

## We're No Komodos!

### Elders

John Deffenbaugh  
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Jason Bryan  
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Jason Giebler  
Josh King  
Mike Kidwell  
Darren Pierce  
Bryan Reiboldt  
Jim Scott  
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### Preacher

Danny Boggs

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Have you ever seen a Komodo Dragon? Maybe in a zoo. They were largely unknown to humans until a hundred years ago. As natives, they only live on four Indonesian islands. They can rival and surpass grown men in size, though they walk on all fours. They are the largest of all living lizards. If they went to Pizza Hut, they would never think twice about what to order; it would always be an extra large Meat Lover's®. They can pummel and claw their prey and tear them apart with serrated teeth.

Scientists have recently determined that these dragons, like a number of other predators, secrete venom that is deadly to their victims. Longer ago we learned that Komodo Dragons can harbor more than fifty kinds of bacteria in their saliva, and at least seven of those bacteria are highly septic. When a Komodo Dragon carefully settles on a live target, the contest is almost over before it begins. Even if the prey manages to escape the attack, it will finally fall victim to the toxins. Using a keen sense of smell, the Komodo Dragon can track down the meal he made for himself more than two miles away.

Do you know a human version of the Komodo Dragon? Perhaps you are picturing a physically violent man. Maybe you are thinking of a woman who rarely thinks before she speaks. She frequently and swiftly bites with words and then lets the wounded retreat and suffer in prolonged and isolated emotional misery. Honestly, do you ever see this human dragon in the mirror?

Each of us can easily hurt others with verbal poison. We must repent! "Let no

unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear" (Ephesians 4:29).

We can only carry our comparison to the Komodo Dragon so far. Why? Because we cannot carry the poison without being infected ourselves. Jesus said, "You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil. I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned" (Matthew 12:34-37). Why do deadly words spill out of our mouths? Because evil is overflowing from our hearts.

On the Day of Judgment, we will give account. Unless we repent, Judge Jesus—who wouldn't even retaliate verbally against those who mocked and crucified Him (1 Peter 2:23)—will show us the transcript of every mean, vile, and careless word we have ever said. How will we explain? We will not. "...And by your words you will be condemned." Think about it.

*Danny Boggs*



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

# In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Pam Babb, Carol Bessman, Fred and Carolyn Bukowich, Joyce Clarkson, Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Jaren Dodson, Vern Foster, Joe and Teresa Freund, Coral Haggard, Ervin and Wilma Hill, Justin Houston, Nadine Keith, Brylee King, Cheryl Neilans, McKinley O'Connell, Lyn Pendergraft, Andy Rasbury, Edith Toney.

Brylee King had surgery yesterday and is doing well at home. Mebyl Privett is having surgery on her back today. Beckett Anderson will have eye surgery on October 12. Grace Boggs will have ear surgery on October 12. Suzanne Dabbs has asked for **prayers** for two of her friends who are having some health issues. They are Scott Cagle and Andrew Miller and a neighbor, Louie.



**Every "One" Counts:** When you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. There is a thank you note from one of those who received this help. If you know someone who needs help, please contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.

**Devo and Donuts** meets every Tuesday at 7:00 in the activities center. Come and invite a friend. 

If you are not able to be at church, visit our Facebook page, website or YouTube channel to see or hear our services **online**. Services will be at 10:00 am and 6:00 pm on Sundays and 7:00 pm on Wednesdays. .

Our new deacons were commissioned on Sunday. We look forward to working with them as they begin their leadership roles. They are Jason Bryan, Charles Collinsworth, Jason Giebler, and Darren Pierce.



## This Sunday's Sermons:

AM: John Deffenbaugh  
 PM: *God, Satan, and Your Sin*  
 (Danny Boggs)

Our meeting with Jason Jackson has been very reassuring knowing that we can trust in the promises that God has made. There are two nights left. We hope to see you each night and bring a friend with you.



Our Week 2 Weekend at **GVBC** is happening this weekend. Pray for our camp staff and campers as they spend a weekend getting closer to each other and to God. The small bus is leaving on Friday at 5:30. If you need a ride down, back or both, let Caleb know.

Join us for a weekend of fun and fellowship at an all-church **campout** at Grand Lake State Park at Bernice, OK, October 23-25. The cost is \$4 per person per night. You are welcome to stay one or two nights, and we will have a worship service on Sunday morning. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the office. For more information, contact Casey or Amanda Flint.

We are in the process of making a new picture directory for those who do not have Instant Church Directory on one of their devices. If you need to have a picture or any information updated, please let Coralee know.

The young adults will be having a Halloween party on October 30 at 6:30 at Molly Cobb's home. Kids are welcome. Bring food to share.

Ladies Study Day will be from 9:00 to 12:00 on November 14. It is a come and go in the activities center. It is a dedicated study time for whatever you're studying. We will have group discussion for the Shepherd's Daughter book and Digging Deeper for those studying those books. You may bring snacks to share.

*Members of Hillcrest Church of Christ,  
 Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus through your help, love and support our family is eternally grateful.  
 Sincerely, The Harger Family*

*I want to thank everyone for the cards you send. They are always so nice to receive! Thank you for thinking of me. I can't wait to see everyone and be able to return to church.  
 Love to all, Lyn*

PRAYER LEADERS	
Sunday, October 11	Wednesday, October 14
AM Opening Prayer: Glen Honeycutt	Opening Prayer: Joe McLain
Communion Prayers: Jackson Collinsworth	Closing Prayer: Eldon Morgan
AM Closing Prayer: Tim Murray	
PM Opening Prayer: Kaed Thomas	
PM Closing Prayer: Pete Babb	

RECORDS	10-4-20	10-6-19
Bible Study	96	139
AM Worship	147	186
PM Worship	124	102
Wednesday	115	140
Contribution	\$7,691.41	\$7,635.22
Budget	\$7,864.15	\$7,717.37