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*Our Vision: **Growing** as
disciples of Jesus while
connecting with others and
serving our community.*



Angels of Scripture: God's Special Forces at Work Around You

God might not be the only spiritual being who is with you right now. Scripture teaches that angels are real and that they help believers.

Angels are God's Powerful Warriors

Even though we can't see them, angels are a part of our world. And they're not cute, chubby babies with wings. They're more like God's version of Navy SEALs.

Angels are super, super powerful. The "angel of the Lord" wiped out 185,000 of God's enemies in one night (see 2 Kings 19:35). And almost every time people in the Bible saw an angel, their reaction was fear (see Judges 6:22–23; Daniel 10:4–11; Luke 1:11–12; 2:9).

Angels serve as God's agents to carry out his plans (see Hebrews 1:14). They obey God as their commander, fighting to advance his kingdom and protecting his people. There are a lot of them. In his vision in the book of Revelation, the apostle John saw and heard "many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand" (Revelation 5:11).

Angels Protect You and Fight the Powers of Darkness

These amazing warriors protect us (see Psalm 91:11). Not only that, but one Scripture passage shows that God sometimes sends out angels in response to his people's prayers, and the angels fight demonic beings to make sure we receive God's answer.

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“Life isn’t about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself.”

George Bernard Shaw

“There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle.”

Albert Einstein

Reminders

October 4th

Sunday Service 9:00 a.m.
PK-6 S.S. & Jr/Sr High – after
children’s message
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 7th

Mat Making – 1:00 p.m.
Praise Team – 4:00 p.m.
Bell Choir – 4:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir – 5:30 p.m.
New members welcome!

Worship Assistant is
needed each Sunday,
sign up at the Welcome Center

Meals-On-Wheels Deliveries
Sign up at the Welcome Counter

After service each week, join us in
Fellowship Hall for treats, coffee,
and fellowship.



Angels - continued from page 1.

Daniel fasted and prayed for three weeks to get understanding about a vision. At the end of those three weeks, an angel came to Daniel, telling him that he was there to answer his prayer but that it had taken 21 days because the angel had been fighting the powers of darkness (see Daniel 10:2–14).

A Group of Angels Rebelled and Became the Devil and His Demons

Satan isn’t the only evil being who is out to destroy you. Scripture tells us that other angels fell along with Satan and are part of his team of darkness. Demons are real.

The apostle Peter tells us that there are angels who sinned, and as a result, God “sent them to hell, putting them in chains of darkness to be held for judgment” (2 Peter 2:4). Somehow, these angels became the devil and the demons referred to in Scripture. Apparently, although the Bible doesn’t explain why, some fallen angels are imprisoned, and others are free to serve Satan as demons. And while we don’t know how many angels decided to follow Satan, we know that many did. We also know that fallen angels are on earth since Jesus had several run-ins with them (see, for example, Mark 5:12).

Demons are on the same mission as Satan; they want to prevent people from seeing the goodness of God and to stop the spread of God’s kingdom. Being enemies of God, demons constantly scheme of ways to harm you and ways to make you stumble spiritually. They don’t have a shred of compassion or concern for you. Like Satan, demons hurl lies at you like flaming arrows (see Ephesians 6:16).

How to Fight the Demons’ Scheme to Harm You

What can you do to take a stand against a powerful fallen angel? Two things:

1. **Tenaciously cling to the truth.** When you hear a lie in your head, refuse—absolutely refuse—to believe it. Reject the lie and replace it with the truth from Scripture.
2. **When an evil spirit is attacking you, rebuke it in the authority of Jesus.** Command it to leave in Jesus’ name. Do like the archangel Michael did when he had a direct confrontation with Satan: “Even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil . . . did not himself dare to condemn him for slander but said, ‘The Lord rebuke you!’” (Jude 9).

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Volunteers Needed



LAST PERSON LEAVING
PLEASE TURN OUT LIGHTS
AND LOCK DOORS

First United Methodist Church

**Please wear your
name tag on
Sunday mornings**



Church Ad Board Members

Bob Lynn - Chair
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Annual Conference
Connie Anderson - Memorials
Linda Haldane - Membership
Oliver Fabros - Pastor

Church Office Hours

**** Children & Jr.-Sr. High
Sunday School –
PK-6 & Jr/Sr High
After Children's Message**

Wednesday

**Praise Team – 4:00 p.m.
Bell Choir – 4:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir – 5:30 p.m.**

The front door to the church
will be locked during office
hours. Please ring the
doorbell to be let into the
church.

