

Sunday: 08-23-20
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Dave & Carla Breese)

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10:45 AM Adult Sunday School

Announcements:

The **Adult Bible Study** will begin again on Sunday, August 30th.

Because of the Corona Virus, the **Gymanfa Ganu** had to be canceled this year.

The **Women's Bible Study** will begin again, Tuesday, September 8 at 7 PM.

The **Drive Your Tractor to Church** will be on Sunday, September 20, and there will be an informal meal [if possible] served following the service.

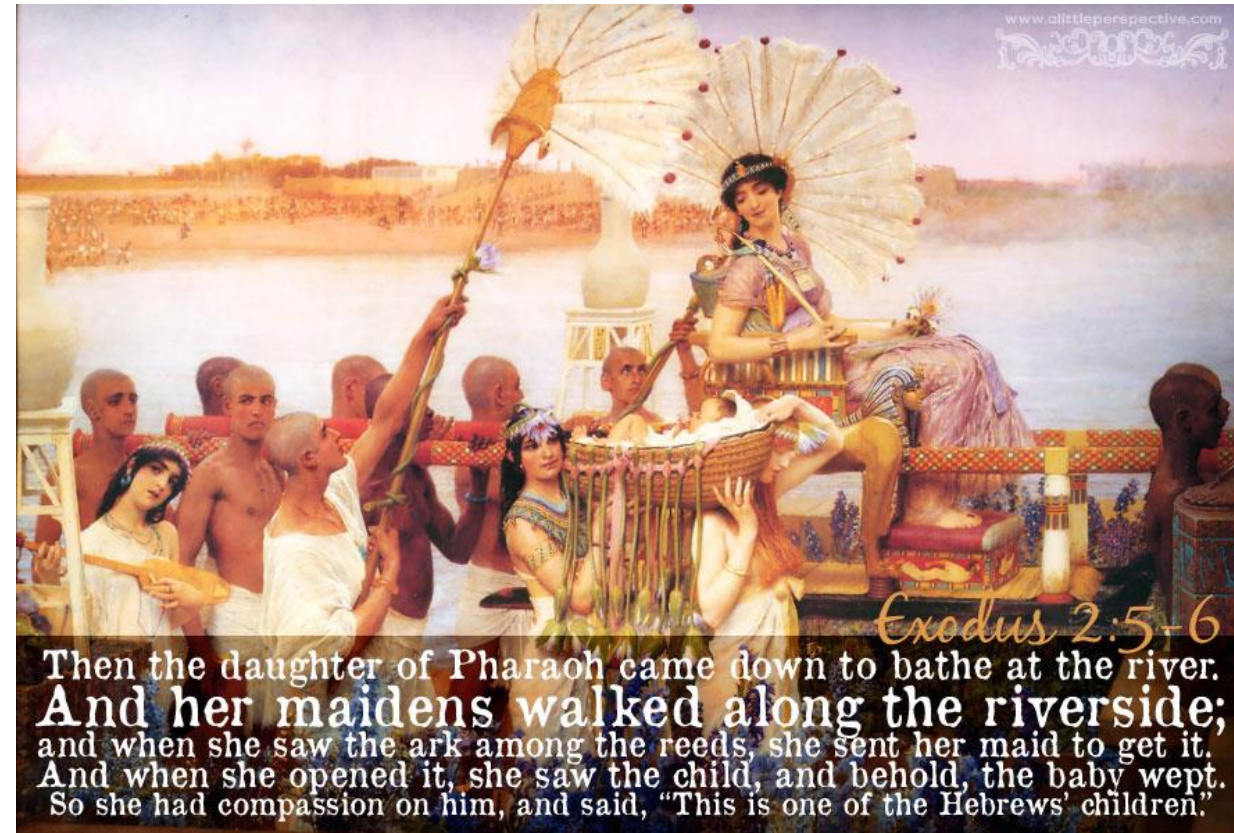
We are updating the Prayer List; please inform Liz so that next week's bulletin will be up-to-date. Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the September newsletter. Submit them to secretary@saalemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays

27th-Barb Owens 30th-Kelly Lloyd
Sept 1st-Kim Ebel 1st-Elizabeth Adkins

Upcoming Anniversaries

27th-Tom & Carol Emery



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Call to Worship

Psalm 124 NLT

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*Hymn:

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Welsh hymnal, 60

A song for pilgrims ascending to Jerusalem. A psalm of David.

