

Something New in the New Year

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For the first three months, anyway.

The elders have a plan for Sunday nights in January, February and March of 2020 to look a lot more like Wednesday nights. Why? It's part of a strategy to reach lost souls, to build and broaden our relationships in the body of Christ, and to reaffirm our identity and commitment to being the Biblical church of Christ.

Here's the plan...

Everyone will get a copy of Tim Alsup's book *The Church of Christ: Pursuing God's Goals for His Church in a Divided Religious World*. It's the best book I have read in a long time pointing people to the goodness of God's plan for the church as spelled out in the Bible. Our shepherds want us to read a chapter every week for thirteen weeks (chapters range from 11 to 20 pages). Everyone who wants one will get a daily text message with some food for thought based on what we are reading, too.

Our Sunday morning sermons for those three months will emphasize from the Bible what we have been reading in the previous week.

On Sunday nights at 6:00, we'll have a short devotional in the auditorium (including the Lord's Supper for those who missed it Sunday morning), and then from 6:15-7:00 we'll divide up into groups of about 25 for classes in seven rooms around the building. The classes will give everyone an opportunity to ask questions, get a better understanding of God's will for the church, and gain the most from God's good plan for us.

The elders and ministers will teach the classes. We're assigning everyone to specific groups that will include both adults and families with kids. The aims of this arrangement are:

- To build intergenerational relationships.

- To give kids and younger Christians a chance to hear why the Lord's church is so important to people who have been Christians for a long time.
- To give older Christians occasion to be refreshed by seeing the growing faith of younger Christians.
- To create a natural opportunity for parents and kids to talk with each other about the church in the Bible and at Hillcrest.
- To give prospective Christians a way to see why they would love to be a part of our church family.

You'll get a letter soon from one of the elders or ministers inviting you to be a part of his class and telling you in which room the class will meet.

You'll get your own copy of Tim Alsup's book by mid-December. You're welcome to start reading ahead. If you find that it could be a really helpful resource for people you know—especially people who are not New Testament Christians—you can get free copies for them, too. We have plenty, and we can get more. Why not start thinking and praying now about someone whom you could invite to be a part of our study Sunday mornings and/or Wednesday nights? Just imagine some of your friends or family becoming your brothers and sisters in Christ by the end of March because you invited them to study the Bible with your church family!

"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen" (Eph. 3:20-21).

Danny Boggs

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, Susie Tomlin, Edith Toney, Ruth Ann Wilson.

Bette Sinden is in Landmark Hospital in Joplin.
Carl Cobb was in Freeman West for some test this week.

Every "One" Counts: Remember when you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. This past week we helped a family from our congregation and they want you to know that they are very appreciative of the support. 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 December **birth-day cards** for the children at Fair Haven.

Tri-State Youth Series is Sunday in Grove. The van will leave at 3:02.

Men's BBQ will be next Tuesday, December 3, at the BBQ Station in Cassville. The van will leave the Hillcrest parting lot at 6:00.



This Sunday's Sermons:

A.M.: *The Reason for Resurrection*
(Danny Boggs)

P.M.: *Nothing Less than Resurrection*
(Danny Boggs)

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 this Wednesday night.

If you are interested in being part of "**Friendship Families**" to help an international student from Crowder, see Keri Collinsworth. This is a good way for you to share your family and your faith while supporting others.

Men's Breakfast will be December 5 at 7:00 at Braum's.

If you are interested in a marriage mentoring program called "**12 Conversations**", please talk to Danny Boggs. It is a great opportunity to learn from each other and strengthen the marriage relationship.

If you would be willing to **help clean** the activities center on a rotating basis, please contact Todd Murray or the office. Several families do this as a family activity or groups of two are also involved. It is done for two weeks at a time and just involves making sure it stays clean. You would only be doing it a couple of times during the year.

Caleb Boggs, Danny Boggs, and John Deffenbaugh will leave for **Honduras** next Thursday, December 5, to lead a seminar on Revelation. We can begin to pray that the message will be well received, that they will be able to encourage the church there, and for their safe travel.

You will receive a warm welcome when you attend our winter quarter of **adult classes** which begin on Sunday. Here are the options:

Sundays

Auditorium: *2 Corinthians*

Bill Reiboldt and Pat Andrews

Room 7: *The Barnabas Factor*

John Deffenbaugh and Glen Honeycutt

Fellowship Room: *1 and 2 Timothy*

Pete Babb and Danny Boggs

Wednesdays

Auditorium: *Acts*

Josh King and Rick Hyder

Room 21: *1 Timothy*

Bob Murray

Room 29: *Romans*

Zane Berner, Tucker Anderson, Jason Giebler

PRAYER LEADERS

Sunday, December 1:

- AM Opening: Glen Honeycutt
- AM Closing: Peter Babb
- PM Opening: Bryan Reiboldt
- PM Closing: Eldon Morgan

Wednesday, December 4:

- Opening: Casey Flint
- Closing: Darren Pierce

RECORDS	11-24-19	11-25-18
Bible Study	174	172
AM Worship	217	239
PM Worship	159	114
Wednesday	143	150
Contribution	\$10,977.19	\$8,655.70
Budget	\$7,717.37	\$7,630.58