

## Why Did Jesus Come?

### Elders:

John Deffenbaugh  
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Pete Babb  
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Casey Flint  
Josh King  
Mike Kidwell  
Tim Murray  
Bryan Reiboldt  
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Peter Wald

### Local Evangelists:

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

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9 a.m. Sunday  
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We sing about it. Legions of people think about it at least once a year. Why did Jesus, eternally divine, come to earth as a human? It takes more than a sentence or two to give a good answer to that good question. Let Jesus speak for himself...

“For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me” (John 6:38). That’s what Jesus was all about on earth—all the time.

“Do not think I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished” (Matt. 5:17-18). He came to fulfill the Law and the Prophets. He did everything the Law of Moses commanded the common Hebrew to do. He never failed. And he was everything God told the Prophets to watch for in the leader whom God would send.

In his hometown synagogue Jesus read this Scripture from Isaiah and said that the 800-year-old prophecy was about him: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor” (Luke 4:18-19).

As he proclaimed good news, Jesus made clear that he did not come to leave us like we are. “I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance” (Luke 5:32).

When Jesus had healed a man who was blind from birth, he urged his opponents to see who is really blind. “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind” (John 9:39).

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword” (Matt. 10:34). Some of us struggle because we want to follow Jesus, and we want so badly for the people that we love the most to follow him, too; but so far they will not. When Jesus brings us to him, necessarily that separates us from people who won’t come with us. Do not give up hope! Jesus’ own family was divided over him. But we know his brothers James and Jude became stalwart first-century Christians.

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly” (John 10:10). That sounds great!

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost” (Luke 19:10). Zacchaeus thought he had it all. Others thought he had nothing. Jesus gave him just what he needed.

“...The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:28). If Jesus had come without doing this, nothing else would matter. And by his death he shows us unmistakably what our lives are about: he wants us to be servants, too.

Jesus came to do the will of the one who sent him. He came to fulfill the Law and the Prophets. He came to proclaim good news and to give liberty. He came to call us sinners to repentance. He came to open our eyes. He came to bring a sword, dividing the ones who will follow him from the ones who will not. He came that we may have abundant life. He came to seek and to save the lost. He came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many. Who else could do all of that—or any of that? It’s a good thing he came.

*Danny Boggs*



Betty Ball, Jack Brodie, Pete Conrow, Ed Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Louise Faules, Joe and Teresa Freund, Phyllis Goins, Faye Haught, May Hill, Wilma Hill, Doris Jones, Max Naramore, Price Naramore, Mark Strohl, Helen Swem, Corin Thomlinson, Richard Tink, Bobbie Tuggle, Margaret Wald, Ruth Ann Wilson, Treva Wolgamott, Velda Wood, and Neosho Christian School.

- **Pam Babb** had hip surgery Monday and came home today.
- **Mary Jane Flint** will have hip surgery Wednesday.

**Our sympathy goes out to Kay Anderson and Stuart Anderson** in the sudden loss of their brother-in-law Robert Crawford Monday.

**We share the joy of heaven over the baptism of Betty Fogarty** into Christ Sunday. Betty is Becky Cobb's mother and moved to Neosho several months ago. Her address is 1006 Greenbrook Drive, Neosho, MO 64850, and her phone number is (816) 797-3580.



Dear Hillcrest Family,

Your love and help have been overwhelming and so appreciated the last several weeks. Labor, meals, good counsel, prayers, and genuine concern, we have needed it all and you have provided. We don't know how individuals without a Christian family survive in this world. You all are a major blessing in our lives, thank you so much for all you have done the last few weeks and over the last 30 years, we love all of you.

Sincerely,  
Carl & Becky Cobb

Carl and Becky could use your strong back **this Thursday morning at 9:00** to help them move.



**This Sunday's Sermons:**

A.M. *This Is a Christian, Part 1*  
(Acts 11:26, Danny Boggs)

P.M. John Deffenbaugh

The **Senior Saints** will meet this Saturday in the fellowship room for lunch. Come and enjoy good company.

**Remember to give an extra dollar every Sunday** to help someone in need. Every "One" Counts! For these next few weeks we will be helping some of the flood victims. Thank you to all the givers!



**Green Valley Bible Camp:**

- Camp begins this Sunday for overnight campers and week from Monday for day campers!
- If your child will ride the van to day camp, please sign the list on the bulletin board.
- We need van drivers for day camp. Sign up at the bulletin board. If you plan to stay all day and help, get a background check form from Danny a.s.a.p.



**Watch!**

**The Eastside church of Christ in Monett invites you to a gospel meeting with Dalton Key** next Sunday through Wednesday. Weeknight services begin at 7:00.

**Join us at Medicalodge** Sunday afternoon, June 18, for a short devotional with the residents.

**Men's BBQ Night:** Thursday night, June 22.

**I ♥ VBS** Mark your calendar for our **vacation Bible school** **July 23-26** and see Luke to find out what role you can play.

**Summer Youth Series:** The schedule for youth devotionals is on the bulletin board. Sign up if you would like to host one on a Thursday night this summer. Please see Luke for more information.



*Note: No bulletin will be printed next week.*

**ASSIGNMENTS**

**Prayers Sunday, June 18**

- AM Opening: Aaron Wilson
- AM Closing: Bill Reiboldt
- PM Opening: Tony Flint
- PM Closing: David Fehring

**Scripture Reading Sunday, June 18**

- Genesis 1:26-28, Kent Daniels

**Prayers Wednesday, June 21**

- Opening: Noah Reiboldt
- Closing: Troy Risley

**ASSIGNMENTS**

**Prayers Sunday, June 11**

- AM Opening: Todd Tyler
- AM Closing: Rick Hyder
- PM Opening: Benny Haught
- PM Closing: Stuart Anderson

**Scripture Reading Sunday, June 11**

- Mark 16:14-16, Sam Collinsworth

**Prayers Wednesday, June 14**

- Opening: Eldon Morgan
- Closing: Ethan Murray

RECORDS	06-04-17	06-05-16
Bible Study	139	141
AM Worship	199	205
PM Worship	105	118
Wednesday	132	131
Contribution	\$11,171.37	\$7,854.75
Budget	\$7,630.58	\$7,075.67