

SERVICE TIMES

CROWN RIDGE

Saturdays
5:00 pm (*Instrumental*)

Sundays
8:15 am (*A Cappella*)
9:45 am & 11:30 am (*Instrumental*)
Spanish Translation 9:45 & 11:30 am
Deaf Interpretation 9:45 am
11:30 am *Servicio En Espanol*
(*Student Center*)
1:30 pm *Servicio Caribeno*
(*Student Center*)

FREDERICKSBURG

Sundays
10:30 am

JOURNEY FELLOWSHIP

Sundays
9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 pm

NORTH CENTRAL

Sundays
9:15 am & 11:00 am

OUTER WEST

Sundays
9:00 am & 11:00 am

WESTSIDE

Sundays
10:00 am & 12:00 pm

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

CROWN RIDGE

Student Ministry Director
(*Full-Time*)

Ministry Assistant (*Part-Time*)

Child Care Worker (*Part-Time*)
Tuesday mornings and special events. Contact Valerie Taylor at ValerieT@oakhillschurch.com

NORTH CENTRAL

Child Care Worker (*Part-Time*)
Friday mornings, Sunday evenings, and special events. Contact Marci Solis at MarciS@oakhillschurch.com

JOURNEY FELLOWSHIP

Children's Ministry Director
(*Full-Time*)

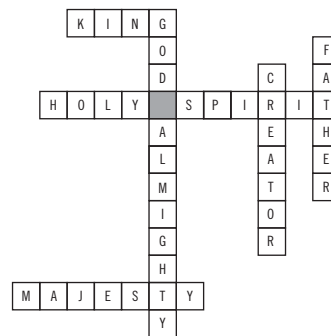
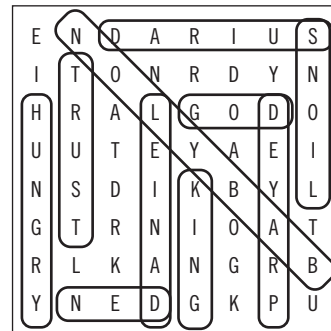
Child Care Worker (*Part-Time*)
Wednesday evenings and special events. Contact Melissa Gregory at MelissaG@oakhillschurch.com

FREDERICKSBURG

Children's Ministry Director
(*Part-Time*)

For more information about Job Opportunities at Oak Hills Church, visit oakhillschurch.com/employment

ANSWER KEY



MOB RULE DEFEATED

SCRIPTURE

DANIEL AND THE LIONS

DANIEL 6 (NIV)

¹Darius thought it would be a good idea to choose 120 satraps to rule throughout his kingdom. ²He chose three men to rule over the 120 satraps. Daniel was one of the three supervisors. The king put these men in this position to keep anyone from cheating him. ³Daniel proved himself to be a better supervisor than any of the others. He did this by his good character and great ability. The king was so impressed with Daniel that he planned to make him ruler over the whole kingdom. ⁴But when the other supervisors and the satraps heard about this, they were very jealous. They tried to find reasons to accuse Daniel. So they watched what Daniel did as he went about doing the business of the government. But they could not find anything wrong with him, so they could not accuse him of doing anything wrong. Daniel was a man people could trust. He did not cheat the king, and he worked very hard.

⁵Finally, they said, "We will never find any reason to accuse Daniel of doing something wrong. So we must find something to complain about that is connected to the law of his God."

⁶So the two supervisors and the satraps went as a group to the king. They said, "King Darius, live forever! ⁷The supervisors, prefects, satraps, advisors, and governors have all agreed on something. We think that the king should make this law and that everyone must obey it: For the next 30 days, whoever prays to any god or man except you, King, will be thrown into the lions' den. ⁸Now, King, make the law and sign the paper it is written on so that it cannot be changed, because the laws of the (See Page 2)

DANIEL SURVIVES EXECUTION ATTEMPT

In a move that rocked Babylon, the king's cadre of satraps and administrators were executed en masse yesterday, along with their wives and children. This mass execution, the result of an attempted mob rule, took place in the lions' den west of the city. Screams of humans and roars of lions could be heard in all quadrants of the city.

