

**Hickory Valley Baptist Church
Announcements – February 9, 2025**

Bible study

Sunday night

At 6:00 on Sunday night, Pastor David will continue the Bible study on God the Father. Sunday night's study will focus on the relationship God the Father has with those who are saved.

Youth meeting

Sunday night

Pastor Stephen will meet with the youth at 6:00 on Sunday night.

Mid-week fellowship

Wednesday

A nominally-priced lunch will be served at 12 noon, followed by sharing of Scriptures, singing, a brief devotion, and spending time individually in prayer.

Missionaries Paul & Kathy Holritz

On Sunday night, February 16, our special guests will be veteran missionaries Paul & Kathy Holritz.

Tracts and invitations to HVBC

In the lobby, there is an assortment of gospel tracts, including some in Spanish and some geared to reach Jewish people. There are also business card-sized invitations to HVBC. Consider making it your personal goal to give out at least one tract and one invitation each day.

“Our Daily Bread”

Free copies of the “Our Daily Bread” devotional guide for March, April, and May are available in the lobby.

Save your change for Choices

In the lobby, there is a display with a variety of greeting cards, available for \$1 each. Every card has a Scripture verse and an encouraging thought.



Benevolence Ministry

**Donations to help those in need may be placed
in the benevolence box in the lobby.**

**A special “Thank you” to all who give to
this ministry.**

Financial Report

Last week’s tithes & offerings	\$10,949.55
Weekly operating budget	\$5,162.06
Year to date tithes & offerings	\$38,923.45
Year to date operating budget	\$25,810.30

sermon notes

God is the Enemy of the Enemy of His People Esther chapter 3 — February 9, 2025

introduction: An ancient proverb states, “The enemy of my enemy is my friend.” Well, God is the enemy of the enemy of His people.

main truth: _____ Opposition _____ to God’s people comes, as is evident in Esther chapter 3, but He continues to take care of His people and accomplish His purpose.

historical context: Other examples of attempts to destroy the Jewish people are recorded in:

1) Exodus 1:8-16 — all Hebrew ___ baby boys _____ were ordered by the Egyptian Pharaoh to be killed.

2) 2 Chronicles 22:10-12 — the royal line of ___ Jesus _____ through the tribe of Judah was murderously reduced by a wicked queen who tried to destroy all the royal heirs — reduced to Joash alone, who was rescued and preserved as a baby.

point to ponder: God’s plans _____ cannot _____ be stopped. In the book of Esther, all of God’s promises to Abraham (Genesis 17:1-8) and David (2 Samuel 7:8-16) were at stake. But God would not allow His chosen people to be completely wiped out, and nothing could prevent God from sending the Messiah to earth.

supporting Scriptures: Job 42:1-2; Isaiah 42:9-10
Revelation 13:8

cultural context: In Bible days, people sometimes utilized “the lot” to seek God’s guidance regarding which of two or more possible options should be carried out. The lot was cast in Persia to determine the day when Haman’s intended slaughter of the Jews should occur (Esther 3:7). But God used the lot to accomplish His purpose.

supporting Scriptures: Proverbs 16:33
Exodus 23:22

personal applications:

1) Take the proper _____ attitude _____ — a Biblical attitude — toward the Jewish people.

supporting Scriptures: Zechariah 2:8
Genesis 12:3

2) Keep _____ trusting _____ God to take care of you. He is far greater than the opposition and the trouble you face.

supporting Scriptures: 1 John 4:4
Romans 8:3
Hebrews 13:5-6