

The Buddy System

A brief look at Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego

- Shadrach, along with his friends Meshach and Abednego were kidnapped by the King of Babylon and taken there.
- Because they were so smart, they were allowed to serve in the royal palace.
- The king built a golden statue and said that whenever the music played, everybody had to bow down to worship it.
- Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego refused to worship anything or anybody other than God.
- As a result, they were tossed into a fiery furnace.
- God protected them and they didn't burn.
- The King saw this and had a change of heart.

Things I Can Learn from the Buddy System

1. Everyone worships something or somebody

You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them... (Exodus 20:3-4)

QUESTION: What Do You Worship? What do you put above God as important to you?

2. People will pressure me to worship what they want me to

Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you refuse to serve my gods or to worship the gold statue I have set up? I will give you one more chance to bow down and worship the statue I have made when you hear the sound of the musical instruments. But if you refuse, you will be thrown immediately into the blazing furnace. And then what god will be able to rescue you from my power?" (Daniel 3:14-15)

QUESTION: What things are you feeling pressured into worshipping....into putting before God?

3. The right friends make a huge difference!

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied, "O Nebuchadnezzar, **we** do not need to defend ourselves before you. If **we** are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom **we** serve is able to save **us**. He will rescue **us** from your power, Your Majesty. But even if he doesn't, **we** want to make it clear to you, Your Majesty, that **we** will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up" (Daniel 3:16-18).

QUESTION: Do your friends help or hurt your ability to do the right thing?

You'll always have pressure...you're going to bow to the good or bad pressure

Morning Worship Services

August 23, 2009

Prelude	God of Wonders	iWorship
Welcome		Rev. Hayes
Praise	Come, Now Is the Time to Worship Ancient of Days	Doerksen Sadler
Invocation		Rev. Hayes
Children's Message		Kathy Smith
	(11:00 a.m. Children 3 yrs. to kindergarten may leave for Children's Church)	
Scripture Reading	Exodus 20:3-4	Will Gambrell
Hymn 7	Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (vv 1,2,3)	Dyke
Offertory	We Worship and Adore You	Innes
Sermon Text	Daniel 3:16-18	Taylor Smith
Special Music	We Sing Praises Great Is the Lord Almighty	Choir Choir
Message	The Buddy System	Rev. Hayes
Hymn	They Will Know We Are Christians	Scholtes
Response	Family of God	Gaither



The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Carol and Lee Greenspan in memory of their beloved daughter, Cheryl, on her birthday.



Welcome to Worship

If we are thrown
into the blazing
furnace, the God
we serve is able
to save us from it,
and he will rescue us
from your hand,
O King.

Daniel 3:17

Evening Worship Service

August 23, 2009—6:30 p.m.

An Evening of Praise and Worship with Louie Roberts

Morning Worship Greeters - 9:30 a.m.

Front Door: Charles and Linda Riffle
Side Door: Larry and Pat Criminger
Drive-Thru: Ron and Margaret Ball
Welcome Desk: Ramie Tutterrow

Today's Ushers

8:30 a.m. Ken Plummer and Boo Boo Todd
11:00 a.m. Pete Bellamy, Charles Brewer, Ralph Bussey, Porter Kennington, Bronson Summers

6:30 p.m. Wayne Carey and Dwain Spivey

Worship Nursery/Children's Church Volunteers – 11:00 a.m.

Nursery: Jennifer Carter
Children's Church: Mylissa Bellamy

Security Duty Next Week

Aug 30—Sep 2: Ken Plummer and Larry Criminger

Notes

Building on Our Heritage

The vision God has granted us can only be achieved through faith and sacrifice. We have the privilege to be a part of growing His Kingdom! Pray for our campaign. Give sacrificially.

Ocean Baptism and Beach Service

We are planning our fifth annual ocean baptism and beach service, Sunday, August 30 at 6:00 p.m., at 1st Avenue South. If you are interested in participating, please contact the church office.

Third Annual Heavenly Treasures Yard Sale and BBQ

It's time to start cleaning out your storage areas. Our 3rd annual church wide Heavenly Treasures Yard Sale is September 11 and 12. BBQ plates will be served Friday from 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. at \$7.00 each. We welcome donations and pick up can be arranged September 7-9 by calling the church office. Funds will be used to replace the church roof.

September Deacon Meeting

The September deacon meeting has been changed to Sunday, September 13 at 4:30 p.m.

Worship Service Surveys

Thanks to everyone who completed the church worship survey that was handed out at both morning worship services July 26 and August 2. A total of 286 responded. The Steering Committee met Monday, August 17 to discuss the results of the survey. We thank you for your participation and please continue to keep us in your prayers.—Charles Bullock, Steering Committee Chairman

Dates to Remember

Sunday, August 23

6:30 p.m.

*An Evening of Praise and Worship
With Louie Roberts*

Wednesday, August 26

6:30 p.m.

*Called Church Conference
Nominating Committee Report*

Sunday, August 30

6:00 p.m.

*Ocean Baptism and Beach Service
1st Avenue South*

September 11-12

8:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. (Friday)

8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. (Saturday)

Church wide Heavenly Treasures Yard Sale

11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. (Friday only)

BBQ Plates—\$7.00

Sunday, September 13

4:30 p.m.

Deacons' Meeting

September 13-20

2009 Season of Prayer

Sunday, September 20

Janie Chapman Offering

Church Goal \$2,500

Sunday, October 11

World Hunger

Sunday, October 25

Homecoming

Activities for the Week

Sunday

Chapel Choir Practice	8:00 a.m.
Worship Service	8:30 a.m.
Coffee, Donuts, Juice	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School (for all ages)	9:45 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
An Evening of Praise and Worship	6:30 p.m.
Youth Worship	6:30 p.m.

Monday

Quilting	10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m.
Handbell Choir	11:15 a.m.
12 Step Program	8:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Weekly Visitation	6:30 p.m.
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Wednesday

Called Church Conference	6:30 p.m.
Choir Practice	7:30 p.m.
12 Step Program	8:00 p.m.

Sunday

Ocean Baptism and Beach Service	6:00 p.m.
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on the church web-site: www.fbcnmb.com