

Announcements:

SCRIPTURE READING FOR NEXT WEEK:

Isaiah 55-57; Proverbs 7; Matthew 4-6

Providence House Graduation: Thursday, March 12 at 6:00 pm in the Chapel

Domino Night: Thursday, March 19 at 6:00 in the Activities Center

Youth Overnighter: Friday, March 20 at 6:00 until Saturday, March 21 at 9:00 am
Contact Katie for details if you are interested.

War on Homelessness: The Shreveport Bossier Rescue Mission is asking area churches to celebrate the day of Purim with donations of **toiletry items** for the area homeless. We will have barrels in the Sanctuary **Sunday, March 22**, and during the service you will be asked to make your Purim gift to the poor. Let's support the Rescue Mission and help those in need in our community.

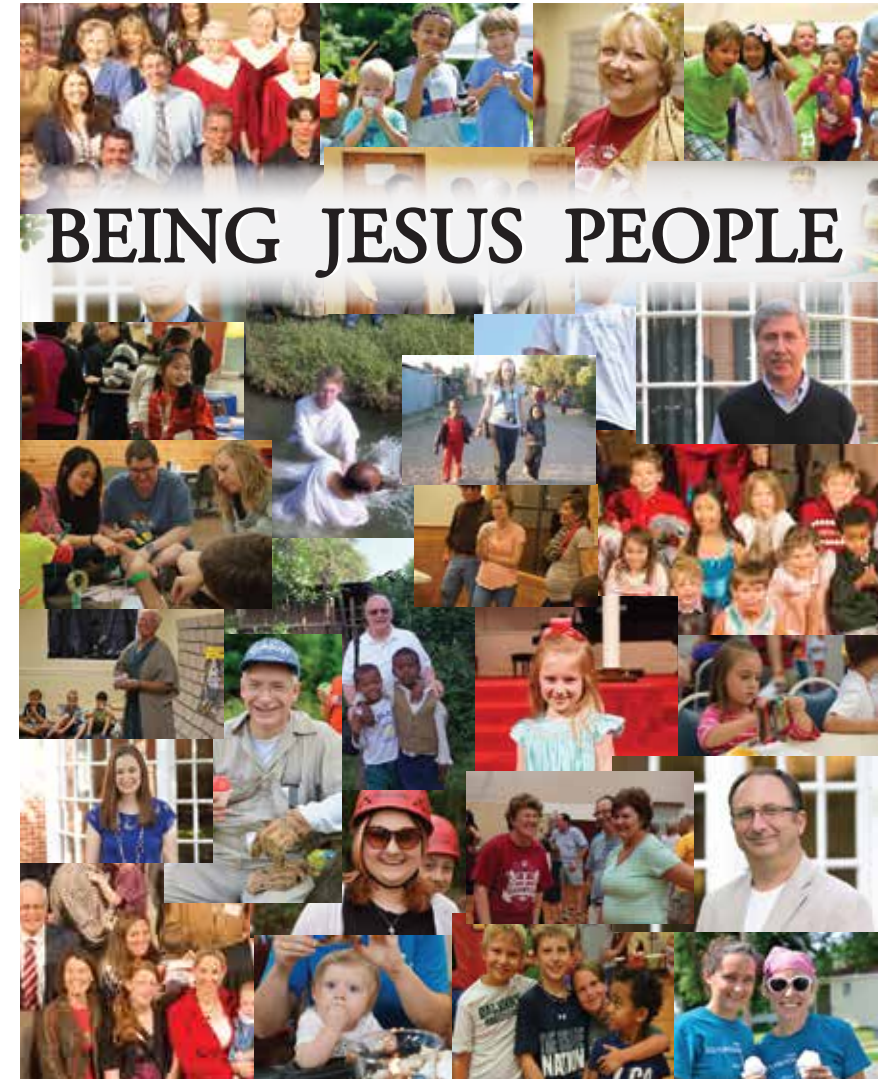
Purim is a festive Jewish holiday recounting the deliverance of the Jewish people from an extermination plot by Haman the Agagite. Esther 9:22 says, "He told them to celebrate these days with feasting and gladness and by giving gifts of food to each other and **presents to the poor**." This would commemorate a time when the Jews gained relief from their enemies, when their sorrow was turned into gladness and their mourning into joy."

Deacons' Meeting: Sunday, March 22 at 6:30 pm in Hunter Hall 110

Staff

Dr. Jeff Raines, Pastor
Dr. Glen Adkins, Minister of Music
Rev. Compi Chao, Chinese Mission Pastor
Dr. James Gillespie, FBC School, Head
Meredith Hanna, Minister to Children
Rev. Katie Mussat, Minister to Students
Tara Partington, Music Associate - Organist
Eric Vandiver, Music Associate - Pianist
Rev. Ronney Joe Webb, Minister of Family Life and Missions

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Morning Worship

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven. Matthew 5:9-10

Prelude *The Sacrificial Lamb*
Tara Partington, organ *Johann Pachelbel*

Choral Introit *Pilgrim's Hymn*
Mississippi College Singers *Stephen Paulus*
Milburn Price, Director

*Hymn of Praise *God of Past, Who By Your Spirit*

God of past, who by Your Spirit, led Your people through each age,
may we learn from their example, by their faith our doubts assuage.
May their steadfast resoluteness as they followed in Your way
be for us an inspiration as we serve the present day.

God of present undertakings, give us wisdom as we build for
our service in Your kingdom, that Your purpose be fulfilled.
May our vision be far-reaching, and our work by You decreed,
that in building for the present, we discern tomorrow's need.

God of hope, to Whom our service is entrusted for the day
when Your kingdom is established and all people know Your way,
by the leading of Your Spirit guide us now, new faith instill,
that we face the future boldly for the doing of Your will.
(Milburn Price, 1981)

*Invocation Jeff Raines

Welcome to Worshipers

*Doxology
Children may come to the front during the Doxology for the Children's Sermon

Children's Sermon Meredith Hanna

*Hymn *Ten Thousand Reasons*

Scripture Reading Katie Mussat
Matthew 5:9-10

*Hymn 392 *Stir Your Church, O God, Our Father*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving Ronney Joe Webb

Offertory Anthem *Jesus Paid It All*
Mississippi College Singers *arr. Robert Sterling*

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small;
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all."
Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.
For nothing good have I, whereby Thy grace to claim;
I'll wash my garments white, in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.
And when before the throne I stand in Him complete,
Jesus died my soul to save, my lips shall still repeat.

Sermon: Being Kingdom People Jeff Raines
Matthew 13:45-46

*Hymn of Commitment *All Who Are Thirsty*

Opportunities for Service and Fellowship Ronney Joe Webb

Sharing of Decisions for Christ

*Benediction

*Congregational Response *The Bond of Love*

We are one in the bond of love, we are one in the bond of love,
We have joined our spirit with the Spirit of God,
We are one in the bond of love.

Postlude *Ten Thousand Reasons*

*Please stand