

Date 04/23/2023 Name _____

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Welcome to Church
If you are a visitor to our service this morning, please provide your name and address so we can acknowledge your visit by sending you a welcome note.

City _____

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And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?”
“And He said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
And with all your soul, and with all your mind.’
This is the great and foremost commandment.

The second is like it,
‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’
On these commandments depend
The whole Law and the Prophets.”

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT
Matthew 22:36-40

And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying,
“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.
Go, therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them
In the name of the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
Teaching them to observe all that I commanded you;

And lo, I am with you always, even to
The end of the age.”

THE GREAT COMMISSION
Matthew 28:18-20

You can use the tear off on the edge of the bulletin and drop it in the offering box or the box in the foyer. Alternatively, you can click [here](#) or use the contacts below if you would like to:

- Acknowledge your visit with us (physical or virtual) OR
- Contact us with prayer requests, questions, concerns, needs OR
- Request visitation prayer at your specific location (in your home, at the hospital, or nursing facility, etc.)

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April 23, 2023

MELBOURNE COMMUNITY CHURCH

REFLECTING CHRIST'S LOVE

Sunday Service beginning at **9:30 AM**

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www.melbournecommunitychurch.org
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YouTube live stream/recording QR code:



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ORDER OF SUNDAY SERVICE

Special video opens the service

Old Testament Reading: [Jeremiah 29:1-14](#)

Worship

Offering

Announcements of upcoming events

Pastoral prayer for the children before Sunday School classes.

The Nursery is available for infants & toddlers at any time.

New Testament Reading: [1 Peter 2:11-17](#)

“‘Just no.’—Daniel,” [Daniel 1:1-21](#)
by Brandon Harris, Teaching Pastor

The Lord’s Supper is offered, along with prayer ministry
while worship continues.

Benediction & Closing Prayer

This Sunday Morning:

Children’s Church: Pre-school—1st grade class and 2nd—6th grade class.

Help purchase items for the **MCC Honduras Mission Project — Give Hope to Kids (GH2K)** with the Amazon registry using the link or the QR code below:

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/owner-view?registryId=2392Q327356UG>

You can bring your purchased items to MCC.

Designated donations of money to MCC are also accepted.



EVENTS THIS WEEK

04/23: This Sunday Evening:

Young Adult Small Group, meeting at the home of Heather & Nathan Eley.

04/25: Tuesday:

Memoirs Group, led by Barbara Murgatroyd, at **4:00 PM** in the church sanctuary. Text Barbara at [\(321\) 355-9705](tel:3213559705) for more information or just join us.

The Chosen Study for Ladies, in the MCC Sanctuary at **6:15 PM**. Contact Anne Straub, [\(321\) 750-2742](tel:3217502742).

04/26: Wednesday Evening

Under the Cross (UTX), this week with pizza at **6:00 PM**, then a lesson from **6:30 PM—7:30 PM**. For ages pre-school through 6th grade.

Youth Group will be meeting **6:00 PM—7:30 PM** at MCC.

Adult Gathering from **6:30 PM—7:30 PM** to pray, and discuss any questions regarding Sunday’s teaching and other items of devotional interest. We also have a *Zoom* option available.

04/27: Thursday:

Bible Art Journaling Group from **10:30 AM—12:30 PM** also from **2:30—4:00 PM** in the MCC sanctuary. Text Barbara Murgatroyd [\(321\) 355-9705](tel:3213559705).

Women’s Prayer Group, meeting at **1:30 PM—3:30 PM**, For weekly meeting location, please contact the lead, Laurie Wilson [\(321\) 961-3658](tel:3219613658).

Beginners+ Guitar Lessons, at **6:00 PM**.

04/20: Saturday:

Ladies’ Morning Prayer Group at **8:00 AM** on *Zoom*. See Cindy Coleman.

UPCOMING EVENTS

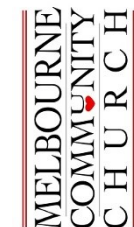
04/30: Next Sunday:

Sunday Service at **9:30 AM**. Continuing the book of Daniel. In preparation, read the book of [Daniel 2](#).

05/20: Saturday Morning

M2M (Man2Man), Men’s Breakfast and Shooting Range Outing. Breakfast, **8:00—9:00 AM**. Shooting Range immediately following. More details to come.

Date 04/23/2023 I have a Prayer Request Questions Need



Prayer Requests or Questions for the Pastoral Team?

If you have questions or a prayer request, write in the space below and place in the offering basket or the box in the foyer.

(Optional) Name _____ Phone _____

eMail _____

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UPCOMING EVENTS (cont'd)



07/10-14: Vacation Bible School (VBS), ages 4-12. Volunteers and/or participants) signup starting now. <https://vbspro.events/p/0700ee>.



Sermon Notes

Last week: “Daniel: ‘God is My Judge’,” [Daniel 1:1-2](#), by Brandon Harris, Teaching Pastor
Old Testament Reading: [Jeremiah 24](#); New Testament Reading: [Revelation 18:1-8](#)

This week: “‘Just no.’—Daniel,” [Daniel 1:1-21](#), by Brandon Harris, Teaching Pastor
Old Testament Reading: [Jeremiah 29:1-14](#); New Testament Reading: [1 Peter 2:11-17](#)

The Captives: Royal Young Judahites, [vv. 3-7](#)

What’s in a Name?

Hebrew Name

- Daniel
⇒ “God is my judge”
- Hananiah
⇒ “Yah has been gracious”
- Mishael
⇒ “Who is like God?”
- Azariah
⇒ “Yah has helped”

Babylonian Name

- Belteshazzar
⇒ “Bel guard his life”
- Shadrach
⇒ “command of Aku”
- Meshach
⇒ “Who is like Aku?”
- Abednego
⇒ “servant of Nabu”

The Fate of the Captives in Babylon

- Forced to relocate to a foreign and hostile community
- Conscripted into the enemy’s service
- Compelled to learn, read, write, and speak the enemy’s language
- Involuntarily enrolled into the academy of the “dark arts”
- Renamed after the likeness of the enemy’s culture

The Contest: *Conviction or Compromise*, [vv. 8-21](#)

What was the Babylonian official asking Daniel (and his three comrades) to do in eating from the king’s table?

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Who did the Babylonian official fear by feeding Daniel only vegetables and water?

What compromise did Daniel make that was a test of his faith?

What kinds of skills did the four men attain in their two years of preparation before being presented to king Nebuchadnezzar?

How wise and skilled were these men as attested to by the king?

How long did Daniel work in service to the Babylonian kings?

By what other name do we know the “wise men” of Babylon?

Three Helpful Takeaways:

- God’s in charge of who’s in charge
 - ⇒ 3 times—*God gave*
 - ◇ “The Lord gave [them] into the hands of [Babylon],” [v. 2](#)
 - ◇ “God gave Daniel favor and mercy before the official,” [v. 9](#)
 - ◇ “God gave knowledge and understanding [to them],” [v. 17](#)
 - ⇒ Daniel’s witness to God’s promise (70 year exile)
 - ◇ Daniel came with the first wave of exiles ([1:1,6](#))
- *In* but not *Of*
 - ⇒ “My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.” [John 17:15-16](#)
- Wise & wide-eyed
 - ⇒ “I am sending you out like sheep among wolves, so be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.” [Matthew 10:16](#)

Additional Notes:

Internet Resources: [The Bible Project Video: Daniel](#); [Download Daniel Overview Poster](#)