## **Young Daniel**

Our new series will begin with a teenager named Daniel. I think it's very important to not forget his age.

When we think of Daniel, I think most of us see that picture in our head of the man with the gray beard in the lion's den, but when the Book of Daniel begins with Daniel as a young man.

Daniel was a very impressive, very well-educated young man with more character and integrity as a teenager than most people achieve in their whole life.

He's not the only impressive teenager either. Consider the courage of the teenage Ester, confronting the king. Consider the teenage David, challenging Goliath. Consider the teenage Mary, carrying the Christ. Consider young Timothy, boldly proclaiming Christ in hostile environments.

I think that we do teenagers a great injustice when we don't consider what they are capable of when they belong to the Lord. God has done mighty things through teenagers.

Daniel is easily my favorite teenager though. Imagine it – The country you live in lives, for the most part, in wild disobedience to God – you don't even have to try hard to imagine that, do you? In addition to the morality of the country going increasingly downward, the country is then invaded. When it's invaded, not only does God not help, He helps the enemy.

Then, imagine, as a teenager, you are taken prisoner to a foreign land, a land where your God is not known or honored at all. You are now a slave. But some slaves were more favored than others. Daniel was one of these. He met the requirements to be favored.

You are then told that you will be educated in a culture you know nothing about. Your name gets changed. You're given special food and drink. Try as much as I might, I can't fully comprehend what it was like to be teenage Daniel, but try we must.

Then Daniel does the unthinkable. He draws a line in the sand. He takes a stand. He's polite about it, but he's a slave. He's the property of the Babylonian Empire, and has no rights. How very incredible that a teenager would take a stand like Daniel did.  $(continued) \rightarrow$ 

# PRAYER LIST

Violet Clay—sister of Leroy Lewis, was involved in an accident and was scheduled for surgery on the 19th.

**Clint Townsend**—was injured in a motorcycle accident in Oklahoma. He is the son of Rick & Elaine Townsend, who lived and worshiped here years past.

#### **MEALS FOR THE PIERCES**

Wade and Emily Pierce are scheduled for an induction on Wednesday, September 23. Please keep them in your prayers. If anyone would like to sign up for a meal delivery after they arrive home, please see Kendall.

#### LADIES CLASS RESUMES

Ladies, we are resuming Wednesday Morning Ladies Class this Wednesday, September 23 at 9:30 a.m.

## ATTENTION!!!

Starting this Wednesday evening, September 23, grades 2nd thru 5th will resume meeting for Bible class on Wednesday nights.

#### WESTVIEW GROCERY PICK UP

There will be a grocery pick up for Westview Boys Home on October 5. This will give us plenty of time to pick things up for these boys. There are bags by each door, so grab one, fill it. There is a letter on the bulletin board if you want to read about how they are doing.

## **BIRTHLINE YARD SALE**

Birthline, our local pregnancy crisis center, is having a "yard" sale at the Knights of Columbus building on October 9th & 10th. Funds raised at the sale help with basic monthly expenses at the center. If you have items to donate for the sale or would like to help, please contact me or stop by Birthline Monday thru Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

#### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Deanna Garver—20th	Sarah Bradbury—22nd	Jill DeJarnett—22nd
Rita Carroll—23rd	Chuck Cole—26th	Linda Wartick-27th
Jennifer Hines—28th	Darlene Cooney—30th	Leroy Lewis—30th

What was it that prompted Daniel to take such a bold stance? I can't wait to tell you!

Much Love,

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Be someone's sunshine when their skies are grey.

Those Who Serve	September 20	20		
	9/6	20 9/13	9/20	9/27
Elder in Charge:	R. Harris	R. Harris	R. Harris	R. Harris
Opening Prayer:	K. Dodds	M. Neal	Brian T.	D. Pierce
Song Leader:	W. Pierce	W. Pierce	W. Pierce	W. Pierce
Communion Prayers:	R. Harris	M. Kline	E. Newberry	T. Norris
Contribution Prayer	A. Shields	A. Shields	A. Shields	A. Shields
& Collection:	P. Dodds	P. Dodds	P. Dodds	P. Dodds
Ushers:	L. Helton	L. Helton	L. Helton	L. Helton
	J. Church	J. Church	J. Church	J. Church
Closing Prayer:	M. Kline	E. Newberry	T. Norris	R. Harris
Deacon in Charge:	L. Lewis	L. Lewis	L. Lewis	L. Lewis
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