

I Still Like Snow

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A year without winter would be incomplete. A snowman, a day of sledding, and a few batches of snow cream are pleasures I would miss terribly without winter. But the winter we have had here belongs in the northern Rockies, not the Ozarks. Who asked for subzero temperatures and arctic winds? Some of our snow is two weeks old. Will the snowplow drivers still remember how to do their regular jobs? Will kids have forgotten everything they had learned at school before the long, unexpected break? I'm not sure I like winter as much as I once did.



But I still like snow. Why? It makes me remember one of God's great promises: "Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they

are red like crimson, they shall become like wool" (Isaiah 1:18).

Has someone ever made you "see red"? Then you can begin to understand the wrath of God against our sin. We fill the record of our lives with one red mark after another. We do what we should not. We don't do what we should. We sin, and God hates sin. "For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you. The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers. You destroy those who speak lies; the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man" (Psalm 5:4-6). Our sin makes Him see scarlet!

But God's Son graciously took the punishment that we deserve. "The LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:6). Because of Him our scarlet record can become as white as snow.

Receiving the "white-as-snow" promise required ancient Israelites to turn from refusal and rebellion to willingness and obedience (Isaiah 1:19). That's what it takes from you and me, too (Acts 2:38, 22:16; Romans 6:1-4; 1 John 1:5-9). It's worth it. A hard winter is nothing compared to an eternal hell.

Do you need a good reason to still like snow? Come now, let us reason together.

Danny Boggs

I originally wrote this article for the February 14, 2011 bulletin. So I still still like snow. But I have retired from the sledding and snowman-building scene.



Pam Babb, Carol Bessman, Steve and Judy Bryan, Fred and Carolyn Bukowich, Joyce Clarkson, Steve and Irma Cornell, Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Wilbur Dabbs, Jerry Dorris, Jaiden Fisher, Betty Fogarty, Joe and Teresa Freund, Gaele Jackson, Millie Lyons, Pam McMahan, Monwell Magee, Sherry Merrill, Mebyl Privett, Andy Rasbury, Baelyn Rasbury, Rylee Schroeder, Edith Toney, Cheryl Williamson.

We want to express our sympathy to Gary and Linda Roark on the passing of her father, Vern Foster on February 11. He was 103.

Millie Lyons' cancer has returned. She could use cards of encouragement. You can send them to the Neosho address.



Every "One" Counts: When you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. This week we helped a family who lost everything in a fire. If you know someone who needs help, please contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.

Devo and Donuts is meets each Tuesday morning at 7:00 in the activities center. Join us and bring a friend. 

Men's Breakfast will be Thursday at 7:00 at Braum's. Come for faith, food, and fellowship.



Today's Sermons

A.M. *Sin, by Any Other Name*
(Rom. 3:23, Danny Boggs)
P.M. *Do You Love Your Kids like God Loves You?*
(Pr. 3:1-12, Danny Boggs)

Please complete the **involvement form** and return it to the office or welcome desk. You will be contacted by the ministry leaders so that everyone can be involved in the work of this congregation. Make sure to mark all areas where you would like to participate, even those where you are currently serving.

The **elder-led family prayer** time on Thursday evening at 7:00 on Facebook Live will be led by Benny Haught.

Ladies' Seminar is March 12-13. Donna Faughn will be speaking on "Shelter in a Time of Storm". There are flyers on the welcome desk. Invite your friends and coworkers. Please register for the event through the website: <https://hillcrestladiesseminar.weebly.com/>. This will let us know who is attending and allow us to host everyone safely.

There is a **food sign up** sheet for the Ladies Seminar on the bulletin board.

A **welcome basket** will be prepared for our Ladies' Seminar speaker, Donna Faughn. If you can help with this, please give cash donations to Coralee.

We really appreciated the members of our church family who came by and cleaned our driveway! It really helped us! Thank you all very much.

Wayne and Vera Douthitt

Our new quarter in our **adult Bible classes** starts next Sunday. If you aren't already attending a class, now would be a good time to start.

SUNDAY - 9:00 am

Gospel of John: Auditorium

Bill Reiboldt and Peter Andrews

Esther: Room 29

John Deffenbaugh and Glen Honeycutt

Isaiah: Doom and Deliverance: Fellowship Room

Danny Boggs and Pete Babb

WEDNESDAY - 7:00 pm

Romans: Auditorium

Josh King and Rick Hyder

2 Peter / "Church Reset": Room 29

Jason Giebler and Casey Flint

WORSHIP LEADERS

Today

This Wednesday

AM Opening Prayer: Pete Babb
AM Closing Prayer: Jackson Collinsworth
Communion Prayers: Morgan Bryan

Announcements: Trace Wilson
Singing: Jason Giebler
Invitation: John Deffenbaugh

PM Opening Prayer: Todd Murray
PM Closing Prayer: Mike Kidwell

Opening Prayer: Glen Honeycutt
Closing Prayer: Tim Wald

RECORDS

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2-23-20

Bible Study	121	143
AM Worship	177	189
PM Worship	110	140
Wednesday	snow	135
Contribution	\$13,264.62	\$10,072.37
Budget	\$8,000.00	\$7,864.15