

## GM

### Elders:

John Deffenbaugh  
Wayne Douthitt  
Glen Honeycutt  
Rick Hyder  
Bill Reiboldt

### Deacons:

Pete Babb  
Carl Cobb  
Alan Cook  
Barry Flint  
Casey Flint  
Josh King  
Mike Kidwell  
Tim Murray  
Bryan Reiboldt  
Jim Scott  
Peter Wald

### Local Evangelists:

Danny Boggs  
Luke Yates

### Worship Assemblies

10 a.m. Sunday  
6 p.m. Sunday

### Bible Classes

9 a.m. Sunday  
7 p.m. Wednesday

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I make the notation “GM” along with the date and place on the paper copy of my sermons to indicate that I preached that sermon in a gospel meeting. It is one of my homemade preacher shorthand notations. Growing up a “PK” (“preacher’s kid,” of course), I’ve got a lot of GM memories. I would not trade anything for them, especially the indelible imprint they made on me in shaping the adult I have become. Let me encourage you to bring your children and yourselves to gospel meetings for what they will mean to your faith and for the part of you they will forever become. To me, the GM of gospel meeting stands for a few other things too.

**Great Memories.** When James Watkins held a meeting for us in Franklin, Ga., I led singing that Sunday night. I was 14, and this participation was a big deal to me. I led “Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah” and in verse three mistakenly bellowed out, “All ye fruitless trees and cedars.” Once when the air conditioner was out, we opened the side doors on either side of the pulpit for relief in that muggy July, west Georgia heat. This was an open invitation for the horse fly that landed on the calf of my leg during the chorus of “the song before our opening prayer,” which bit mercilessly until I could swat it during said prayer (which was by no means a quiet slap).

I remember attending a meeting in Carrolton, Ga., and being jolted by Bobby Duncan’s dramatic cries of “the boy is home!” in his powerful telling of the story of the prodigal son. I remember, though I was no more than 5 or 6, the smell of hay and watching members set up a portable baptistery for a tent meeting my dad preached in Aragon, Ga. I remember the family car rides when we rode to others’ meetings. I remember the baptisms, restorations, preaching and fellowship always a part of these special times.

**Giant Men.** Through this venue I first became acquainted with men who have become my heroes: Frank Chesser, Perry Cotham, J.J. Turner, Howard Swann, James Watkins, Bobby Duncan, Truman

Cobb, Franklin Camp, Winfred Clark, Wendell Winkler, Glen Posey, Ken Thomas, V.P. Black and others. I remember playing basketball with Ken Thomas who had to play in his socks and still took us all to school (he also demolished me in a game of “punt, pass and kick”). I recall having my heart stirred and being convicted of sin by the penetrating preaching of Frank Chesser.

I vividly recollect being amazed by Perry Cotham, who seemed to me even two decades ago to be a very old preacher. I will never forget being touched by Franklin Camp’s tender heart as he told the story of Christ’s crucifixion. I was wowed by J.J. Turner’s ability to turn a phrase. There was the time when I walked by James Watkins’ hotel room and saw him diligently studying his Bible in the middle of an afternoon. These men were spiritual giants to me.

**Gospel Message.** Even as a child, I learned so much from the sermons I heard. I saw things in a new way because every preacher has his own unique style, history of study, and method of delivery. I was challenged by the Bible-centered book, chapter and verse approach these men faithfully took. I got my first glimpse at sermon organization, taking crude notes and main points from sermonic masterpieces. Meeting after meeting, year after year turned my heart and mind more and more on the Bible. Even then, I saw, at least to a juvenile degree, the effectiveness of this method of evangelism and edification.

Give your children, your mate, your non-Christian friends and neighbors and yourself the pleasure of experiencing these unparalleled joys. The Godhead and the heavenly host pay particular interest to each service of every gospel meeting. Let us join them there and grow from hearing anew the wonderful story of love. It will stay with you for a lifetime!

