

## Let the Children Come...

### Elders

John Deffenbaugh  
Benny Haught  
Tim Murray  
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Jason Bryan  
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Jason Giebler  
Josh King  
Mike Kidwell  
Darren Pierce  
Bryan Reiboldt  
Jim Scott  
Peter Wald

### Preacher

Danny Boggs

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### Worship Assemblies

10 a.m. Sunday  
6 p.m. Sunday

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9 a.m. Sunday  
7 p.m. Wednesday

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Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me..." (Matt. 19:14). Jesus loved children and wanted them to come to Him; but, the disciples wanted to keep the children away from Him. While that seems sad to me, it's even more disturbing that some Christian parents today are keeping their children from Jesus! I have no doubt that these parents absolutely love their children and believe they are providing the best for them. The best clothes, the best food, the best toys, the best entertainment, in fact, the best of everything the world has to offer, yet they are keeping their children from Jesus.

I remember when we had small children and the task of getting everyone ready for Bible class and worship could seem overwhelming at times. We got lazy. We skipped Bible class a time or two. Then we skipped a few more times. Finally, we were barely making it to worship. One day a sweet Christian lady knocked on my door. She was the Bible teacher of my 5-year-old daughter and wanted to let us know she had been missing her in Bible class. After she listened to a few of my excuses she simply said, "Shame on you. This little girl needs to be in Bible class and you are keeping her from the best thing you could ever do for her." There was nothing I could say. She was exactly right. I was keeping my precious child from Jesus. Thank you, Pat Risley, for caring enough about my little girl to knock on my door that day and remind me what is important. We appreciate the faithful Christian example you were back then and continue to be today.

Parents, what about you? Are you giving your children the best? Or, are you keeping your precious little ones from Jesus? If your child is not attending Bible class, shame on you. Jesus is waiting for the children to come.

One of Your Fellow Christians

When a fellow Christian told me this story a few weeks ago, I said "Please write a bulletin article about that!" It's all the more precious now that Pat has gone home to be with the Lord.

When children come to Bible classes, the work of Bible class teachers does one of three things: (1) It reverses what is happening in some homes; the parents are headed the wrong direction, and they are taking their kids with them. Praise God for teachers who stand in the gap! (2) It replaces what is missing in some homes; parents who are nominal Christians expect Bible class teachers to provide all of the spiritual instruction. Fellow parents, teachers cannot fulfill the responsibility God gave us (Eph. 6:4)! (3) It reinforces what is happening in some homes. This is ideal. Bible class becomes one more important tool in the parents' toolbox to help them build men and women for God.

If you still have kids at home, do you make sure that Bible class is an unnegotiable Sunday morning and Wednesday night event? And is Bible class a reversal, a replacement, or a reinforcement for what is happening in your home? Think about it.

Danny Boggs

# In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Kay Anderson, Travis Bell, Carol Bessman, Levi Bontrager, Fred Bukowich, Kim Cable, Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Don Deffenbaugh, Katherine Enfield (Debi's daughter), Kathy Friend, Rile Friend, Beth Foster, Joe and Teresa Freund, Pete Griffin, Karen Honeycutt, Molly Jackson, Lexie Kidd, Shanna Kraft (Cheryl's daughter), Cheryl Langley, Pam McMahan, Sherry Merrill, Bob Murray, Tim Murray, Larry Owen, Lyn Pendegraft, Susan Phillips, Mebyl Privett, Brandon Ross (Debi's grandson), Harold Speir, Edith Toney, Ken Tyler.



**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** will **not** meet this Tuesday due to spring break for the schools. It will return next Tuesday, March 28 at 7:00 in the activities center. Join us then.



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.

**Ruth Rally** for teen girls is March 31-April 1. See Bethany Boggs if you are interested. The theme is "Made for This".

## Today's Sermons



A.M.: *Fix Your Mind*  
(Phil. 4:8-9, Danny Boggs)

P.M.: *Questions and Answers*  
(Danny Boggs)

**New Devo** will be tonight at the Gieblers' home. It is for grades 7-12 and their families. Boys are asked to bring chips and drinks. Girls are asked to bring desserts.

**Men's BBQ** is Thursday night. Meet at the building at 6:00 for a trip to Hog Tide BBQ in Aurora. Join us for good BBQ and great fellowship.

The **Area Young Adult Fellowship** is Saturday at Grove Church of Christ. It will begin at 5:30. There will be dinner, games and singing.

You can now enroll for week 2 at **Green Valley Bible camp**. Just go to their website. The theme this year is "The Way: Jesus and His Church". It will be a wonderful week led by Danny Boggs. so get signed up now!

If you would like to help **send a child to camp**, please give your donation to Danny or Coralee.

Please sign the **birthday card** on the welcome desk for a child at Fair Haven.

Neosho Christian School **Benefit Banquet** is April 1. Comedian David Ferrell will be the entertainment. You can help the school by purchasing a seat or a table for the banquet. More information is on the bulletin board.

Mark your calendars: Our **gospel meeting** with Eric Owens is April 23-26. You will want to make plans to attend each evening.

*Dear Hillcrest Members,  
Thank you for your cards, prayers, visits and your good wishes for me to be well again.*

*Mebyl Privett*

*Hillcrest Family,  
Thank you for the love that you showed to our mother over the years. She loved her church family. Thank you for the prayers, cards, food and well wishes. We are at peace knowing that mom is at home with her Lord and grateful for the example that she was to us and to so many others.*

*The Risley Family*

### WORSHIP LEADERS

#### Today

AM Opening Prayer: Jason Bryan  
AM Closing Prayer: Trace Wilson  
Communion Prayers: Pete Babb

#### Evening

PM Opening Prayer: Elijah Boggs  
PM Closing Prayer: Bob Murray

#### This Wednesday

Announcements: David Fehring  
Singing: Peter Wald  
Invitation: Tucker Anderson  
Opening Prayer: Jonathan Pendergraft  
Closing Prayer: Justin Langford

### RECORDS

	3-12-23	3-13-22
Bible Study	140	140
AM Worship	182	190
PM Worship	128	127
Wednesday	143	144
Contribution	\$7,882.698	\$8,698.18
Budget	\$8,250.00	\$8,250.00