

## The Day After

### Elders

John Deffenbaugh  
Benny Haught  
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Bill Reiboldt

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Jason Bryan  
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Charles Collinsworth  
Barry Flint  
Casey Flint  
Jason Giebler  
Josh King  
Mike Kidwell  
Darren Pierce  
Bryan Reiboldt  
Jim Scott  
Peter Wald

### Preacher

Danny Boggs

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If you are a child—or a child at heart—Christmas day may be the highlight of your year. The decorations have been up for a month or more. The seasonal songs have filled the air. Cold and snow only remind you of the day that comes but once a year. Anticipation builds and builds until December 25, a day like no other on the calendar.

Then it's December 26. It's over. Time to clean up, take down, and put away.

While the holidays work like magic for many, for you they may feel like a curse. Anticipation's opposite—dread—bites harder than the cold wind. Holidays once were very special; these days they are really hard. The best thing about them was the people with whom you shared them. Now “the days are weary, the long nights dreary.” If only you can make it through...

Then it's December 26. You made it. But the empty feelings don't fade fast.

Won't it be wonderful to enjoy life where there is never a letdown nor any need for relief? That's life forever in our Lord's heavenly city. “And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut by day—

and there will be no night there” (Rev. 21:22-25).

Heaven won't have a place to go and meet with God; we will always be with him. It boasts no location for drawing near to the Lamb; we will never leave him. We will see his face unceasingly (Rev. 22:4).

There will be no hard day to endure, no long night to wrestle through. It couldn't get any better. It will never get worse in any way.

The divine light of heaven stands in blessed contrast to Jesus's own description of hell as the eternal place of outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth (Matt. 8:12, 22:13, 25:30). Jesus showed John the fate of his enemies, and it stands absolutely counter to heaven's thrilling yet peaceful perennial day: “And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night...” (Rev. 14:12; cf. 20:10). It never lets up.

Thanks to the Lamb, if you're a faithful Christian, you can look forward to that everlasting reality that enchants us when we sing: “No night is there, no sorrow; no death and no decay; no yesterday, no tomorrow; but one eternal day.” It will be a good day, the best day; and it will never end.

*Danny Boggs*

# In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Kay Anderson, Carol Bessman, Fred Bukowich, Kim Cable, Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Tammy Crawford, Lisa Daniels, Joe and Teresa Freund, Coral Haggard, Gaele Jackson, Molly Jackson, Millie Lyons, Pam McMahan, Sherry Merrill, Lyn Pendergraft, Charlie Phillips, Mebyl Privett, Tina Rasbury, Connor Reiboldt, Lawrence Sanders, Rylee Schroeder, Harold Speir, Edith Toney.

Our sympathy is with the family of our sister, Joyce Clarkson, who recently passed away.



**Every "One" Counts:** When you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. If you know someone who needs help, contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.

**Devo and Donuts** is taking a break due to the schools' holiday breaks. We will look forward to it resuming on January 11, 

When you can't be here when we **worship**, visit our website, Facebook page or YouTube channel to join us live or to catch up on what you missed.

Due to the generous individual donations, we were able to double our total contribution for **tornado relief** in Kentucky. Ten thousand dollars has been sent to Walnut Grove Church of Christ for them to use for tornado relief. Thank you for your caring hearts!

**Challenge Youth Conference** is January 14-16 in Dallas.

## Today's Sermons



A.M. Sam McClarty

P.M. *Is Your Heart Right With God?*  
(Acts 8:9-24, Danny Boggs)

Please stop by the welcome desk and sign the **birthday cards** for children at Fair Haven by Wednesday night.

If you don't get the directory online and would like to keep track of **birthdays**, there is a list on the welcome desk for this year.

We like to keep our **online directory** up-to-date. You can help us by letting us know of any changes in your information. Some of you, especially those with children, could use a new picture. You can email one to the church, or to the directory, or Coralee can take one of your family at church. If you have not loaded the directory on one of your devices, it is a valuable tool. Let Coralee know and she will email you instructions.

Anytime you use the **activities center**, you are asked to clean it and set it up the way you found it. In order for it to be ready whenever it is needed, we have church members who rotate for two week periods to make sure it stays clean. It involves sweeping the floor, cleaning the restrooms, picking up trash, just general cleaning. If you could volunteer your time for two weeks a couple of times a year, that would be great. You can sign up to help on the involvement forms that will be available next Sunday.

Next week, you will get a green **involvement form** seeking volunteers to be greeters, clean the activities center, lead prayers, lead singing, read announcements and deliver a short invitation. We ask that everyone consider how you can be of service and complete and return the form.

*Your kindness and sympathy were deeply appreciated.*

*Coral Haggard*

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

*Thank you for your continued cards and prayers during my recovery this year. Your cards brightened my days. I will always have fond memories of my family in each of you at Hillcrest Church of Christ.*

*Gaele Jackson*

*Thank you to those who went **caroling** last Monday and those who made goodies to share. You were a true blessing to others.*

### WORSHIP LEADERS

#### Today

AM Opening Prayer: Ethan Murray  
AM Closing Prayer: Eli Giebler  
Communion Prayers: Pete Babb  
PM Opening: Bill Reiboldt  
PM Closing Prayer: KaedThomas

#### This Wednesday

Announcements: Stuart Anderson  
Singing: Tony Flint  
Invitation: Kaden King  
Opening Prayer: Miles Wolgamott  
Closing Prayer: Trace Wilson

### RECORDS

	12-19-21	12-20-20
Bible Study	127	130
AM Worship	176	155
PM Worship	116	108
Wednesday	140	91
Contribution	\$19,961.23	\$8,045.96
Budget	\$8,000.00	\$7,864.15