



# Hillcrest CHURCH of CHRIST

## Weekly Bulletin

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### Seriously?

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“About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them” (Acts 16:25).

What were they thinking?! Angrily, greedy businessmen had seized Paul and Silas for a good deed they had done. Forcibly, they had been dragged into Philippi’s bustling marketplace. Maliciously, they had been accused in front of the city’s magistrates. Stridently, they had been maligned by a boisterous crowd. Shamefully, their clothes had been ripped from them. Mercilessly, they had been beaten with rods. Wrongfully, they had been thrown into prison. Needlessly, their feet had been fastened in stocks. And now, “about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God.”

**Seriously? What makes people in circumstances like that sing hymns to God?**

**Though chained in body, their souls were free.** In Philippi, Paul and Silas had been proclaiming “the way of salvation” (Acts 16:17). Lydia and her household heard their message and were baptized (Acts 16:15). Paul and Silas were proclaiming the gospel that they believed and loved. These men had obeyed the same word long before and been set free from sin themselves. Nothing that happened to them would be able to separate them from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rom. 8:39).

**Though wronged by men, they trusted God to do right.** It was precisely because of their faithful Christianity that these men suffered. “Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name” (1 Pet. 4:16). How would it all turn out? They had no doubt. “Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their

souls to a faithful Creator while doing good” (1 Pet. 4:19).

**Though uncomfortable in a jail cell, they found comfort in God’s truth.** As each sang to God, Paul helped Silas, and Silas helped Paul. “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our afflictions, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God” (2 Cor. 1:3-4). The words of those songs put everything into perspective.

**Though isolated, they were not alone.** “...For He has said, ‘I will never leave you, nor forsake you.’ So we can confidently say, ‘The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?’” (Heb. 13:5-6).

**Though detained, they were not done.** A dark and dingy jail cell could not slow these disciples down. As Paul and Silas sang, the prisoners were listening to them. And surely these missionaries wanted it that way. Before the night was over, even their jailer would believe and be baptized (Acts 16:33-34).

Christians always have something to sing about. When you sing hymns seriously, you say what you believe. When you sing hymns seriously, you say who you are. When you sing hymns seriously, you say who your God is. Singing seriously fortifies your faith. Singing seriously strengthens your soul. God’s true people are serious about praising Him in song.

*Danny Boggs*



Pam Babb, Betty Ball, Jack Brodie, Fred Bukowich, John Burlingame, Joyce Clarkson, Angela Collett, Pete Conrow, Ed Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Tim Dawkins, David Fehring, Mary Jane Flint, Joe and Teresa Freund, Phyllis Goins, Faye Haight, May Hill, Wilma Hill, Doris Jones, Guy Lewis, Olivia Link (granddaughter of Jack and Sue Brodie), Chester Lyons, Judy Martin, Bob Murray, Max Naramore, Price Naramore, Ron Naramore, Pat Risley, Helen Swem, Corin Thomlinson, Bobbie Tuggle, Margaret Wald, Ruth Ann Wilson, Velda Wood, Sue York.

- **Heather Cobb** is recovering at home following surgery on Monday.

**Sympathy:** Our sister, Pearl McCleary, passed away last Wednesday at home. Her visitation and services were held on Tuesday morning at Clark funeral home.

Several from here will attend the **82<sup>nd</sup> annual Freed Hardemen University Bible lectureship** next week. The theme is: "Entrusted with The Faith: Multigenerational Mission in Timothy and Titus." You can see the complete schedule at [www.fhu.edu](http://www.fhu.edu). A number of the lessons will be streamed live online, including the 10:30 Tuesday morning chapel presentation by Caleb Boggs.

Thank you to everyone who has encouraged us in so many ways the last few weeks—prayers, words, cards, food and more! We are so grateful to be part of the Hillcrest family. In Christian Love,

*Danny and Jessica Boggs*

**Men's Breakfast:** Meet at 7:00 this Thursday morning at Braum's for breakfast and fellowship!



**This Sunday's Sermons:**

AM: Josh King

PM: Casey Flint

Thank you to everyone who contributed a dollar in the offering this week for our benevolence work "Every 'One' Counts"!



**Thursday morning Ladies' Bible class** will meet at 10:00 this Thursday with Karen teaching. Join us!

The **Thursday night ladies' Bible study** will meet on February 8 at 6:30 at the home of Amanda Flint. We will be discussing chapters 6 & 7.



**Devo & Donuts** is every Tuesday at 7 a.m. in the Activities Center, for school kids.

**Remember to read your One Word devotionals this week**, and come Sunday night to top it off in worship as we think just a little more about the word "grace" in the Bible.



**Pantry Needs:** It is time to restock the pantry! Items needed are: vegetable soup, chicken noodle soup, chunky soups, canned fruits, and canned meats. Please carefully check expiration dates before donating.

**Sweetheart Banquet:** Please sign the list at the bulletin board if you are able to attend the annual Valentine's Banquet for preachers, deacons, elders, and their sweethearts. This year it will be held in our Activities Center on February 16. See flier posted for more details.

*No bulletin will be printed next week.*

**PRAYER LEADERS for the week of February 11:**

**Sunday**

AM Opening: Jim Friend  
 AM Closing: Bill Reiboldt  
 PM Opening: Tucker Anderson  
 PM Closing: Carl Cobb

**Wednesday**

Opening: Karson Thomas  
 Closing: Mike Kidwell

**PRAYER LEADERS**

**Sunday, February 4**

- AM Opening: Tim Murray
- AM Closing: Pat Andrews
- PM Opening: Wayne Douthitt
- PM Closing: Tim Wald

**Wednesday, February 7**

- Opening: Noah Reiboldt
- Closing: Zane Berner

RECORDS	01-28-18	01-29-17
Bible Study	137	120
AM Worship	201	183
PM Worship	123	116
Wednesday	140	123
Contribution	\$9,629.76	\$21,485.22
Budget	\$7,643.38	\$7,630.58