



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

"GOD OF DELIVERANCE"
A 10-SESSION STUDY BY JEN WILKIN

Thursdays - Beginning Sept. 8
9:30 AM and 7:00 PM

You may attend either session as your schedule allows.

Join us for this verse-by-verse study of Exodus 1-18 to discover how Israel's story is our story: The same God who delivered Israel also delivers all those He loves from slavery to sin and from service to the pharaohs of this world. He lifts our eyes to the promised land He has prepared where we dwell with I AM and worship Him as the one true God.

You can purchase the study book, *God of Deliverance: A Study of Exodus 1-18*, through Amazon, Lifeway.com, or Christianbook.com.

Don't miss this great opportunity to fellowship with other women and be encouraged in your walk with the Lord. We look forward to seeing you!

HAPPENINGS

- AUG 21** **MISSION MOMENT**
Young Life Fayette County
- AUG 25** **MMCS OPEN HOUSE**
Preschool -- 3-4 PM
Grades 1-5 -- 4-7 PM
Middle School -- 7-8 PM
- SEPT 4** **REGULAR ADULT SUNDAY
SCHOOL CLASSES RESUME**
- SEPT 7** **WED. NIGHT ONLINE
BIBLE STUDY RESUMES**
8:00 PM
- SEPT 8** **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
RESUMES**

GATHERINGS

- 9:30 AM** **Sunday School In-person**
- 10:45 AM** **Sunday Worship**
In-person & ONLINE via Facebook
- 7:00 PM** **Wed. Night In-person Bible Study**
- 8:00 PM** **Wed. Night Online Bible Study**

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School is just around the corner! We are so excited to see where God takes us this year at Mt. Moriah Christian School. He continues to send blessings our way and guide our steps. This year we will be welcoming over 138 students in Kindergarten through 8th grade and over 53 in preschool. That is a blessing in itself! We've added additional staff to help with the added students and parents will once again be part of the team. We are so blessed to be able to open the doors to have parent volunteers for our activities. After being secluded for Covid-19 reasons, it will be a breath of fresh air for all of us.

DISCOVERY ROOM

This year we have established a new dimension to our Kindergarten. We will have a "Discovery Room" for our students to have a hands-on learning experience. Since we have 24 students registered, we needed a plan to help them learn in the best way possible. We will be dividing the students into groups of 12, and they will attend 180 days of school. Each group will have a time for academic learning with one of the three teachers as well as time for discovery: playing with manipulatives, art, music, story time, large and small motor activities, and most importantly, relationship building.



Preschool -- 3-4 PM
Grades 1-5 -- 4-7 PM
Middle School -- 7-8 PM

On August 25, we will be hosting an open house/orientation for our students, parents, friends, and church members. This will be an opportunity for meeting the teachers, seeing how the classrooms are set up and operate, eating home-made ice cream, and purchasing MMCS merchandise.

FUNDRAISER

We are starting our first year long fundraiser to benefit our school budget by selling \$1 Sarris candy bars individually or an entire case for \$48.00. If you like chocolate covered pretzels, we have those as well.

We are anxiously waiting to see how God blesses our year. We will continue to be faithful in spreading Jesus to all who enter the doors. Please join with us in prayer to uplift our students, families, faculty, and community as we open our doors on August 29.

Thank you Mt. Moriah Church for making us your mission!

Renee DuBois, Principal

MEET JOE AND DORIS LEECH

Joe and Doris Leech, who will be celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary on August 24th, have been attending Mount Moriah for many years. Joe, presently one of the oldest and longest attending members of Mount Moriah, was enrolled in Miss Nan's Sunday School class 87 years ago at the age of three. His time at Mount Moriah has spanned the ministry of nine pastors. Doris began attending Mount Moriah in 1955, became a member in 1960, and has attended faithfully for over 67 years. They are both members of the Paul Tarcy class, which Joe named in honor of Rev. Paul Tarcy. Their children, Doug, Cheryl, and Pam continue in their Christian walk that began here at Mount Moriah.



Joe and Doris Leech

Joe and Doris have served faithfully in various ministries and positions throughout the years. Joe served on the Trustee Board for 45 years (at times as chairman of the board) and helped oversee many building projects, such as the addition of the auditorium, the new kitchen, and the building of the new sanctuary. He helped manage the Mount Moriah Cemetery for years. Doris served as a deaconess and taught the Paul Tarcy class for many years. She was a longtime teacher in Baptist Youth Fellowship (BYF) and Vacation Bible School, serving at times as the VBS Dean. Doris also helped prepare and serve many meals for various occasions over the years.

