

### Do Not Be Deceived!

I was deceived. Years ago on a cold, December trip, we pulled into a McDonald's parking lot for a break. On the window was a big, alluring sign. A larger than life, steaming cup of white chocolate mocha—"creamy and sweet," topped with whipped cream and made with whole milk—beckoned me. I ordered. I paid. I sipped. Then I knew: it was coffee! And it tasted like coffee (which tastes like liquid acorns). I love white chocolate. Whipped cream is a treat. Whole milk is milk the way God made it. But dress it up and play it up, coffee will always be coffee. The agony of deceit.

Four times the New Testament warns with these words: "Do not be deceived."

"Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? **Do not be deceived:** neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God' (1 Cor. 6:9-10). When we Christians are tempted to be what we used to be and do what we used to do, warning bells should ring loud in our minds. Unrighteousness will keep us out of the kingdom of God. Don't go back. "And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God" (1 Cor. 6:11).

**"Do not be deceived:** 'Bad company ruins good morals'" (1 Cor. 15:33). Even secular people will sometimes admit it; Paul quoted a playwright. The surprising thing in 1 Corinthians 15 is that the bad company is people with bad doctrine. They were not irreligious, but they didn't believe in resurrection, not Christ's or anybody else's. Bad doctrine easily leads to bad living (1 Cor. 15:32,34). It matters what you believe.

**"Do not be deceived:** God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life" (Gal. 6:7-8). From Genesis 1, we learn that everything produces after its own kind. It works that way in nature, and it works that way with lifestyles. If you think that eternal life comes despite investing in your sinful passions, you are deceived. If you think that devoting yourself to the Spirit is worth it, you are right.

**"Do not be deceived,** my beloved brothers" (James 1:16). That's what James said after he explained the way sin works. God never makes us sin or tries to get us to sin. We have only ourselves to blame when we do it (James 1:13-15). God only gives good gifts. He wants us to be our best and to be his best (James 1:17-18).

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Danny Boggs

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# In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Kay Anderson, Travis Bell, Carol Bessman, Fred Bukowich, Kim Cable, Becky Cobb, Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Tammy Crawford, Joe and Teresa Freund, Pete Griffin, Coral Haggard, Gaele Jackson, Molly Jackson, Millie Lyons, Pam McMahan, Sherry Merrill, Lyn Pendergraft, Charlie Phillips, Mebyl Privett, Brandon Ross (Debi's grandson), Lawrence Sanders, Rylee Schroeder, Harold Speir, Stephanie Talley (Vera C's granddaughter), Edith Toney.

**Glen Honeycutt** has been moved to the hospital in Carthage. He is planning to go home this week and finish five more weeks of treatments there.

**Mary Jane Flint** will have a hip replacement surgery on March 29.

We rejoice with **Dakota Miller** on his baptism last Monday. He has been a part of our teen group for several months. We are pleased he made the decision to put on Christ in baptism. Let's all be an encouragement to him.

**Bennett Anderson** was born March 9. Congratulations to Tucker and Abigail Anderson and Beckett.

 **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 Tuesdays at 7:00 in the activities center. It is a great opportunity to invite a friend and join others as you start your day on a positive note. 

Mark your calendars for April 24=27. Dan Winkler will be here for our **gospel meeting**.

## Today's Sermons



A.M. *The Only Worship God Wants*  
(John 4:19-26, Danny Boggs)

PM: *How to Denominationalize an  
Undenominational Church*  
(Danny Boggs)

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.

**New Devo** is tonight after evening services for grades 7-12 and their families. It will be at Josh and Angie King's. Remember they have a new address. Guys are asked to bring chips and drinks and girls bring desserts.

Wednesday is our **Family Meal Night** at 6:00 in the activities center. The hostess groups of Molly Cobb/Brenda Kimbrough and Bobbie Wolgamott/Bethany Berner will be providing a pulled pork sandwich meal. Please sign up in the foyer today.

Registration for **Green Valley Bible Camp** has begun. Our week is June 12-18, You don't want to miss it! Go to their website and register soon and make plans to be a part of a wonderful week.

You are invite to the Spring Lectureship at **Hottel Springs** March 20-23. There will be different speakers each time. See the bulletin board for details.

**Seneca** is having a gospel meeting with Tim Lewis March 27-30. Monday through Wednesday is at 7:00. Sunday times are posted on the bulletin board.

**Neosho Christian School** is seeking highly qualified, passionate individuals to join their team for the 2022-2023 school year. The following positions are available:

- Administrative Assistant
- Elementary teacher for Grades 1 and 2
- Math teacher for grade 5- 12

There is more information on the bulletin board. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please see Amanda Flint.

**NCS Banquet** is Saturday, April 30. Dan Meers, KC Chief Mascot, is the speaker. Call the school to reserve your place.

*Thank you for the cards, calls, and prayers after the death of my wife, Sara. I appreciate the acts of kindness and support.*

Troy Risley

*To our church family,*

*We can never express how grateful we both are for all the prayers, cards, visits, calls and the huge sunshine baskets for each of us. Glen and I have felt all the love from each of you and the prayers that continue keep us going. We feel so very blessed to be surrounded by such a loving group of Christians. Thank you all so much.*

*Glen and Karen*

### WORSHIP LEADERS

#### Today

AM Opening Prayer: Jason Giebler  
AM Closing Prayer: Todd Tyler  
Communion Prayers: Carl Thomlinson  
PM Opening Prayer: Charles Phillips  
PM Closing Prayer: Joe McLain

#### This Wednesday

Announcements: Tim Murray  
Singing: Darren Pierce  
Invitation: John Deffenbaugh  
Opening Prayer: Zane Berner  
Closing Prayer: Eli Giebler

### RECORDS

	3-13-22	3-14-21
Bible Study	140	119
AM Worship	190	180
PM Worship	127	113
Wednesday	144	114
Contribution	\$8,698.18	\$8,993.60
Budget	\$8,250.00	\$8,000.00