

**WEST BEND CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR
SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2024, 10 AM**

PRELUDE April Brown

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONGEGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP** #349
“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jessus”

OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN OF PRAISE** “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” #133

***THE AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH**
“The Apostles’ Creed” #881(In Unison)
**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And
in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the
dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the
dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic** church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen. (**universal)**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

THE MORNING & LORD’S PRAYER

MORNING TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “He’s Only a Prayer Away” Choir

DOXOLOGY “Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow” #95

OFFERTORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE (Insert)

UPDATE ON PENDING GMC PASTOR Hal Johnson

MESSAGE “Lessons From The Lions Den” Rev. Jon Hunter

Sermon Outline

- > **God uses impossible situations for our good.**
- > **There is nothing that God cannot do.**
- > **God uses our faith to glorify Himself and brings others back to Him.**

5 Lessons from Daniel and The Lions Den.

- 1. Follow God and untrue accusations against us will be proven false.**
- 2. Never give up on God.**
- 3. When we are faithful, we never know who will be impacted.**
- 4. God hears our prayers for others experiencing life's difficulties.**
- 5. Only the impossible can happen with God.**

***HYMN OF DEDICATION** #462
“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

***THE BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**

***RECESSIONAL** #672 (vs. 1, no refrain)
“God Be With You till We Meet Again”
*God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again.*

**Please stand as you are able.*

Thank you to Jon Hunter for preaching today!



Our Church Family

Cecil Branson
Harold Hill
Gail Hurley
Carol Petty

Our Family & Friends

Ron Coggins (Carol Petty's nephew)
Karen Davis (Doris' daughter)
Lee & Evelyn Ellis
Bebe Lewallen Harris
Joey Hazlewood (Cindy Ingold's cousin)
Jene Inman (Cindy Ingold's friend)
Israel
Our Church & Country
Angela Frye (Donna Robbins' cousin)
Those on their way to our church
Angie Toomes (Dare & Layne's daughter)
Unsaved
Unspoken Requests

Assisted & Skilled Living Residents

*=Church Member

Alpine, Asheboro:
*Juanita Porche, *Tom Morgan
Cross Roads, Asheboro:
Marie Caldwell, William Holloway
Universal, Ramseur: *Lena McMasters

Our Military

Logan Morris, Veterans

Prayer Requests will be left for 2 weeks

Tithes/Offerings/Attendance for Last Sunday

Budget Offering: \$2,498

Attendance: 24

Thank you for your attendance and
your Budget Tithes & Offerings.

Church Calendar
Sunday, August 18
10 am Worship

Tuesday, August 20
11 am Bulletin Deadline
12 pm Table of Grace

There are hearing devices available
to use during worship.
Please see an usher for assistance.

We would like to extend a **BIG THANK YOU** to
Bill & Bruce Burrow
for all of your hard work and for cleaning up the
flooded basement during the storm last week. We
appreciate your care for the church and for all of us.

Worship Associates

Musicians: April Brown, Choir
Sound System: Richard Lanier
Ushers: Mike Brown, Bill Burrow
Attendance Takers: Linda Burrow, Kathy McGowan
Communion Preparer: Debra Hill
Thank you for your service!

WinGs (Women in God's service)
Hospice Snacks Collection
Please leave snacks in the box provided.

Ministry Staff

Ministers	Every Member
Office Manager	Mrs. Debra Y. Rogers
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LESSONS FROM THE LIONS DEN



Welcome!

We are so glad you are here today!
If you are a visitor, please fill out a connection card located in the pews.
We would like to get to know you better. If you have a prayer request,
please fill out the other side of the connection card.
Completed cards may be placed in the offering plate.

Daniel 6:1-28 (NIV)

6 It pleased Darius to appoint 120 satraps to rule throughout the kingdom, 2 with three administrators over them, one of whom was Daniel. The satraps were made accountable to them so that the king might not suffer loss. 3 Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom. 4 At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent. 5 Finally these men said, “We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God.”

6 So these administrators and satraps went as a group to the king and said: “May King Darius live forever! 7 The royal administrators, prefects, satraps, advisers and governors have all agreed that the king should issue an edict and enforce the decree that anyone who prays to any god or human being during the next thirty days, except to you, Your Majesty, shall be thrown into the lions’ den. 8 Now, Your Majesty, issue the decree and put it in writing so that it cannot be altered—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed.” 9 So King Darius put the decree in writing.

10 Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. 11 Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. 12 So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: “Did you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to any god or human being except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the lions’ den?”

The king answered, “The decree stands—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed.”

13 Then they said to the king, “Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, Your Majesty, or to the decree you put in writing. He still prays three times a day.” 14 When the king heard this, he was greatly distressed; he was determined to rescue Daniel and made every effort until sundown to save him.

15 Then the men went as a group to King Darius and said to him, “Remember, Your Majesty, that according to the law of the Medes and Persians no decree or edict that the king issues can be changed.”

16 So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions’ den. The king said to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!”

17 A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king

sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel’s situation might not be changed. 18 Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep.

19 At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions’ den. 20 When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, “Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?”

21 Daniel answered, “May the king live forever! 22 My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty.”

23 The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

24 At the king’s command, the men who had falsely accused Daniel were brought in and thrown into the lions’ den, along with their wives and children. And before they reached the floor of the den, the lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones.

25 Then King Darius wrote to all the nations and peoples of every language in all the earth:

“May you prosper greatly!

26 “I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel. “For he is the living God and he endures forever; his kingdom will not be destroyed,his dominion will never end.

27 He rescues and he saves; he performs signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth.He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions.”

28 So Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

TOG served 80 meals last week!

Thank You Note
I just wanted to Thank you for the gift card from the church and for recognizing me on my graduation day!!!! Thank you so much!!!!
Courtney Bernhard