

Getting Off on The Right Foot

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10 a.m. Sunday
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Several weeks ago, we were blessed to have David Lawrence (youth minister of 13 years from Center Hill Church of Christ in Paragould, AR) visit our congregation and share his experience in youth ministry with our parents and young adults. I'd like to summarize the highlights of his class alongside a few thoughts of my own.

David answered the following three questions:

1) What does a successful youth group look like?

The definition of success will vary person to person. David began his class saying, "I think a lot of success comes from getting everyone on the same page with what we're trying to accomplish."

In his ministry, David has sought to emphasize "the three E's: education, edification, and evangelism." He said, "Success to me is a balance of those three areas with the idea of developing leaders in all three areas..."

Throughout the coming months, look forward to our own youth ministry adopting these emphases.

2) What are the benefits of an active youth group?

- Souls are taught the good news of Christ and are brought closer to Him and the church.
- An active youth group promotes growth in size of the youth group and the size of the congregation.

- It can engage the youth in spiritual activities that are geared more toward their maturity level.
- A youth group brings youth closer to God within their peer group.
- Engagement; getting young people engaged with God, worship, service, relationship building, and fun.
- For me and my family [David's], one of the greatest benefits of a youth program is that it has helped my kids realize they are part of something bigger than themselves.

3) What is the parents' role in a successful youth group?

"As far as the things I do and the things I plan, parents are always welcome. If that means that the parents outnumber the kids, so be it. The parents' role in the life of their kids is too important."

This is a philosophy we will adopt here at Hillcrest. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend all youth gatherings. I would like to encourage similar involvement from young adults as well. Youth events will be structured to allow teenagers the freedom to breathe and grow, and I hope parents and young adults can be an ever-present resource and encouragement to them

Thank you for your support of me as I begin my ministry with you all. I hope you have been able to see growth in our youth group already, and I look forward to working alongside you to further growth.

Caleb Boggs

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Pam Babb, Raygan Bradley, Fred & Carolyn Bukowich, Joyce Clarkson, Ed & Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Glen Crumbliss, Mary Deffenbaugh, Eli Dodson, Joe Freund, Wilma Hill, Cheryl Neilans, Angel Rivera, Alondra Rivera, Edith Toney, Bobbie Tuggle, Ruth Ann Wilson, Debi Wince.

We want to express our sympathy to **Aaron Wilson** and his family. Aaron's grandfather, Max Chester, passed away last week.

Cheryl Neilans has been moved to Joplin Health and Rehab, 2218 W 32nd St, Joplin, MO 64804. She is doing better. Please continue to pray for her.

A friend of **Kayden King**, Raygan Bradley, has been diagnosed with cancer and is facing the possibility of losing a leg. He is 19 years old and has played ball for years with Kayden. We have been asked to pray for Raygan and his family.

Grace Boggs, Angela King, and Suzanne Dabbs came forward on Sunday. They are all dealing with some personal struggles at this time and would like your prayers on their behalf. Please pray for them and encourage them as they continue to strive to follow God's will.

Welcome to the **Giebler** family! Jason and Sarah along with their three children, Madelaine, Eli, and Emma have joined our family here at Hillcrest. They live at 7614 Maple Dr. in Neosho. Phone is 417-580-1101.

Ladies **sign class** will not meet this week due to the holiday.



This Sunday's Sermons:

A.M.: *Who Is Really God?*
(1 Kings 18:21, Danny Boggs)
P.M.: *Pride and Prejudice*
(Acts 10, Danny Boggs)

The **Summer Youth Series Devo** is tonight at 6:00 at Casey and Amanda Flints'. Bring torilla chips or desserts. (July 9 - Caleb & Bethany Boggs)



every **ONE** counts!

Every "One" Counts: Remember when you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need, usually a local family. If you know

someone who needs immediate help, please contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.

Campers will be leaving for **Horizons** on Saturday. They will be doing a service project. They need small toiletries and old T-shirts (the bigger the better). Please bring your donations by this Wednesday and put them in the boxes at the welcome desk.

Please meet in the parking lot at 3:30 on Sunday if you want to ride to the **Tri-State Youth Series**. It is at West Union Church of Christ and the speaker is John Johnson.

There will be a **baby shower** this Sunday at 4:00 in the fellowship room for April Fehring. She is registered at Target. (No clothes, please)



PreVBS continues this Sunday evening at 5:40. Parents bring you kids early and have them sit up front. We will sing some VBS songs, preview the VBS lessons, get fired up about inviting friends, and pray for the friends we're inviting. There will be a prize for all those who have invited a friend this week. We will be doing this again July 14.



Yard signs for VBS are available in the foyer. Take a sign and a stake and put it out in your yard so neighbors and those passing by can see. Plan to come each night and invite your friends to be here for a fun week of learning about the miracles of Jesus.

We want to thank all of you for coming to our 70th wedding anniversary. You made it so very special and thank you for all the beautiful cards and wonderful messages to us. God bless all of you! We have a wonderful church her at Hillcrest.

*In Christian love to all,
Edwin and Vera Cornell*

PRAYER LEADERS

Sunday, July 7

- AM Opening: Tucker Anderson
- AM Closing: Jim Friend
- PM Opening: Zane Berner
- PM Closing: Caleb Boggs

Wednesday, July 10

- Opening: Kaden King
- Closing: Bob Murray

RECORDS	06-30-19	07-01-18
Bible Study	144	105
AM Worship	199	172
PM Worship	139	120
Wednesday	154	122
Contribution	\$23,130.88	\$1,3883.76
Budget	\$7,717.37	\$7,630.58