

Area Events

Mt. Carmel Fall Meeting October 26-29 Speaker: Allen Webster

Harvesters' Banquet at Heritage Christian University November 5 at 11:30 AM in the Franklin Auditorium. Harvesters' Banquet is an appreciation luncheon for senior citizens in the Shoals area. There is no charge for this event. Please sign the list located on the main foyer table by October 27 if you plan to attend.

Antioch church of Christ and Shiloh church of Christ will hold a series of joint services at Antioch every third Sunday at 5:00 PM throughout the rest of the year.

Week 43

October 26-November 01

Psalms 42-72,

1st Corinthians (47 chapters)



Week 44

November 02-08

Psalms 73-106,

2nd Corinthians (47 chapters)

Today's Service - 10/26/25

Morning

Opening Prayer James Embry

Preside/Reading Lendale Long

Closing Prayer Stephen Speake

Evening

Opening Prayer Shane Lee

Bible Reading Stephen Speake

Lead Singing Mike Fry

Closing Prayer Lendale Long

Wednesday October 29

Opening Prayer Freddie McConnell II

Devotional Scott Wright

Lead Singing David Myers

Closing Prayer David Patterson

Read Scripture James Embry

Young Men Song Gaines Hardy **Reading** Isaac Adams **Prayer** Miles Webster

Sunday 11/02/25

Morning

Opening Prayer Terrell Phillips

Preside/Reading Trent Patterson

Closing Prayer Clay McMeans

Evening

Young men to conduct service

Lock Up Building

10/26 SUN AM Lendale Long

11/02 SUN PM Marc Peck

10/26 SUN PM Benjy McCafferty

11/05 WED Terrell Phillips

10/29 WED Reid Newton

October James Embry, Steven Burchell **November** Stephen Speake, John Paul Nix

Prepare Communion 10/26 Janie Wright, 11/02 Kim Lane

Baptismal Garments 10/26 Jacque Patterson 11/02 Morris Lentz

Annex Set Up October Brock & Leslie Owens **November** Mandy Webster

Attendance

Contribution

10/19 SUN BIBLE CLASS 162

10/19 Contribution. \$6,514.33

10/19 SUN AM. 235

Budget \$11,577.00

10/19 SUN PM. N/C

-\$5,062.67

10/22 WED. 124



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SUN AM Bible Class 9:00 a.m.

SUN AM Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

SUN PM Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

Tues. Bible Study. . . 10:00 a.m.

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Who Did Nebuchadnezzar See?

(Special thanks to Dr. Dave Miller for this article)

Surely a pagan Babylonian king would have no knowledge of Jesus Christ—let alone know what He looked like. For that matter, neither would Daniel or his three friends. While the Old Testament prophets prophesied of the coming Messiah, their understanding of His person would have been woefully incomplete, since the fulfillment of those prophecies was yet far into the future. (See 1 Peter 1:10-11.)

In addition to the fact that the manuscripts do not capitalize “son” and “God,” additional grammatical features are worthy of note. First, the Hebrew text has no article “the” before “son.” Hence, it can just as easily read “a” son of God. Second, the Hebrew word for “God” (elohim) is a generic term that must not be confused with the divine name (Yahweh/YHWH) that refers exclusively to the God of the Bible. Elohim has the same latitude of meaning as the English word “God.” The exact same word can refer to the God of the Bible, or it can be used to refer to any “god”—from the Hindu gods Vishnu and Durga to the gods of Native Americanism. The same Hebrew word for “God” is used, for example, in Exodus 20:23 to refer to “gods”: “You shall not make anything to be with Me—gods of silver or gods of gold you shall not make for yourselves.”¹ God even used the term in the giving of the Ten Commandments to refer to false gods: “You shall have no other gods (elohim) before Me” (Exodus 20:3). Further, it so happens that the Hebrew term elohim is a plural noun. Hence, it can refer to “gods” plural.

It makes perfect sense, then, that what the heathen king Nebuchadnezzar intended by his declaration was that the fourth figure in the fiery furnace was like a son of the gods—i.e., a celestial being of some sort. The king, in fact, clarified his own statement after the three companions emerged unscathed from the furnace: “Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, who sent His Angel and delivered His servants who trusted in Him” (vs. 28).

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Nebuchadnezzar simply considered the fourth being to be some sort of supernatural, angelic being who was sent by Daniel's God to rescue them from the furnace.

Several English translations recognize these grammatical nuances. The 1901 American Standard Version has "a son of the gods." A host of other translations also so translate the verse, including the ESV, NASB, NCV, NIV, RSV, WEB, and YLT. The CJB has "and the fourth looks like one of the gods." The ISV has "resembles a divine being," which captures the meaning perfectly.

