai was three generations removed from Jerusalem.

2

Living as a person of faith requires courage and acts of resistance: *Mordecai finally tells palace staff he is a Jew.*

And when they spoke to him day after day and he would not listen to them, they told Haman, in order to see whether Mordecai's words would stand, for he had told them that he was a Jew. And when Haman saw that Mordecai did not bow down or pay homage to him, Haman was filled with fury. Esther 3:4-5

3

Living as a person of faith requires taking moral leadership for the crisis: *Esther commands a public fast.*

Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai, "Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my young women will also fast as you do. Then I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish." Esther 4:16