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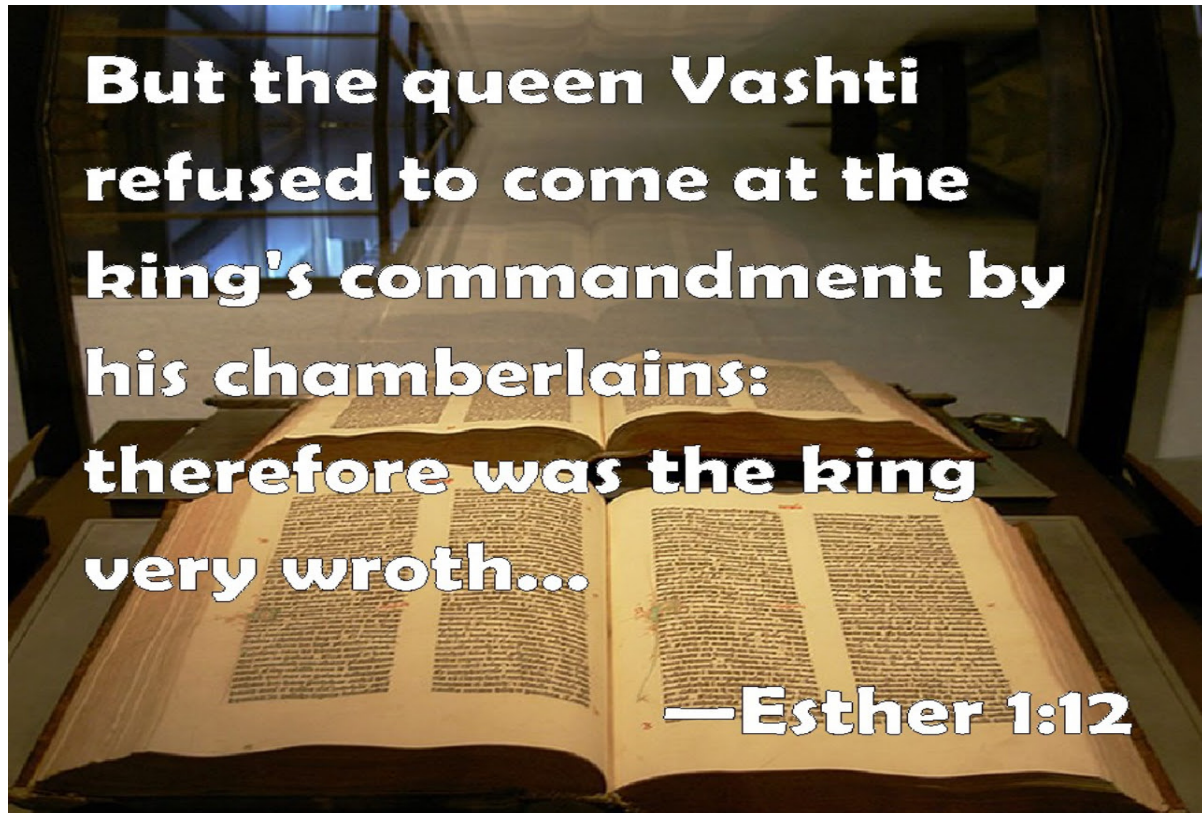
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**December 6, 2025**



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Dear Joseph,

I was talking to my daughter today and she said: Dad, I can't believe all that is going on each week at Buford Grove Baptist Church. She was referring to the people being saved making decisions and getting baptized, etc., etc. etc. I told her, well I hope

you like all of this because you're going to read more of the same this week.



We did have a great service on Sunday and there was a baptismal service after the morning service. The evening service is one of my favorite services and Pastor preached another home run message.

Tuesday Pastor and I went out on visitation. We focused on some of our shut-in's.

Each Wednesday I have a 6:00 pm council session. We finish at 6:45 and get ready for our Wednesday night prayer meeting. We are studying the book of first John. I don't know about anybody else but it sure is challenging me. To have the love of God that we should for other people is a real challenge, especially when they're not so

kind of us.



Thursday, Pastor and I worked in the office all day and then Thursday evening we made an emergency hospital visit to one of our members.

Wednesday evening, Pastor's wife, Mrs. Bethany, had a "Ladies Christmas Craft Night". It was very well attended. Mrs. Halee Muscott gave a devotion ... The ladies all brought finger foods ... And they enjoyed making some nice Christmas wreaths.

My Friday was very busy. I spent the entire day getting the maps and everything ready for our "Saturation Saturday".

Today the weather wasn't very cooperative, but several still showed up and went out to invite people to church and to present the glorious Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are getting ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus. The reason that we go out ... and the reason Jesus came into this world was to seek and to save that which is lost. We are so blessed that Jesus would use us to accomplish this task.

I made another hospital visit today and that is the reason that I'm still sitting in my office, much later than normal, finishing up this Barna-Post. This is another one of them you better be careful because you might smear the print because the ink could

still be wet. 🤔

Let us continue to pray 🙏 one for another.

P.S. There will not be a Barna-Post next week. I am flying to Indiana to visit my sister, Shirley Ann, for her 90th birthday. I will be back online on December 20th.



Pastor Keith Carringer stirred those baptismal waters again this last Sunday. It is something I like to see, and I do hope that it continues a regular basis.



Pastor's Wife, Mrs. Bethany, Had A Ladies Christmas Craft Night. It Was Well Attended. Mrs. Hailee Muscott Gave A Devotional. Everyone Who Attended Enjoyed It.



TRIPLETS ... 🤯 ... Our Church Is Growing ... One  
Of The Secrets Is To Have Them Three At A  
Time 😇

# Saturday Eve Barna-Post

**“Thoughts To Ponder”**

**“VIRTUE”**

Esther 1:12 But the queen Vashti refused to come at the king's commandment by his chamberlains: therefore was the king very wroth, and his anger burned in him.

The Bible does not use the word virtue in relation to Vashti, but her refusal to display herself before drunken men tells us something. Vashti must have had some personal principles; she was not just being contrary. She knew that her queenly position would be endangered if she refused to obey the king. In fact, her disobedience could have been fatal.

Non-religious people sometimes give us pleasant surprises by what they will do or won't do because of a principle. Though Vashti was queen in a heathen court, her refusal seems rooted in the virtue of honoring some God-ordained principles of modesty and integrity. God puts into every heart, the knowledge of some principles of virtue. But today, both the heathen and many nominal Christians discard God's law of morality, gender, marriage, and propriety. Some even label those who still uphold those laws as bigoted.

Principles established by the sovereign God are eternal. Those who live by them simply recognize them and do not dare to step aside from reality. They do so out of the fear of God and concern for their souls ... Certainly not out of hatred, bigotry, or discrimination toward others. Indeed, by helping others to reckon with the decrees of the God, (who will someday judge everyone), Christians show the greatest love to their fellow men that can be shown!

Herein lies a great calling for Christians of our day: Focus on the eternal decree of virtue handed down by the Sovereign of the universe. Believe them ...Champion them ... Even if 90% of society except immoral lifestyles, Heaven's decree does not change and neither may we. From a heathen Kings Court, Vashti's Virtue is still speaking.

Where Do You Stand?

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT



Your Barnabas,  
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Sinner Saved By Grace



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