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Sunday 9:30a, 10:30a, 6:00p

Tuesday 10:30a

Wednesday 6:30p

Wednesday Benevolence 8:30a

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Hope for the Future

by Dan Jenkins

It is impossible for us to imagine the emotional rollercoaster endured by young Daniel and his three friends. They had lived all of their lives in one of the most spiritual times in the history of the Jews. In the six decades before they were born, king Manasseh and king Amon, had brought idols into Solomon's glorious temple. Yet Daniel grew up knowing only of the temple worship which Josiah had restored. For the two decades before they were taken to Babylon, the worship of God had been restored—they knew nothing of idolatrous worship. If you marvel at Daniel's faith, remember that the world in which he lived was a world where the Jews faithfully served God.

Three years after Josiah's death, Daniel was taken by Nebuchadnezzar to serve him in Babylon. That "rollercoaster of faith" descended into a pagan world saturated with immorality. After Daniel and his friends arrived in Babylon, idol worship began to flourish once again because of the new kings, sons of Josiah. Nebuchadnezzar would soon make two more assaults against Israel and finally destroy the holy city. Jeremiah was in Jerusalem and watched as Jerusalem was filled with false prophets. They prophesied that Nebuchadnezzar would return the holy temple vessels taken from the temple and be defeated by the Jews. These prophets were courageously confronted by Jeremiah for twenty-three years (Jer. 25:3). The world in which Daniel had been reared no longer existed. Sin had returned to Judah and God had sent the sword, famine and pestilence to try to get the Jews to see His judgment and return to Him.

Jeremiah sent a letter to those Jews who had already been taken to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar. It specifically told them they would be in Babylon for seventy years, but then the prophet told them of God's promise. "I know the thoughts I have toward you...to give you a future and a hope" (Jer. 29:11). Two chapters later, God said, "There is hope in your future...that your children shall come back to their own border" (31:17).

How could there possibly be hope? The temple was destroyed, the city was leveled and the only physical connection Daniel could have with Jerusalem was to go to his window and pray in the direction of the ruins of the temple. How could there be hope when Nebuchadnezzar demanded all those in Babylon worship his golden idol. (Remember the fiery furnace?)

There was no physical evidence there would ever be a return to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple. How could there be hope when they were in a hopeless situation? The answer is simple. God promised them a future and God cannot lie. Are you on a "rollercoaster of faith"? Has your world collapsed around you? Have hope, for God cannot lie about your future!

Cherokee Children's Home Food Drive Pack the Pew by April 29th

**Last names
A - G**

- Canned vegetables
- Canned beans (refried, baked, ranch, black)
- Canned fruit, pie fillings
- Rotel (diced tomatoes and green chilies)
- Spaghetti sauce
- Ranch dip powder
- Salad dressing
- Steak sauce
- Salsa
- Bacon pieces
- Canola Oil
- Breakfast cereal
- Pop tarts
- Granola bars
- Toilet paper

**Last names
H - N**

- Egg noodles & Spaghetti noodles
- Macaroni & cheese
- Instant rice (flavored and white)
- Instant potatoes
- Canned chicken breast
- Canned chili without beans
- Microwave popcorn
- Graham crackers
- Body wash
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Deodorant - men & women
- Shaving cream - men & women
- Liquid hand soap (in large bottles to use for refills)

**Last names
O - Z**

- Caffeinated coffee
- Breakfast juice
- Family size tea bags
- Jelly
- Cream soups, canned soups
- Liquid laundry detergent (High Efficiency HE)
- Fabric softener sheets
- Scotch Brite pads, sponges
- Dishwasher detergent pods
- Liquid dish soap
- Bathroom cleaners
- Lysol disinfectant spray
- Napkins
- Paper towels

Emotional Rollercoasters

Jonah and the _____

Elijah's _____

We always pair Jonah with the Fish, but what about Jonah and the _____?

Elijah's _____

1. The People who saw _____

Our Rollercoasters

2. The People who heard the _____

Do I give the world too much _____ in my life?

3. The People who observed the _____

Elijah had to Adjust his _____! (So do we)

- Talk to _____
- Find God's _____
- Encourage _____

4. The People who read about the _____



His Shoes. Her Shoes.

