

### O Little Town of Bethlehem

#### Elders

John Deffenbaugh  
Benny Haught  
Glen Honeycutt  
Rick Hyder  
Tim Murray  
Bill Reiboldt

#### Deacons

Pete Babb  
Carl Cobb  
Barry Flint  
Casey Flint  
Josh King  
Mike Kidwell  
Bryan Reiboldt  
Jim Scott  
Peter Wald

#### Preacher

Danny Boggs

#### Youth & Family Minister

Caleb Boggs

#### Worship Assemblies

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

#### Bible Classes

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

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What makes your hometown special? Often, humble communities take pride in the famous individuals who were born in their town. For example, if you visit Kennett, MO, the place where my grandparents live, you'll be greeted by a sign that says, "Welcome to Kennett. Hometown of Sheryl Crow." The first thing Kennett's citizens want you to recognize as you enter seems to be this fact.

The small town of Bethlehem is recognized for nothing other than the esteemed individuals who were born there. God used Bethlehem, an insignificant dot on the map of ancient Judah, as the birthplace of two kings.

David, son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, was not considered by his father among those eligible to become the king of Israel. However, this ruddy young man from the small town of Bethlehem would have his potential realized as one of the most storied kings of Israel. (1 Samuel 16)

The prophet Micah foretold of another ruler who would hail from the little town of Bethlehem. However, this

ruler would be unlike any other for his arrival had been anticipated "from ancient days." (Micah 5:2) We know this person to be Jesus Christ, the King of Kings.

From Bethlehem came forth Israel's most celebrated king, King David. More importantly, from Bethlehem came forth the final King of God's people, King Jesus. God used seemingly insignificant individuals from an insignificant town to accomplish his will.

If the Biblical pattern is anything to go by, the humbler your backstory, the more God can use you to accomplish his will. Though God's people rarely achieve fame on earth, Christians can heartily anticipate being recognized by God, having their names written among the faithful in the book of life (Revelation 3:5). Let us realize the purpose God has for us and be proven faithful.


*Caleb Boggs*



Pam Babb, Carol Bessman, Fred and Carolyn Bukowich, Joyce Clarkson, Edwin and Vera Cornell, Erma Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Eli Dodson, Jaren Dodson, Joe and Teresa Freund, Wilma Hill, Justin Houston, Nadine Keith, Leopoldo Lizardo, Becky Matthews, Cheryl Neilans, Dale Privett, Susie Tomlin, Edith Toney.



**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 start your day with a devotional to God. Bring a friend! 

Sunday evening **discussion questions** are on the welcome desk. They will also be available at class time Sunday evening.

Copies of the **book**, *The Church of Christ* by Tim Alsup are on the welcome desk. Take one to share with a friend

Tomorrow is the **Third Wednesday Meal**. The hostess groups of Ginger Murray/Andrea Wald and Molly Cobb/Brenda Kimbrough will be providing a pork dinner. Join the fellowship at 6:00 in the activities center.

**Ladies' Bible class** will meet this Thursday at 10:00. The topic for the next three weeks is "Forgiving Myself". Join us!



### This Sunday's Sermons:


AM: *Something about Worship*  
(Psalm 113, Danny Boggs)

PM: *Let's Get Worship Right*  
(classes)

**Hymnal Brigade** will be Saturday The youth group will be visiting some of our senior members and singing some old hymns with them. We will leave at 6:00. Eat before you come.

Next Sunday is the date for the **Bible Bowl written test**. You may take the test at 5:00 or 7:15.

**H.O.P.E.** group for girls in grades 7-12 and their mothers will meet February 27.

**Men's BBQ** night will be February 27. Mark your calendar and join in the food, fellowship, and fun. 

**Tri-State Youth Series** will be March 1 in Chouteau.

Ladies, remember to keep March 13-14 open for the **Ladies' Seminar** with Debbie Dupuy. We would love to represent Hillcrest with a large number of our ladies attending. There are flyers on the welcome desk that you may take to invite your friends.

**Gospel Meeting on the Move** will be March 30 - April 2. Mark your calendar for this great outreach event that we will share with the churches of Christ in Carthage, Joplin and Seneca.

July 15-19 will be the **youth mission trip** to Mankato, MN. This will be a great outreach opportunity for our youth.

**NCS Benefit Banquet** is April 18 at the Civic Center. You can check with the school for more details.

NCS is still looking for an English teacher for next school year. Information is on the bulletin board.

*Words fail in our attempt to express our gratitude for the appreciation dinner, the cards, well wishes and especially the prayer offered on our behalf. We know God has and will continue to bless all of us as we grow numerically and spiritually. A great big thank you!*

*Wayne and Vera*

### PRAYER LEADERS

#### Sunday, February 23:

- AM Opening: Todd Murray
- AM Closing: David Fehring
- PM Opening: Karson Thomas
- PM Closing: Peter Wald

#### Wednesday, February 26:

- Opening: Bill Reiboldt
- Closing: Miles Wolgamott

RECORDS	2-16-20	2-17-19
Bible Study	176	122
AM Worship	227	212
PM Worship	154	107
Wednesday	134	129
Contribution	\$8,479.11	\$7,843.85
Budget	\$7,864.15	\$7,717.37