¹ What if the LORD had not been on our side?
Let all Israel repeat:

**² What if the LORD had not been on our side
when people attacked us?**

³ They would have swallowed us alive
in their burning anger.

**⁴ The waters would have engulfed us;
a torrent would have overwhelmed us.**

⁵ Yes, the raging waters of their fury
would have overwhelmed our very lives.

**⁶ Praise the LORD,
who did not let their teeth tear us apart!**

⁷ We escaped like a bird from a hunter's trap.
The trap is broken, and we are free!

TOGETHER:

**⁸ Our help is from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.**

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Prayer Concerns:

Connie Bassett (breast cancer)
Kyle Baxter (brain cancer)
Barry Coil (stroke)
Kathy Comer
Amy Cunningham (Fibromyalgia)
John Davis (stroke)
Cathy Donnal (health issues)
Betty Ellis (rapidly failing health)
Catie Emery (nightmares)
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (recurrent cancer)
Jerry Holscher
Tim Huster (cancer)
Paula Jones (healing from fall)
Dale Kiesza (leg operation)
Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer)
Linda Lissey (cancer)
Bob Louth, Jr (prostate health)
LuAnn (family issues)
Carol Matthews (Lou Gehrig's disease)
David Morris (Zeb)
Marian Morris
Judy Jones Muhn (health issues)
Kay Patrick
Julie Rickard (mission work in Haiti)
Mallory Rentz (blood clot in brain)
Marjorie Rhodes
Derek Sellers (Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy)
Ron Sheets (injuries from accident)
Doug Smith (Jen Pugh's father)
Mary Strayer (cancer)
Betty Tennant
Raymond Young

Serving Our Country

Butch Eutsler (U.S. Army)
Phoebe Eutsler (U.S. Army)
Micah Linger (U.S. Marine Corps)
Cory McCollow (U.S. Coast Guard)

***Condolences to the families of Nancy Cox & Connie Johnson**

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***Exodus 1:8-2:10 NLT**

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⁸ Eventually, a new king came to power in Egypt who knew nothing about Joseph or what he had done. ⁹ He said to his people, "Look, the people of Israel now outnumber us and are stronger than we are.

¹⁰ We must make a plan to keep them from growing even more. If we don't, and if war breaks out, they will join our enemies and fight against us. Then they will escape from the country."

¹¹ So the Egyptians made the Israelites their slaves. They appointed brutal slave drivers over them, hoping to wear them down with crushing labor. They forced them to build the cities of Pithom and Rameses as supply centers for the king.

¹² But the more the Egyptians oppressed them, the more the Israelites multiplied and spread, and the more alarmed the Egyptians became.

¹³ So the Egyptians worked the people of Israel without mercy.

¹⁴ They made their lives bitter, forcing them to mix mortar and make bricks and do all the work in the fields. They were ruthless in all their demands.

¹⁵ Then Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, gave this order to the Hebrew midwives, Shiphrah and Puah: ¹⁶ "When you help the Hebrew women as they give birth, watch as they deliver. If the baby is a boy, kill him; if it is a girl, let her live."

¹⁷ But because the midwives feared God, they refused to obey the king's orders. They allowed the boys to live, too.

¹⁸ So the king of Egypt called for the midwives. "Why have you done this?" he demanded. "Why have you allowed the boys to live?"

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¹⁹ “The Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women,” the midwives replied. “They are more vigorous and have their babies so quickly that we cannot get there in time.”

²⁰ So God was good to the midwives, and the Israelites continued to multiply, growing more and more powerful. ²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own.

²² Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: “Throw every newborn Hebrew boy into the Nile River. But you may let the girls live.”

The Birth of Moses

2 About this time, a man and woman from the tribe of Levi got married.

² The woman became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She saw that he was a special baby and kept him hidden for three months.

³ But when she could no longer hide him, she got a basket made of papyrus reeds and waterproofed it with tar and pitch. She put the baby in the basket and laid it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile River.

⁴ The baby’s sister then stood at a distance, watching to see what would happen to him.

⁵ Soon Pharaoh’s daughter came down to bathe in the river, and her attendants walked along the riverbank. When the princess saw the basket among the reeds, she sent her maid to get it for her.

⁶ When the princess opened it, she saw the baby. The little boy was crying, and she felt sorry for him. “This must be one of the Hebrew children,” she said.

⁷ Then the baby’s sister approached the princess. “Should I go and find one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?” she asked.

⁸ “Yes, do!” the princess replied. So the girl went and called the baby’s mother.

⁹ “Take this baby and nurse him for me,” the princess told the baby’s mother. “I will pay you for your help.” So the woman took her baby home and nursed him.

¹⁰ Later, when the boy was older, his mother brought him back to Pharaoh’s daughter, who adopted him as her own son. The princess named him Moses, for she explained, “I lifted him out of the water.”

Matthew 16:13-20 NLT

Peter’s Declaration about Jesus

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

¹⁴ “Well,” they replied, “some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets.”

¹⁵ Then he asked them, “But who do you say I am?”

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

¹⁷ Jesus replied, “You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being.

¹⁸ Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means ‘rock’), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.

¹⁹ And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he sternly warned the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Paul's Final Instructions

17 And now I make one more appeal, my dear brothers and sisters. Watch out for people who cause divisions and upset people's faith by teaching things contrary to what you have been taught. Stay away from them.

18 Such people are not serving Christ our Lord; they are serving their own personal interests. By smooth talk and glowing words they deceive innocent people.

19 But everyone knows that you are obedient to the Lord. This makes me very happy. I want you to be wise in doing right and to stay innocent of any wrong.

20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. May the grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

Rev. Thomas Emery
“God’s Purpose Endures” Exodus 1:8-2:10
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Out of fear of a rebellion, the Pharaoh became obsessed with the idea of destroying the Hebrews. At first, he didn't want to do it openly, and he suggested to the Hebrew midwives that they proceed to kill all the Hebrew males at birth. They didn't, and the Hebrew male children lived. The population of the foreigners continued to grow. Finally, perhaps in desperation, the Pharaoh commanded that all the male Hebrew children should be thrown into the Nile and drowned. Moses' mother was determined not to lose her son. When she could hide him no longer, she made a basket of reeds and placed the baby in it. It's interesting to note the Hebrew word 'teebah' for this basket is the same used for Noah's ark. Just as Noah used a boat to save a remnant of humanity and preserve the future, so Moses' mother used a floating device to protect the child who would save the future of Israel.

TEACHING POINTS

First, God can use anyone to build His Kingdom.

Second, because God's purpose endures, therefore God's people endure.

Third, like the Hebrew Midwives, we are to walk by faith, for the world to notice.

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY PASSAGE

But because the midwives feared God, they refused to obey the king’s orders. They allowed the boys to live, too (*Exodus1:17 NLT*).

ACTION POINT

There must have been ten thousand children in the Pharaoh's court that, to all outward appearances, had the same gifts and graces, brilliance and charisma of a Moses. How do people like Moses happen? One can't explain it entirely by the environment. Moreover, history does not produce holiness, but God does. Because God is in control, suddenly, in a dark and despairing world, appears a chosen instrument. Why not also be a chosen instrument of God? God uses ordinary people in ordinary circumstances to do His work – no matter how big or small the task. He may even be using you right now. Why not talk with God and tell Him, “Here I am Lord, use me for Your purposes.”