

## Walking Over Dead Bodies

### Elders:

John Deffenbaugh  
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Josh King  
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### Local Evangelists:

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10 a.m. Sunday  
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9 a.m. Sunday  
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After God's people of old lacked faith to overtake the evil cities in Canaan, God punished them by sentencing them to roam the wilderness for forty years. Numbers 14:28-30 says, "Say to them, 'As I live, declares the Lord, what you have said in my hearing I will do to you: **your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness**, and of all your number, listed in the census from twenty years old and upward, who have grumbled against me, not one shall come into the land where I swore that I would make you dwell, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun.'" Israel was going to walk around the wilderness and everyone twenty years old and upward would die except for Caleb and Joshua.

The census number of just the males twenty years and older who were able to fight in war came to 603,500 people (Numbers 1:45-46). If we estimate that every 9 in 10 males had a wife over twenty years old, then the total number would come to 1,146,648 Israelites who would die in the wilderness and not reach the Promised Land. That's 28,666 deaths per year! That's 551 deaths per week! That's 79 deaths per day! That's around three deaths per hour! The fact of the matter is that the Israelites would spend lots of their time in the wilderness seeing the deaths of their brothers and sisters before succumbing to death themselves. The fact of the matter is that the Israelites spent forty years walking over many dead bodies.

Did you know that we are walking over and around dead bodies every single

day, as well? They are at our places of work. They are at Wal-Mart and the mall. They are at our schools. Some of them might even be in our homes. No, these are not literal physical corpses rotting and stinking up the place. These are dead souls in living bodies. They are souls who do not have the living hope that us Christians have, because they have no one covering their sins (Ephesians 2:1, 5; Colossians 2:13; I Timothy 5:6). They are dead because they do not take in Christ (John 6:33). They are dead because they do not have the Father (Luke 15:32). Just as those literally dead bodies didn't get to see the Promised Land of Canaan, the spiritually dead won't get to see the Promised Land of heaven (Hebrews 3:16-19).

The only One who can revive these dead souls to spiritual life is the Savior of souls – Jesus, the Christ (Ephesians 5:14; I John 4:4). And we need to point the spiritually dead to Him. The New Year is often a good time to readjust our thinking and priorities, but we don't need to wait until the New Year. We can refocus our evangelistic efforts on lost souls right this very second! We can share the powerful gospel with someone before the New Year hits! Don't let your spiritually dead neighbors become physically dead before ever hearing the beautiful soul-saving gospel. Don't allow yourself to be comfortable with walking over dead bodies.

**Luke Yates**



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, 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, Velda Wood, Sue York.

- **Pearl McCleary** is at Granby House for rehabilitation.
- **Bob Murray** is still recovering at Freeman West.
- **Joe McClain's** wife Loretta went to Arizona due to the passing of her sister.
- **Louise Faules'** niece's husband Doug Burress had a serious ATV accident recently.



**Thanks to everyone for giving an extra dollar on Sundays to help someone in need. This past week we helped a local family who doesn't have much.**

**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.

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.

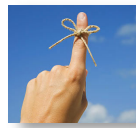
**The Free Wednesday Night Dinners** for the college students and young adults will be on break until January 17 due to the holiday break.



**This Sunday's Sermons:**

A.M. Danny Boggs

P.M. Danny Boggs



**Fifth Sunday:** December has five Sundays, so we get another shot at giving extra to reduce the debt on the Activities Center December 31. Please make prayerful plans.

**New Year's Eve:** Sunday night, December 31, Caleb Boggs will preach in our 6:00 service, then we'll enjoy all kinds of fun in in the Activities Center until midnight. Watch for details, and plan to spend good time with your fellow Christians.



Remember to pick up your **ONE Word** book in the back of the auditorium. We can't wait to study from this book each week next year!

**Devo & Donuts** will be on break until Tuesday, January 9 at 7 am in the Activities Center due to the holiday break.

Be sure to check the bulletin board to sign up for **Meals On Wheels**. For the next two weeks. If you have any questions, please see Eldon Morgan.

**A Few Notes from the Elders' Meetings:** We discussed the upcoming 2018 budget and will provide more information as soon as the budget is finalized. We also discussed some possible future mission works to get involved in and will keep discussing these possibilities over the next months. We decided on some in-house benevolence assistance.

**2018 Calendar:** If you have something planned for 2018 that needs to be put on the calendar, please visit the office and claim your date asap. The 2018 calendar is below the 2017 calendar on the wall beside the copier.

**2018**

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**PRAYER LEADERS**

**Sunday, December 24**

- AM Opening: Eldon Morgan
- AM Closing: Rick Hyder
- PM Opening: Tony Flint
- PM Closing: Stuart Anderson

**Wednesday, December 27**

- Opening: Jackson Collinworth
- Closing: Josh King

**RECORDS**

**12-17-17**

**12-18-16**

Bible Study	133	N/A
AM Worship	175	N/A
PM Worship	142	N/A
Wednesday	152	N/A
Contribution	\$8,311.56	N/A
Budget	\$7,630.58	\$7,075.67