

Looking Ahead...

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One week in November I was blessed to get away (1) for some encouragement and instruction from well-seasoned preachers at a seminar for a couple of days and (2) to spend the rest of the week planning what you'll hear from the pulpit in 2022. If the Lord wills, the plan starts rolling next Sunday.

Sunday mornings in January the theme will be "Psalm 110, Again and Again." That one spot in the Old Testament is one of the most quoted in the New Testament, and it undergirds many New Testament passages without being directly quoted. If the Holy Spirit keeps saying what that psalm says over and over, we'd better get to know it. Sunday night, January 8, we'll "Pray More;" our elders will lead us in successive prayers of adoration, confession, thanksgiving and supplication. Be here to give that kind of special attention to God and maybe to learn something about how to pray more effectively yourself. Sunday night, January 29, we'll give our attention to your questions and the Bible's answers. It was the elders' idea to make sure you know your questions are important and always welcomed. We'll do public Q & A five Sunday nights in 2023.

Sunday mornings in February we'll dive into the Biblical thoughts in our old favorite song, "Our God, He Is Alive." Throughout the year we'll address with Scripture things that make human life and Christian life challenging. On several Sunday nights from April to August we'll engage the Gospel of Luke for "Table Time with Jesus," lessons from occasions when Jesus shared meals with people. August and September Sunday mornings will see a series on "The Well Used Bible." Our year will be punctuated by gospel meetings with Eric Owens April 23-26 and Tim Alsop September 17-20.

None of the preaching plans are so set in stone that your pressing spiritual needs cannot be addressed. I love to talk with you interpersonally with the Bible open and with a prayer for wisdom

(James 1:5ff.); please call on me. And if you think others need the same kind of support that you do and that a sermon would help, please say so.

Jesus, "Truly the Son of God" (working title), will be our focus in October and November as we saturate ourselves with the Gospel of Mark in Sunday morning sermons, daily devotional readings written by many of you, and discussion groups on Sunday nights.

I'm looking forward to all of it, and I hope you are, too!

Danny Boggs

I read this piece by an unnamed author last week and appreciated both the physical and spiritual explanations...

How do you solve a personal problem? Let's say you have a fondness for gossip or quarreling. How do you stop? Or suppose you have a life-controlling addiction to alcohol or drugs or sex. How do you get free?

Sometimes the answer is something that seems totally unrelated.

For example, in the middle of winter when your feet are cold, you may try putting on thicker socks or a blanket. Still your feet may be icy. One secret to warm feet is to stop focusing on your feet and look at your head. That's right, go to the other end of your body and put a hat on. Although your neck and head have only 10 percent of your body surface, in the cold that's where you lose a whopping 30 percent of your body heat. Having nothing on your head is like opening a window in your house in the dead of winter. If you keep that heat in your body with a hat, your blood will carry it down to your toes.

In the same way, when people have problems, spiritual leaders often recommend that they do something that sounds unrelated—such as read the Bible, pray, go to church, or focus on serving other people. These seemingly unrelated things go a long way to bring God's grace to help overcome problems.



A Lighted World

Kay Anderson, Travis Bell, Carol Bessman, Fred Bukowich, Kim Cable, Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Tammy Crawford. Don Deffenbaugh, Kathy Friend, Beth Foster, Joe and Teresa Freund, Pete Griffin, Glen Honeycutt, Molly Jackson, Wayne King, Shanna Kraft (Cheryl's daughter), Millie Lyons, Pam McMahan, Sherry Merrill, Mebyl Privett, Brandon Ross (Debi's grandson), Harold Speir, Edith Toney, Ken Tyler.

Congratulations to Taylor, Victoria, Sophie, and Syla Keith and all the Geiblers on the arrival of Emmett Taylor Keith Wednesday. He measured 8 lbs, 3.1 oz. and 20 inches.



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

Devo and Donuts is taking a break along with the schools. It will resume on January 10.

If 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.

Challenge Youth Conference is in Dallas on January 13-15.

Today's Sermons



A.M.: *Live by Faith*
(Habakkuk, Caleb Boggs)
P.M.: Devotional

Christ is the Light of the world, and the light that shines in the Savior is to shine on his saints. "Ye are the light of the world," he said (Matthew 5:14). As children of light we are to carry Christ's message of light to every person. When we hear the Word and do not do it, we sin against the Light.

A man asked his two granddaughters what they wanted for Christmas. "Give us a world," they replied. Soon he deduced that what they were asking for was a globe. So happily granddad went out shopping for one and presented it to them on Christmas morning. When his granddaughters opened the present, he could sense their disappointment. "Did you want a different kind of globe?" he asked. "Well, yes," said one of them, "we were kind of hoping for a lighted world."

"I can fix that," he said. "I'll take it back and exchange it for a lighted one." Unfortunately, the store where he bought the globe did not sell lighted ones. So he got his money back and set out to find a lighted world rather than a dark one. Finally, he located a globe with a light in it, bought it and presented it to his granddaughters, who were delighted. His wife asked him if he had learned anything from the experience. He said, "Oh, yes. I learned that a lighted world costs more."

A lighted world does cost more. It cost God his Son. It cost Christ his life. If we are serious about letting our light shine in today's world, it will cost us as well.

John Gipson
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WORSHIP LEADERS

Today

AM Opening Prayer: Taylor Keith
AM Closing Prayer: Kaed Thomas
Communion Prayers: Danny Boggs
PM Opening Prayer: Todd Murray
PM Closing Prayer: Lowell McInturff

This Wednesday

Announcements: Jonathan Pendergraft
Singing: John Deffenbaugh
Invitation: Kaden King
Opening Prayer: Tim Murray
Closing Prayer: Charles Phillips

RECORDS

	12-18-22	12-19-21
Bible Study	139	127
AM Worship	180	176
PM Worship	120	116
Wednesday	105	140
Contribution	\$8,139.26	\$19,961.23
Budget	\$8,250.00	\$8,000.00