

I Will Call Upon the Lord

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The narrative of 1 & 2 Samuel is bookended by a pair of songs. Hannah's poetic prayer to God in 1 Samuel chapter 2 introduces the themes of 1 & 2 Samuel. David's song of deliverance in 2 Samuel 22 affirms these themes and looks to the future in hope.

Long derided by her rival Penninah, Elkanah's barren wife Hannah pleaded to the Lord for a son. Hannah grieved a life not conceived, and the Lord listened to Hannah's troubled spirit. Samuel was born and welcomed into a world where his mother's love for him was only dwarfed by her love for God. Hannah had vowed to give her son in service to the Lord, and Samuel would play a key role in God's redemptive plan.

In celebration of God's working, Hannah praised him in 1 Samuel 2.

1 Samuel 2:9-10

"He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness, for not by might shall a man prevail. The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces; against them he will thunder in heaven. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed."

Hannah's prayer introduces these themes to narrative of 1 & 2 Samuel:¹

- God opposes the proud and exalts the humble.
- Despite human evil, God is at work.
- God will raise up a messianic King.

Whoever filled the "villain of the week" role, whether Hophni, Phineas, Joel, Abijah, Goliath, Saul, Uzzah, Absalom, or another, would be plowed aside by God's plan. These prideful individuals were humbled by God. Those who humbled themselves before God like Hannah, Samuel, and David were granted an integral role in the coming of Christ the King.

Today, you and I can choose to play a role in God's plan. Ephesians 1 affirms the intent of God to redeem those who choose to be "in Christ." In spite of the worst that this world has to offer, we can find comfort and confidence in the work of the Lord. We need only to humble ourselves before the exalted King and submit ourselves to his will.

Following his rescue from Saul by the hand of God, David composed a song of deliverance.

2 Samuel 22:1-4

He said, "The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge, my savior; you save me from violence. I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

May you and I call upon the Lord as did Hannah and David.

Caleb Boggs

¹The Bible Project. "Overview: 1 Samuel." YouTube, YouTube, 17 Mar. 2016, www.youtube.com/watch?v=QJOju5Dw0V0.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Pam Babb, Fred & Carolyn Bukowich, Joyce Clarkson, Ed & Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Mary Deffenbaugh, Eli Dodson, Joe Freund, Wilma Hill, Nadine Keith, Leopoldo Lizardo, Cheryl Neilans, Rachel Potter, Angel Rivera, Alondra Rivera, Edith Toney, Ruth Ann Wilson.

- **Harold Speir** had surgery on Monday and is in Freeman West.
- **Carolyn Bukowich** is home from the hospital.

Every "One" Counts: Remember when you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. This week we are helping a family from another congregation, who are friends of a member here, who lost a child in an accident. If you know someone who needs immediate help, please contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.



Vacation Bible School was great!. There was a lot of enthusiasm and participation. Thanks to all who helped in any way. We were able to reach some people who we would not have made contact with if it weren't for those who invited and brought guests. Continue to pray for those who came.

The **Summer Youth Series Devo** is tonight at 6:00 at Bryan and Heather Reiboldts' home. Boys bring chips and drinks, girls bring desserts. (August 6 - Gieblers')



Men's breakfast is Thursday at Braum's at 7:00. Start your day with food, fellowship, and fun.



This Sunday's Sermons:

A.M.: *What Stops Me from Being Baptized?*
(Acts 8:26-40, Danny Boggs)

P.M.: *We're All Going to the Same Place*
(2 Cor. 5:10, Danny Boggs)

The bus will leave Sunday at 3:00 for Cassville for the **Tri-State Youth Series**.

The **Silver Dollar City Youth Trip** for grades 7-12 will be August 9. We will be leaving at 8:00. The cost is \$40.00. Parents are welcome to attend. Sign up on the bulletin board by Sunday.

Neosho Christian School can really use your help August 8! The playground fence was knocked down in the last flood. They also need help with some general cleaning around the building. If you can help, please talk with Kristi Berner, Carla Murray, or contact the NCS office at 451-1941.

The **Back to School Ice Cream Social** is Sunday, August 11 after evening service. Hot dogs, chips, and cake will be provided. Please bring a side dish or ice cream.

Will you help us with food items and/or serving for our annual **back-to-school teacher appreciation luncheon**? We'll honor area teachers Tuesday, August 13, in the activities center. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Thanks!

See Lowell McInturff or one of the staff if you can provide financial help for a student to attend **Neosho Christian School**.

The 25th Annual **Green Valley Bible Camp golf tournament** is coming up! All proceeds from this event are used to fund camper scholarships and camp improvement projects. This year's 4-person scramble tournament will take place on Saturday, August 10, at the Creeks Golf Course in Cave Springs (shotgun start at 8 AM). The cost is \$65 per person (\$260 per team). Lunch and festivities to follow at Flagstone Church of Christ in Bentonville. Sign up today at: flagstone.church/gvbcgolf. Also, to stay up-to-date on event announcements, follow the tournament's Facebook page at **GVBC Golf Tournament Presented By Forward Engineers**.

Darren and Dianna Pierce and their daughter **Samantha Sherman** all wish to be identified with us at Hillcrest. They are all longtime members of the church of Christ in Anderson. Samantha is here with her husband, Nanthan, and sons, Clay and Jay. Please make them feel welcome.

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PRAYER LEADERS

Sunday, August 4

- AM Opening: Trace Wilson
- AM Closing: Peter Wald
- PM Opening: Josh King
- PM Closing: Tim Murray

Wednesday, August 7

- Opening: Joe McLain
- Closing: Todd Tyler

RECORDS	07-28-19	07-29-18
Bible Study	164	132
AM Worship	201	182
PM Worship	141	146
Wednesday	211 - VBS	170 - VBS
Contribution	\$9,104.36	\$10,974.71
Budget	\$7,717.37	\$7,630.58