

## Every “One” Counts

### Elders:

John Deffenbaugh  
Wayne Douthitt  
Glen Honeycutt  
Rick Hyder  
Bill Reiboldt

### Deacons:

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

### Local Evangelists:

Danny Boggs  
Luke Yates

### Worship Assemblies

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

### Bible Classes

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

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Have you ever struggled in finding ways to be more benevolent to those who are in need? Have you ever felt that you have not been living out Jesus' example and teaching of being there for others who are in dire straights (John 6:1-14; Matthew 25:31-46)? Have you ever wished that there were more for you to do in your service as a Christian? Here at Hillcrest we are starting a new ministry to help those in our community who have fallen on hard times and every single one of us can have an integral part!

This new ministry that we are starting is called “Every ‘One’ Counts” and I am so excited for the opportunities this ministry will provide. The Lord tells us that we are to give out of our means in the offering each first day of the week (I Corinthians 16:1-2; II Corinthians 9:7). Since having Kyle Butt teach us about “Our God And His Money” back in November, we have done an amazing job at increasing our giving over the last four months. We have also given very generously both times we have had our special offerings for the new building, giving around \$51,000 and \$22,000 those two fifth Sundays. I now want to encourage you to increase your giving by just one more dollar each week. If you give \$3 a week, start giving \$4. If you give \$50 a week, start giving \$51. If you give \$500 a week, start giving \$501.

Our average attendance at Hillcrest is around 200 people each Sunday morning. If each person gave one more dollar a week, we would add \$200 to our weekly giving. With “Every ‘One’ Counts” we will take the attendance number for each week and use that amount of money to give to someone who is in need. For example, let's say that the first Sunday of March we have 204 people in attendance for morning services. \$204 of our giving will go to someone in the community who needs the money and this will continue weekly, based on our attendance. This will enable us to

use around \$10,400 a year for benevolence, on top of other efforts to help the downtrodden. How awesome!

The blessings of this ministry are as follows: (1) we all have a part in helping someone with our giving; (2) someone who is hurting is helped; (3) we have a possible opportunity to reach lost souls with the gospel; and (4) people in the community will be able to connect this good work with our congregation. But in order to take advantage of those blessings, I need your help. Do you know someone who is in need? Do you have a neighbor that just lost their job? Do you know a family member who is struggling to pay their bills? Do you know someone who recently had surgery? Do you know a homeless person around town? Do you know a single parent who struggles to make ends meet?

The way in which this ministry is put into action is the best part. A member of our congregation will take the money for the week (or possibly multiple weeks), go to the person(s) in need, hand them the money, and say, “Our congregation – the Hillcrest church of Christ – knows you have been hurting and we wanted to help you out. God loves you and we love you. Please let us know if there is anything else we can help you with.” If you know anyone who is in need, please let Luke, Danny, one of the elders, or one of the deacons know. Once we are aware of a need, we will either give you or someone close to the needy person the money to directly give to them.

Every “one” counts – both in our individual dollar bills we give in the offering and in each person we reach out to help. I hope and pray that we can use this ministry to be a light to our community, because that's what Jesus wants from His church (Matthew 5:14-16)!

*Luke Yates*



Kay Anderson, Pam Babb, Betty Ball, Yvonne Barker, Jack Brodie, Shannon Brodie, Derek Campbell, Charles Collinsworth Sr., Pete and Leona Conrow, Dan Cornell, Jace Cornell, Steve Cornell, Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Robert Crawford, Glenda Daniels, Kenneth Daniels, Kristie Deffenbaugh, Wayne Deffenbaugh, Emily Enfield, Titus Farley, Jerry and Louise Faules, Mary Jane Flint, Reva Flint, Joe and Teresa Freund, Phyllis Goins, Beverly Garrison, Jean Hanger, Faye Haught, Margaret Hawkins, Wilma Hill, Wilma Knoll, Barry Koch, Brandon Lay, Guy Lewis, Pearl McLeary, Connie Mills, Max Naramore, Price Naramore, Katja Ortiz, Linda Patterson, Cindy Patton, Dale Privett, Jim Privett, Russell and Sarah Puckett, John Starmer, Mark Strohl, Helen Swem, Corin Thomlinson, Richard Tink, Susie Tomlin, Bobbie Tuggle, Robin VanDorn, Mary Van Nelson, Margaret Wald, Eric Wilson, Ruth Ann Wilson, Dorothy Wolgamott, Treva Wolgamott, and Velda Wood.

