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# **September 20, 2015**

Sunday Mornii	ng Worship
Announcements	(934-2398) Randy Griffith
Lead Singing	Paul Hurst
	Willie Newby
	Phillip Brock
Scripture	Nahum 1:3
Lord's Table (N)	*W.C. Chilton
(S)	*Stanley Clendenon
	Dwight Barrett
(N)	Junah Bouldin
	Jacob Griffin
(S)	David Keele
	Rickey Hurst
(S)	Justin Randolph
Sermon	

## Sunday Evening Worship

Dismiss.....

Announcements	(934-2398) Randy Griffith
Lead Singing	Paul Hurst
First Prayer	Tommy Turner
Reading	David Chilton
Scripture	Mark 15:22
Lord's Table	*Ronnie Hoover
	*Caleb Hughes
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Ronnie Prince

..Ken Martin

## Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Jeff Flatt
Lead Singing	Joe Collins
First Prayer	Tim Gann
Reading	Robert Elam
Invitation	Randall Gann
Dismiss	Kelly Thaxton

### **Welcome Committee**

A.M	David Chilton & Marsha Pitts
P.M	Calvin & Nancy Rogers

Bus Driver:.....Kelly Thaxton (607-9169)

Ushers:Ronnie Hoover & Rodney Maynard
Attend Nursery:Jessica Templeton
Un/Lock Building:Dale Bennett/Willie Newby
Prepare Communion:W.C. & Nelma Chilton
Assist Baptisms: Jean Ware/Phyllis Bailey
Pantry Item:Candied Yams
Elder Closing Remarks:Don Sullivan
Record For The Week
A.M. Worship321
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P.M. Worship249
Wednesday Bible Study214
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A.M. Worship 9:00 AM Bible Study Bible Study 10:15 AM P.M. Worship 6:00 PM

Monday (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> of each month) Monday Morning Bible Class 9:00 AM

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## Sick

#### At Home:

J.T. Mitchell
Carol Barrett
Bill Brown
Faye Bouldin (Helen Morgan's sister)
Flossie Warren
Ben Ed Paul (member at Trousdale)
Tommy Bailey (brother-in-law of Harold
McGinness) prayers requested

#### In The Hospital:

James Ware - Centennial

# **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM .....The Book Jonah Wanted to Write Sunday PM. ....Translations of the Bible

# **Gospel Meetings**

Morrison church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on September 20-24, services at 1:00 pm for singing followed by afternoon worship at 1:30 pm. on Sunday and 7:00 pm Monday-Wednesday with Robert Taylor preaching.

Arlington church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on September 27-29, services at 9, 10, & 11 am on Sunday and 7:00 pm Monday-Tuesday with Ken Butterworth preaching.

Bluff Springs church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on September 27-30, services at 7:30 pm on Sunday and 7:00 pm Monday-Wednesday with Larry Acuff preaching.

Findlay church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on September 27- October I, services at 6:00 pm on Sunday and 7:00 pm Monday-Wednesday with Barry Kennedy preaching. Sunday will also be their Friends & Family Day.

Pocahontas church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on October 11-14 services at 7:00 pm Monday-Wednesday with Johnny Fox preaching.

### **Youth News**

The sign-up sheet is up for this year's **FALL RETREAT** to Gatlinburg. The date is October 9 – 11 and we are headed back to the same great cabin. The cost is \$60. Our theme each year is based off a song the seniors choose and this year the song chosen is "We Shall Assemble."

Parents please don't forget the "WORSHIP NOTES FOR KIDS" on the foyer table!

Upcoming Activities: Wed. 23rd Birthday Wednesday Thur. 24th NHC Devotional

### **Autumn Street Fair**

The annual Autumn Street Fair in downtown McMinnville will be October 3. Each year the church staffs two booths to promote the church in our community. There are two sign up sheets, one on the regular bulletin board and one on the youth board. Why not sign up to work an hour at the booth? Questions? see Allen Hughes.

# **Area-wide Singing**

There will be an area-wide singing at the Old Philadelphia Meeting house on Friday, October 2, from 7-9 pm Hosted by the Hiawassee and Rockliff congregations

## We Need Some Adult Daniels, Too

Our young people know about Daniel. In fact, they may get a little tired of Daniel. They keep hearing those of us who are older telling them that they need to be more like Daniel. None of us can probably count the number of times we've heard a presentation with this title (or at least the message) --- "Dare to Be a Daniel."

To be sure, young Daniel, as well as his three friends, are worthy of commendation. The world, our society, families, and the church would benefit greatly if every young person would be as true to their commitments as were Daniel, Shadrach, Me-

shach, and Abednego. I totally agree with a statement written by Michael Whitworth, in his book, The Derision of Heaven: A Guide to Daniel. On page twenty- three, he writes, "The word 'resolved' (Hebrew sim) is among the most important in the entire book. It marks Daniel as a man of great integrity and conviction, one absolutely committed to doing God's will and bringing God glory." At this point in his book, brother Whitworth is writing about a young person who had made the determination that "...he would not defile himself with the king's food, or with the wine that he drank" (Dan. 1:8). Sadly, this is where we leave this account --and where we beat our kids over the head with the need to follow the example of Daniel when they are young. However, the record we have of Daniel's life does not end here.

We also are told of some of the experiences he had as a mature man. In fact, we learn about a man who rose to a position of great power and influence. It was this Daniel, a mature and influential man, a man who by this time would be considered an elderly man, who was cast into a den of lions (cf. ch. 6).

Why was this done? Why did this mature, influential man lose his freedom (at least temporarily) and run the very real risk of losing his life? The answer is not all that difficult to ascertain. A man, again a mature and influential man, was conducting himself according to some unwavering convictions. He, of course, had those convictions due to his complete devotion to God. As a result, Daniel openly and courageously did what he knew was dangerous for him to do. His decision to open his windows and pray to God was not designed as a publicity stunt or as what has been popularized in recent years as an act of civil disobedience. It was, rather, the actions of a man whose devotion to God would not be legislated or intimidated into obscurity. It seems to me that there might be more adolescent Daniels if there were more adult Daniels. There might be some real positive changes if our young people saw some (or all) of the following from some of us who are older and who are supposed to be setting the example:

- Fathers who do not have the "business is business" attitude, and who refuse to violate biblical principles (and hopefully their own "convictions") in order to get a promotion, make a buck, and/or do any number of other things merely because it is expected and/or practiced by everybody else.
- Mothers who take their God-mandated role to "...guide the house..." (I Tim. 5:14) more seriously than career, fashion, or self-fulfillment.
- Elders who are more concerned about what the Bible says than they are with what is expedient, popular, easy, or commonly accepted.
- Preachers who take seriously both factors in the responsibility inherent in the words "...speaking the truth in love..." (Eph. 4:15).

Our young people (and people of all ages and classes) do not need to be pounded into submission by a man who is "standing for the truth." At the same time, they do not need to be coddled and spoon-fed by somebody who is more concerned about a pay-check and popularity than he is about standing before God in judgment.

I guess I could go on, but I think you get the idea. Some of us who are insistent that our kids need to follow the example of Daniel might do well to look into the mirror. Our nation is looking more and more like the one in which Daniel and his friends lived. The people and the principles of God are under increasing pressure. Open attacks are now becoming more accepted in a nation that still puts "One Nation Under God" on some of its currency. Only God knows when, or if, it will become illegal for people to openly worship the same God whom Daniel openly worshiped. A call goes out for Daniels of every age. Will you answer that call? Will I?

~ Jim Faughn ~
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