

# Holy Land Pilgrimage with Chapel By The Lake Presbyterian Church

October 26–November 5, 2010

The Rev. Dr. Douglas M. Dye, Tour Host



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## Tue., Oct. 26 Departure

Depart from Seattle this morning, changing planes in New York for your non-stop transatlantic flight to Tel Aviv.

## Wed., Oct. 27 Tel Aviv – Netanya

Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport. Drive to Jaffa (Joppa), the port city from which Jonah departed to try to escape from the Lord. Take a walking tour of the Old Town, including the house of Simon the Tanner, where Peter had a vision on the roof.



Continue through the agricultural stretches of the Sharon Plain, carpeted with orange groves and persimmon trees, to Netanya, located along the western coast of Israel on the Mediterranean Sea. Dinner and overnight in Netanya at the Blue Bay Hotel.

## Thu., Oct. 28 Netanya – The Galilee



Drive north along the seacoast to Caesarea Maritima, with its magnificent harbor, theater and aqueduct constructed during the reign of Herod. It was here that Peter explained the way of salvation to Corne-

lius. Continue to Ibillin to visit to the Mar Elias Educational Institutions. If he is in-country, there is the possibility to meet Archbishop Elias Chacour, well-known for his work in education and peace building and author of *Blood Brothers* and *We Belong to the Land*. Drive to Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus. See the Church of the Annunciation, built on the traditional spot where the angel Gabriel prophesied to Mary. View the Jezreel Valley and Mount Tabor from the top of Mount Precipice, where the town folk tried to throw Jesus off the cliff. Continue to Pilgerhaus Tabgha Guesthouse along the Sea of Galilee for dinner and overnight.

## Fri., Oct. 29 Sea of Galilee Area

See the “Jesus Boat,” found buried under an exposed section of the lakebed during a drought in 1986 and now displayed in a museum at Kibbutz Nof Ginosar. From here, depart on a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, with time for meditation on the sea. Disembark at Capernaum, the town used as a base by Christ during his ministry. See the remains of the fourth-century synagogue and the nearby house of St. Peter. Ascend the Mt. of Beatitudes, and listen to Jesus’ teachings. Walk down the hill to Tabgha to visit the Church of the Loaves and Fishes and the Church of St. Peter’s Primacy at the northwestern shore of the lake, an area intense with Christian memories. Drive north to Caesarea



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## Sat., Oct. 30 The Galilee - Jerusalem

Visit the mound of Beth Shean, hearing the story of Saul and viewing the ruins of Roman Scythopolis. Drive south through the Jordan Valley, viewing the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan across the Jordan River.



Stop at Jericho to visit the tel of this oldest city, and view the traditional mountain of Jesus’ temptation. Finally, from the top of the Mount of Olives, behold the majestic Holy City of Jerusalem lying before you. After viewing the Golden Gate, follow the traditional Palm Sunday route to the church known as Dominus Flevit (“the Lord weeps”). See the Church of Pater Noster, where you can see the Lord’s Prayer inscribed in over 100 languages. Continue downhill to Gethsemane, and visit the Church of All Nations and Gethsemane. Continue to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight at the Ritz Hotel.

## Sun., Oct. 31 Jerusalem / Bethlehem / Mount Zion

Depart Jerusalem this morning and drive to Solomon’s Pools, Jerusalem’s main source of water for almost 2000 years. Worship with the congregation of the Lutheran Evangelical Church in Bethlehem, under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb, pastor, educator and peacemaker, and author of *I Am a Palestinian Christian* and *Bethlehem Besieged*.



Tour the International Center of Bethlehem, which offers a number of programs which serve the community from “the womb to the tomb.” Continue to Beit Sahour to see the Shepherds’ Fields before visiting the Church of the Nativity, built over the site believed to be the place of Jesus’ birth. Bethlehem is also an excellent place to buy items that are hand carved from olive wood. Return to Jerusalem, stopping at Mount Zion to see the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu, which affords the best view of early Jerusalem from the west. Here, the Assumptionist Fathers propose, was the house where the High Priest Caiaphas interrogated Jesus. Also visit the Coenaculum (Upper Room), the proposed location of the Last Supper. Dinner and overnight at the Ritz Hotel.

