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October 24, 2021



Sunday

Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.
Worship - 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study
7:00 p.m.

**Welcome
Visitors**

We hope you find our worship service enriching and inspiring. Please let us know if you have questions about our church family or how we may serve you in your quest for God.

~~**Surviving**~~

THRIVING IN BABYLON

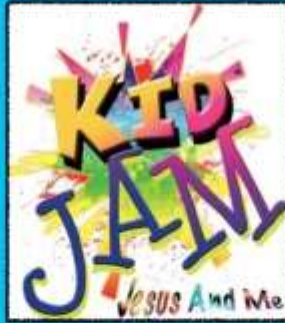
² Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:2 (NIV)



Birth through 5 years old
Little L.A.M.B.S.
"Living As My Bible Says"

Kindergarten through Fifth Grade



10:45am
3 years old through Kindergarten



October 27th, Wednesday @ 6pm
Come one, Come ALL

Decorate a trunk, Costumes optional, Bring Candy, and Be ready to have fun and fellowship. There will even be a bounce house.



Raise a Hallelujah Hour of Singing
Following Trunk or Treat 7pm to 8pm



The elders encourage the congregation to participate in a time of songs, hymns, and praises. Make your plans now to participate in one or both of these great fellowship opportunities.

**Come Light Up
The Night
@
PGR's
Bonfire Singing**

**Nov 7th @ 6pm
Desnee's Barn
26245 Atlantis Ln.
Brooksville, Fl.,
34601**



*You're
Invited!*



*Women's
Brunch*

Friday, November 12 at 10:00am

Ruth Hemphill's House

All women are invited to come.

*Bring a brunch dish to share
and enjoy a time of fellowship.*



CULTIVATING

*the Fruit of
the Spirit*

Galatians 5:22-23

Sat, October 30, 2021 9:00 AM – 12:30

Join us for a day of fellowship amongst women of faith as we cultivate the fruit of the spirit inside each one of us.

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WOMEN
MINISTERING
TO WOMEN



“Surviving Thriving in Babylon”

October 24, 2021

Daniel 5:1-4 (NIV)

¹ King Belshazzar gave a great banquet for a thousand of his nobles and drank wine with them. ² While Belshazzar was drinking his wine, he gave orders to bring in the gold and silver goblets that Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken from the temple in Jerusalem, so that the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines might drink from them. ³ So they brought in the gold goblets that had been taken from the temple of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines drank from them. ⁴ As they drank the wine, they praised the gods of gold and silver, of bronze, iron, wood and stone.

An _____

Daniel 5:5-9 (NIV)

⁵ Suddenly the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall, near the lampstand in the royal palace. The king watched the hand as it wrote. ⁶ His face turned pale and he was so frightened that his knees knocked together and his legs gave way. ⁷ The king called out for the enchanters, astrologers and diviners to be brought and said to these wise men of Babylon, "Whoever reads this writing and tells me what it means will be clothed in purple and have a gold chain placed around his neck, and he will be made the third highest ruler in the kingdom."

⁸ Then all the king's wise men came in, but they could not read the writing or tell the king what it meant. ⁹ So King Belshazzar became even more terrified and his face grew more pale. His nobles were baffled.

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Daniel 5:10-12 (NIV)

¹⁰ The queen, hearing the voices of the king and his nobles, came into the banquet hall. "O king, live forever!" she said. "Don't be alarmed! Don't look so pale!" ¹¹ There is a man in your kingdom who has the spirit of the holy gods in him. In the time of your father he was found to have insight and intelligence and wisdom like that of the gods. King Nebuchadnezzar your father--your father the king, I say--appointed him chief of the magicians, enchanters, astrologers and diviners. ¹² This man Daniel, whom the king called Belteshazzar, was found to have a keen mind and knowledge and understanding, and also the ability to interpret dreams, explain riddles and solve difficult problems. Call for Daniel, and he will tell you what the writing means."

Meeting

Daniel 5:13-17 (NIV)

¹³ So Daniel was brought before the king, and the king said to him, "Are you Daniel, one of the exiles my father the king brought from Judah?" ¹⁴ I have heard that the spirit of the gods is in you and that you have insight, intelligence and outstanding wisdom. ¹⁵ The wise men and enchanters were brought before me to read this writing and tell me what it means, but they could not explain it. ¹⁶ Now I have heard that you are able to give interpretations and to solve difficult problems. If you can read this writing and tell me what it means, you will be clothed in purple and have a gold chain placed around your neck, and you will be made the third highest ruler in the kingdom."

