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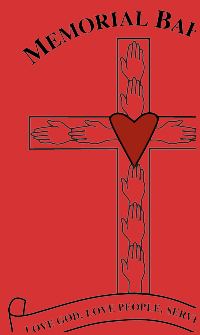
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The Heartbeat

Newsletter

Love God, Love People, Serve Others.



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Join Us For

Muffins with MOM

Sunday, May 9

9:30 a.m. in the Narthex

GOD IS IN CONTROL

While 2020 was a messy problem for everyone, 2021 has not exactly been smooth sailing thus far for our family. Behind every turn the bumps seem to be bigger and more substantial. As a planner and organizer, it is even more troubling when I can't plan my way around the roadblocks. Death, loss, bad news, disappointment, and constant confusion has unfortunately become the norm for most of us. Is there light at the end of the tunnel? Is God truly in control?

Haven't we all looked at our lives at times and thought, "Can anything be made of this mess?" On the outside, at least, life at times looks bleak and chaotic. It often looked that way to people in the Bible. Think of Joseph sitting unjustly in a prison cell, David on the run from a murderous Saul, or Hezekiah facing an overwhelming Assyrian army outside the gates of Jerusalem. How had things gone so wrong? Was God's plan still on course, or had He taken a vacation?

The book of Esther never mentions God, yet it relates a part of Jewish history that has God's fingerprints all over it. It's as if the writer wanted to emphasize that God is active behind the scenes, even when things seem out of control.

Things often appeared that way for the Jews living in Persian exile. Being dragged off to a cruel foreign land was bad enough. Now, the king's right-hand man had talked him into signing a decree to exterminate the Jews. The details of the plan just happened to become known to a Jew named Mordecai living in the capital city. And this man just happened to have raised a beautiful Jewish orphan girl named Esther. Among countless candidates, Esther was the one selected as queen by the king, who incidentally had just demoted his previous queen.

This young woman—still a girl, really—had the inner fortitude to risk her life by approaching the king on behalf of her people. And the king just happened to have been reading the records of the kingdom, where he discovered that Mordecai had never been rewarded for uncovering a plot against the king's life. So, when Esther pleaded for the lives of her people, the king, who loved her, was now favorably inclined toward the Jews. Thus, the Jews were miraculously saved, and their enemy sentenced to be hanged.

What a story of intrigue in the king's court! And what a story of a young woman whose faith caused her to trust in God's providence, even when God's plan for His people looked as though it would be permanently derailed.

The New Testament writers assure us that our Father does indeed have everything under control in our lives. Paul wrote that believers in Christ have been "predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will" ([Ephesians 1:11](#)). In other words, God has a plan, and nothing is going to derail His plan as a whole and for us individually.

However messy things look on the outside, God is at work behind the scenes in our lives to accomplish His eternal purpose. And He *will* accomplish it, for His own glory ([Ephesians 1:12](#)). Even our mistakes, many though they may be, won't thwart His plan. "Faithful is He who calls you, and He also *will* bring it to pass" ([1 Thessalonians 5:24](#), italics added).

Like Joseph, we may ultimately understand in this life why God allows events to transpire as they do ([Genesis 50:20](#)). Or like many Old Testament saints, we may never be able to put the puzzle together this side of heaven ([Hebrews 11:35-40](#)). But that's okay. We are not the supposed to create life's big picture. God is.

Currently, we see only the back side of our life's story—a disorderly blurry vision. When we are tempted to doubt that a beautiful picture is being created on the other side, here are some things we can do. First, stay in God's Word. When things get bad, flood yourself with God's Word. It's the only way to consistently see things from God's perspective instead of our earthly perspective.

Second, don't try to figure it all out. We're not very good at it, anyway. Besides, when we try to make sense of what appears to be senseless, we are choosing to trust what we can see rather than the God we cannot. Accept that we are incapable of comprehending the complexities of so vast a universe. Third, trust our heavenly Father. Trust that He *is* sovereign, that He does have everything under His control. And trust that He *is* good, that His heart is only a heart of love for us, and that He is weaving "an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison" for us ([2 Corinthians 4:17](#)).

Running with Him,

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MAY

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WED | THURS | FRIDAY | SAT |
|---|--|---------|--|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| | | | | | | 1 KY Derby Fundraiser |
| 2 Bible Study, 9:30 A.M. Worship Service, 10:50 A.M. & Facebook | 3 | 4 | 5 Bible Study & Prayer Mtg., 6 P.M. | 6 National Day of Prayer | 7 | 8 |
| 9 Mother's Day Muffin with Mom Bible Study, 9:30 A.M. Worship Service, 10:50 A.M. & Facebook | 10 | 11 | 12 Bible Study & Prayer Mtg., 6 P.M. | 13 | 14 KY Blood Drive- Nantrex, 8 A.M. 3:30 P.M. | 15 Franklin Co. High Prom, TBA |
| 16 Bible Study, 9:30 A.M. Worship Service, 10:50 A.M. & Facebook | 17 | 18 | 19 Bible Study & Prayer Mtg., 6 P.M. | 20 | 21 Western Hill Prom, 9 P.M. | 22 |
| 23 Bible Study, 9:30 A.M. Worship Service, 10:50 A.M. & Facebook | 24 | 25 | 26 Bible Study & Prayer Mtg., 6 P.M. | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 Bible Study, 9:30 A.M. Worship Service, 10:50 A.M. & Facebook | 31 Memorial Day Office Closed | | | | | |