## Mon., Nov. 1 Jerusalem / Old City

Enter the Old City through the Dung Gate and see the Temple Mount excavations at the Davidson Center and Archeological Park. Climb the steps to the Dome of the Rock and



the al-Aqsa Mosque, the third holiest site of Islam. See the Pools of Bethesda and St. Anne's Church, with its excellent acoustics. Follow the Via Dolorosa (Way of the Cross) to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Continue to the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site, where you may have an opportunity to see a Bar Mitzvah! Walk through the Western Wall Tunnel, where additional portions of the wall, as well as other structures beneath it, have been excavated. Return to the Ritz Hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Tue., Nov. 2 Jerusalem / Jewish Quarter / New City**



Explore the Jewish Quarter of the Old City, walking along the Roman Cardo Maximus, the reconstructed main street of Roman Jerusalem. Stop to see the replica of the 6th century Madaba map of the Old City, and visit

the Wohl Museum and Burnt House. Drive to the "New City," passing by the Knesset en route to the Shrine of the Book, which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls. Visit the model of Jerusalem, representing how the city looked on the eve of the Jewish revolt, 36 years after the Passion of Jesus. Spend time at the Holocaust Museum, Yad Vashem. Overnight in Jerusalem.

**Wed., Nov. 3 Jerusalem / Dead Sea Area**

Depart Jerusalem this morning, driving south along the Dead Sea to Masada. Take the cable car to the top, visiting Herod's mountain bunker and the last stronghold of the Jewish revolt against Rome (66-73 AD). Stop at the nature reserve at En Gedi, the region where David fled from King Saul and cut off a part of his robe in a cave. Enjoy a swim

in the Dead Sea (weather permitting), where it almost impossible to sink, because of the high salt density! Continue through the Judean desert to Qumran. View Cave # 4, which contained the greatest quantity of Dead Sea scrolls. Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight at the Ritz Hotel.



**Thu., Nov. 4 Jerusalem / Free Day / Departure**



Today is free to explore Jerusalem on your own. The possibilities are endless – bargain for olive wood and jewelry in the bazaars of the Old City, walk the rampart walls, explore the four quarters of the Old City, visit the Citadel of David or other museums,

or walk through Hezekiah's Tunnel. End the day with a celebration of Communion at the Garden Tomb prior to a special Middle Eastern farewell dinner. Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for your late-night departure to Atlanta.

**Fri., Nov. 5 Return to USA**

After going through customs and changing planes in Atlanta, continue to Seattle, arriving late in the morning. Salaam / Shalom.

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**Tour Price, based on double occupancy: \$3,265**

**Single Room Supplement: \$450**

**Group Travel insurance (optional): \$185 (nonrefundable)**

**This tour price reflects special group rates. Deposits received after July 21, 2010, will likely incur additional charges due to supplier contract terms.**

**Tour Price Includes:**

- Round-trip airfare from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport
- Accommodations as listed in itinerary, or similar
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Sightseeing and entrance fees to sites listed in itinerary
- English-speaking guide throughout
- Driver and transportation in air-conditioned motor coaches
- Hotel service charges and local taxes
- Tips to guides, drivers and hotel staff (\$115)
- Current airline taxes (\$94)

## Tour Features and Conditions

Please read all Tour Features and Conditions carefully. Payment of tour deposit constitutes acceptance of these conditions.

