

Sermon Series STAND- Week 1

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“STAND OUT”

Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, chief of his court officials, to bring into the king’s service some of the Israelites from the royal family and the nobility—⁴ young men without any physical defect, handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king’s palace. He was to teach them the language and literature of the Babylonians. ⁵ The king assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from the king’s table. They were to be trained for three years, and after that they were to enter the king’s service. Daniel 1:3-5

Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Ephesians 6:11, 13

Among those who were chosen were some from Judah: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. ⁷ The chief official gave them new names: to Daniel, the name Beltshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abednego. Daniel 1:6-7

But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way. Daniel 1:8

“Please test your servants for ten days: Give us nothing but vegetables to eat and water to drink. ¹³ Then compare our appearance with that of the young men who eat the royal food, and treat your servants in accordance with what you see.” ¹⁴ So he agreed to this and tested them for ten days. ¹⁵ At the end of the ten days they looked healthier and better nourished than any of the young men who ate the royal food. Daniel 1:12-14

The king talked with them, and he found none equal to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah... Daniel 1:19

First Time Here? Okay, if this is your first time at St. Andrew By-The-Sea Bluffton Campus we’re guessing you might be a bit anxious. We get it. Depending on your previous experience with church (or what you’ve heard about church), you might be worrying about any number of things: feeling judged, feeling pressured to empty your wallet, feeling like everyone’s mentally clocking the speed at which you’re able to find any given Bible verse. May we offer a suggestion? Relax. We’re not going to judge you, and we don’t want your account numbers. And you don’t even have to own a Bible. (Although if you want one, they are available to you for free.) Our deepest desire is to meet you wherever you are on your spiritual journey, no matter where that might be, and help you take your next step. And thanks for wearing a name tag, so we can call you by name. If you have any questions about what you hear today, or about God, faith, or anything on your mind — our pastor, staff as well as lay members are available after every service.

TALKING POINTS

- Read and discuss Daniel 1:1-21 and Ephesians 6:11-13.
- What are some of the ways you’ve seen people blend into the world?
- What do you need to overcome that will enable you to fully stand out for God?
- Share a time when you stood out for God in the right way. What resulted from your taking a stand?
- What do you think is most difficult about standing out for God and not blending in?
- What’s one way you’re being lured to blend into today’s world?
- What step will you take this week to stand out for God?

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Prayer Request

Type of request:

- Confidential Pastoral Prayer
- Prayer Lists (with permission)

Name of person to pray for:

This person is:

- Family Member: _____
- A friend
- Myself
- Other _____

Please pray specifically about:

Your Contact info:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

CONNECTION CARD

Welcome! Whether you are visiting us today, or a St. Andrew member, please take a moment to fill out the following information. **Drop in the basket during offering each week.**

Date _____

- Member
- Attendee
- Visit Often
- 1st Time Guest
- 2nd Time Guest
- New Resident
- Part-Time Resident
- Please Call Me
- Wish to Join

Name _____

Address _____

Guest/Friend of _____

DOB _____

Phone _____

Email _____

- Add me to your weekly emails

Please circle one: M F Child/Teen

How did you find out about us?

Connections

Calling All Graduates!!!

Do you have a child or grandchild that is graduating this year? If so, we would like to recognize them. Please email Megan Kaelin at mkaelinhhiumc@gmail.com with their name, the school from which they are graduating and any future plans they may already have.

Confirmation Next Sunday

Our nine confirmands will be celebrated here next Sunday, May 13 during our worship service. Please join us to celebrate this momentous occasion in the lives of our youth!

Bluffton VBS - GAME DAY!!!!

Mark your calendars! Our VBS is going to be June 18-21 in the evenings. Contact Monica for more details: 864-838-5227. Information also available on our website: www.blufftonworship.com.

Continuing the Conversation

It is our hope that the sermon you hear on the weekend is the first word in a conversation that takes place throughout your week. Join others as we dive deeper into the message and discuss practical life applications from the scripture. Thursdays at 12pm for lunch at Zeppelins with the Bluffton Staff. We are also providing a **bible reading plan**. The link for that plan is on all of our social media, including our website: blufftonworship.com.



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SUNDAY, May 6

- 9:00 & 11:15 Worship
- 10:30 Bluffton Worship
- 4:00 Confirmation Class
- 5:00 Youth Group
- 6:30 Adult Small Group

MONDAY, May 7

- 10:00 Piece Makers Quilting - B113
- 12:00 Bridge Builders
- 5:00 Couples Bible Study - C111
- 5:30 Leadership Mtg.
- 6:30 Mason's leader Mtg.
- 6:30 SPPRC

TUESDAY, May 8

- 10:00 Fellowship Friends
- 5:30 Bible Study - C111
- 6:30 Family Small Group
- 6:30 Basketball for Kids - CC gym
- 7:30 Men's Basketball - CC gym

WEDNESDAY, May 9

- 10:00 Staff Meeting
- 11:00 Purlis of Wisdom - B113
- 12:15 Healing & Wholeness
- 2:30 Handbell Rehearsal
- 4:00 Stephen Leaders
- 5:00 Stephen Ministry
- 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, May 10

- 12:00 Lunch w/Staff - location TBD
- 1:00 Bridge - C110
- 1:00 Dementia Caregivers
- 6:30 Basketball for Kids
- 7:30 Men's Basketball

FRIDAY, May 11

- 12:00 Soup Kitchen

SATURDAY, May 12

- 9:00 Confirmands tour in Savannah

SUNDAY, May 13

- 9:00 & 11:15 Worship
- 10:30 Bluffton Worship/Confirmation
- 5:00 Youth Group
- 6:30 Adult Small Group

GROW. PRAY. SERVE.

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A United Methodist Congregation with a mission to be an open, nurturing body of Christian believers seeking God's guidance as we minister to others.

