

DANIEL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BABYLON
DANIEL 1:1-21

EIGHT STEPS OF FAITH TO EXCEL IN A HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT:

- 1. Trust that God is always in control. 1:1-2**
- 2. Prepare yourself for the war of the worldviews. 1:3-9**
- 3. Be critically aware that the world wants to change your identity. 1:7**
- 4. Determine the issue of Lordship *now*. 1:8**
- 5. Embrace the transforming power of holiness. 1:8-10**
- 6. Be as gracious as possible to those in authority. 1:11-16**
- 7. Learn all you can from non-believers but filter what you learn through God's Word. 1:17**
- 8. Maintain an unyielding confidence that God wants to glorify Himself in your life. 1:18-21**

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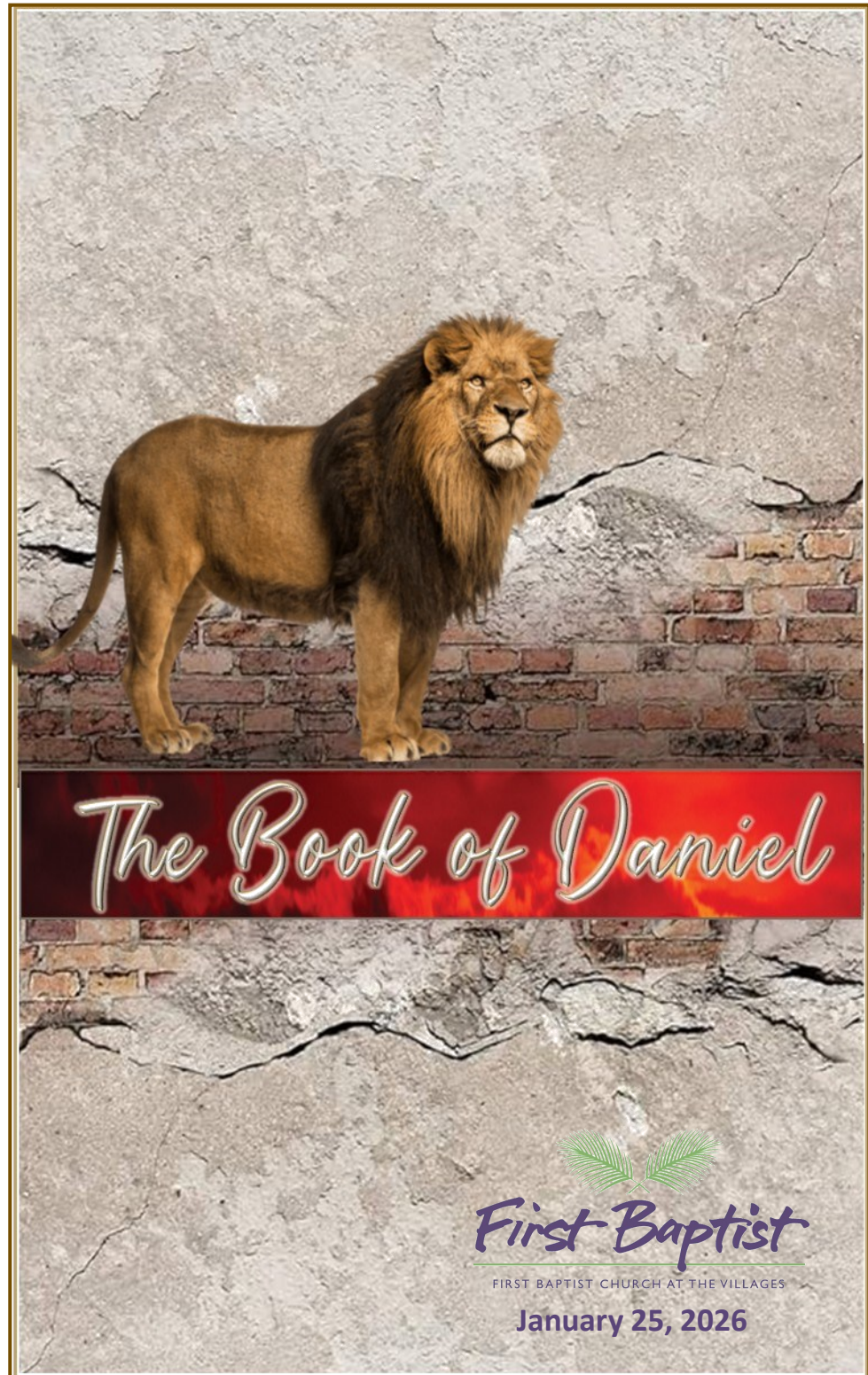
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NEW AMERICAN STANDARD (1995) VERSION OF THE BIBLE.**

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Attendance Data

Average Attendance for Year End 2025.....506.7
Average Attendance for Year End 2024.....499.3



A Special Welcome To Our Guests

We are blessed that you chose to worship with us today! We hope you will feel right at home. If you need assistance or have a question, please ask any of our folks who are wearing a yellow lanyard or visit The Guest Counter just inside the main doors or The Information Counter in the center of the Gathering Hall.