King Darius justified his actions because of what he called "scheming and manipulation by these unscrupulous plotters."

The sentence was prompted by the satraps' action earlier in the month. Determined to elbow Daniel out of power, the officials had convinced the king to draft a binding decree limiting the worship of any god or man other than the king.

Violators, according to the decree, would be sentenced to death in the lions' den.

Daniel, known as a man of faith, ignored the decree and continued his lifelong practice of prayer. The satraps' trap initially appeared successful, as Daniel was observed praying: a violation of the new law.

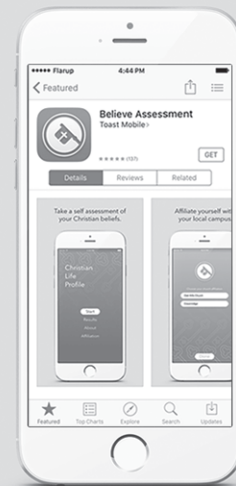
Daniel's devotion to the one true God never wavered. King Darius reluctantly sentenced him to death. However, Daniel's God saved him; the lions' mouths were shut and they made no move to harm the man in their midst.

As a result, King Darius has issued a new decree, ordering the people of the kingdom to worship the God of Daniel.



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FROM THE COVER

DANIEL AND THE LIONS

DANIEL 5 (NIV) CONT.

Medes and Persians cannot be canceled or changed.”⁹ So King Darius made the law and signed it.

¹⁰Daniel always prayed to God three times every day. Three times every day, he bowed down on his knees to pray and praise God. Even though Daniel heard about the new law, he still went to his house to pray. He went up to the upper room of his house and opened the windows that faced toward Jerusalem. Then Daniel bowed down on his knees and prayed just as he always had done.

¹¹Then the supervisors and satraps went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. ¹²So they went to the king and talked to him about the law he had made. They said, “King Darius, you signed a law that says, for the next 30 days anyone who prays to any god or man except you, the king, would be thrown into the lions’ den. You did sign that law, didn’t you?”

The king answered, “Yes, I signed that law, and the laws of the Medes and Persians cannot be canceled or changed.”

¹³Then they said to the king, “That man Daniel is not paying any attention to you. He is one of the captives[a] from Judah, and he is not paying attention to the law you signed. Daniel still prays to his God three times every day.”

¹⁴The king became very sad and upset when he heard this. He decided to save Daniel. He worked until sunset trying to think of a way to save him. ¹⁵Then the men went as a group to the king and said to him, “Remember, King, that

the law of the Medes and Persians says that no law or command signed by the king can ever be canceled or changed.”

¹⁶So King Darius gave the order. They brought Daniel and threw him into the lions’ den. The king said to Daniel, “May the God you serve save you!” ¹⁷A big rock was brought and put over the opening of the lions’ den. Then the king used his ring and put his seal on the rock. He also used the rings of his officials and put their seals on the rock. This showed that no one could move that rock and bring Daniel out of the lion’s den. ¹⁸Then King Darius went back to his house. He did not eat that night. He did not want anyone to come and entertain him. He could not sleep all night.

¹⁹The next morning, King Darius got up just as it was getting light and ran to the lions’ den. ²⁰He was very worried. When he got to the lions’ den, he called to Daniel. He said, “Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God been able to save you from the lions? You always serve your God.”

²¹Daniel answered, “King, live forever! ²²My God sent his angel to save me. The angel closed the lions’ mouths. The lions have not hurt me because my God knows I am innocent. I never did anything wrong to you, King.”

²³King Darius was very happy. He told his servants to lift Daniel out of the lions’ den. And when Daniel was lifted out of the den, they did not find any injury on his body. The lions did not hurt Daniel because he trusted in his God.

²⁴Then the king gave a command to bring the men who had accused Daniel to the lions’ den. The men and their wives and children were thrown into the lions’ den. The lions grabbed them before they hit the floor. The lions ate their bodies and then chewed on their bones.

²⁵Then King Darius wrote this letter to all the people from other nations and language groups all around the world:

Greetings:

²⁶I am making a new law. This law is for people in every part of my kingdom. All of you must fear and respect the God of Daniel.

