



# And Also With You

AUGUST 2016

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## AUGUST

### SUNDAYS

10:00 am  
Worship  
(nursery provided)  
6:30 pm  
The Union's  
Worship Service

### MONDAYS

10:45AM  
INTERCESSORS  
706-897-6381  
6:30pm-Graham  
Cooke Group-  
Information: 455-  
5940

### WEDNESDAYS

10:30 am  
Women's Bible  
Study-Information:  
990.2973

### FRIDAYS

8:15 am  
Men's Group-  
Information:  
751-5266

## CHALICE BEARERS

August 7  
Jane and Bob  
Grafe

August 14  
Becky Johnson  
Jan Bogue

August 21  
Maggie Rockett  
Susan Jones

August 28  
Kitty Barksdale  
Janic Terry

## King of kings



The Rev. M. Scott Davis

Politics is on most everyone's mind this summer. Two conventions, presidential candidates constantly on the news, and other lesser positions up for grabs this fall have everyone thinking politically. I have been thinking about politics as well and often want to reach for the tums (or a metaphorical nitro glycerin pill)! Winston Churchill once said, "Democracy is the worst form of government except for all the rest." Being a democracy, we live with the privilege of being able to participate in choosing governmental representatives. Because of this privilege we become involved and when we become involved we become afraid and angry when we feel that what we hold sacred is being threatened.

In Daniel's day there was no democracy. Daniel served an absolute despot named Nebuchadnezzar whose temperament and governmental style would be more in line with Adolf Hitler's than American democracy, no matter how dysfunctional at times.

Every time I read the book of Daniel, I realize the awesomeness of God and the bigness of His plan that supersedes all kings and governments. Nebuchadnezzar is the most powerful man in the world of his day and yet a giant of a God repeatedly puts Nebuchadnezzar in his place. By the end of the first half of Daniel mere kings are but as putty in the hands of this all mighty God who involves Himself with great care in the affairs of men, though never being bound by them.

Daniel 4 ends the Nebuchadnezzar section. Through a dream the king is told that he will lose his mind for a period of seven years and

then be restored. This in and of itself is amazing that his government could be put on hold for that length of time without falling apart. The dream also made it clear that the king would return to his right mind and become greater than before his insanity. Pretend you are Daniel and having to tell Adolf Hitler this interpretation to his disturbing dream from the night before.

A year after the dream, in a state of hubris, the king's insanity begins. Government somehow holds together until the king's mind is restored seven years later. After its restoration Nebuchadnezzar is greater than ever as he lives out his final years. Look what this pagan king decrees about our God (Daniel 4:34b-35): "His dominion is an eternal dominion; His kingdom endures from generation to generation. All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as He pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back His hand or say to Him: 'What have you done?'"

Note the *time* references in the verses: (1) His dominion is an *eternal* dominion; (2) His kingdom endures from *generation to generation*.

Kings are the ones with dominion. Many kings regard people as nothing. A king, such as Nebuchadnezzar, does as he pleases without accountability — except for God. The verse says that God is a king above all kings and a lord above all lords. It is interesting that the title Daniel uses when addressing Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 2:37 is *king of kings*, and he was in his day. Yet after his sanity is restored Nebuchadnezzar raises his eyes to the eternal King of kings and bows to His lordship. Nebuchadnezzar is all powerful and king over a number of lesser kings. His position is the envy of the world and yet it takes seven years of insanity before he realizes that he, Nebuchadnezzar, is nothing compared to the majesty of the Most



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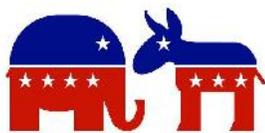
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High. This is why Jesus is *the* King of kings rather than Nebuchadnezzar. Jesus, after the Order of Mechizedek, has no beginning or ending. It is Jesus who is the Faithful and True One from generation to generation. He knows your great grandparents, He knows your great grand children, and He knows you! Unlike Nebuchadnezzar's, His kingdom is not temporary but eternal.



The reason this strikes me as important is because we will elect a

metaphorical *king* or a *queen* this year. The one chosen will become the most powerful person in the world and yet regardless of how powerful, they will still only have twenty four hours to each day and will be limited to a four or possibly eight year run. That is it, yet the God of the Ages, the All Mighty, the Ever Lasting One endures from generation to generation. Nebuchadnezzar finally learned this and declares to his world the following: *"It is my pleasure to tell you about the miraculous signs and wonders that the Most High God has performed for me. How great are His signs and how mighty His wonders! His kingdom is an eternal kingdom; His dominion endures from generation to generation"* (Daniel 4:2-3). When election fever comes upon you and you are trying to find the tums, just remember that there is One who has been around for quite a long time. He has seen kings



and queens come and kings and queens go, yet He remains

constant. This is the greatest wonder for us in this 2016 election year. Blessings, Scott +



- 2-Jane Grafe
- 5-Craig Williams
- 20-Backy Castellano
- 29-TJ Adkison
- 31-Jackie Isaacs
- 31-Connie Murfin



## LIVE STREAMING

Each Sunday at 10am  
[www.visitgrace.net](http://www.visitgrace.net) and check out Facebook/  
 GraceAnglican. 



Wednesday Bible Study is Studying Titus this summer. 10:30am-12:noon for all women.



Friday Men's Group is doing a study on the subject of Mammon. The men meet each Friday at 8:15am.



Father Scott will be painting the sanctuary one day in August. If this is your *spiritual gift*, come on! Date to be announced.



Katie, Matt, and kids return to France this week.

Just before coming to the US this summer, they moved to Pontivy in Brittany. Brittany is the only part of France influenced by the Welsh Revival of the early 1900s (or any revival for that matter). The Rileys have asked the Davises to come to Brittany on a short mission trip to help them plan their new work. We will prayer-walk through several villages that Matt is responsible for and help the Rileys discern what and how God wants to use them in their new home. We will be away Sept 16-Oct 7, combining vacation with continuing education. I am passing this on for your information and also to ask for your prayers for this endeavor. Europe is raw, overwhelmed by the swell of immigration, Brexit and its economic impact, and Isis's recent attacks. We want to be a healing presence in a land in pain. Just this week, an 84 year old Roman Catholic priest in Normandy (the next region east of Brittany) had his throat slit by Isis terrorists while celebrating Mass. It is even more important that we support our missionaries and pray often for them.