

Melchizedek the Priest - Hebrews 7:1-10

Topics

Blessing, Comparisons, Greatness, Heritage, Jesus Christ, Mediator, Peace, Righteousness, Tithing

Open It Questions

A. What does your name mean?

B. Does the meaning of your name fit your personality?

C. What person from history do you most admire? Why?

D. If you could have dinner with any one Bible character, who would you choose? Why?

Explore It Questions

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2. How was Melchizedek associated with Abraham? (7:1)

3. What did Abraham give to Melchizedek? (7:2)

4. What does the name Melchizedek mean? (7:2)

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Get It Questions

13. In what ways is Jesus like Melchizedek?

14. What point is there in seeing that the historical Melchizedek was greater than Abraham and Levi?

15. What does it mean to you that Christ, like Melchizedek, is both a great king and priest?

16. In what ways has Christ blessed you?

17. Why is it important to tithe or give to God?

18. What kind of behavior should the greatness of Christ elicit from us?

19. What does it mean that Christ is a high priest forever?

Apply It Questions

20. Because Jesus is great and worthy of our all, what gift of time, money, or energy will you give to Him this week?

21. What insight from this passage can you meditate upon today to keep you from drifting away from Christ?

22. In what way can you honor Christ this week?

Adult Questions for LessonMaker.

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Bible Study

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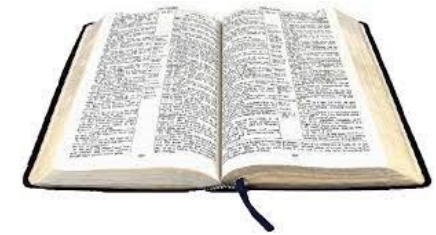
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PRAYER



- Sick
- Bereaved
- Our Church
- Our Country
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**Bible
Study
Resources**

([www.newhope-
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- Holy Bible
- Participant Questionnaire



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After the **warnings** [a parenthetical pause] given in 5:11–6:12, chapter 7 picks up the theme of 5:10, which says that Christ was designated High Priest in the order of Melchizedek. Jesus is superior in rank and authority to Melchizedek and any other religious authority. In this discussion, the author shows that the Levitical priesthood, very familiar to Jewish readers, has been replaced by a new order of priests who were foreshadowed and characterized by Melchizedek.



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Scripture (NLT)



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²Then Abraham took a tenth of all he had captured in battle and gave it to Melchizedek. The name Melchizedek means “king of justice,” and king of Salem means “king of peace.”

³There is no record of his father or mother or any of his ancestors—no beginning or end to his life. He remains a priest forever, resembling the Son of God.



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Scripture (NLT)
7:4-6

⁴ Consider then how great this Melchizedek was. Even Abraham, the great patriarch of Israel, recognized this by giving him a tenth of what he had taken in battle.

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7:7-10

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Get It Questions
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Apply It Questions
#20 to #22

(See Handout)



Church Announcements

NEW HOPE

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DRIVE THRU COMMUNION PICKUP



Saturday, February 5, 2022, 11:00am - 1:00pm

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church Of Southfield, Michigan

Providing Hope Food Pantry

"Let each of you look out not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."
Phil 2:4

**Saturday, February 5, 2022 at
10am - 12pm**

New Hope's "Providing Hope Food Pantry" is providing food items to those in need in our church and surrounding community. If you have questions about this community service or if you are interested in being a part of it please call the church office, 248-353-0675.



3 Ways to actively participate:

- Increase your benevolent offering each week.
- Donate to our food drive each month. Non-perishable food only.
No expiration date less than 3 months from donation.
- Volunteer to come out and help with the administrative tasks; sort, bag, and deliver food to the trunks of cars.

