

### *Exalted - You Cannot be God*

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Psalm 97:9 says, “For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.”

God is exalted. The first proof of this is in the first verse of the Bible. “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” (Genesis 1:1) God was before creation (chronologically) and he presently is before creation (in authority). By his nature, God is inherently exalted above all creation.

The final book of the Bible triumphantly attests to God’s exaltation. “And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, ‘To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!’” (Revelation 5:13)

You and I cannot be God. No person can displace him in exaltation, though many have tried.

Adam, an image of God, tried to be God. He ate the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil (Genesis 3:11) and in doing so, inwardly exalted his way of thinking over God’s warning.

The Israelites, God’s chosen people, tried to be God (Numbers 14:2). They chose discontentment with the plan God had for them. Thinking they deserved better than God himself, they grumbled over God’s plan for them and exalted their rationale over his.

David, a man after God’s own heart (1 Sam 13:14; Acts 13:22), tried to be God. (2 Sam 11:4). He decided that some things were worth more than Godliness. David exalted his desires over God’s.

Each of these people tried to be God, but they failed horribly. The depraved who attempt to exalt themselves to the Lord’s level are countless. If you exalt your own thoughts or ways above our heavenly father, you feebly attempt to usurp the exalted God.

Christians choose humility and submission to the will of an awesome, exalted God who proclaims, “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.” (Isaiah 55:8-9) Praise be to God that those who accept their humble state may be exalted by him (Luke 14:11; James 4:10; 1 Peter 5:6)

*Caleb Boggs*

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



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.



**Every "One" Counts:** Remember when you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. Last week we helped a co-worker of one of our members who had a heart attack and hasn't been able to work. If you know someone who needs help, please contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.



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

Only two nights left of our **gospel meeting**. Spencer Furby has been presenting some inspiring lessons on "Building Biblical Character." Make plans to be here tonight and tomorrow night. Invite your friends and family, too!

If you missed a sermon from Spencer, those lessons will soon be posted on our website and you can listen to them there, along with many other past sermons.

Some of our youth are going to the **RUSH** youth rally at Freed Hardeman University. They will leave at 8:30 Friday morning and return before services Sunday evening. Pray they have a safe and spiritually uplifting weekend.

### This Sunday's Sermons:



A.M.: *Did Jesus Really Rise from the Dead?*  
(Danny Boggs)

P.M.: *The Wellspring of Love*  
(I Tim. 1:5, Danny Boggs)

#### PRAYER LEADERS

##### Sunday, September 29

- AM Opening: Darren Pierce
- AM Closing: Trace Wilson
- PM Opening: Tony Flint
- PM Closing: Eli Giebler

##### Wednesday, October 2

- Opening: Ethan Bennett
- Closing: Kaed Thomas

Thursday morning **ladies' Bible class** will meet this week.

It is time to kickoff our **Lads to Leaders** program for the coming year. If you are interested in participating or finding out more about it, join us for pizza after services Sunday night in the activities center.

**Parents**, there are coloring pages, crayons, colored pencils, paper, and children's books available for your children during worship time on the west side of the foyer.

**Men's Breakfast** will be Oct. 5 at 7:00 at Braum's. Make plans to start your morning with food and fellowship.

NCS will have their **Run With the Knights** on October 19 at 5:00 at Morse Park. It is a 5k and 1 mile fun run. Information and registration forms are on the welcome desk.

On October 26 we will host "**Pure on Purpose: Girls Doing Life God's Way**", a day specifically designed for our young ladies.

Mark your calendars: NCS will sponsor the first annual **Autumnfest of the Ozarks** on November 9. More details are on the bulletin board.

**Ladies**, you have been invited to participate in a ladies retreat with 26 and Connecticut. Information is on the bulletin board.

*Dear Hillcrest Family,*

*Thank you all so much for the basket of things for my new home and all you have done to make me feel right at home here at Hillcrest. I treasure each of you and am so glad to have landed here, and look forward to being a part of God's work here with you all.*

*Love,  
Emily Garton*

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Bible Study	166	145
AM Worship	208	232
PM Worship	158	162
Wednesday	148	130
Contribution	\$8,347.89	\$8,546.25
Budget	\$7,717.37	\$7,630.58