

THEN AND NOW

Two Good Stories

Recently I finished reading *N.B.H.*, the biography of N.B. Hardeman. Hardeman was longtime president and one of the namesakes of Freed-Hardeman University. For much longer he was a beloved gospel preacher. His schedule was always full. Churches across the country wanted his help in gospel meetings, and many souls were saved through his simple and sound preaching of the gospel of Christ.

Hardeman advanced and defended the gospel in many religious debates. In one, as he aimed to contrast the teaching of the New Testament with the Methodist system, T.P. Clark tried to prejudice the audience with the old question of what would happen to someone seeking salvation if he was killed on the way to the place where he would be baptized. Present that night was Dr. Bondurant, a Christian who had fought in the Civil War. Dr. Bondurant told of witnessing, and another Dr. Nowlin confirmed it, a tragedy at a Methodist revival. The mourners sat on logs waiting for the Holy Spirit to make salvation happen for them. A tree was set afire to provide light for the nighttime meeting, but it fell and killed some of those mourners before they got the feeling they sought. Deposit that story in your memory bank in order to help people who are resistant to the truth about baptism. A hypothetical scenario about dying while waiting to be saved God's way is no threat at all to the truth, and it is no more telling than an actual event that doomed people duped into believing in salvation by faith alone.

Another story helps to illustrate the power of your godly presence on the behavior of people who know you. "A Chester County man, John Bishop, was once out in a field, logging, when his wagon got stuck in the mire. Hardeman happened to be present, on his horse. Bishop

strained and worked, to no avail. He finally said: 'Brother Hardeman, if you don't leave, we never *will* get out of here!' Hardeman related: 'I took the hint, and as I rode out of earshot, I heard him launch into a colorful vocabulary that he considered essential for handling oxen and logs.'"

One of Our Bible Classes

On September 1, our Sunday morning young adult class will start a quarter-long study of the Bible aided by one of the books from Ben Giselbach's *You Are a Theologian* series. This one is themed *Thinking Right about the Bible*. In his preface Ben writes: "We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ (2 Cor. 5:10), therefore each individual Christian has the obligation to 'work out [his or her] own salvation with fear and trembling' (Phil. 2:12). Eternity hangs in the balance; don't leave your understanding of spiritual matters to your preacher, spouse, parent or friend. **All Christians must see themselves as theologians.** Let's get this right and do it well." The study will include lessons on how God has spoken to us, how we got the Bible, how we know the Bible is really God's Word, how to study the Bible, understanding the authority of God's Word, and learning to pursue humility in everything. This class is always geared toward the faith development of younger adults—from college students through 20s and 30s to everyone who still has children at home. But anyone is invited to be a part of the class if the study sounds interesting to you. For the fall quarter, we will meet in the fellowship room.

Next week we'll publish the menu of all our adult Bible classes. Make these times of fellowship and faith development on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights a steady part of your spiritual diet.

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In Our Thoughts & Prayers



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Welcome: Adam and Katrina Bennett and their two sons, Hunter and Ethan are joining our Hilcrest congregation. They are coming a long way for each service and we are honored that they have chosen to worship here. Their address is 6657 NW 100, McCune, KS 66753. The phone number is 620-423-5491



Every "One" Counts: Remember when you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need, usually a local family. If you know someone who needs immediate help, please contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.

The first **Devo and Donuts** was this morning at 7:00 in the activities center. Plan to be there next Tuesday. Make it a part of your weekly schedule and bring your friends.



Transformed, the **Show-Me-Youth Conference** is this Saturday, We will leave the church at 9:30 a.m. and return by 9:00 p.m. Bring money for lunch at Lamberts. Sign up on Caleb's door by this Wednesday.



This Sunday's Sermons:

A.M.: *The Basics of a Biblical Worldview*
(Danny Boggs)

P.M.: *Q & A from Here and There*
(Danny Boggs)

Building Biblical Character is the theme for our **fall gospel** meeting. It is just four and a half weeks away. Make plans to be here and to invite others to join us September 22-25. Spencer Furby will be the speaker.

See Lowell McInturff or one of the staff if you can provide financial help for a child to attend **Neosho Christian School**.

NCS could use some **snacks** for the after-school program. Leave your donations in the box in the Ladies' Corner.

Ladies, please pick up your **dishes** from the funeral in the fellowship room. Some other dishes are in the Ladies Corner.

VBS 2020: We are already making plans to have another successful vacation Bible school next year. We are taking a survey over the best time to schedule it. Please pick up a survey from the welcome desk, complete it, and return it to the box.

Mark your calendar: October 26 is the date for a day of encouragement designed especially for our young ladies. We will be hosting Pure on Purpose: Girls Doing Life God's Way.

Kaden King has moved into the dorms at Freed-Hardestman University. He will be missed, but we wish him well. You may send him a note at the following address: FHU Box 10334, 158 East Main Street, Henderson, TN 38340.

We have been blessed with several new members recently. We are working on getting pictures to update the **picture directory** and hope to have these to you in a few weeks. This tool is very helpful for new members to identify who people are. This is a good time to look at your picture. If you no longer look the same, your children have changed or are no longer at home, it might be time to update your picture. You can send a picture to the church email or Coralee will take one of you at church. This will be a great help for new members and will help the current members get to know the newer ones as well.

PRAYER LEADERS

Sunday, August 25

- AM Opening: Carl Thomlinson
- AM Closing: Pete Babb
- PM Opening: Eldon Morgan
- PM Closing: Todd Murray

Wednesday, August 21

- Opening: Karson Thomas
- Closing: Tony Flint

RECORDS	08-18-19	08-19-18
Bible Study	147	144
AM Worship	195	189
PM Worship	130	85
Wednesday	149	132
Contribution	\$7,276.12	\$7,005.15
Budget	\$7,717.37	\$7,630.58