

HOW COOL IS THAT?

Noelle Valles is a member of the Dundee Crown Scottish Piping Band! She plays bass drum. The band has participated in competitions in Milwaukee and St. Louis. They placed third last weekend in the St. Louis competition!

Give Noelle a high-five!

Enroll now... for the
October Bible Study.
Based on the book
by Pete Wilson

LET HOPE IN

Launch Date: Tuesday 10/14/14

- Choosing to transform instead of transfer.
- Choosing to trust rather than please.
- Choosing to be okay with not being okay.
- Choosing to free people rather than hurt them.

Join us for four Tuesdays of practical, inter-active learning! Get unstuck. Say goodbye to regret and shame—move forward and serve a God who promises that anything is possible!

Each week everyone will be asked to fill out a Connection Card in order to "MEASURE" our church in five key areas. There will be a summary report each week in the bulletin that identifies those five key metrics.

Please turn in your card each week.
Members, leaders and guests will
be asked to turn these in.



CONGRATULATIONS!

TO WES SPURLOCK ON HIS NEW POSITION WITH
THE CITY OF ELGIN AS AN INSTRUMENT TECHNICIAN!

TO DANA SCHNABEL ON HIS NEW POSITION AS A SENIOR PROJECT
MANAGER FOR KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES IN LISLE!

CONNECTION CARD



★ GAMECHANGER ★

- OCT 05 *The power of integrity*
OCT 12 *The courage to change*
OCT 19 *How's your game?*
OCT 26 *Are you a gamechanger?*



PRAYER REQUESTS

■ Emma Grebenick	▶ Health Issues
■ Lily Metcalf	▶ Dementia
■ Anabelle Galik	▶ Lung Cancer
■ John Schreiber	▶ Healing
■ Andrew Haywood	▶ Health Issues
■ Noe Figueroa	▶ Health Issues
■ Linda Loukota	▶ Breast Cancer
■ Elizabeth Stein	▶ Health Issues
■ David	▶ Heart Transplant
■ Abby London	▶ Mersat
■ Pat Crampton	▶ Healing in Her Back
■ Gary Fagerson	▶ Cardiac/Cancer Issues
■ Ashley Fagerson	▶ Mental Health Issues
■ Sharon Dost	▶ Colon Cancer
■ Maria Ashcraft	▶ Complete Healing
■ Robin Loveless	▶ Lung Cancer
■ Art Bush	▶ Post-Surgery Healing
■ Ken Ridinger	▶ Post-Surgery Healing
■ Blanca Gonzáles	▶ Health Issues
■ Barb Smith	▶ Lower Back Pain
■ Bobbie Nash	▶ Inner Healing
■ Neal S.	▶ Injured Foot
■ Robin Loveless	▶ Cancer

09/28/14

METRICS
THAT MATTER

43

ATTENDANCE

\$1,398.25

GIVING

1

GUESTS

16

VOLUNTEERS

1

DECISIONS FOR CHRIST



★ GAMECHANGER ★

THE POWER OF INTEGRITY

•••• Daniel, the Noble ••••

DANIEL

was the only Hebrew prophet to spend his entire career working as a public servant for pagan empires outside of Israel.

He served at least three kings and two governments in a career that lasted 70 years.

★ *He grew up in a godly Jewish home.*

★ *He had God-given abilities of intelligence and discernment.*

★ *He was deported to Babylon along with other Jewish youth.*

OVERVIEW OF DANIEL'S LIFE

★ *His Babylonian education was secondary, not elementary.*

★ *He was exposed to Babylonian culture, but he did not succumb to it.*

INTEGRITY

★ Means consistency between our faith and our conduct; our values and our actions.

★ **It has to do with honesty and truthfulness.**

★ It means our life is consistent, whether we're with people or by ourselves.

★ **It means staying true to God no matter what.**

¹ It pleased Darius to appoint 120 satraps to rule throughout the kingdom, ² with three administrators over them, one of whom was Daniel. The satraps were made accountable to them so that the king might not suffer loss. ³ Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom. ⁴ At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent.

⁵ Finally these men said, "We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God."

★ They knew the only way to trap Daniel was to make his devotion to God illegal.

★ God alone was to be worshipped.

★ Three times a day Jews were to pray.

★ They were to face the Temple as they prayed.

¹⁰ Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.

Daniel 6:10

Daniel understood something very important about spiritual **INTEGRITY**:

1.

Ultimately we will answer to God, not people, so we should keep the score straight.

2.

Our faith has the greatest impact on others when integrity comes with a price.

¹⁹ At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. ²⁰ When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?"

²¹ Daniel answered, "May the king live forever! ²² My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty."

²³ The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

Daniel 6:19-23

3 IMPORTANT DECISIONS THAT WERE DECISIVE

1.

Daniel chose character over comfort.

2.

Daniel chose discipline over disorder.

3.

Daniel chose God over circumstances.