

What You Need To Realize About The Work Of The Church

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The summer is a crazy busy time with both the work of the Lord's church and focuses outside of the Lord's church. Camps, devotionals, service projects, door-knocking, VBS, dinners, visits etc. flood the spaces of our calendars from May to August. Ball games, family reunions, cookouts, vacations, days at the lake, weddings, farming, swimming lessons, sports, etc. fill in the rest of those spaces. As Christians, we can easily become overwhelmed if we are not careful. We can regret some commitments we have made because we know that we are going to let some people down by not being able to commit to something else. At times we may feel guilty that we are not as involved with the various works of our local congregation because so much of our time is directed towards the things of this world. To help us all be on the same page as God when it comes to the good works of the congregation – which include fellowshiping with one another, evangelism, benevolence, and worship – here are twelve things that you need to realize about the work of the church.

1. Realize that God wants **every single one of His children** to be workers for His kingdom, serving others with love (Matthew 25:31-46; Ephesians 2:10).
2. Realize that God doesn't grant us the copout of making excuses to not to be a part of our congregational efforts (Luke 14:18-21).
3. Realize that it is not just the preachers, elders, and deacons who are to be doing the various works of the church, as they are to help equip the rest of the congregation to likewise do good works (Ephesians 4:11-12; I Peter 5:1-4).
4. Realize that everyone in a congregation cannot be a part of every single work and activity of the church all the time.
5. Realize that even though you don't have a lot of turnout for some specific idea to serve, that doesn't mean that it is a bad idea.
6. Realize that if certain members don't involve themselves in **any** work of the church, they need to be encouraged both inside the assembly and outside the assembly (Hebrews 3:13; 10:24-25).
7. Realize that we all have different talents and not everyone is going to be as committed to one good work as they might be for another good work (Matthew 25:14-30; Romans 12:3-8; I Corinthians 12:12-31).
8. Realize that God designed the church to alleviate one another's burdens, not add to them (Galatians 6:1-5; Hebrews 13:17).
9. Realize that the older members can be examples to the younger members and the younger members can be examples to the older members in the efforts of the Lord's church (I Corinthians 16:11; I Timothy 4:12; Titus 2:2-8)
10. Realize that even if you don't see any initial fruit from your labor, that doesn't mean that fruit won't eventually come (Luke 13:6-9; Galatians 6:6-10).
11. Realize that even if **no** fruit comes from your efforts to serve, you have at least done your job in planting the seed (Luke 8:4-15; I Corinthians 3:5-9).
12. Realize that even if no one else knows about or appreciates the service you are doing, God does (Matthew 6:3-4, 6, 17-18; Hebrews 6:10).

Luke Yates

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



Currently confined to home: Betty Ball, Joyce Clarkson, Lee Crabtree, Glen Crumbliss, Faye Haught, Mae Hill, Wilma Hill, Bette Sinden, Bobbie Tuggle, Ruth Ann Wilson.

Dear Hillcrest Family, Thank you all for the book, the quilt, the numerous cards and endless support you have given me for my graduation. I am blessed to have such a great church family.

Love,
Elijah Boggs

Andrea Wald's hostess group is collecting money towards the purchase of gift cards for a **wedding gift for Derek and Belinda Couch**. Please see Andrea or Anna for more information.

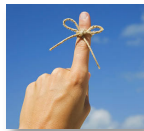
One Word: Remember to read about "Kingdom" this week.

Every "One" Counts: This week we got to help multiple families with their laundry at the local laundromats. Please let Luke know if you have any people who could use some encouragement and financial help.



Titus 2 Ministry: Ladies—everyone college age and up! Please bring a salad and join us for lunch in the fellowship room at noon this Saturday to lay the groundwork for something new.

Fifth Sunday Opportunity: On July 29, everything we give above our budgeted needs will help to pay off the loan on our valuable new activities center. Please make prayerful plans.



This Sunday's Sermons:

AM: *Who Is a Child of God?*
(Gal. 3:23-29, Danny Boggs)
PM: Vacation Bible School



Youth Devotionals: We'll have one this Thursday in the activities center at 6:30. If you would like to host in the activities center by serving the meal and planning a game this week or another Thursday night this summer, please sign up at the bulletin board.



Golfers: Enjoy your sport while helping to raise money for Green Valley Bible Camp Saturday, August 11, at Cave Springs, Arkansas. See the flier posted on the bulletin board.

Vacation Bible School is next week, 6:30-8:15 each night!

- Kids can take sheets from the welcome desk to register and invite friends.
- Everyone get a shirt and wear it to advertise.
- We need more people to sign up to bring stuff for snacks.
- Remember that our Sunday night session will start at 6:30, too, rather than our usual 6:00. If you miss the Lord's Supper Sunday morning, it will be served in the usual room at 6:00.
- Come to the Activities Center at 5:30 PM on the last night of VBS (Wed. July 25th) for a finger foods potluck. Everyone please bring a favorite "kid-friendly" dish or two to share and spend some great time fellowshiping with one another and with our VBS guests.



Watch your mailbox this week for a letter from the elders and a report on your attendance over the last year.

- God wants us to be together regularly to worship and serve Him and to stir up fellow Christians to good works (Heb. 10:24-25).
- If that's what you have been doing, keep it up! And encourage others to do what you do.
- If the report suggests you can do better, do it!
- The report only details who is here at our Sunday morning worship times. Most people at Hillcrest gather on Sunday nights and Wednesdays, too. If that's not your habit, why not get started with it this week?



PRAYER LEADERS

Sunday, July 22

- AM Opening: Tony Flint
- AM Closing: Luke Yates
- PM Opening: Elijah Boggs
- PM Closing: Pete Babb

Wednesday, July 25

- Opening: Karson Thomas
- Closing: Benny Haught

RECORDS	07-15-18	07-16-17
Bible Study	136	138
AM Worship	201	187
PM Worship	143	116
Wednesday	130	129
Contribution	\$8,569.50	\$9,190.75
Budget	\$7,643.38	\$7,630.58