Monday

9:00-11:00
12:00-3:00

Tuesday

9:00-11:00
12:00-3:00

Wednesday

Office Closed
Mat Making
1:00

Thursday

9:00-11:00
12:00-3:00

Friday

9:00-11:00
12:00-3:00

Please continue to call in
advance if you need to
enter the church to make
sure someone is in the
office. If you reach the
answering machine,
please leave your name,
number, and a brief
message, and your call
will be returned. Calls
after 2:00 p.m. may be
returned on the next
business day.



Who was the daughter-
in-law of Judah?

- a) Tamar
- b) Hagar
- c) Leah
- d) Rachel

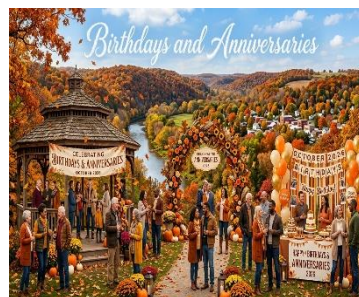
What were the fortresses of
the people of Nineveh likened
to in the book of Nahum?

- a) Apple tree
- b) Wheat
- c) Fig tree
- d) Sycamore

To which prophet did the Lord
say that the following day his
wife would be taken away?

- a) Ezekiel
- b) Isaiah
- c) Jeremiah
- d) Zechariah

**Check page 4 for answers from
the previous week.**



5th – Susan Blane, Lynn Schieb
8th – Craig Perkins

****See a wrong birthday or anniversary, or need one added? Please call the
office or send an email to office@shen.church**

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<https://shen.church>



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Services are now on our YouTube
channel only.

<https://www.youtube.com/@shen.church8192/streams>

***Prelude/Postlude/Accompanist: Terry Stafford**

Call to Worship

Leader: From every nation, language, culture, and story, God calls us together.

People: We come as one body in Christ.

L: At this table there is room for the familiar and the stranger, the near and the far.

P: Christ welcomes us all with grace.

L: We bring our different songs, traditions, hopes, and prayers.

P: And together we become a living witness to God's love.

L: Come, people of God. Let us worship the One who makes us one.

P: With joy and gratitude, let us worship God!

“Table Manners”

Scripture Reading: Colossians 3:11-17

Songs

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing #57

The Church's One Foundation #545

Amazing Grace #378

One Bread, One Body #620

Pass It On #572

Last Week's Attendance

In-Person Worship – 86; Online Worship – 19

Our Vision:

“Growing as disciples of Jesus while connecting with others and serving our community.”

**Answers for September 27th are c) Fruit of righteousness b) Third a) Theophilus
Quiz hints – Q1) Genesis Q2) Nahum Q3) Ezekiel**



October 2026

Whole Kernel Corn, Microwave popcorn, Hot Chocolate Packets, Muffin, Cake, and Brownie Mixes, Spices (any type), Wide Egg Noodles, Pumpkin, Sweet Potatoes, Spinach, Sauerkraut, Taco Shells, Taco Seasoning, Bar or Liquid Soap, Toilet Paper.

There are times when people who use the Food Pantry come to the pantry on foot. They are then forced to walk home carrying, pushing, or pulling several pounds of food. Southwest Iowa Transit, for a very reasonable fee of \$5.00, will take individuals home with their food items. If you are interested in helping pay for these fees, simply seal your cash (whatever you would like to give) in a plain envelope and add it to your donated food items.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the Community Food Pantry. We exist totally on donations; we couldn't assist those in need without your help!

If you or anyone who would be interested in volunteering at the Food Pantry, please contact Jeannine K. Liljedahl at 712-215-2488.

Angels - continued from page 1.

God is the Commander of the Angels

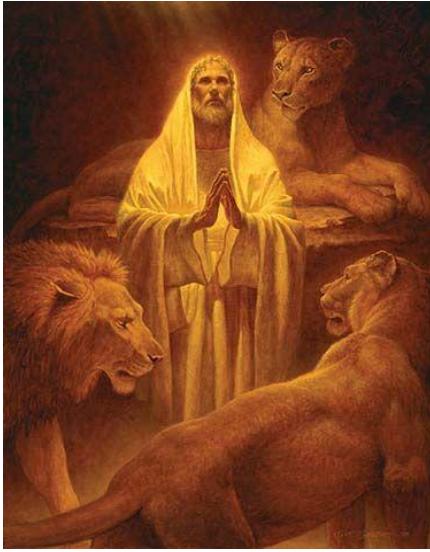
How are you supposed to interact with angels? Can you ask for their help? Though that may not be wrong, it's probably better to appeal directly to God and depend on him to send angels to help you or others. After all, he's their commander. Ask him to send out angels on your behalf since that's one of the responsibilities he's given them—"For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways."