¹⁷ Then Daniel answered the king, "You may keep your gifts for yourself and give your rewards to someone else. Nevertheless, I will read the writing for the king and tell him what it means."

The _____

Daniel 5:18-21 (NIV)

¹⁸ "O king, the Most High God gave your father Nebuchadnezzar sovereignty and greatness and glory and splendor. ¹⁹ Because of the high position he gave him, all the peoples and nations and men of every language dreaded and feared him. Those the king wanted to put to death, he put to death; those he wanted to spare, he spared; those he wanted to promote, he promoted; and those he wanted to humble, he humbled. ²⁰ But when his heart became arrogant and hardened with pride, he was deposed from his royal throne and stripped of his glory. ²¹ He was driven away from people and given the mind of an animal; he lived with the wild donkeys and ate grass like cattle; and his body was drenched with the dew of heaven, until he acknowledged that the Most High God is sovereign over the kingdoms of men and sets over them anyone he wishes.

The _____ **Belshazzar**

Daniel 5:22-24 (NIV)

²² "But you his son, O Belshazzar, have not humbled yourself, though you knew all this. ²³ Instead, you have set yourself up against the Lord of heaven. You had the goblets from his temple brought to you, and you and your nobles, your wives and your concubines drank wine from them. You praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood and stone, which cannot see or hear or understand. But you did not honor the God who holds in his hand your life and all your ways. ²⁴ Therefore he sent the hand that wrote the inscription.

The _____

Daniel 5:25-28 (NIV)

²⁵ "This is the inscription that was written:

MENE, MENE, TEKEL, PARSIN

²⁶ "This is what these words mean: *Mene*: God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end. ²⁷ *Tekel*: You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting. ²⁸ *Peres*: Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians."

The _____

Daniel 5:29-31 (NIV)

²⁹ Then at Belshazzar's command, Daniel was clothed in purple, a gold chain was placed around his neck, and he was proclaimed the third highest ruler in the kingdom.

³⁰ That very night Belshazzar, king of the Babylonians, was slain,
³¹ and Darius the Mede took over the kingdom, at the age of sixty-two.

Lessons from Belshazzar:

1. We all live with a _____ outside our _____.

2. What's written on _____ is written _____.

3. We have a _____.

Life Group Discussion

Share

Do you prefer to go to a party or stay at home? Explain?

What was the best party that you have been to?

How much confidence do you have in your bank/credit union? How does that relate to your faith in God?

Study

What about today's lesson, stood out the most to you?

This week we saw how Daniel was able to “read the handwriting on the wall” unlike everyone else in the room. A modern-day example of “reading the handwriting on the wall” is being able to discern God’s leading, warning or directives in our life. How do the following verses relate to gaining the ability to “read the handwriting on the wall”?

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)

¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)

²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. ²⁵ Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Matthew 22:37-39 (NIV)

³⁷ Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

How might it be dangerous to not have the balance of all three of these verses to know and follow God's directives?

Can you think of any examples of how you have seen the balance of these work or not work, grow, or change in your own life?

Is there one you want to further develop?

Support

Looking over today's message, what is the most important thing you need to remember? How can the group pray for you to remember it?

What are you doing to help others grow in the areas they are weak?

Serve

How is your group doing on serving others or reaching out to others?

What's is the next way for your group to serve?

Don't forget to send in your attendance

DYNAMIC YOUTH

November 13th

**Join us for a tree-top hike at
Myakka River State Park!**

*Meet at the building at 8am to caravan to the park.

*Bring plenty of water and snacks.

Sign up here!



Statistics

October 17, 2021

Sunday School	92
Worship	149
Contribution	\$6,478.62
Bldg. Fund	\$137,145

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Communion & Offering	John Shackelford	Kris Kent	Jeff Stephenson
Closing Prayer	Bryce Reed	Jeff Stephenson	Lee Chatham
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Coffee Ministry	Lee Chatham	Vikki Minor	Paula Betz
Greeters	Linda Vines Paula Betz	Linda Vines Paula Betz	Linda Vines Carol Sarnowski

¹¹The greatest among you will be your servant. ¹² For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. Matthew 23:11-12