Daniel’s God is the living God; he lives forever. His kingdom will never be destroyed. His rule will never end. ²⁷God helps and saves people. He does amazing miracles in heaven and on earth.

He saved Daniel from the lions.

²⁸So Daniel was successful during the time Darius was king and when Cyrus the Persian was king.

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END TIMES

Wednesdays
May 11 - June 1, 2016
7:00 - 8:30 PM

Crownridge Campus



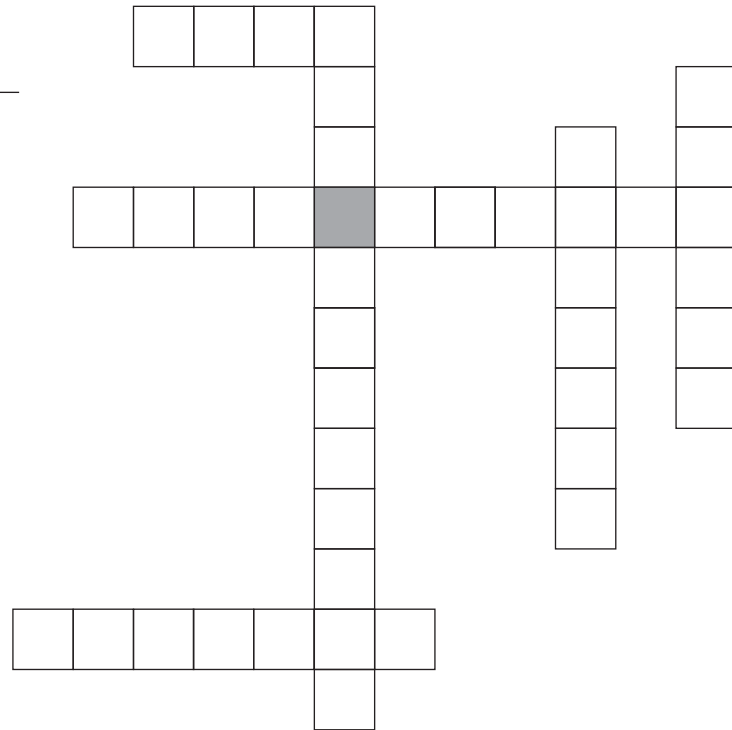
THE
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FOR KIDS

Daniel Was Rescued from the Lions

Daniel 6

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ALMIGHTY
CREATOR
FATHER
GOD
HOLY SPIRIT
KING
MAJESTY



BABYLON	KING
DANIEL	HUNGRY
DARIUS	LIONS
DEN	PRAYED
GOD	TRUST

Lion Paws

Instructions: Find each matching paw print, and write the letter near that print below its match at the bottom. What word do you find?



COMMUNITY

THE SPOTLIGHT



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Area | Brennan, Lytle, Medina Valley, Southwest ISD, Stevens, Taft, Warren



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How did you end up in community ministry?

We moved back to San Antonio in July, 2010 after an absence of 10 years. We arrived just before Randy preached the sermon series *Project Go*, and we were excited to get involved with our neighbors. I was volunteering in the Outer West, leading the Warren area, when I was invited to join the staff as a Community Minister in April, 2011. It is wonderful to help people make intentional connections with those God has put around them!

What do you enjoy most about your neighborhood?

The diversity of people God has put around us; in addition to believers from a wide variety of churches, we also have Muslim, Sikh and Hindu families who live in our neighborhood, and others who don't know the Lord. In our group we have had Catholics, Episcopalians, Baptists, as well as Oak Hills Church members learning from each other and sharing the difference God has made in our lives.

How have you seen God at work through one of your community groups?

We had a family in our neighborhood that went through a very trying time. Our neighborhood group helped them with meals and kept them in prayer. This family joined us for our *BELIEVE* study for 30 weeks. Being part of our group helped them heal from the challenges they had faced. They recently shared with us they're having a baby, which was a great answer to prayers!

RUDY TAMEZ | CLARK & MARSHALL COMMUNITY MINISTER

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How did you end up in community ministry?

From reading the book *The Connecting Church*, we were challenged to get to know our neighbors and play more in the front yard. We had just bought our first house and wanted it to be a home where we could connect people to Jesus.