Even though we don't understand a lot about how angels interact with us, they're real, and they're here. As members of God's kingdom, we have angels on our side.

Drawn from devotionals in the NIV Read. Think. Live. Bible.



WE WERE TOLD YOU WERE TAKING CREATURES
THAT CAME TO YOU IN PEARS



Daniel

Name: Daniel – God is Judge (Belteshazzar) – May Bel protects his life

Key Passages: Daniel 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Ancestry and Family Life

We know that Daniel was a young man of the nobility and was the cream of the crop of the Israelites (1:3-4). He was young, likely 16-18 at this time, good-looking, intelligent, and wise. He was taken as a captive for just these reasons. After a time of training in the Babylonian ways, culture, language, etc. he entered the personal service of Nebuchadnezzar as an adviser and also an overseer. Daniel lived in Babylon for over 60 years, into his eighties.

When and Where He Lived

Daniel grew up in a turbulent time. He was born around 620 B.C. and taken to Babylon after the siege of Jerusalem ended (it started in 605 B.C.) Israel had been under attack for some time and succumbed to the world power of Babylon. Daniel, along with many other native Hebrews, were exiled in Babylon for many years. Jews loved their homeland, Jerusalem, and the temple, but were forced from their homes and taken to a foreign culture and country. Daniel was merely a boy when he was forced to leave everything he knew. All the rest of his life he lived in a pagan and sinful culture. There were continual temptations to live as the sinful people around him. Peer pressure was strong to get him to conform. A law was even passed forbidding the worship of anyone/anything except the Persian king. It was certainly not an easy life or an easy time in the history of Israel for Daniel to live. Daniel was about 80 when Persia conquered Babylon.

Training and Occupation

Daniel was one of the elite. He had a very high education and was trained in all the branches of wisdom of the day. He also studied literature and learned to be at least bilingual. In Babylon he served in a number of capacities. He was a wise man, an adviser in the personal service of Nebuchadnezzar (1:19-20). After Daniel told Nebuchadnezzar his dream and its interpretation he was made the overseer over the province of Babylon and all the wise men and magicians in the Babylonian kingdom. Daniel was also one of three satraps, who ruled over the Persian kingdom.

Place in History

Daniel has an important place in history. He wrote the book of Daniel. He served some of the most powerful leaders in the history of the world. He was an important adviser to them. He was an important prophet for the nation of Israel and for the whole world. Daniel was honored by God to the extent that God gave him many sensitive visions and mysteries regarding the future. Many important things were revealed to Daniel because God knew what kind of person Daniel was.

Special Traits

God gave Daniel (like Joseph) the gift to understand dreams and visions and give the correct interpretation (1:17, 2:24). Daniel also distinguished himself wherever he turned (6:3).

Weaknesses

None are recorded.

See Daniel 6:4-5 for a summary of Daniel's character. "Man of high esteem" (10:19).

Strengths

1. Wisdom/Discretion

Numerous examples can be seen throughout the book of Daniel. He was never one to act hastily, but he was patient and prayerful. He waited for the right time and opportunity to act and then he did so with modesty. See the example of his dealings with the commander of the officials in chapter 1 (1:8-16). See his example when Arioch came to execute him and all the other wise men (2:14-15).

Throughout the whole process, we can see he was calm and careful. He was never hasty and didn't act rashly. He didn't lose his temper, panic, or get nervous. Instead, he remained cool, calm, and collected. Panicking or acting hastily is never helpful and will typically make the situation much worse.

2. Humility

In the eyes of the world Daniel had an amazing talent. He could have used it for his own gain, but he didn't. It would have been easy for him to become prideful, but he never did. Every time he had an opportunity to praise himself he gave all the credit, glory, thanks, and praise to God (2:28-30, 4:19). When he approached the commander of the officials he also did so with humility and respect. He didn't care about gifts (5:17).