*Neal Dollard*

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*His own people, eager to do what is good – Titus 2:14*



Betty Ball, Jack Brodie, Ed Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Jerry and Louise Faules, Joe and Teresa Freund, Phyllis Goins, Jean Hanger, Faye Haught, May Hill, Wilma Hill, Doris Jones (mother-in-law of Gary Nielens), Nolan Murray, Max Naramore, Price Naramore, Mark Strohl, Helen Swem, Corin Thomlinson, Richard Tink, Bobbie Tuggle, Robin Van Dorn, Ruth Ann Wilson, Treva Wolgamott, Velda Wood, and Neosho Christian School.

- Ed Cornell came home yesterday.
- Richard Tink is at Freeman West.
- Jerry Faules' tests were postponed until Thursday.

**Sympathy:**

- We extend our sympathy to Treva Wolgamott and family in the loss of her sister, Betty Muskrat.
- Our hearts go out to Dale and Mebyl Privett in the loss of their son, Jim, who passed away Monday night.

**It's a Boy!**

- Congratulations to grandmother Deanna Peirsol and great-grandparents David and Cora Hofer on the arrival of Bennett Scott Arkle who was born Saturday to Josh and Brittany Saturday.
- Congratulations to great-grandparents Wayne and Vera Douthitt on the birth of Garret David Garwood to Grant and Kirstie Garwood last Friday.

**Juice boxes:** We're collecting juice boxes to help with the Bright Futures effort to send needy Neosho children home with nutrition over the weekends. Place your donations in the west nook of the foyer.

A **work day** is planned at Green Valley Bible Camp this Saturday beginning at 8:00. Plans include clearing hillsides, repairing some stairs and cleaning the pavilion top to bottom. See Danny if you'd like to share a ride.



**This Sunday's Sermons:**

A.M. Spencer Furby

P.M. Spencer Furby

**Youth Devotional:** This Saturday at 6:30 at the Boggs' home. Spencer Furby will be our guest speaker. Weather permitting, we'll have a hot dog and marshmallow roast. Girls bring desserts, boys bring chips, and everyone bring your Bible, GVBC book, and a friend!



**Our week at Green Valley Bible Camp is only 75 days away!** Register at [greenvalleybiblecamp.com](http://greenvalleybiblecamp.com). Whoever gets the most friends to come to camp with them will get a cash award of \$123.03!

**Save the Date:** The Neosho Christian School Benefit Banquet will be held Saturday evening, April 22, at Crowder Gymnasium. There will be a silent auction, dinner by Butcher's Block, performance by the NCS choir, and entertainment. Call 451-1941 to reserve a table or seat.



**every ONE counts!**

Remember to give an extra dollar every Sunday to help someone in need.

**Our gospel meeting begins this Sunday!**

•Make every effort to join us for every service.

•Invite friends and family to hear these Bible messages about successful living. Invitations are still available at the welcome desk.



•Bring something good to share for lunch Sunday as we enjoy perhaps our last whole-church meal in the old fellowship room. The **navy hostess** group will set up, serve and clean up.

**Gospel Meeting**  
**APRIL 2-5 WITH SPENCER FURBY**  
 9 A.M., 10 A.M. AND 6 P.M. SUNDAY, 7 P.M. MONDAY-WEDNESDAY

*Living Faith*  
*Dealing with Sin*  
*Handling Frustration*  
*Ready for Judgment*  
*Humility Is the*  
*Faith in the Bad Stuff*

**Save your soul.**  
*solidify your faith, build others up.*  
**Join us!**

**CHRISTIAN SURVIVAL KIT**

*because souls matter*

ASSIGNMENTS	
<b>Prayers Sunday, April 2</b>	<b>Scripture Reading Sunday, April 2</b>
•AM Opening: Mike Kidwell	•Isaiah 55:6-11, Carl Cobb
•AM Closing: Charlie Collinsworth	<b>Prayers Wednesday, April 5</b>
•PM Opening: Alec Fehring	•Opening: Stuart Anderson
•PM Closing: Harold Speir	•Closing: Peter Wald

RECORDS	03-26-17	03-20-16
Bible Study	140	139
AM Worship	200	198
PM Worship	129	128
Wednesday	136	132
Contribution	\$10,095.50	\$7,331.99
Budget	\$7,630.58	\$7,075.67