

Abel – Though He Died, He Still Speaks

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Abraham Lincoln. Martin Luther King Jr. John F Kennedy. John Lennon. Each of these individuals' lives ended in murder. Despite each of their short lives, each one's influence has persisted through the decades following his death.

Abel's too-short life lasted only seven Bible verses, yet his voice resonates longer than any other man's ever has. No spoken words from Abel are recorded in scripture, but Abel's plaque in the faith hall of fame attests to a monumental voice.

“By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.” – Hebrews 11:4

How can Abel, a man whose life would seem a footnote in the plan of God, have a legacy so great? What made his gift to God so significant? The answer seems all too simple: his faith.

Godly faith demands point blank obedience. Abel knew that “the first-born of his flock and of their fat portions” was what God would accept, so that's simply what Abel offered (Gen 4:4). No comfort, convenience, preference, or presumption stood to hinder the direct line of fire between Abel's faith and obedience. Cain's offering, though made in earnest, missed the mark entirely because it wasn't what God wanted. His presumption resulted in sin.

Are your offerings simply what God desires, or does something stand in between your faith and your obedience? Do self-consciousness or disinterest hinder your “sacrifice of praise to God” in song (Heb 13:5)? Does your conformity to the world prevent your life from being offered to God (Rom 12:2)?

My hope is that you and I hear the voice of Abel and share in his faithfulness to God. Actions speak louder than words, and a faith of obedience like Abel's can have an everlasting resonance.

Caleb Boggs




Pam Babb, Fred and Carolyn Bukowich, Joyce Clarkson, Edwin & Vera Cornell, Erma Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Mary Deffenbaugh, Eli Dodson, Jaren Dodson, Joe Freund, Kayla Hayes, Wilma Hill, Justin Houston, Nadine Keith, Leopoldo Lizardo, Cheryl Neilans, Rachel Potter, John Privett, Angel Rivera, Alondra Rivera, Harold Speir, Edith Toney, Ruth Ann Wilson.

Lee Crabtree was scheduled for eye surgery today.

Our **sympathy** is extended to Edith Toney on the death of her sister this past week.

Gary and Linda Roark were **baptized** yesterday. We rejoice with them as they begin their walk as children of God. Their address is 17787 Hwy HH, Gary: 850-0831, Linda: 737-1856.

We **welcome** Bill and Kerri Rasbury to our family at Hillcrest. They have renewed their commitment to God and we are pleased that they have chosen to do that here with us. Their address is 509 W Sherman and phone is 592-9093

 **Every "One" Counts:** Remember when you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. If you know someone who needs help, please contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.

The **Senior Saints** will have a potluck lunch at noon on Saturday in the fellowship room. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship.


This Saturday is our **night of singing** at 7:00 in the activities center. It will be a great time to praise God, encourage each other, and learn some new songs. Drinks will be provided. Bring your favorite snack food to share.




This Sunday's Sermons:

A.M.: *The Main Event* (Danny Boggs)
 P.M.: Caleb Boggs

Sunday is the first **New Devo** for youth in grades 7-12 and their parents. It will be right after evening services at the Daniels' home.

 **Devo and Donuts** is every Tuesday morning at 7:00 in the activities center. Come and bring your friends.

Sign up in the foyer for the **third Wednesday night family dinner** on September 18. The hostess groups of Molly Cobb//Brenda Kimbrough and Andrea Wald/Ginger Murray will provide a lasagna meal.

Men's BBQ Night: Meet at the Hillcrest parking lot at 6:00 Thursday, September 19, for a trip to Woody's  Smokehouse.

Gospel Meeting: Spencer Furby will be here a week from Sunday with lessons on "Building Biblical Character." Our gospel meeting will run from September 22-25. As we know from the last time he was here, Spencer is great at connecting with young and old alike. The lessons will be Biblical, practical and uplifting. Don't miss this opportunity to make your life more Christlike. Invite your friends and family, too!

On Sunday, September 22, we will have a potluck fellowship lunch. It will also be a **wedding shower** for Zane Berner and Bethany Bast. They are registered at Amazon or you may add some money to a money tree.

September 27-29 is the **RUSH** youth rally at Freed Hardeman University for grades 7-12. If you wish to attend, sign up on Caleb's door by September 22.

If you are interested in the **Titus 2** program, a growth ministry for women, sign up on the bulletin board.

Neosho Christian School is supplying their remodeled kitchen. If you would like to help, you can buy an item from the cards on the window in the foyer or you may give a donation to Amanda Flint.

We have subscribed to **PTP365**, a digital library with thousands of sermons to listen to or watch. Lessons can be searched by speaker, topic, or Bible book, and you can even download lessons to your mobile device. There are no viewing or download limits, so please take advantage of this great resource! You can sign in at 365.polishingthepulpit.com. The username is Hillcrest Church of Christ and the password is Hillcrest.

*Hillcrest Congregation,
 What a blessing this congregation has been to me! Thank you for your kindness and support. You are always there when I need a helping hand. May God bless you all.*

Susie Tomlin

PRAYER LEADERS

Sunday, September 15

- AM Opening: Carl Thomlinson
- AM Closing: Benny Haught
- PM Opening: Karson Thomas
- PM Closing: Clayton Rogers

Wednesday, September 18

- Opening: Sam Collinsworth
- Closing: Hunter Bennett

| RECORDS | 09-08-19 | 09-09-18 |
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| Bible Study | 150 | 150 |
| AM Worship | 217 | 199 |
| PM Worship | 92 | 128 |
| Wednesday | 138 | 130 |
| Contribution | \$9,584.66 | \$8,339.41 |
| Budget | \$7,717.37 | \$7,630.58 |