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Adult Bible Study 10 A.M.
 Adult Prayer & Bible Study 6-7:30 P.M.
 Awana (ages 3 - 8th grade) 6-7:30 P.M.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Praise Band Practice 8:30 A.M.
 Children & Youth 9:30-10:40 A.M.
 Bible Study
 Adult Bible Study 9:40-10:40 A.M.
 Sunday Worship 10:50 A.M. – 12 NOON

BIRTHDAY

3 Lexi Taylor 30 Joyce McDonald
 7 Nichell Brown
 7 Bill Evisizor
 8 Noreen Marcus
 13 Sarah Cheek
 24 Brandon Anglin
 24 Hope Feedback
 24 Karen Tackett
 26 Tara Collins
 27 Alex Leineke

CHURCH SERVICES & OTHER UPDATES

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

Our doors are open on Sundays and face masks are required. We can have 60% capacity but still following the state guidelines. You can watch us on Facebook at Memorial Baptist Church, Frankfort, KY memorialfrankfort. For those who do not have a Facebook page, you can watch MBC Sunday worship on YouTube, which is posted on the Monday following the service. We have Frankfort KY Memorial Baptist Church channel. Invite a friend to watch on Facebook.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER MTG.

We are offering Bible Study and Prayer meeting both live on Facebook and in the Worship Center at 6 P.M.

TITHE & OFFERINGS

Offerings can be dropped off or mailed to the church. Memorial Baptist Church, 130 Holmes Street, Frankfort, KY 40601-2109.

NEWSLETTER

For a copy of our church newsletter, please call (502-223-8215) or email virginia@memorialfrankfort.com. It is also posted on our website and Facebook page.

UPCOMING EVENTS

KENTUCKY OAK & DERBY FUNDRAISER

Volunteers are needed for Friday, April 30 & Saturday, May 1 to help direct cars for parking. Money will go into the operating fund for the church. If interested, please contact Lee Meadows.



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MISSIONS

HARLAN COUNTY SHOE PROJECT

We are collecting new shoes for the boys & girls of Harlan County. For children and youth from Pre K—high school, sizes for small children to adult size 15. They can be any color or design. You can purchase shoes & place them in the Narthex or you can also make a donation to purchase shoes. We will be going to Harlan County in July. See Lee or Ruth about volunteering.

THANK YOU

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

I want to thank you all for your prayers & notes you all send us. It is so thoughtful & encouraging to know Memorial is actively doing God's will of serving & being thoughtful of others & sharing God's love. Let your light shine brightly! Many godly people have gone before you there sharing Jesus with so many. Many seeds have been planted! Stay encouraged & keep up the good work! We will always love Memorial & pray for God's blessing upon you.

Love in Christ, Barbara & Milton Whitehouse

Dear Church Members,

Thank you so much for all the cards and those who attended the drive-by parade for Evelyn Wise's 90th birthday. She was overjoyed. We are the hands and feet of Jesus! Thanks prayer warriors.
Geri, Tommy & Evelyn

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to work in the nursery during Bible Study (9:30 a.m.) and worship service (10:50 a.m.). You will need to be over 18 and there must be two volunteers working at a time. The church will need to run a background check on each volunteer. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the church office at 502-223-8215 or Lee Meadows.

For the Record

| | Sunday March 28 | Sunday April 4 | Sunday April 11 | Sunday April 18 | Totals |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Bible Study | 0 | 48 | 42 | 40 | COVID-19 |
| Worship Service | 37 | 62 | 48 | 57 | |
| Facebook | 225-26 live | 199-19 live | 245-18 live | 253-12 live | |
| Budget Offerings | 3,244.45 | 6,987.00 | 2,315.00 | 7,575.50 | 20,121.95 |
| Lord OT Harvest | 500.00 | 945.00 | 583.00 | 1,655.00 | 3,683.00 |
| Designated Gifts | 0.00 | 1,086.51 | 255.00 | 0.00 | 1,341.51 |
| Total Gifts | 3,744.45 | 9,018.51 | 3,153.00 | 9,230.50 | 25,146.46 |



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Future Events



BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER
 Pick up a baby bottle from the Narthex on Mother's Day, May 9 and return it to the church on Father's Day, June 20.

