

A YEAR OF BENEVOLENCE

Elders:

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Rick Hyder
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10 a.m. Sunday
6 p.m. Sunday

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9 a.m. Sunday
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Over a year ago the elders decided that our congregation would begin a new benevolence work dubbed *Every "One" Counts*. In this great work we have taken the Sunday morning attendance number and given that amount in dollars to someone who needs it. *Every "One" Counts* has a dual purpose: (1) to give every single member of Hillcrest a way to further help people in need by being there for worship and giving an extra dollar in the offering; and (2) to help the recipients of our giving realize that they have worth and value as people created in God's image, opening up opportunities to connect with them.

I am a person who absolutely loves statistics and data. I also know that statistics can help us as a congregation see where we are in our attendance and giving, as well as to motivate us to do even more. With that being said, I have taken detailed statistics of our benevolence in *Every "One" Counts* since we began and I want to relay that information to you all.

We began this work on March 5, 2017. From that date to March 4, 2018, we have given a total of \$9,826 to those in need. This period of time includes one recent Sunday where we had to cancel services due to ice. Therefore, our average attendance over that period has been 189 people on Sunday mornings, which means we have given \$189 to others every week for the past year. The 2017 total, from March 5 to December 31, was \$8,397. This averages out to \$191 a week. The 2018 total, from January 7 to March 4, was \$1,429. This averages out to \$179 a week.



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counts!

Our attendance average has dipped lower for 2018, due to recent deaths, people moving away, the Lads to Leaders trip, and other factors. Hopefully that dip isn't due to any of us consistently forsaking the assembly. Hebrews 10:24-25 reads, "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." God doesn't give this command arbitrarily. There is a purpose in not neglecting to meet together and that is to stir up and encourage one another to love and good works. Hebrews 3:12-13, "Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. Not only are we to encourage one another with our presence in worship to God, but we are to also encourage one another daily. Are you doing your best to encourage others in collective worship and in your daily life?"

We need encouragement and I have been encouraged by the zeal of many in the congregation who have reached out to others with this good work of *Every "One" Counts*. We have helped lots of people with medical bills, families who have lost everything in house fires, families in great poverty, loved ones affected by suicide, people who needed a moving truck to move to Neosho, those affected by the tornadoes and floods last year, and many others. As always, please inform me of any people you think could use some financial help. Keep up the good work and may we all abound more and more in our love (Philippians 1:9)!

Luke Yates

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



Pam Babb, Betty Ball, Jack Brodie, Fred Bukowich, John Burlingame, Joyce Clarkson, Angela Collett, Pete Conrow, Ed Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Tim Dawkins, Amanda Dennie (friend of the Moreno family), Mary Jane Flint, Joe and Teresa Freund, Phyllis Goins, Pete Griffin, Faye Haught, May Hill, Wilma Hill, Doris Jones, Angela King, Guy Lewis, Chester Lyons, Bob Murray, Rita Murray, Gary Nielen, Pat Risley, Helen Swem, Corin Thomlinson, Bobbie Tuggle, Margaret Wald, Ruth Ann Wilson, Velda Wood.

- Remember John and Glen in your prayers as we send them to Honduras from this Friday to next Wednesday.

Don't Forget! We have a fifth Sunday giving opportunity THIS SUNDAY to help pay for our Activities Center. Through God's grace and your generosity, we recently made a \$50,000 payment, and the balance has shrunk to \$116,000.



BBQ **Men's BBQ Night:** Meet at the Hillcrest parking lot at 6:00 this Thursday for a trip to the BBQ Station in Cassville.

Neosho Christian School: Sweet Onnie's clothing boutique is hosting a pop up boutique in support of the Neosho Christian School new roof fund. 20% of all sales will go toward this fund. It will be held in the Activities Center this Thursday from 3:30-7:30. Sweet Onnie's is owned by Andrea Wald.



Send Off: Stay after services this Sunday night and show your love to Nolan and Megan and their family as they move to Texas. Please bring finger foods.



Thanks to everyone for giving an extra dollar on Sundays to help someone in need. Please continue to contribute, pray, and offer candidates to Luke for this benevolent work.



This Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. *Special Delivery*
(Galatians 1:1-5, Danny Boggs)
P.M. *Fair Haven Children's Home*
(David Grimm)



Remember to read your *One Word* devotionals and your Bible this week, and learn what's so important about heaven.

Ladies' Virtual Retreat: Join us Saturday, May 5, for the first *Come Fill Your Cup* virtual retreat in the Activities Center. It will start around 1:00. So, plan now...if you are a mom talk to your husband about watching your kids and invest in yourself for the afternoon. No kids, clear your calendar as well and let's spend time together growing closer to the Lord and to each other. We will all bring a dish/finger food to share and snack and study all afternoon. More information is posted on the bulletin board and on the Hillcrest Ladies' Facebook page.

You can help! Bring canned chili and fruit juices to stock our pantry to help people in need.



Students, remember **Devo & Donuts** every Tuesday at 7 a.m. In the Activities Center.

Boys' Retreat: The boys' campout will be May 4-6 near Branson. All boys in grades 5-12 and their dads are invited. Younger boys can come, too, so long as a dad or grandpa comes. Please see Casey Flint for more information.



Green Valley Bible Camp

- Work day, Saturday May 5, beginning at 8:00. Tasks include painting bridges, cleaning cabins, removing rubble and old porcelain from the bathhouse remodel, and more.
- Our week is only 47 days away, June 10-16! Our theme is "Our Identity in Christ." This year friends invited by kids from Hillcrest go free, and one camper will again win \$123.03 for getting someone to come. See Danny for more information. Register at greenvalleybiblecamp.com.



Take Me Out to the Ballgame! We're going to a Cardinals v. Naturals game and singing the national anthem in Springdale Friday night, June 8. Tickets are \$9 per person. See Luke for more information and to order your tickets by May 20.

Sparta Church of Christ will host a Ladies Day this Saturday with Kathy Pollard, followed by a gospel meeting April 29-May 2 with Neal Pollard. See the bulletin board for more details.

Wedding: Alec Fehring and Madison McDonnell will be married Saturday, May 19, at 6:30 in Verona. RSVP to www.theknot.com/us/Alec-and-Madison or call/text 417-389-3848.

PRAYER LEADERS

Sunday, April 29

- AM Opening: Todd Murray
- AM Closing: Carl Cobb
- PM Opening: Joe Moreno
- PM Closing: Bob Murray

Wednesday, May 2

- Opening: Karson Thomas
- Closing: Noah Reiboldt

RECORDS	04-22-18	04-19-17
Bible Study	128	137
AM Worship	189	178
PM Worship	126	121
Wednesday	314	121
Contribution	\$7,726.50	\$10,150.43
Budget	\$7,630.58	\$7,075.67