Daniel 2:30 – *But as for me, this mystery has been revealed to me, not because of any wisdom that I have more than all the living, but in order that the interpretation may be made known to the king, and that you may know the thoughts of your mind.*

He recognized it was not through any talent or wisdom of his own. He was only a tool to accomplish God's purposes.

3. Reliance on God

Daniel faced a number of very difficult situations, trials, and temptations. He never relied on himself or trusted in his own strength or wisdom (though he was very smart and good looking too!). When faced with a dilemma, he prayed to God and asked God to show him His favor and compassion (1:9, 2:17-18, 6:10-11, 9).

He sought the Lord – Daniel did not only seek help from his friends. More importantly, he sought help from the Lord. No matter how wise or smart we are, if we try to do things on our own, we will fail. We must seek the Lord first because only He gives true success.

4. Steadfast/Uncompromising

Daniel lived in a foreign culture and was continually pressured to give in to sinful customs and practices (peer pressure). In each situation he chose instead to follow God unwaveringly. He wasn't brash or prideful or rude about his beliefs, but he stood by his convictions with courage and boldness (1:8, 6:10-11).

This is the key verse in the whole of chapter 1. It highlights one aspect of Daniel's character that will show itself throughout the book. That is his resolve. He made up his mind that he would not defile himself.

Notice where Daniel drew his line in the sand. It was not based on his own opinion, tradition, customs, or culture. It is based on the Word of God. God's Word clearly forbids him from eating this food, so he resolved not to. He made up his mind to do what was right without compromise and without offering excuses.

5. Courage

Daniel was very bold. He pronounced the true meaning of dreams and visions, even when those would be negative and unpopular (4:19, 27; 5:22, 25-28).

Important Acts and Events

2. **Refusing to eat the corrupting food** – From the beginning, Daniel resolved not to compromise. If he had compromised this one time, we most likely would not have the book or story of Daniel that we love so much.
3. **Interpreting Nebuchadnezzar's dreams** – God gave Daniel the ability to interpret dreams. Daniel used that ability to serve the king and give God glory. On each occasion, he also preached boldly to Nebuchadnezzar, even counselling him. An exile gave unsolicited advice the most powerful man in the world.
4. **Interpreting the handwriting on the wall for Belshazzar** – When Daniel was an old man, Belshazzar had discarded him and rejected all the lessons his grandfather Nebuchadnezzar learned. But when he needed help, Daniel was called for. Again, Daniel gave wise (and unsolicited advice).
5. **The lions' den** – The king declared that anyone who prayed to anyone but him for thirty days would be thrown into the lions' den. Daniel could have prayed with his eyes open while walking around the city, but he chose not to compromise. That is the root of the beloved story that is told in Sunday School around the world.
6. **The visions about the future of the world** – Daniel received detailed prophetic visions about the rise and fall of world kingdoms. In all of these visions, one thread connected them all. God's kingdom is forever.

How He Died

No info, but he did live a long life, into his eighties.

Lessons from His Life

1. No Compromise!

From Daniel's life we can learn from his example in all the areas of his strengths. We see the might and strategies of the Babylonian ruler on one side. On the other side, we see a teenage boy. He is far from home, lonely, and surrounded by pagan culture. Temptations and sin are on every side. And when he is faced with a temptation, he draws a line in his mind and resolves that he will not cross it.

Even in the face of overwhelming pressure, he stood on the truth and wouldn't budge.

We also live in a society that does not honor God. The education system, not only here but around the world, brainwashes people to accept lies, including evolution and atheism. There is intense pressure to conform and be like everyone else.

Let Daniel be an inspiration to all of us to stand uncompromisingly on the truth even in the face of powerful pressure to give in to the world's way. If we only learn this one lesson from this book, it will be well worth it.

2. God Protects and Blesses Those Who Seek Him and Put Him First

From Daniel's life, we see that God protects and blesses those who seek Him and put Him first. On several occasions Daniel risked his life in order to follow God and God protected him (6:20-23).

In verse 17 of chapter 1, God blesses these four young men's obedience. He gives them great skill, knowledge, and wisdom, blessing them with special gifts and abilities. The Bible says that He who is faithful in a little thing is also faithful in much. They had proven their obedience to God in this "little thing" in front of some low-ranking officials. And because of that, they would have many more opportunities to use their gifts and talents to serve God in kingdom-altering events.