Sick List

Faye Bedingfield is not doing well. They requests no visitors at this time.

Don Reeves is recovering from shoulder surgery.

Jimmy Whitman father of Christy Reeves, had a stroke last week. He is at home.

Baylor Parks, 3-year-old great-grandson of Shirley Haraway, was in the hospital last week with breathing problems. He is at home.

Tim Clark, husband of Sherry, is undergoing chemotherapy for bladder cancer.

John Embry, father of Melia Owens, is in Houston for a clinical trial for cancer.

Kim Wells, cousin to Ree Sides, had a stroke. She lives in Tennessee.

Timmy Moemaw needs prayers for comfort and grace through his grieving and bad health.

Orlan Graham, brother of Mahlon, fell. He is recovering from surgery.

Extended Illness **Steve Hooie**, **Gladys Graham**, **Genell McLemore**, **Cecil & Linda Haraway**, **Dude & Shelby Weathers**, **Jerry & Faye Bedingfield**, **Leon Peck** (father of Marc Peck), **Lela Mae Hamilton** (mother of Joan Owens), **Leon Peck** (father of Marc Peck), **Molly Weeks** (mother of Alison Cornelius), **Harrison Bobo** (grandson of Randy & Glenda Pyle), **Ruth Whitsett** (friend of Patsy Brooks), **Alice Larkin** (aunt of Rachael Wright), **Barry Bedingfield** (brother-in-law of Linda Chambers), **Oaklynn Jackson** (daughter of Eli & Taylor Gordon Jackson), **Rachael Weir**, **Dennis Raney**, **Crystal Pruitt** (daughter of Hollis Pruitt), **Barry Winstead** (co-worker of Shane Lee), **Ann Hester**

Shut-Ins

Peggy Williams Hill Top II at Glenwood, 213 Ana Drive, Florence, AL 35630, **Diane Embry** (home), **Linda Rekart** (The Cottages 2373 Roberts Lane #7, Florence, AL 35630. No visitors after 5 PM), **Vera Cox** (LCNH), **Vella Green** (Rm 2308 Col. Robert L. Howard State Veterans Home, 7054 Veterans Pkwy, Pell City, AL 35125), **Willie Mae Eldridge** (El Reposo), **Alice Ezell** (home), **Bob Fay** (Avita of Brunswick, 89 Admiral Fitch Ave., Brunswick, ME 04011), **Gladys Graham** (home), **Dixie Kelly** (home), **Emma Smith** (22050 Indian Trace, Athens, AL 35613), **Frank Word** (home), **Sylvia Lentz** (Green Oaks Inn, 140 Pepper Lane, Florence, AL 35633)

Friends & Family Day

Next Sunday we will have a fellowship meal following service. We usually have several visitors for Friends & Family Day so please bring extra food, drinks, and desserts. Group 1 (last name A-M) clean up and Group 2 (N-Z) serve. Our afternoon service will be conducted by our young men at 12:30 so please make plans to stay.

Reminder: Set your clocks back one hour Saturday night.

Guest Speaker

Carlos Hernandez will be our guest speaker on Wednesday, October 29. Grades 7-12 will meet in the annex for Friendsday. All other classes will meet in the auditorium.

Youth Family Minister

Each of the following applicants will have a lesson during the morning service on the dates listed below. We will have a congregational meal following service to meet with them and their families. **November 9 - Ethan Schulte; November 16 - Kelly Sims; December 6 - Aaron Dodson**

Town Trunk or Treat

A basket is in the main foyer for candy for the Town Trunk or Treat that will take place at Rogersville City Park October 28.

Beth's Babies Annual Coat Drive

There is a donation box in the main foyer for children's coats and small blankets. Last year over 200 coats were given to children, and this year's goal is 250. Questions? Please see Audri Ragasa

Upcoming Events

Friends & Family Day November 02 **Friendsgiving** November 17

Youth Events

TurnUp Tuesday Each Tuesday morning at LCHS at 7:35

October 29 at 5:30 PM Friends + Wednesday = FWEDNESDAY Grades 7-12 Bring a friend for tacos and devo.

November 2 at 12:30 PM Young Men to Lead Worship Service

November 12 Tinsel Trail Devo - All ages meet in annex

November 19 FWEDNESDAY - Grades 7-12

Congratulations

Congratulations to 6th & down for winning Bible Trivia against the teens!

We are blessed to have such a great group of young people, and we are proud of all of you!



Special thanks to Brock & Leslie Owens for hosting the Fall Festival.