

# News & Notes

**Join us on zoom for Bible Study, Wednesday nights at 7pm! Roger Hamm will be teaching class May 17 and 24.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83947265583?pwd=NnVJREV6OUthSGxxbTY5K0cyYWxxQT09>

**Potluck: Today!**

**Food Cupboard:** Give what you can, take what you need.

**May Birthdays**

Jeff- May 3, Art – May 4

**Scheduled to Serve:**

	Today	May 14	May 21
Singing	Tony	Alain	Tony
Communion/Reading	Chad	Alain/Spencer	Chad
Speaking	Art	Chad	Alain

**Contributions:** send to churchcollege@yahoo.com or leave in box in foyer.

**Key to the Kingdom** – Fridays 8:30 am on Vision TV

**Salvation is a gift from God and cannot be earned. It was purchased for us by the death of Jesus on the cross. Not everyone chooses to accept this gift, but God's offer of salvation is for the whole world.**

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May 7, 2023

## **MEMORY BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK**

"I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in His word I put my hope"

Psalm 130:5 NIVaaaaa

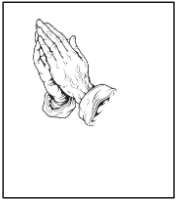
*Welcome to our gathering! Please join us in worship and fellowship.*

Please join us in worshipping God as we sing, pray and read the Bible. We also share communion each Sunday remembering the sacrifice of Jesus who gave himself to die for our sins. If you wish to partake with us, you are free to do so.

We hold the Bible to be God's inspired message for us and hold it in highest esteem.

If a question comes to mind, please ask it. We will try to help you find answers from God. Please let us know of any way we can serve you.

## Let's Keep Praying For



- Ruby's improved health
- Noah
- Meagan
- Levi
- Elise as she is in Jamaica, and the health of her mom and aunt
- Ron C facing heart issues
- The people of Ukraine & other war-torn areas
- Those who are spreading God's word in areas of persecution.
- Betty
- Dale and Marion's health
- Brian as he struggles with health issues
- Cancer patients: Shaun, Tim F, Anne, Jeff C, Rhonda, Sylvia, Jenn, Jim, Robyn's father Bruce
- Alain as he starts his new job that we were praying for! Congratulations!
- Joyce's grandson, Bennett's health
- Mike G
- Chad's Aunt Helen
- Ruth Zimmerman
- The men who lead our worship services and Bible Studies each week
- People of other faiths that they find Christ and convert
- the continued efforts of Key to the Kingdom

## Are We Not Instruments Of Destiny?

By Mike Riley

In looking at history, we see that great events have occurred around some person of great influence, i.e., [Harry Truman](#), [Douglas MacArthur](#), [Winston Churchill](#), [Dwight D. Eisenhower](#). In times of great national distress, it is nothing short of providential that certain people have been placed in certain places with certain qualifications, i.e., [George W. Bush](#) and [9-11 attacks](#).

As Christians, our influence also has far-reaching results (1 Thessalonians 1). We may not even realize the small part that we play in the process, but to the extent that we influence history, we are instruments of destiny.

A case in point is the [providence found in the story of Esther](#). At the beginning of the story, we see the wife of King Xerxes (Vashti) being ousted because of her stubbornness and refusal to attend a royal banquet (Esther 1). Because her defiance was looked upon as a threat to the king's supremacy and authority, a decree was put out against her and fair young virgins were sought to replace her. The king was smitten with Esther's beauty and as a result, was made queen in place of Vashti (Esther 2).

Esther disclosed a plot to exterminate all of the Jews and assassinate King Xerxes (Esther 2:21-23; Esther 3). Because of her position as queen, Esther was able to spare her people from disaster. However, there was a real danger, in that she herself might not survive when her real identity as a Jewess was discovered (Esther 4).

When Esther's relative, Mordecai, saw her unique position as queen, he urged her to reveal the plot to the king. He challenged her with the same haunting question which now lays claim on us: ***"And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"*** (Esther 4:14 ESV).

As lights shining in a world of spiritual darkness (Matthew 5:14-16; Philippians 2:14-16), are we not instruments of destiny? (Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16; cf. 1 Corinthians 9:16-23).

**Let's think about it!**