Marriage Seminar
April 27th-28th
Please register in the foyer by April 11th



WesthillWORKS!

Community Outreach

- Benevolence Program
- Habitat for Humanity
- Food for Fitness

Local Missions

- Cherokee Children's Home
- In Search of the Lord's Way
- Southwest School of Preaching
- Brown Trail Spanish School of Preaching
- The Truth in Love *ttil.tv*
- WVBS Online School *school.wvbs.org*
- La Poynor Prison Ministry (Steve & Carrie Handley)

Foreign Missions

- India Preacher Training Program
- New Zealand Harvest Missions

Leadership

Elders

- Don Ivy - 214.695.5276
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- Paul Slaughter - 903.872.1228
- Paul Stewart - 903.872.3464
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- Scott Barham - 903.641.0133
- David Baumgartner - 903.654.4057
- Zach Drain - 903.521.6055
- Joshua Haden - 903.602.9645
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Ministers

- Anthony Warnes - 430.775.0196 (Pulpit)
- Tim Cooke - 903.641.5515 (Seniors)

Staff

- Jay Mahoney - 903.467.9093 (Office)

Prayer List

Kathi Pruitt is recovering from gall bladder surgery.

Janet Earles' sister, Linda Earnest, recently lost her husband.

Continue to Remember: Don Bowen, Aline Barrett, Wanda Horner, Billie Thomas, John Sehon, Mary Crews, Darlene Cooke, James Welch, Amy Haden, Veran Barrett, Malvinee Jett, Ed Neville, Neta Marshall, & Gerald Armstrong

Announcements

We rejoice with **Dylan Nors**, who **obeyed the Gospel and was baptized** last week!

We are very excited to welcome **Marcos, Ingrid, & Fatima Colato**, who have **placed their workmanship** here with our Westhill Family!

TODAY Sun. 4/8 - Elders/Deacons/Preachers and their families are having a **Potluck Lunch**.

Marriage Seminar - 4/27-4/28
Please sign up by 4/11 (on back table).

Mabank COC Lectures - 4/20-4/22
"This Is That" (Fulfilled Prophecy)

Save the Date: Spring Senior Seminar - 5/4

Save the Date: Habitat for Humanity - 5/5

Save the Date: WOW Ladies Retreat!
October 26-27, 2018
Summers Mill, Salado, TX
Speaker: Martha Lair of Bear Valley Church of Christ

Thank You- To everyone that prayed, called, and asked about my injury.
-Cash Hendrix

* Upcoming Youth Activities *

- * **VBS** 6/18-6/21
- * **Leadership Initiative**
- * **SYS**
 - 7/12 Begins @ Mesquite COC
 - 7/26 @ Westhill
- * **Summer Camp** 7/8-7/13

Birthdays This Week

- April 9 - Ellis Newman
- April 10 - Dan Dominy, Courtney Murphy, Kaylee Southard, & Jon Southard
- April 11 - Angela Dunnahoe
- April 12 - Teresa Young
- April 14 - James Olsen

Next Week:

Bible Class *The Life of the Apostle Paul*

AM Sermon

PM Sermon

Records for April 1, 2018

Bible Class	209
AM Worship.....	295
PM Worship.....	160
Wednesday.....	185
Contribution	\$8,994.00

Military: Samantha Armstrong, Clay Bayes, Blake Barrett, Alston Compton, David Dilbeck, Robert Johnson, & Ryan Stewart

Privileged to Serve

Song Leader	James Horn
Opening Prayer	Brody Owens
Communion Leader	Brent Stewart
Communion Servers	
Clay Jackson	Millard Dowdle
Andy Parrish	David Shastid
Danny Driskell	Rick Newton
Darrell Olsen	Bronny Watson
Josh Newman	Don Ivy
Joshua Haden	David Baumgartner
Dan Gibson	
Scripture Reading	Justin Williams
Closing Prayer	Zach Drain
Nursery	Shelby Briggs & Emily Roughton
PM Song Leader	Paul Ross
PM Opening Prayer	Micah Haden
PM Closing Prayer	Dan Gibson
Wed. Song Leader	Michael Jones
Wed. Invitation	Scott Barham
April Contact Elder	Percell Milton