

### Be Kind

#### Elders:

John Deffenbaugh  
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Rick Hyder  
Bill Reiboldt

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

#### Bible Classes

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

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David could never forget his best friend Jonathan, nor Jonathan's wish that David would always show loving kindness to his descendants (1 Sam. 20:15). Once things began to settle in the kingdom, David was eager to find someone whom he could honor the way Jonathan had honored him.

In 2 Samuel 9, we learn that the recipient was Jonathan's unfortunate son Mephibosheth. Mephibosheth was only five years old when his grandfather and father fell in battle. The disturbing news caused Mephibosheth's nurse to scoop him up and flee, but in the haste the boy was injured by a fall (2 Sam. 4:5). Physically he would never be the same. So dependent was he on others, he could only describe himself to David as a "dead dog." He thought he was undeserving of David's kindness and felt that he had nothing to offer the king in return. That didn't matter to David. David wasn't looking for anything in return. He was making a return himself.

We most easily seek to help those who have helped us, those who can help us, or those who require only a little help. Mephibosheth fit none of these categories.

Jesus wants us to serve people whether they have helped us or not, whether they can help us or not, and whether the cost will be great or small. According to Matthew 25:31-46, He is watching every day to see whether we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome strangers, clothe the naked, care for the sick and visit prisoners. When we do, we

only return service to the one who "came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Matt. 20:28).

David honored Jonathan by serving Mephibosheth with the same love and care he would offer Jonathan. We, too, honor Jesus through kindness to the least of His brothers.

*Danny Boggs*

We have not talked a lot together about all the news-making tragedy of the last few weeks. People have writhed under the weight of natural disasters, our brothers and sisters at the Burnette's Chapel Church of Christ in Tennessee suffered the horror of a shooting, and for some reason a shooter mowed down people by the hundreds in Las Vegas. Ours is a sin-sick world, and even creation groans to be set free from the bondage of decay brought on by sin. We who are Christians know the Comforter, have the privilege of prayer, and have the only good news that saves souls. Don't stop praying and serving!

This Sunday should prove to be a great day: "Come and Worship, Go and Serve!" Stay for lunch, then take an assignment to serve others together with some fellow Christians. If you're not physically able to help that way, then give others the honor of coming and helping with something at your home. It's not too late to tell Mike Kidwell how you or someone you know could use some help.

Before the special activities of this Sunday were planned, my calendar was already marked for a gospel meeting with the church in Vinland, Kansas, home of Emily Murray Smith's in-laws. I would appreciate your prayers for a fruitful effort with our good brothers and sisters there.



Pam Babb, Betty Ball, Jack Brodie, Fred Bukowich, Joyce Clarkson, Angela Collett, Charles Collinworth Sr., Pete Conrow, Ed Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Louise Faules, Mary Jane Flint, Joe and Teresa Freund, Phyllis Goins, Faye Haught, Linda Haught, May Hill, Wilma Hill, Doris Jones, Guy Lewis, Chester Lyons, Max Naramore, Price Naramore, Ron Naramore, Pat Risley, Mark Strohl, Helen Swem, Corin Thomlinson, Bobbie Tuggle, Margaret Wald, Ruth Ann Wilson, Treva Wolgamott, Velda Wood, Neosho Christian School and Honduras mission work.

**Don Goeman**, our brother in Christ, passed away last Tuesday evening. Our hearts go out to Shirley and their families.

**Thank you:** Thank you so much for all the visits, cards, flowers, food and prayers. We want to give a special thanks to the four ladies who served our family meal.

In Christian Love,  
The family of Billie Griffin

**It's a boy!** Titus and Emily Smith are the proud parents of Fisher Ethan Murray, born September 24, weighing 7 lbs., 9 oz., and measuring 21 inches. Congratulations to grandparents are Tim and Carla Murray, all the aunts and uncles and great-grandparents, Don and Mary Deffenbaugh and Bob and Rita Murray.



every  
**ONE**  
counts!

**Thanks to everyone for giving an extra dollar** on Sundays to help someone in need. The past two Sundays we have helped a newcomer to Neosho. See Luke if you know people we can help.

**New phone number:** Helen Swem can be reached at 417-658-5688.

**Free Wednesday night dinner** for college students and young adults at 6 p.m. in the new fellowship building! Come enjoy good food and company. Bring friends!



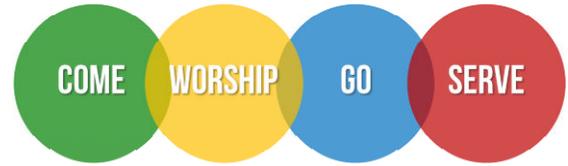
**This Sunday's Sermons:**

A.M. *Make Me A Servant* (Luke Yates)

P.M. *Serve!*

**Men's Breakfast:** Join us this Thursday at 7:00 at Braum's.

All women are invited to the **Thursday morning ladies' Bible class** at 10:00 in the old fellowship room. The overall theme is "Created for Good Deeds," and this week's lesson is on "Keeping The Light On."



**Come and Worship, Go and Serve!** This Sunday, we will meet for Bible study at 9:00 and worship at 10:00, then enjoy lunch together in the new building. Instead of coming back together for worship at 6:00, we will spend the afternoon serving older members and our community. How could we help you, a neighbor, a family member or a friend? Please tell Mike Kidwell.

**Neosho Fall Festival:** If you can help with the Hillcrest booth during the fall festival on the square this weekend, please see the sign up list on the bulletin board. We will need people to work the booth and provide cookies.

**Ladies' Halloween Party!** Join us at the home of Pam Tyler for her world famous Halloween Party for ladies only. It will be October 10 at 6:30. Fellowship, food, fun, and Pictionary! RSVP to Pam asap.



**Our ladies' retreat is October 20-22.**

Please pick up a flier in the foyer if you are interested in attending, and turn in your registration form to Jessica by this Sunday.

**Congregational Singing Seminar with Brad Carter** November 3-5. How can we offer God and each other our best when we worship in song? This is for all of us, whether you're a virtuoso or couldn't carry a tune in a bucket. Your kids will enjoy it, too. Brad is a faithful Christian and a lot of fun. He teaches music to kids every day in the school at Dadeville, Missouri.

More **events** than the following are posted on the bulletin board. These are **in our immediate area**. See the bulletin board for more information, and go visit for your own spiritual growth and to show your love for the brotherhood:

- The Wheaton church of Christ is hosting a ladies' evening this Thursday with Kay King.
- The Eastside church of Christ in Monett will host its fall lectureship October 8-11.
- The Seneca church of Christ will host a gospel meeting with David South October 8-11.

**PRAYER LEADERS**

**Sunday, October 8**

- AM Opening: John Deffenbaugh
- AM Closing: Benny Haught
- PM Opening: Matt Hayes
- PM Closing: Casey Flint

**Wednesday, October 11**

- Opening: Trace Wilson
- Closing: Fred Bukowich

RECORDS	10-01-17	10-02-16
Bible Study	144	153
AM Worship	203	197
PM Worship	120	101
Wednesday	117	137
Contribution	\$9,036.35	\$8,040.75
Budget	\$7,630.58	\$7,075.67