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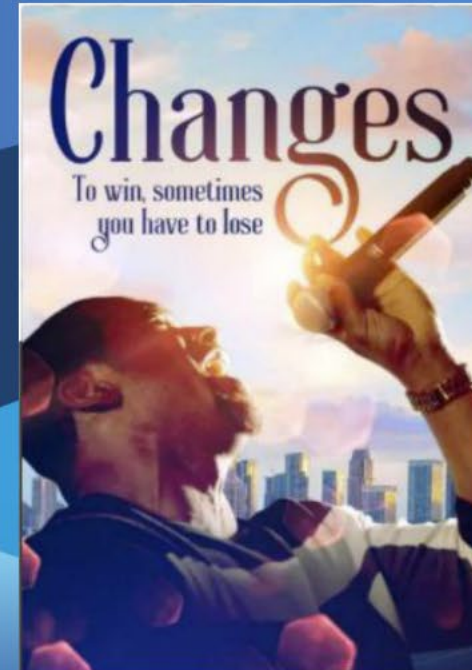
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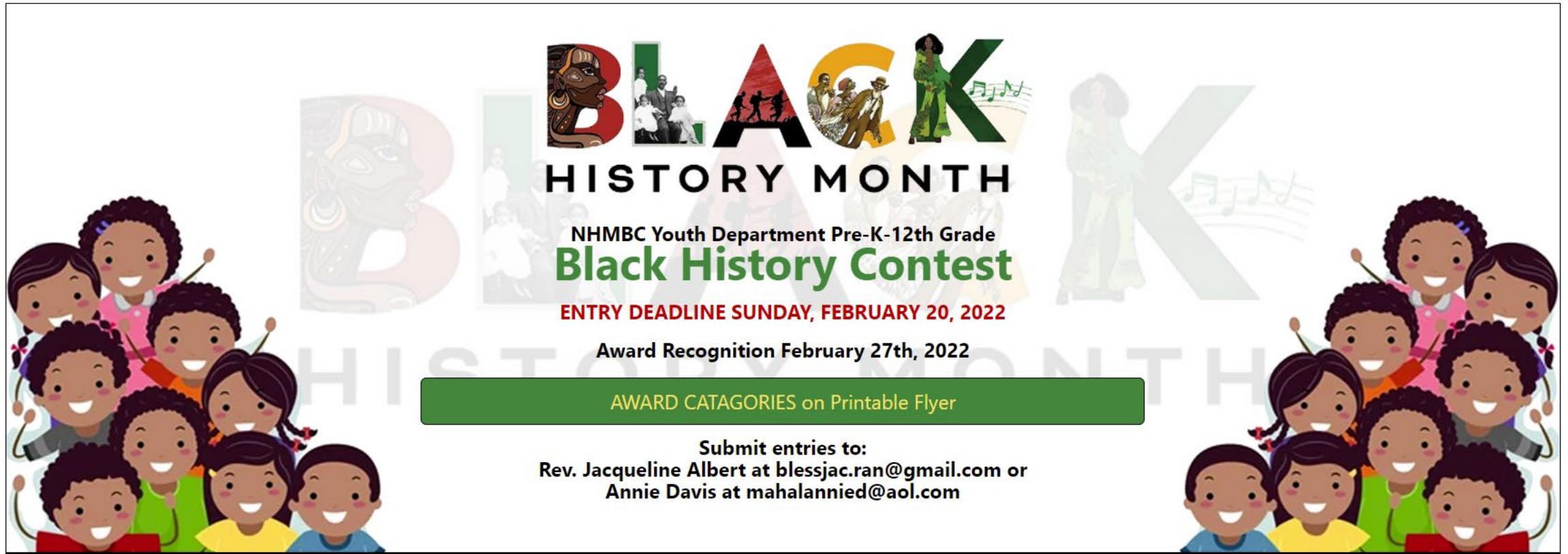
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February 5, 2022 - 7:00pm



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A flyer for a Black History Month contest. The background is white with a large, faint 'BLACK HISTORY MONTH' watermark. At the top center, the word 'BLACK' is written in large, stylized letters, each containing a different historical image of Black people. Below it, 'HISTORY MONTH' is written in a simple, bold, black font. Underneath that, 'NHMBC Youth Department Pre-K-12th Grade' is written in a smaller font, followed by 'Black History Contest' in a large, bold, green font. Below the contest name, 'ENTRY DEADLINE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2022' is written in red. Then, 'Award Recognition February 27th, 2022' is written in black. A green rectangular box contains the text 'AWARD CATAGORIES on Printable Flyer' in yellow. Below this box, the text 'Submit entries to: Rev. Jacqueline Albert at blessjac.ran@gmail.com or Annie Davis at mahalannied@aol.com' is written in black. On the left and right sides of the flyer, there are clusters of cartoon illustrations of diverse Black children of various ages, some holding small flags or instruments.

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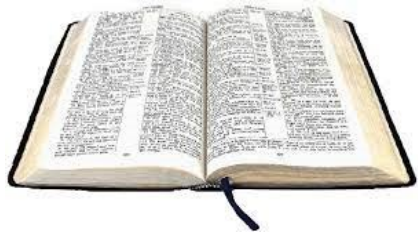
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NEXT Virtual Bible Study



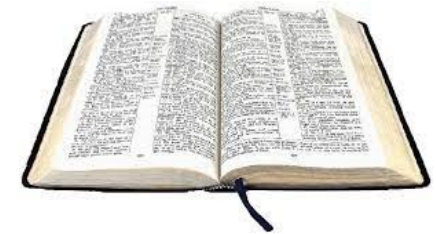
**Wednesday,
2/9/2022**

@7:00pm



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“Jesus Like Melchizedek”

In-Person Bible Study



**Suspended
Until further
notice**

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