

The Bad News and the Good News

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“And behold, a man came up to him, saying, ‘Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?’ And he said to him, ‘Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.’ He said to him, ‘Which ones?’ And Jesus said, ‘You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ The young man said to him, ‘All these I have kept. What do I still lack?’ Jesus said to him, ‘If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.’ When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

“And Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.’ When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, ‘Who then can be saved?’ But Jesus looked at them and said, ‘With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible’” (Matthew 19:26).

Did anyone ever seem a better candidate to become a disciple of Jesus than this young man? Sins of commission had no hold on him. He would never murder anyone. He was sexually pure. He didn’t steal. He didn’t even lie. Neither did he think he was weighed down by sins of omission. He honored his father and mother and loved his

neighbor as himself. He was surely held in high esteem by godly acquaintances.

Worldly people might have admired him, too. Whether by inheritance, hard work, or a big break, he had it made financially.

Jesus didn’t want to drive the young man off. He didn’t want to give him false hope, either. One thing stood in the way of this young man’s reception of eternal life. One thing! Despite his spiritual self-confidence, Jesus knew that the love of money had a stronger grip on his heart than the love of God did.

The young man’s moral admirers would never have guessed that anything blocked his march toward immortality. His worldly fans would never have imagined that anything but the things he held dearest were worth having. The young man was just as surprised. Rather than rushing out to do what Jesus required, he backed away with his head hanging low.

His above-average morality was no substitute for absolute submission to God. His money was meaningless as long as he held onto it. The more we see ourselves in the young man, the more frightening his story is.

Yet, the Bible punctuates this sad story with two promising lines of good news. One, Jesus loves people like this torn young man (Mark 10:21). He loves us as we struggle with priorities. And two, the Lord can untie the knot of our mixed loyalties. “With men, this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

Danny Boggs

His own people, eager to do what is good – Titus 2:14



Pam Babb, Carol Bessman, Fred and Carolyn Bukowich, Joyce Clarkson, Edwin & Vera Cornell, Erma Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Mary Deffenbaugh, Eli Dodson, Jaren Dodson, Joe Freund, Kayla Hayes, Wilma Hill, Justin Houston, Nadine Keith, Leopoldo Lizardo, Sherry Merrill, Cheryl Neilans, Dale Privett, John Privett, Bette Sinden, Harold Speir, Susie Tomlin, Edith Toney, Ruth Ann Wilson.

Pete Babb was scheduled to have surgery on his shoulder today.

Every "One" Counts: Remember when you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. Last week we helped a single mother who is struggling and had her electricity turned off. If you know someone who needs help, please contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.



 **Devo and Donuts** is every Tuesday morning at 7:00 in the activities center. Come and bring your friends.

Welcome: Two young ladies have placed their membership with us. Jessie Ballard came from Ozark. She lives at 507 1/2 West Hill Street #A in Neosho. Her phone number is 417-299-4356. She works in Joplin for the MO Dept. Of Conservation. Bethany Bast came to the area for college and has been with us since. She is the fiance of Zane Berner. She works at Petsmart. Her address will soon be 507 1/2 West Hill Street #B in Neosho. They are both active members with our young adult group. We are glad they are joining us under the oversight of our elders.

Thursday night at 5:30 is the **Trail of Treats**. We will have a hot dog dinner, games, and costume contest in the activities center. This is a wonderful opportunity for your children and their friends to have a safe night of fun.

We still need **candy and snack cakes** for the Trail of Treats. Please leave those in the box in the lobby by Wednesday.



This Sunday's Sermons:

A.M.: *It's a Good Thing Jesus Is Alive!*
(Danny Boggs)

P.M. John Deffenbaugh

Ladies Retreat will be November 15-17 in Kimberling City, MO. Registration forms are on the welcome desk and are due by this Sunday.

Autumnfest of the Ozarks is November 9, benefiting Neosho Christian School. Information is on the bulletin board.

The **Deeper Youth Conference** for grades 7-12 is November 8-9 in Fayetteville, AR. You will leave Friday at 6:30 p.m. and return Saturday at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$30.

Saturday, November 9, is our monthly **singing** in the activities center at 7:00.

Senior Saints will have a potluck lunch on November 9.

Sunday, November 10, will be a **Special Day**. We will have a pot-luck lunch after morning services to honor everyone who is a new member in 2019--those who have been baptized, Christians who have identified themselves with us, and souls who have been restored. Additionally, **Jason Jackson** will tell us in Bible class about the good work of Christian Courier, and he will preach both morning and evening.

New Devo for grades 7-12 and their families will be November 10 after evening services at the Gieblers.

November 23 is the next **girls' night** for grades 7-12.

Save the Date: **Challenge Youth Conference** will be January 17-19 in Dallas. Sign ups will begin in 2 weeks with the deadline by the end of November. Start making plans.

Our **church directory** is now available on your computer or phone. It is user friendly and provides the same information as our paper picture directory, but it allows for updates. Paper updates will still be available for those who want them. Here is some information:

- If we have your correct email address, you should have gotten an email explaining how to access the directory.
- If you use a different email, we need the correct email. You must have an email address to have access to the on-line directory.
- If you don't want your email or phone listed in the directory, we can hide that information. You can still log on to the directory, but that information can be hidden from the other users.
- If you would like to take a new picture, we can do that at church or you can send a picture to the church email.
- Anytime your information changes, we can make updates to the directory. You can write that information on your card on Sundays, or leave a note in the office, or give it to Coralee, or you can email it to info@neoshochurchofchrist.org,

PRAYER LEADERS

Sunday, November 3

- AM Opening: Adam Bennett
- AM Closing: Joe McLain
- PM Opening: Todd Murray
- PM Closing: Eldon Morgan

Wednesday, November 6

- Opening: Mike Kidwell
- Closing: Eli Giebler

RECORDS	10-27-19	10-28-18
Bible Study	138	137
AM Worship	196	186
PM Worship	130	134
Wednesday	133	121
Contribution	\$9,451.53	\$8,339.14
Budget	\$7,717.37	\$7,630.58