

# Historic White Marsh Church

September 22, 2024

Prelude Marjorie Lampkin - Pianist  
**Hymn ~ 210 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**  
Welcome and Announcements  
**Hymn ~ 118 His Name Is Wonderful**  
Scripture Reading: Esther 4:14 Pastor Brad  
Prayer  
**Hymn ~ 591 Have Thine Own Way, Lord**  
Sermon: "The Lessons of Esther" Pastor Brad  
**Hymn ~ 571 Trust and Obey**  
Benediction  
**Hymn ~ 513 Thank You, Lord**  
Postlude

**Tithes & Offerings:** Please use the wooden **offering box** or *mail your offering to: PO Box 24, Lancaster, VA 22503. Thank you!*

**Membership:** *If you are interested in becoming a member of Historic White Marsh Church, please talk to Rev. Wes Hall or Rev. Brad Perry.*

**Historic White Marsh Church is an independent, Bible-believing, teaching, and Christ-loving Church. We are made up of Christians from diverse backgrounds, who are going to the same place (heaven) because of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

**Brenda's Big Shoebox Packing Birthday Bash - Sunday, Sept 29!**

Please bring shoebox-sized gifts for the children or shipping money.

Help pack shoeboxes and eat pizza after the worship service.

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Sundays with Alabaster Grace on 101.7 Bay FM Sundays 9:15-9:30 AM

**Sunday: Bible Explorers Class at 9:45 AM & Worship at 11:00 AM**  
**Thursday Bible Study: 6:00 PM**

## The Lessons of Esther Esther (Chapters 1-10)

The book of Esther portrays God's providential care of people committed to Him in the midst of overwhelming challenges. Similar in this respect to the book of Ruth, Esther is, in many senses, a contrast to Ruth. In the book of Ruth, Ruth, a Moabite woman, marries a Judean man, Boaz, and remains in Judea. In Esther, a Judean woman, Esther, marries a Persian king, Ahasuerus, and remains in Persia. Esther, with the help of her relative, Mordecai, saves the Jews from Haman's wicked plot to annihilate them, establishing the Jewish feast of Purim.

The book of Esther is famous because it does not mention God directly. However, one cannot understand the story of Esther apart from God's remarkable presence and providence with His people.

1. **God provides for us.** Trust Him to provide for you, even when you don't see a solution yourself. Remember that He knows you better than you know yourself and knows what is best for you.
2. **God works in the details. (Philippians 4:16)** Do your duty to glorify God in everything you do, and let God take care of the consequences and outcomes.
3. **We are to trust God. (Psalm 37:5, Hebrews 2:13)** "Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God," states Corrie ten Boom. Put your trust in Him and keep your trust in Him.
4. **God promises to be with us. (Romans 8:28)** When we stay focused on Him, God arranges ordinary events in our lives to produce extraordinary results.

### Study Questions for Thursday's Bible Study:

1. Can you think of times when God has provided for you?
2. How has God worked in the details of your life?
3. Can you recall times when God has had a superior solution to your plan?
4. When we trust God with all the details of our life, how does it affect our faith walk?
5. Can you cite an example of God's presence in your life? Do you see this as a personal validation of Romans 8:28?

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