We pray your worship experience today is uplifting and enriching and that you will consider our church family your church family.

Just FYI: Restrooms are located in either corridor leading off The Gathering Hall. **Child Care** is available for infants and preschool age children. Our Worship Center is equipped with a **Hearing Induction Loop**. If needed, more information is available at the A/V area in the back of the Worship Center. We also have a **Medical Response Team** ready to assist you if needed during the Worship Service.

DISCOVERCLASS

**OUR NEXT DISCOVER CLASS WILL BE
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, AT 4 PM.**

If you're interested in becoming a member or just want to find out more about our church, you're invited to come!

You may sign up at the Information Desk in The Gathering Hall or online at fbcvillages.org.



**FIRST SUNDAY
PRAYER WALKING
NEXT SUNDAY,
February 1, at 9 am**

**JOIN US UNDER THE PORTICO AT 9:00 A.M. SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 1, FOR FIRST SUNDAY PRAYER WALKING
AS WE PRAY FOR OUR CONGREGATION
AND OUR CHURCH'S MINISTRIES.**



HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING...
**DINNER FOR THE FAMILY,
ACTIVITIES FOR FIRST KIDS,
MIDWEEK SERVICE AND
BIBLE STUDY FOR THE ADULTS**

5:15PM—Dinner in The Gathering Hall. \$5/person or \$20/per family
This week's menu is: Rotisserie Chicken and Mashed Potatoes. Sign up is necessary to be sure we have enough food. Go to fbcvillages.org and scroll to the bottom of the homepage.

6:00PM—7:15PM—First Kids (Kindergarten thru 5th grade) gather for activities in The Commons.

6:15PM—Midweek Service & Bible Study in The Cove. Pastor Alan Branch will be teaching a study of the cults.

A graphic with a light brown background. The words "BIBLE STUDY" are in a dark brown, serif font.	FOR YOUR INFORMATION
<p>The Men's Bible Study Group, led by Jerry Jackson, which met Saturdays at 9am, will now be meeting with the Bible Study group, led by Mark Joslin, which meets on Tuesdays at 9am in The Commons. Their study of Hebrews will continue.</p>	

Community Groups

Beginning next Sunday, February 1, Community Groups will gather in The Commons after Sunday Worship, 3 or 4 groups each week, for a time of great food and fellowship.

February 1: Groups #5, 10, 12, and 24 will meet.
February 8: Groups #7, 11, and 18
February 15: Groups #8, 16, 23, and 26

You will be contacted by your group leader with all the details.



**POTLUCKS
RESUME
FEBRUARY 1.**



ATTORNEY GENERAL JAMES UTHMEIER

Seniors vs Crime

A Special Project of the Florida Attorney General
800-203-3099

The Florida Attorney General's office actively combats elder crime through the **Seniors vs. Crime Project**, a statewide program where senior volunteers help investigate fraud and exploitation, and offer resources, advice, and a hotline (1-866-9-NO-SCAM) for victims of scams and abuse. Seniors may be offered prevention strategies against financial crimes and/or connected to legal help when needed.

The primary goal of the **Seniors vs Crime Project** is to reduce the victimization of senior citizens who are often targeted for specific crimes or scams based on their age. The project accomplishes this goal by providing various educational and crime prevention programs to senior citizen groups; investigating complaints and seeking restitution for seniors in appropriate instances and by providing investigative agencies with senior

volunteers to assist them with specific investigations.

The **Seniors vs Crime Project** handles thousands of cases for seniors every year. Since the opening of local project offices in 2001, they have handled more than 39,000 cases and recovered over \$16M in real dollars plus over \$12M in realized gain for Florida seniors. Senior volunteers, called "Senior Sleuths," provide hours of dedicated service, free of charge.

One of these "Senior Sleuths" is **Dave Cunningham**, pictured here, who is also the General Manager of the Marion County Office located in



Seniors vs. Crime Project Region 4 Senior Sleuths Dave Cunningham, Joe Gerena, and Diane Nunn were recognized for their exceptional efforts in support of the Project. Photo credit: The Villages-News.Com

the Marion County Sheriff's Substation on Mulberry Lane.

**DAVE WILL BE HERE TO SPEAK WITH US ABOUT THE
SENIORS VS CRIME PROJECT
MONDAY, JANUARY 26, AT 10AM
IN THE COMMONS**



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FEBRUARY 6 at 7PM
\$10 FOR RESERVED SEAT TICKETS
ONLINE AT FBCVILLAGES.ORG
OR AT THE INFORMATION DESK TODAY
Doors open at 6pm



The
Good News
FOR WOMEN

Conference

**Friday, January 30 7-8:30pm &
Saturday, January 31 9:00-12noon**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AT THE VILLAGES

352-205-7114 OR LISABRANCH@FBCVILLAGES.ORG

YOU MAY REGISTER AT FBCVILLAGES.ORG

***\$39 per person / \$35 for groups
of 5 or more***



*Featured Speaker - Dr. Leslie Umstattd,
Women's Ministry specialist, author and
teacher from Kansas City, Missouri*

*Worship led by talented worship leaders
Drew & Abbie Patterson*



First Ladies