What do you enjoy most about your neighborhood?

We enjoy the diversity in our neighborhood. Living in the medical center has brought people from all over the world into our neighborhood. We enjoy learning about new cultures and especially new foods.

How have you seen God at work through one of your community groups?

Seeing a mailbox conversation become an open door for a neighbor to learn the life transforming truth of God's love for her. A two-minute conversation led to an eternal change for her and opened a door for her family to see God's transforming love at work in her.

BUSINESS



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

We've been blessed with talented, hardworking construction teams, who are making amazing progress on the new Crownridge and Alamo Ranch Campus buildings. Although the past couple months were filled with storms, these teams haven't slowed down! At Crownridge, the transformation of the Bluebonnet Nursery into new administrative offices is nearing completion. Renovations to the Crownridge classroom wings have begun, and are on schedule for completion in August. For the new Worship Center, exterior roofing, framing, sheathing and waterproofing continue. While inside, duct work,

plumbing and mechanical installations are underway. At the Alamo Ranch campus, the interior wall framing and exterior steel trim are underway. And the water and sewer utility infrastructure is nearing completion. The vision for making more room and reaching our neighbors for Christ is coming together!

To learn more about our vision, stop by Information Central today to pick up a Vision Guide. If you feel called to give financially toward the We Are Called Vision Campaign, visit oakhillschurch.com/called

STORIES

NERF BATTLE BUILDS COMMUNITY

by Marissa Villa

Even something as simple as a birthday party has the potential to change a neighborhood.

When it was time for Josiah Semenov's birthday party, his parents knew they wanted to make it special, even if on a budget.

"We were more interested in an experience for him rather than toys," Josiah's dad Jay Semenov said.

So the Semenovs took

7-year-old Josiah's love of nerf guns to the next level and decided to have a nerf battle at their home.

But the birthday party turned into something much bigger. The nerf battle became a way for Jay to expand on something he felt passionate about: giving fathers a chance to bond with their sons.

After finding a local feed store willing to let him use some bales of hay, Jay bought

about 1,000 little nerf darts, some safety goggles and what happened next was pure joy.

"We just let the kids go at it — they were having a blast," Jay said. "Then the parents started to participate. All the cool older kids saw how much fun the kids were having, too."

The Semenovs realized that what they were experiencing needed to be shared.

"I wanted to do this on a much bigger scale," Jay said.

So come Memorial Day weekend, the Semenov's neighborhood will be home to what is perhaps the biggest nerf party in San Antonio. Dads and their boys will be invited to the party.

Giving fathers and sons in the

neighborhood an opportunity to have fun and bond means a lot to Jay.

"My personal passion is seeing a fathers reconciliation with his children -- to have an event to allow father's to have interactions with their sons -- I believe it's priceless. Not only does it bring men together, but it builds up other men," he said.

And he hopes those opportunities he's providing for the neighborhood will extend to his two sons, as well.

"We're talking about hospitality, accepting people, putting them first, serving them," Jay said. "It's all about working on the heart. I believe it's my role as a father to teach them that. Nobody else can fulfill this role."

CULTURE

OHC VALUES

With the promise of our destination after life given to us through the Word of God we know where we are going. Our values tell us that "it matters how we get there." God wants us to reach His desired destination, but He is concerned and involved in how we come through the journey.

We believe our biblical values will guide us as we journey through life both as a church body and individually as we apply them to our families, neighborhoods, schools, and communities. As you live these values you will see that they are all interconnected like a finely woven fabric; each impacting the other in big ways.

Imagine seeing unity throughout the Body of Christ and watching it extend into your family and community. Imagine grace, truth, and faith

planting itself in your core and broadening its roots to your relationships and interactions with every person in your life. As these bleed into your life, your family as the core teaching and discipling center will grow and be an example to all the families in your neighborhood. While people in your neighborhood see this they will want to be a part of Christ's community and we will enthusiastically welcome them because we value inclusivity. And as this cycle continues and every believer ministers in their own way to those around them, people are constantly changing because of God, who we seek in all decisions through prayer.

