

Invite Someone!

Last week David Deffenbaugh shared this true and motivational story on Facebook...

My friend Taylor Cave preaches for the South Walker church of Christ on the south side of Oklahoma City. He's a former missionary to Brazil and this congregation made the decision a few years ago to change their approach. Their numbers had been dwindling for several years as the demographics of that part of the city transitioned to primarily Hispanic. They decided to make a determined effort to reach their neighbors (Hispanics), though they were unlike the average member of that congregation (older Caucasians). It was a decidedly bold and courageous (and very kingdom-driven) decision. It has been a real joy and inspiration to watch how God has blessed this church as they have determined to do what God calls all His children to do.

Taylor often posts about the many good things that are going on in that community through that church. Today he shared the good news of a new disciple of Jesus Christ having been immersed into Christ. That's not an unusual kind of a post for him, but he also shared how this particular soul was reached with the gospel. Some time ago (not sure how long) a lady from the community attended an event hosted at their building. She was invited to come to worship. She came. Some time after she invited one of her daughters to come. She came. Some time after that, that daughter invited her sister to come. She came. That daughter then invited a young man to come. He came. He's since been attending worship and also youth Bible classes and participated in personal Bible studies. He heard the gospel and was saved by Jesus. He represents a fourth generation of invitations. That church hosted a community event (not even an "evangelistic" event) and an invitation was extended. That invitation ended up going through three more people and a young man heard the gospel and was saved.

Not everyone is an evangelist. Not everyone is gifted to teach. Not everyone sees themselves as "evangelistic." But everyone can invite and every church can serve their neighbors. And just because we don't see immediate results, it doesn't mean God is not very much at work through our (sometimes feeble and faulting) efforts.

Galatians 6:10 charges us, "So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith." God opens doors for us to do good every day; we only need eyes to see and the will to enter them. And there's lots more that we could plan and do together to help people.

The aim is not just to help people, but to point them to Jesus who helps us. Every Sunday and Wednesday provide occasions for people to hear about Jesus when we come together. Can we be more committed to inviting people? And what about offering people personal Bible studies? I would love to help you study with someone you know. Let's do our best for the Lord this year. He promises to keep helping us if we will do his work.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matt. 28:19-20).

Danny Boggs

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Fill out your attendance card by scanning the code. Then you can save the address for next week!

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



Kay Anderson, Angela Bigbee, Fred Bukowich, Carl Cobb, Gary Cook, Irma Cornell, Steve Cornell, Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Tammy Crawford, Don Deffenbaugh, Judy Dorris, Vera Douthitt, Katherine Enfield, Joe Freund, James Honeycutt, Molly Jackson, Jean Johnson, Alice Kitch, Dan Lazure, Marilyn Mayben, Scott Neel, Larry and Vickey Owen, Noah Reiboldt, Brandon Ross, Karl Stauffer, Jennifer Thogmartin, Jared Thomas, Edith Toney, Ken Tyler, Debi Wince.

David Conness is experiencing issues with this heart. They are trying to determine treatment. Continue to pray for him and for Deanna.

Mary Jane Flint is experiencing hearing loss in one ear. They have found a blockage and will decide the next step in treatment this week.

Former member, Imogene Foster is now in an assisted living center. She would appreciate hearing from her friends. Her address is 3670 Mapleshade Ln. #133, Plano, TX 75075. Her phone number is 214-501-3532.

Every "One" Counts: When you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. If you know of someone in need, please tell Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.



Today is the due date for those who are **writing** for our spring book. Thanks for your participation and promptness.

Today's Sermons



A.M.: A Little Bit about a Big God, part 1
(Danny Boggs)

P.M.: A Little Bit about a Big God, part 2
(Danny Boggs)

Senior Saints will meet Saturday at noon in the fellowship room for a potluck lunch and Gospel Tracts work session. Plan to join them.

Calling all **trading card collectors**. You are invited to a short get together tonight right after services in the fellowship room to trade cards. Bring your cards and come prepared to trade with others or just show off your collection. There will be some activities where you can earn additional cards. Finger foods and drinks will be provided.

Ladies Night out will be January 27 at 6:00. It will be at El Caballo, Join your sisters for food and fellowship.

Men's BBQ Night: Mark your calendar now and join us for a trip to Boomer's BBQ in Carthage Thursday, January 29. The bus will leave our parking lot at 6:00.

In February there are a couple of opportunities for a **marriage retreat** called Gospel Commitments and Blessings through Polishing the Pulpit. One is in Branson (Feb. 19-22) and the other is in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee (Feb 11-15). Matt and Kayla plan to go to the one in Branson. The cost is \$99 per couple. You can find more details at smokymountainmarriage.com.

Thanks to all who brought food for Pam's funeral. The family was very complementary and appreciative. Please remember to stop by the ladies corner area and pick up your dishes from the funeral and other events.

I want to thank my Christian sisters for the Christmas blessing bag. I felt your love and encouragement.

Virginia Casey

*Dear Hillcrest ladies,
Thank you so much for the wonderful Christmas gift bag. Your thoughtfulness is so very much appreciated. Your love, kindness and friendship help make this world a better place. I love you all!*

Ginger Murray

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:32

WORSHIP LEADERS

Today

AM Opening Prayer: Caden Miller
AM Closing Prayer: Sam Collinsworth
Communion Prayer: Pete Babb
Prayer for the Offering: Charles Phillips
PM Opening Prayer: David Fehring
PM Closing Prayer: Lannum Litherland

This Tuesday

Announcements: Aaron Wilson
Singing: Carl Cobb
Invitation: Caleb Boggs
Opening Prayer: Lowell McInturff
Closing Prayer: Jerad Hyder

RECORDS	1-4-26	1-5-25
Bible Study	133	121
AM Worship	173	153
PM Worship	110	n/a
Wednesday	143	152
Contribution	\$9,511.75	\$8,099.27
Budget	\$9,410.00	\$8,500.00