

ESTHER: THE QUEEN

Esther 2:7 (p. 485)

March 13, 2016

When did this happen?

(Ezra 6-7, 483-473 BC)

What do we know about Esther's background?

She was from the tribe of Benjamin. (2:5; Genesis 49:27)
She lived in Susa, the capital city. (2:5)
Her family was from Jerusalem. (2:6)
Her names were Hadassah ("myrtle") & Esther ("star"). (2:7)
She was an orphan. (2:7)
She was beautiful. (2:7)
She was chosen as one of the most beautiful. (2:8)
She was chosen as the favorite. (2:9, 15, 17)

What did she do?

She obeyed Mordecai. (2:10, 20)
She hesitated to go in front of Xerxes. (4:10-11)
She listened to wise counsel. (4:14)
She asked for prayer and was willing to pray. (4:15-16)
She put her life at risk to save her people. (5:1)

Is God in the story even if "God" is not in the book?

Applications:

Where has God placed you?

What do you have to lose, except your life?

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First Baptist Church of York



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WE THANK THEE,
AND *praise* THY
glorious
name.

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**"Building passionate connections
between people and a life-changing God."**

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:



Shirley Diehl, Joyce Dietz, John & Joyce Gearhart, Lucille Kennedy, Carl Miller, Gloria Newcomer, Pat Nicely, Bob Potter, Tristan Schilling, Don & Diane Snyder, Ginny Thomas, Buddy Waldrup, Harold Walter, our Military, our President and other elected officials, Phase 2.

VIPS:

Lamar & Janet Ferree, Flo Laughman, Marcus McKnight, Jean Murphy, Ken & Etta* Murray, & Paul & Pauline* Ours. (*Caregiver)

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Bev Miller
4yrs.-2nd Grade

Leanne Hull
3rd Grade & up

Nicole Snelbaker
Nursery

BIRTHDAYS:

13 Hannah Hull
13 Donald Neff
13 Rivers Senft

ANNIVERSARIES:

None

COOKIE VISITORS:

Clair & Kathy Decker

ENCORE CONCERT SERIES: Today at 3:00 the Encore Concert Series will present Seasons. Seasons is comprised of the siblings Mary-Kate Spring, Peter Winter, Mary-Teresa Summer, Mary-Grace Autumn, and Mary-Clare Chun Lee. The Lee siblings seek to pay homage to the rich tradition of Celtic and American folk music that they grew up in. In addition to vocals, traditional Irish instrumentation includes Celtic harp, hammered dulcimer, violin, mandolin, guitar, bodhran, penny whistle and piano.

PHASE 2 UPDATE: The drywall went up this week. Painting should be about to start. Please keep praying and join us for Phase 2 prayer in the Serenity Place after church is over.

INTERESTED IN BAPTISM? We will be having some baptisms on Easter Sunday, March 27. If you would like to talk about that and/or follow Jesus by being baptized, please see Pastor Tim.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: This Wednesday, March 16th from 2:00pm-7:00pm at FBC in the narthex. Online registration is available at redcross.org or on our website fbcny.com. To save time at registration,

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

March 13-19

Sun	9:00am 10:10am 10:30am	Sunday School Prayer Worship/Communion Phase II Prayer (10 minutes after the service) Encore Concert Series "Seasons"
Mon	7:00pm	Youth Group Men's & Women's Bible Study
Tues	7:00pm	Council Meeting
Wed	2:00-7:00pm	Blood Mobile
Thurs	6:30pm 7:30pm	Jubilee Ringers Choir
Sat	1:00-3:00pm 5:00pm	Youth Bowling & Laser Tag @ Laser Alley's Explorer's/Sojourner's Class Movie Night-War Room

you can now complete your health history online by visiting red-crossblood.org/rapidpass. Please print out the form, complete it and bring it with you to your appointment. Please see Alice Shaull (717) 757-2492 with any questions.

CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED: Carrie is looking for donations of wrapped candy for our Easter Egg Hunt.

I8 SOUTH YOUTH: Will hold a Spring Banquet on Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 6:00pm at the Family of God Community Church in Red Lion. A meal will be served and a free will offering will be accepted to benefit the Youth Center. Please save the date and look for more information in the coming weeks.

PRAYER THOUGHT: Based on the resurrection and the life to come, we should live our lives a certain way. Forgive us, Lord, for not thinking and doing. Forgive our many sins. Help us to be strong and immovable, living out our faith regardless of trials and troubles. Help us to do our work enthusiastically for you, Lord. Give us the desire and gumption to be passionate about doing every task for you, Lord. Help us to know you are the purpose. May our walk and talk be for and about you. In the name of Jesus, amen. (Ilene Glatfelter)

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, May 22nd we will hold a dedication ceremony for our new building. Please mark this date on your calendars.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

NURSERY CARE is available for infants through three years of age.

As a courtesy, cell phones are to be switched off during worship.

Worship Leader: Linda Massa

Prelude:

“Near the Cross”

(Doane, arr. Sorenson)

Call to Worship:

God, we thank You that you bless those who patiently endure testing and temptation. We know that if we follow You, we will receive the crown of life that You promised to those who love You. Strengthen us today as we worship You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Songs of Praise: (CCLI # 428090)

“Across the Lands (You're the Word of God)”

(insert)

“Lead Me to Calvary”

(Hymn #253)

Pastoral Prayer

Ministry of Music:

“Wondrous Love”

(American Folk Hymn, arr. Childers)

-Jubilee Ringers

(After the Ministry of Music all children ages 4– 2nd grade are dismissed to children's worship.)

Gathering and Presenting our Tithes and Gifts to God

Offertory:

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

(arr. Carter)

Worship Song:

“The Gospel Song”

Words by Drew Jones. Music by Bob Kauflin.

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Holy God in love became
Perfect man to bear my blame.
On the cross He took my sin.
By His death I live again.

(After the Worship Song all children 3rd grade and up are dismissed to children's worship.)

Scripture Reading: Esther 2:5-7

Message from God's Word

Song of Response & Invitation: (You are extended the invitation to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. By coming to the front of the room as we sing, you will enable us to speak with you about this decision. Also, if you desire to join with this church as a member, you are invited to come forward.)

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

(Hymn #569)

Benediction

Postlude:

“My Savior's Love”

(arr. Whitworth)