Learn about the values of Oak Hills Church at oakhillschurch.com/ourvalues

UNITY

We seek to promote unity in the Body of Christ.

GRACE, TRUTH & FAITH

We offer grace, stand for the truth, and live by faith.

FAMILY

We embrace the family as the core teaching and discipling center.

INCLUSIVITY

We invite all people to belong to Christ's community regardless.

EVERY BELIEVER A MINISTER

We view every believer as a minister.

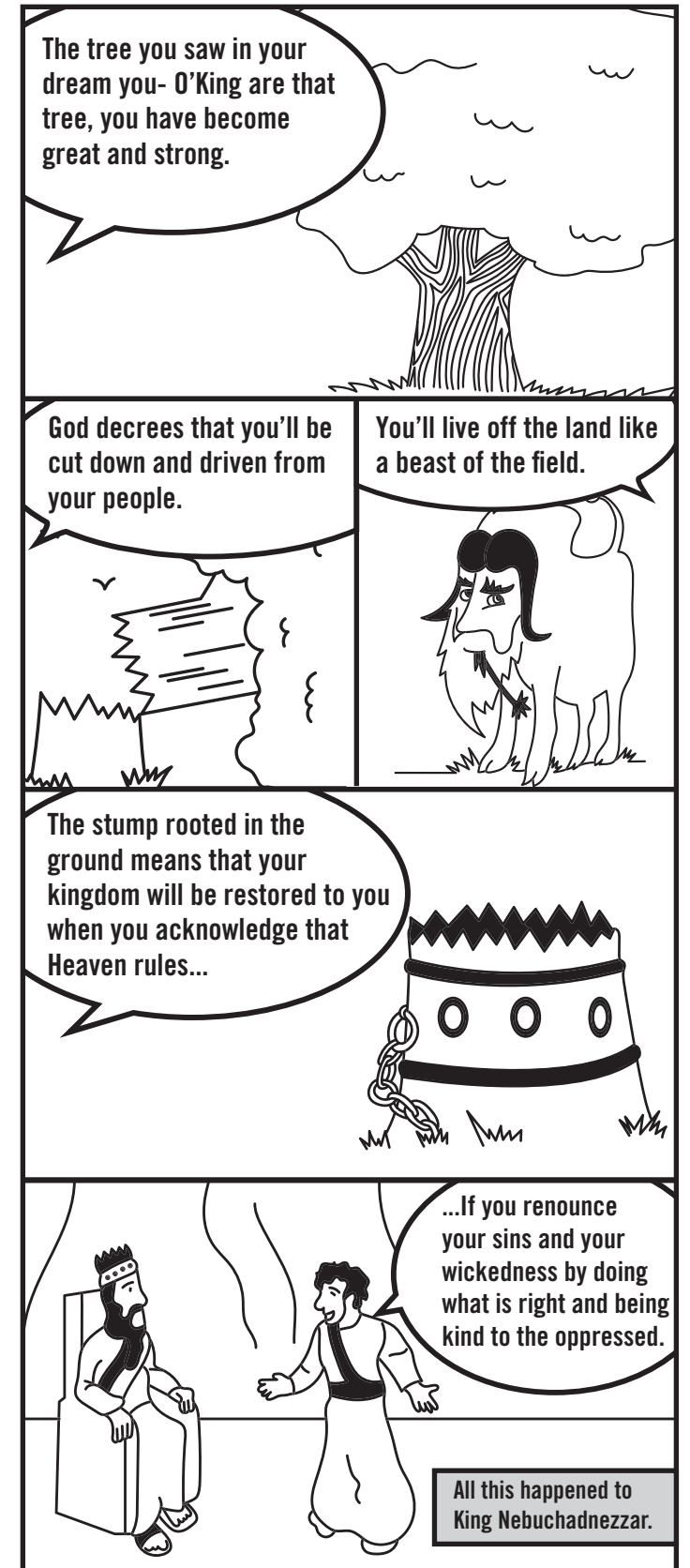
PRAYER

We seek God in all decisions through prayer.

NEIGHBORHOOD

We organize our efforts around neighborhoods.

COMICS



by Michael Craddock