



Daniel 2: Yahweh, God of Dreams and Destinies

As Daniel and his friends settle into life in Babylon they quickly learn how unpredictable that life can be. With almost unlimited

power, king Nebuchadnezzar enjoys everything he could possibly wish for, yet he is troubled and disturbed by his dreams—dreams sent to him by the God of heaven who wants to send a message to the world. This reveals a side to Nebuchadnezzar's character which places Daniel and his companions in peril. However, it is not the king who is in control, it is God who will reveal secrets, protect his people, humble the mighty and exalt his own glory for his purposes. And, like Daniel, we are called to be faithful followers in a foreign land, because, like Daniel, God's will, his perfect plan for the ages, has been made known to us and we are called to be passionate disciples of the King who will usher in his kingdom which will fill the whole earth and brush aside all that which is not of his eternal kingdom.

REGULAR MEETINGS

SUNDAY CHURCH.....weekly at 9:30am
SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER.....8:15am on 1st Sunday of the month
WEDNESDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP.....weekly at 9:45am
WIGGLING WOMBAT PLAYGROUP.....Thursday from 10am
THURSDAY CHURCH..... weekly at 6:30pm
COMMUNITY PRAYER NIGHT.....7pm on 4th Sunday of the month



We are so thankful for our fathers here at Westview! Thank you for your example of love and care. Thank you for your example of grace and kindness. We all long for an earthly experience of fathers that is never fully

satisfied whether you have had a good experience or a not so good experience of a father (or none at all).

In the end all of these experiences do not hold up to the Perfect Father, the One we were made for. Whatever you might feel this Father's Day, be encouraged today that all of God's children are His 'sons' and that "God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!'" (Galatians 4:6). We can be thankful today for the good examples of fathers around us here and the gracious gift of our Perfect Loving Wonderful Father in heaven. *Happy Father's Day!*



September Birthdays!

Marie- 8th

Jerry- 17th

Aurora- 24th






Michelle Elix- 27th

Happy birthday!
We are so thankful for each one of you!

MOVING with our MISSION

The process of defining our individual and corporate mission leads us to the more difficult phase of reorienting our practice to move with our mission. Mike Frost in his book *"Surprise the World: The Five Habits of Highly Missional People"* states that "a lot of energy...can be wasted unless people have some clear understanding of what actual behaviours are required". Looking at the bible and history, he says that although not everyone is called to be an evangelist, we are all called to live "questionable lives" and for us to be always prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks the reason for the hope we have (1 Peter 3:15).

He suggests that the five habits that we should foster to live in our world from a missional perspective can be remembered by the word "B.E.L.L.S.". He suggests that each week we:

-  **Bless** (be generous) I will bless 3 people this week, at least one of whom is not a member of our church.
-  **Eat** (be hospitable) I will eat with 3 people this week, at least one of whom is not a member of our church.
-  **Listen** (be Spirit-led) I will spend at least one period of the week listening to the Spirit of God.
-  **Learn** (be Christlike) I will spend at least one period of the week learning Christ.
-  **Sent** (be missional) I will journal throughout the week about all the ways I alerted others to the universal reign of God through Christ.

Consider how this might impact your mission, "to make passionate disciples of Jesus". Don't just look for ways that you might 'tick these off the list' with no change in your life. Look for ways to develop it further.

If anyone would like to read this very short book (about 1 hour to read), please talk to Tony. It is available on Kindle for \$3.47.

WHAT'S COMING UP?



Soccer in the Park!

Sunday 11th September, 2-4pm.

Charlie Bali Reserve, Doonside.

All are welcome! Bring your friends!

Community Men's Group: Tuesday 6th September

All men are welcome to Doonside Cottage *this coming Tuesday night, 6-8pm.* Dinner and Fire and Friendship. Speak to JJ for more details.



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