

## March Devotion

*Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O king. But even if he does not, we want you to know, O king that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up. Daniel 3:16-18*

We recently had a situation at our school concerning texting, or Instagram, or Twitter, or something. The older I become the less I understand about technology. However, this involved students who did understand and wanted other students to be embarrassed. They could do so anonymously from one of the aforementioned accounts that they have access to. Some of the students, we discovered, are too young to have these accounts, but the techno-savvy world in which we live made it easy for them to use it. Most of our young people bow down to the “images of gold” (technology) that are ever present in the world in which we live. Yes, I am for technology. It has greatly enhanced our communication and intelligence gathering. But there is the point where it can also become all-consuming like anything in this world. And then, like our three friends in Daniel, we can either bow down to it or take a stand. This ‘stand’ should be coming from the parents, but often it is we teachers who are the role models. Students need to understand that all that is available to them in this world is not always good for them. And, sometimes, it is our job as educators to educate the parents of how easily the world can seduce our children. With God’s help we can use what technology has to offer in a way that glorifies Him. May we always take a stand on the Lord’s side, confident that He will save us “and rescue us”.