**Air Transportation:** Air transportation is restricted to the services of any IATA carrier, in economy class based on nonrefundable fare. Travelers are responsible to provide their names as they appear in their passport. Ticketing will be made 30-45 days prior to departure, after which there will be a charge for name corrections. Tour price includes current airline taxes of \$94, which are subject to change until ticketed. *Tour participants are responsible for any increase in airline taxes imposed by the airline.*

**Accommodations:** Based on two or more persons sharing a room in accommodations listed in itinerary, or similar. Single rooms are subject to availability at an additional charge of \$450. *If a passenger cannot supply a roommate, the passenger is responsible for the additional charge.*

**Meals:** In-flight meals and snacks are served according to airline policy. Breakfast and dinner will be provided daily. Opportunity will be given to purchase lunches at your own expense. Beverages with lunches and dinners are not included.

**Transfers and Baggage:** Transfers between airports and hotels upon arrival and departure are included in the tour price, including handling of one medium-sized suitcase per person, not exceeding 62 dimensional inches (length plus width plus height) or weighing more than a maximum of 50 pounds. *Due to limited luggage storage space on motorcoaches, it is important that each person bring only ONE piece of checked baggage. In addition, a flight bag or overnight case may be taken, which must be handled by the passenger at all times. Baggage allowance is subject to change according to airline policy.*

**Sightseeing and Entrance Fees:** Are included as indicated in itinerary, using private motorcoach or other conveyance, with local guides where necessary.

**Tips and Taxes:** Service charges and taxes on accommodations are included. Tips to guides, drivers, and hotel staff are included. Tips for personal services are not included and are at tour member's own expense.

**Not Included:** Passport fee, travel protection insurance, and expenses of a purely personal nature are not included. Transportation from your home to Seattle-Tacoma International Airport and return is not included.

**Deposit and Payment:** Reservations may be secured upon payment of a deposit of \$500 per person. You will be invoiced for final payment, which is due August 27, 2010.

**MTS Cancellation Conditions:** Refund of full deposit (less \$100 administrative fee) will be made up to July 21, 2010. If cancellation occurs between July 22 and September 24, 2010, a fee of \$500 plus unrecoverable airline, hotel and tour operator payments will be charged. There is no refund after September 24, 2010, or for unused tour services.

**Protect Your Investment:** MTS TRAVEL strongly recommends purchasing this primary insurance coverage. If you purchase the protection plan upon enrollment with your deposit, any restriction on pre-existing conditions is waived. If protection plan is purchased after the deposit is received, all coverage is subject to exclusion of pre-existing conditions. Certain conditions, exclusions and limitations apply as set out in the Evidence of Coverage and Confirmation of Coverage, which you will receive upon receipt of deposit. You will have ten days to review coverage and cancel your policy.

### **Following is a brief description of coverage:**

- This protection plan will cover you for cancellation fees if you need to cancel because of death, injury or illness to you, your traveling companion or your immediate family member.
- Medical Evacuation: \$250,000
- Medical Expenses: \$25,000
- Baggage loss/delay: \$1,500/\$250

**A valid passport is required.** If you do not have a passport, you should apply for one immediately. Information on obtaining a passport will be provided upon receipt of deposit. If you now have a passport, please verify that it is valid until May 6, 2011. A visa for Israel is not required for U.S. citizens.

**All rates and fares are based on current information and are subject to change.** Rates are based on a minimum of 21 persons traveling together.

**Deviations:** Any individual making a change in travel arrangements apart from this group program will be charged a service fee of \$100 per person, plus any additional air or land costs incurred.

**The itinerary as outlined is an indication of sequence and sites to be included in the tour program.** However, the tour operator reserves the right to alter or change the itinerary and/or the sites included should it be deemed necessary due to local conditions, time restrictions, or other circumstances.

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**Guests with disabilities or dietary restrictions** should inquire in advance about whether their needs can be accommodated.

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**Please reserve space as follows on the Holy Land Pilgrimage  
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**Enclosed is my deposit check of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$500 per person. Please make check payable to MTS TRAVEL.)**

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Name 2 (as it appears on passport): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Travel Protection Insurance—Check One:**

- I/we wish to be covered by cancellation insurance.  
(Include \$185 per person with your deposit check. The \$185 is not refundable.)
- I/we do NOT wish to be covered by the cancellation insurance.

**Credit Card Information:**

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**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_