**Next week we will overhaul the prayer list above.** If you want your name to stay on the list, please notify us. If you shared the name of someone else on this list, please update us if you want their name to stay on the list. Thanks for your help.

Hillcrest,  
I appreciate the Hillcrest congregation so much for all the wonderful things you have done for me! Thank you for the prayers, the delicious food and the many, many visits and cards. May God bless you all.

*Susie Tomlin*

**Save the Date:** The Neosho Christian School Benefit Banquet will be held Saturday evening, April 22, at Crowder Gymnasium. There will be a silent auction, dinner by Butcher's Block, performance by the NCS choir, and entertainment. Call 451-1941 to reserve a seat.



### This Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. *Stay Home, Gomer!* (Danny Boggs)  
P.M. *Q&A: Why Do People Hate Christians?*  
(Luke Yates)

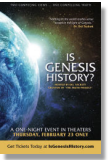
**Juice boxes:** We're collecting juice boxes to help with the Bright Futures effort to send needy Neosho children home with nutrition over the weekends. Place your donations in the west nook of the foyer.

Vinita church of Christ will host the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual **Golden Agers Rally** on Saturday, March 18. See the bulletin board for more details.



**Youth Planning Meeting:** Youth, parents, and those who help with the youth will be meeting after evening services this Sunday.

**Hillcrest Movie Night:** The bus will leave the Hillcrest parking lot this Thursday at 6:15 to watch a special, one night only showing of the movie "Is Genesis History?" at 7 p.m. at the Regal Northstar Theater in Joplin!



**Men's Breakfast:** Join us at Braum's next Thursday, March 2, at 7:00.

**Mark your calendar:** Our spring gospel meeting with Spencer Furby of Jonesboro, Arkansas, will be April 2-5.

**Our ladies' seminar** is just over one week away!

- Sign up at the bulletin board to bring food.
- Cynthia Guy will share a lesson on Hannah on Friday, March 3 at 9:30. See Karen if you would like to help provide food for brunch.
- Pick up fliers and invite friends and family!

*Life Is Like a Box of Chocolates*  
**Hillcrest Church of Christ**  
**2017 Ladies Seminar**

**Guest Speaker:**  
**Dr. Cynthia Guy**  
**Author of:**  
*What About the Women?*  
*Struggle, Seek, Grow*  
*co authored Sweet Truths*

Friday, 7:00 P.M., March 3rd  
"Comparing Ways Our Life is Like a Box of Chocolates."  
Join us after for some sweet treats.  
Saturday Registration at 9:30 A.M.  
10:00 A.M., March 4th  
"You Never Know What You Are Going to Get"  
Join us for lunch on Saturday

### ASSIGNMENTS

#### Prayers Sunday, February 26

- AM Opening: Todd Tyler
- AM Closing: Benny Haught
- PM Opening: Aaron Wilson
- PM Closing: Joe McLain

#### Scripture Reading Sunday, February 26

- Joshua 24:14-15, Jackson Collinsworth
- Prayers Wednesday, March 1**
- Opening: Noah Reiboldt
  - Closing: Charles Phillips

### RECORDS

	02-19-17	02-21-16
Bible Study	129	155
AM Worship	192	208
PM Worship	128	115
Wednesday	130	144
Contribution	\$7,615.13	\$7,485.01
Budget	\$7,630.58	\$7,075.67