An objective observer would conclude that not eating the food would destroy their political careers and possibly their lives. But amazingly, doing what seemed like political suicide from man's perspective was the catalyst that sparked their rise to political office.

3. God Throws Down the Prideful and Raises Up the Humble

Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar, and the other satraps were all prideful. God punished all of them. Daniel was humble and obedient and God honored him by raising him to positions of leadership, giving him long life, entrusting visions and dreams to him, as well as with materials.

Throughout this book, we have seen God teaching Nebuchadnezzar this lesson. But despite all of the miracles to this point, the king had not yet gotten the point. He was still prideful and credited himself for his great empire. In the end, God wins. Truth wins. Sooner or later, every person will learn the same lesson that the Lord sought to teach Nebuchadnezzar.

James 4:6 – *But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."*

4. Seek the Lord Together with Other Believers

Daniel was not a lone ranger. Daniel was not prideful. He wasn't using this situation to seek after his glory and get all the credit for himself. Neither did he place confidence in his powers. Instead, he surrounded himself with a team, sharing with them the details of the situation. They, in turn, could help him share the load.

There is strength in numbers and no matter how wise or intelligent we are, we need other believers for encouragement, counsel, and support as we seek the Lord together. When you face a difficult situation, remember that you are not alone. Go to your brothers and sisters in Christ. Share with them about your struggles. Ask them to lift up their voices with you so that together you can seek mercy from the Lord. Many times, our difficulties are compounded because we try to face them alone. God has made us part of a larger spiritual family. Let us be quick to support others and equally willing to ask for help.

5. God Is Sovereign Over the Rise and Fall of Governments and Kingdoms

Daniel lived in a place that had no respect for God. There were temptations all around him. The education system was brainwashing people to believe in lies instead of the truth from God. There was tremendous pressure to conform to society and be like everyone else.

Daniel lived in a time when darkness seemed to reign. Judah was defeated. He and his friends were exiles in a strange, foreign land. Idolatry dominated every aspect of culture. Violence, pride, and selfishness were rampant. He needed a reminder that these things were temporary. In the end, God wins. We too need that same reminder.

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Shenandoah First United Methodist Church
 Grow • Connect • Serve

8 COLUMNS

8 MINISTRIES • ONE MISSION

RESTORING WHAT STANDS. REAFFIRMING WHY WE STAND.

The repainting of our church columns is more than an aesthetic improvement. It is a visible sign of our renewed commitment to who God is calling us to be as a church.

These columns have stood for many years, welcoming generations through our doors. As we restore them, we are also reaffirming the ministries that give life to our church. We are called to make disciples of Jesus Christ through ministries that help people grow in faith, connect with one another, and serve our community.

As we move into this new season, we believe God is calling Shenandoah First United Methodist Church to something greater — to strengthen our ministries, welcome new people, form new disciples, care for our neighbors, and prepare this church for the generations still to come.

And doing this requires givers who are faithful, generous, willing, and who believe in what God can still do through this church.

 WORSHIP Worship & Music	 NURTURE Children & Youth	 CARE Pastoral Care	 GROW Discipleship	 REACH Outreach, Evangelism & Communications	 GIVE Stewardship & Generosity	 CONNECT Hospitality & Connection	 PRAY Prayer & Spiritual Life
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OUR GOAL:

\$20,000

WAYS TO GIVE

-  **Give in Worship**
Place your gift in the offering with the Column Campaign envelope.
-  **Give Online**
Use our church website.
-  **Send a Check**
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-  **Any Amount is Welcome**
Every gift, big or small, helps restore our columns and strengthens our shared mission.

Together,
we are not simply repainting columns. We are renewing our commitment. We are reaffirming our calling. We are preparing Shenandoah First for what God is calling us to become.

8 COLUMNS × \$2,500 EACH
Every column matters. Every gift helps. Any amount is accepted.

There is a place for you here.
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Grow • Connect • Serve

Next time you visit, take a moment to admire the newly restored church pillars and surrounding concrete work. If you pass by in the evening, you'll also notice our new exterior lighting illuminating the front of the church—it is truly a beautiful sight at night! More pictures are coming soon.

Running To Church

A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Bible class. As she ran, she prayed, *'Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!'*

While she was running and praying, she began tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again! As she ran, she once again began to pray in all her heart, *let me be late...But please don't shove me either!'*

BIBLE CLASS
9:00 AM
ALL ARE WELCOME