

MT. OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH, 3500 Edwards Mill Road, Raleigh, NC 27612

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FROM THE PRAYER CLOSET...

After much thought and careful consideration, I have decided it is time for me to step down as Prayer Coordinator for MOBC.

It has certainly been a highlight of my life to serve in this capacity and to work with the magnificent staff at MOBC, such a modest and dedicated group of leaders.

My stepping down will make room for whom God has for the future. Again, thank you for allowing me to serve here. I will continue to watch and pray for all of us. God’s blessings to each of you!

Edith Jackson

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...And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:14)

This is the last part of Mordecai’s plea to Esther the Queen. We’ve been delving into this book in our Midweek Meetings of late. His cousin Esther had attained royalty...not because she was the only beauty to behold. The king had the power to choose many beautiful women to be his queen. But I am of the opinion that she was chosen because she pleased the king. We live in a time and in a particular culture on earth where royalty is not so much in the minds of many of us...that is, if you don’t count the stars in Hollywood’s entertainment industry, and the famous and fierce combatants in the sports arenas. Now if you are thinking in terms of the spiritual realm, that’s a different reality. Royalty is easy to spot there.

I have found several people who have attained royalty because they were born as children to the King. One of these people is Edith Jackson. I met Edith when I first encountered her in 2007. She was introduced to me as the Prayer Coordinator. I found her to be far much more than someone who prays, as if that is a small thing. It’s a huge thing to be known to be a person of prayer...someone who exists to pray, lives to pray, prays with purpose, and prays on purpose.

The involvement of everything that the Lord has used Mount Olivet to do has often started in this place of prayer. I find Edith to be one of those people who brings the petition of prayer into the place of power. She brings that burden into the throne room of the King. Not because she has earned that privilege but because she took a risk long ago to approach the King trusting in the promises of the Lord God Most High. I found it encouraging to me especially to hear Edith relate to many of us of how she heard the Lord’s heart according to His word in a particular situation. It was also a joy to hear her speak truth to power...but not before she prayed. I remember when she would minister to the small children at Celebration Christian Academy on a certain day of the week. They called her Queen Edith. It seems they recognized her for who she is. I think the name stuck. At least for me. I have had the privilege of serving alongside her as we were sometimes blindsided by the response of the enemy. How she was a warrior for the will of God and how her prayers were often focused on me as the pastor and that I would be faithful and not fearful. I am so thankful for her and the way she hears from the Lord.

I am seeking the Lord’s heart for someone King Jesus chooses to take on the burden but share in the blessing of prayer ministry. I will miss Edith Jackson as our Prayer Coordinator. But I know Queen Edith still prays for me and this church in the midst of a demoralizing and degrading culture. That’s just who she is. And that is why it’s evident to me that she is found to be pleasing to our King. Queen Edith, my prayer for you is that the Lord God Most High blesses you exponentially in the future more than the days behind!

Oh Church, please join me in that prayerful plea,

Pastor Sam

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If you are unable to attend Mt. Olivet’s 11 AM Sunday worship service in person, can go to website www.mobc.org and click on “Worship Services” for live streaming or to watch prior messages.

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Winter Inductive Bible Studies (2021) – Judges - Driving Out Your Enemies - Nothing has changed from the days of the Judges - people still do what is right in their own eyes. Absolutes are shoved aside and the result is bondage to sin. Only God's truths and moral principles bring peace and freedom from bondage.

Who: Anyone who has a desire to experience the Bible's life-changing power and to personally engage with the Word through the inductive study method. (Coed)

When: Monday...7 pm – 9:15 pm est
February 15th through April 5th
OR
Tuesday...10 am – 12:15 pm est
February 16th through April 6th

Where: ***Meeting Online (details will be provided when you sign up)***

Registration/Order Workbook:

- **Monday evening** - <https://www.precept.org/group/?id=G-001011>
OR
- **Tuesday morning** - <https://www.precept.org/group/?id=G-001012>
- If you have questions, please contact the church office, 919-787-1910, or email precept@mabc.org

SAVE the DATES: April 26th through May 24th (Mondays at 7pm est) or April 27th through May 25th (Tuesdays at 10am est). ***Ecclesiastes – Life Under the Sun*** -Ecclesiastes explores the meaning of life under the sun and its relationship to eternity and God. Life on earth is short. Everyone should study Ecclesiastes and carefully consider how God refers to life today. This is a brand new Precept Upon Precept study. **Note/Registration:** The Ecclesiastes classes are already listed on Precept website as ***online classes*** (Monday evening <https://www.precept.org/group/?id=G-001061> or Tuesday morning <https://www.precept.org/group/?id=G-001062> .

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