Joe and Doris are very grateful for Mount Moriah's ONLINE ministry. When they are unable to attend due to health reasons, they are thankful to be able to participate in Sunday worship, communion services, special events, and *Pastor D Live* on Friday afternoons through the ONLINE ministry. "What a blessing!"

Joe and Doris agree, "Our Lord has blessed us with seventy years of marriage, three children and their spouses, ten grandchildren and spouses, and sixteen great-grandchildren. We thank our Lord for Mount Moriah and the blessings He has bestowed on us through the years."

"I love the friendliness of Mount Moriah and the way we love each other when we are sick or going through difficult times. It's just wonderful to have that support. I hope to see Mount Moriah keep growing, especially with young couples and children, and I pray that our Christian School keeps growing because it is so important to give children a solid Biblical foundation." ~ Doris

"We love the fellowship with Christian brothers and sisters that we have enjoyed through the years. People have been so kind to us. I'd like to see Mount Moriah keep growing and reaching people for the Lord through the media ministry and the Christian School—and for many to be saved. I love Mount Moriah and I love my Lord." ~ Joe

We are grateful for Joe and Doris Leech's steadfast commitment and decades of service to the Lord and Mount Moriah. What an example of faithfulness, dedication, and perseverance in the faith they are!



MEET THE EVERLINES

Luke and Courtney Everline, along with their two children, Layton (age fourteen) and Colton (age eleven), have been attending Mount Moriah for about eight years. Courtney and Rebecca Pegg worked together when Rebecca invited her to a women's retreat and then eventually to attend a church service. The Everlines felt immediately connected to our church family, and they felt very welcomed. One of the other things that drew them to our church was the children's ministry and the various programs for our youth.



Courtney, Layton, Colton, and Luke Everline

Luke and Courtney really enjoy Sunday School. They are members of the Stepping Stones class and find great comfort in the close friendships they have made with other people their age. Courtney has attended women's Bible study and currently teaches the first and second grade Sunday School class. She also helps with Vacation Bible School every summer. Courtney says that her faith enables her to share with and pray for children in the public school where she works. Colton recently attended Camp Carmel for the first time, and it looks like he will be a repeat camper!

Luke said it best, "It's impressive to see firsthand the way the church continues to grow. And that's because of Bible-based teachings."

Courtney added, "Many people ask us why we would drive thirty minutes to church from Bruceton Mills. We have to drive thirty minutes everywhere. If we have to drive thirty minutes to go to the grocery store, why wouldn't we drive thirty minutes to a church we love?"

And we love that they make that drive to be part of our family every week here at Mount Moriah, too!

One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. —Psalm 27:4



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*"Not that I have already reached the goal or am already perfect, but I make every effort to take hold of it because I also have been taken hold of by Christ Jesus."
(Philippians 3:12)*

I reflect on this verse often. In fact, I am finding it more and more to be my favorite verse. It keeps me from being discouraged when I fall short. It challenges me to press on and "live a life worthy of the calling that I have received" (Ephesians 4:1). It reminds me that the "goal is to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised Him from the dead" (Philippians 3:10). It reminds me that suffering with Him and for Him is not something I should fear or be ashamed of but something I should desire. Because all of this is part of a journey. And the end of the journey is knowing Him completely— and when He appears, "we shall be like Him, for we will see Him as He really is" (1 John 3:2).

Paul realizes the struggle that goes on between human nature and the new creation. We have been crucified with Christ, we have been raised with Christ. We become a new creation. But we aren't perfect. That doesn't mean that we should be content with who we are, but we should make every effort to become more like Jesus because of what Jesus has done for us. Our journey continues. He has taken ahold of us.

So, to wrap this up short and sweet, I am not there yet. It's not just "a Jeep thing," and I am not using that as an excuse to be who I am. But I am using that as motivation to become who God wants me to be. I want to encourage you to do the same. You aren't there yet. Don't be satisfied with who you are. Strive to know Him and to become more like Him.

Alongside,
Pastor D

CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC



The rain didn't stop us from having a great time at our picnic!
Thank you to all who joined us for delicious food and great fellowship!



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