

“Ok Boomer” and the Divided Kingdom

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As of October, “Ok Boomer” has become the slogan of an entire generation. A New York Times columnist recently wrote, “‘Ok boomer’ has become Generation Z’s endlessly repeated retort to the problem of older people who just don’t get it, a rallying cry for millions of fed up kids. Teenagers use it to reply to... basically any person over 30 who says something condescending about young people — and the issues that matter to them.” Would you consider Gen Z’s increasing dismissal of older generations justified?

Generational division is not unique to 2019. In fact, the divided kingdom Israel in 928 B.C. was the result of generational disdain! God’s kingdom was fractured when young king Rehoboam abandoned the wisdom of old men and followed the counsel of his young peers (1 Kings 12). Because Rehoboam dismissed the aged generation, Judah and Israel would war with one another for centuries until each was conquered by foreign empires.

There’s no way around it; old people (generally) know better than young people (see Deuteronomy 32:7; Job 12:20, 32:7). Scripture clearly attests to the insight of the elderly and calls God’s people to “flee youthful passions.” (2 Timothy 2:22)

Unfortunately, generational disdain is a two-way street. A.D. 63 saw aged members of the Ephesian church “despise”

young leader Timothy (1 Timothy 4:12). Because he was different, Timothy was pinned for division perpetuated by older members of the church! How should a young Christian respond when he is condescended by an older Christian for his youth? Paul urged Timothy to respond, not by dismissal, but by his Godly example.

The church is to be a sanctuary for refugees of the generational war. Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 12:13, “For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body— Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.” In Christ, the walls of race and socioeconomic status are torn down. Are not the walls of generational division torn down as well? Only in Christ may perfect unity be found.

Recently I heard minister Lonnie Jones preach, “If a demographic is my definition, I’ve lost connection with Christ.” The church is defined by God as those unified in Christ. Let us not focus on our differences; let us see one another first as brothers and sisters in Christ; and let us thank our King for citizenship in a kingdom that cannot be divided.

Caleb Boggs

Lorenz, Taylor. “OK Boomer’ Marks the End of Friendly Generational Relations.” *The New York Times*, The New York Times, 29 Oct. 2019, www.nytimes.com/2019/10/29/style/ok-boomer.html.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



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


Bette Sinden is in Landmark Hospital in Joplin.

Congratulations to Wayne and Vera Douthitt on the birth of their great-grandson, Jonah Dean Douthitt. He is the son of Drew and Molly and the grandson of Doug and Lesa. He was born on November 15.



Every "One" Counts: Remember when you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. 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. 

Stop by the welcome desk and sign the **birthday cards** for the children at Fair Haven. These are for December so if you signed for November, please go back and sign these, too.

The **Neosho Senior Center** has invited those who help with meals-on-wheels or other events to a Volunteer Appreciation Day this Wednesday at 1:00.



This Sunday's Sermons:

A.M.: The Promise
(Danny Boggs)
P.M.: Caleb Boggs

This Friday is our **holiday meal** at 6:30 in the activities center. The menu is pork loin, potato casserole, salad, veggies and dessert. Those in a hostess group can check with their leader for the item they are to provide. If not in a group, please bring a dessert. Please invite your friends and family. RSVP by returning the paper you got in class or write down your family name and the number who will be attending with you and leave it in the office or give to Becky Cobb by Wednesday night. There will be a devotional, singing, talent show, fellowship and games.. For more information, see Becky Cobbs.

If you want to be a part of the **talent show** at the holiday dinner, please contact Tony and Heather Flint, 615-934-9910.

This Saturday is the next girls' night for grades 7-12. It is now known as the **HOPE group** (Hang Out, Pray, and Eat). It will be at the Deffenbaughs'. Let Bethany Boggs know you are coming and plan to bring snacks.

Challenge Youth Conference will be January 17-19 in Dallas. The price will be \$30 and money for 2 meals. Information is on Caleb's door. The deadline to sign up is November 27.

Ladies, please check the ladies corner for **dishes**.

Neosho Christian School needs snacks for their after-school program. Leave donations in the basket in the ladies' corner.

Would you like to help and encourage an international student? Keri Collinsworth would like to set up "**Friendship Families**" to connect Crowder College students to Hillcrest members. There are different levels of involvement from doing something with a student once a semester to every week. This can be an excellent way to expose them to the church. If you are interested, please talk to Keri and she can give you more details about this opportunity.

*Dear Ladies and Girls,
Thank you so much for all the ways you saw to our every need during our recent visit to Neosho. You went above and beyond to make us feel welcome and we're so grateful. We absolutely loved getting to be with you. Thank you for all our sweet surprises in our hotel room! We love them! Please thank your elders for trusting us to speak and for their generous support. God bless you!*
Love,
Hannah Giselbach

PRAYER LEADERS

Sunday, November 24:

- AM Opening: Jim Friend
- AM Closing: Aaron Wilson
- PM Opening: Miles Wolgamott
- PM Closing: Ethan Murray

Wednesday, November 27:

- Opening: Noah Reiboldt
- Closing: Tony Flint

RECORDS	11-17-19	11-18-18
Bible Study	133	149
AM Worship	178	199
PM Worship	103	115
Wednesday	139	138
Contribution	\$7,486.62	\$8,384.25
Budget	\$7,717.37	\$7,630.58