

## What Would You Preach?

### Elders:

John Deffenbaugh  
Wayne Douthitt  
Glen Honeycutt  
Rick Hyder  
Bill Reiboldt

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Pete Babb  
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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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If you were a gospel preacher, and you preached to largely the same crowd on the first day of every week, what would you preach?

From one perspective a faithful preacher of the gospel has no choice what to preach. Paul's Spirit-inspired word to Timothy is a word to every evangelist: "I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, Who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry" (2 Tim. 4:1-5). The preacher's job is to preach the word of God, the word about Christ Jesus. The earth witnesses no more joyful work than a preacher preaching the truth to people who want it. Nor does it see any more meaningful challenge than the preacher serving up the soul-piercing word of God (Heb. 4:12) when people would rather just have their ears tickled. When Jesus comes He will judge the preacher and the person in the pew alike for the way they handled the truth.

From another perspective a faithful preacher of the gospel must patiently use all the wisdom God gives him to know when to reprove, when to rebuke, and when to exhort. He doesn't want to hold back from declaring anything that is profitable; he wants people to hear the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:20,27). From time to time a whole congregation is enduring tragedy or experiencing triumph, and the attentive, insightful preacher knows what everyone needs to hear. In a growing and diverse congregation, the needful things are not always so uniform. Someone is experiencing a deep and private personal test; across the auditorium someone else is floating on air (Rom. 12:15). In front of her, a longtime Christian wants to chew the savory meat of the word; behind

her, a new convert eagerly cries for the milk of the word (Heb. 5:12-14). Sprinkled here and there are guests who have not been religious at all and others who have been caught up in churches where pivotal points of truth are never heard. Some are thinking hard, and some are hardly thinking. The preacher cannot do it all every time. He must be methodical. He needs you to pray for him, be patient, and be considerate of the rest of the people that God wants him to reach.

The truth is, you are preaching to the church and its guests every time we assemble. Make your sermon a good one.

Gladys Dunn moved to a small town and into a home close enough that she could walk to where a church met. It was an attractive place, and she went in with great expectations. Gladys, however, wasn't too impressed with the sermon. She thought it was kind of boring, and as she looked around, she noticed that many of the members were nodding off. When the preacher finished his sermon, he encouraged the congregation to greet those sitting nearby. Gladys turned toward the man sitting on her left. He, too, had fallen asleep and was yawning and stretching, trying to wake up. He smiled at her, and Gladys returned the smile.

She politely offered her hand and said, "I'm Gladys Dunn."

"You and me both!" the man replied.

If you look like you can't wait for a worship assembly to end so that you can get on your way and on with something more important, what would you have done in Troas (Acts 20:7-9)? Paul preached until midnight, and a young man named Eutychus was sitting in the window. He sank into a deep sleep, fell from the third story and was taken up dead. Eutychus fell. I'm afraid I know some people who would have jumped!

Instead, let's jump at every chance to share the word.

*Danny Boggs*



Pam Babb, Betty Ball, Jack Brodie, Fred Bukowich, John Burlingame, Joyce Clarkson, Angela Collett, Pete Conrow, Ed Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Tim Dawkins, Mary Jane Flint, Joe and Teresa Freund, Phyllis Goins, Faye Haught, May Hill, Wilma Hill, Rick Hyder, Doris Jones, Guy Lewis, Chester Lyons, Pearl McCleary, Max Naramore, Price Naramore, Ron Naramore, Pat Risley, Helen Swem, Corin Thomlinson, Bobbie Tuggle, Margaret Wald, Ruth Ann Wilson, Treva Wolgamott, Velda Wood, Sue York.

- **Louise Faulees** had shoulder surgery this morning.
- **Bobbie Tuggle** is in Mercy Hospital in Joplin.
- **Erin Yost** had surgery for her broken wrist Monday.

**Honduras:** Danny Boggs, John Deffenbaugh, Glen Honeycutt and Luke Yates will travel to Honduras December 7-12 to conduct a seminar on Revelation and to help with a coming transition. The preachers whom we have paid in Honduras for several years will become self-supporting January 1. Please pray for them and their families as things change.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to **Marylin Mayben** in the loss of her mother, Lois Jones, in New Mexico, November 16.

**Rejoice!** Jonathan Keith, doubting the understanding he had when he was baptized at a young age, chose to be baptized into Christ last Wednesday night.

**Contact Information for Tucker and Abby Anderson:** 1306 N. Main St., Apt. F, Webb City, MO 64870. Tucker: (417) 389-4702; Abby: (417) 658-6951.



Thanks to everyone for giving an extra dollar on Sundays to help someone in need.



Thanks to everyone who gave generously the last couple of weeks to the **Rally for Green Valley!** We sent almost \$6,000 this week. Another \$5,000 will come from the church budget in 2018. Remember that you can send a donation to the camp any time; the renovation and construction campaign will continue for the next few years.

**Men's Breakfast:** Thursday, December 7, at 7:00 at Braum's.



### This Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. *What Would Jesus Feel?* (Danny Boggs)

P.M. *Friend, I Am Doing You No Wrong*  
(Matt. 20:1-16, Danny Boggs)



**Devo and Donuts!** Children in 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades are invited every Tuesday at 7 a.m. to join us in the new fellowship building.

**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!

**The Senior Saints** will meet Saturday, December 9, for lunch.

**The ladies' annual Christmas ornament exchange** will be Tuesday, December 12, at 6:00 at Keri's house. Bring finger foods and a wrapped ornament or decoration. Thank you!

**Trey and Lea's Stronger Families Workshop** will be held at the Miami church of Christ this weekend. If you would like to ride the church van this Friday and Saturday to Miami, please see Casey or Amanda Flint. The van will leave at 5:45 on Friday evening.

There will not be a **Thursday evening Ladies' Bible Study** in December. We will start back up in January.

**Thursday morning ladies' Bible class** will meet at 10:00 this week in the old fellowship room. The class will then be on hiatus until January 4.

**James 1:27 Project:** You can help foster families in our area by bringing new and good used clothing here for children. All sizes are needed: Pajamas, underwear and shoes are especially helpful.

**Do you have an idea** for a name for our new building? Please give your suggestions to one of the elders.

**Our Christian young men** will lead services this Sunday at 1:00 in Lamar. The bus will leave after our morning services.

Anyone with at least two years of college credit who would like to **volunteer as a substitute teacher for Neosho Christian Schools** please contact Casey Flint, Lynda Holverson, or Tim Murray.

### Warm your soul this winter with Bible study in one of our adult classes..

#### Sunday Mornings at 9:00

- *The Book of Acts* in the auditorium with Bill Reiboldt and Pat Andrews
- *Romans* in room 7 with John Deffenbaugh and Glen Honeycutt
- *1 Thessalonians: Stand Fast* in room 29 with Pete Babb and Danny Boggs

#### Wednesday Nights at 7:00

- *Studies in 2 Corinthians* in the auditorium with Danny Boggs and Josh King
- *Philippians* in room 21 with Troy Risley
- *Excerpts of Ecclesiastes* in room 29 with Luke Yates

### PRAYER LEADERS

#### Sunday, December 3

- AM Opening: Bryan Reiboldt
- AM Closing: Pete Babb
- PM Opening: Jim Friend
- PM Closing: Sam Collinsworth

#### Wednesday, December 6

- Opening: Zane Berner
- Closing: Matt Hayes

RECORDS	11-26-17	11-20-16
Bible Study	164	130
AM Worship	212	186
PM Worship	150	136
Wednesday	139	131
Contribution	\$9,261.17	\$8,071.65
Budget	\$7,630.58	\$7,075.67