

Built to Last

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“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

“And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes” (Matthew 7:24-29).

The Bible gives little indication of the mechanics of Jesus’ preaching and teaching. Did he have an impressive voice? Was he physically animated? We don’t know. What drew people to him and amazed them was the substance of his preaching and teaching. He taught with authority. Consider his parable.

Two men built houses. The same rain fell on both. The same winds blew and beat upon the two houses. The same floodwaters surged. The similarities end there. One man wisely had chosen to build on rock, and his house stood solid. The other foolishly settled on sand, and his home fell with a thundering crash.

Life can hand us one kind of crisis after another. Have you been through storms? Have storms been through you? Jesus’ signature sermon offers help for the blizzard of broken relationships, the tempest of unholy thoughts, the squall of unholy motives, the commotion caused by misplaced priorities, and more. Whether the storms are our own fault, due to the choices of others, or something less explicable, Jesus’ teaching provides a foundation that enables us to weather any storm.

Jesus’ wonderful promise is for people who both hear and do. Jesus’ grim warning has broad application, but most specifically it challenges someone just like you. The parable is about good and bad habits. To keep on hearing and keep on doing is the good, life sustaining habit. The bad, deadly habit is to keep on hearing but keep failing to do. If you are reading your Bible every day, participating in Bible classes and sitting through sermons, there’s a whole lot of hearing going on. How much doing?

What assurance to know that we can build to last if we listen and obey! “When the tempest passes, the wicked is no more, but the righteous is established forever” (Proverbs 10:25). Forever.

Danny Boggs

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Pam Babb, Fred and Carolyn Bukowich, Joyce Clarkson, Edwin & Vera Cornell, Erma Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Mary Deffenbaugh, Eli Dodson, Jaren Dodson, Joe Freund, Wilma Hill, Justin Houston, Nadine Keith, Leopoldo Lizardo, Cheryl Neilans, Dale Privett, John Privett, Bette Sinden, Harold Speir, Susie Tomlin, Edith Toney, Ruth Ann Wilson.

Bette Sinden is in the hospital.

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.



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

Welcome to the Bryan family. Jason, Rachel and their son, Morgan, placed their membership with us on Sunday. They live at 11478 W. 86 Hwy, Seneca, MO, 64865. Jason: 918-961-1638, Rachel: 918-944-0177. We are happy that they have chosen to worship with us.

Neosho Christian School needs snacks for their after-school program. Leave donations in the basket in the ladies' corner.

Ladies, there are several **dishes** in the ladies corner that need to be picked up. Please check and see if any belong to you.

Stop by the welcome desk and sign the **birthday cards** for the children at Fair Haven.

Ladies Retreat is this Friday through Sunday in Kimberling City, MO. If you have not paid, please do so quickly.



This Sunday's Sermons:

A.M.: *The Resurrection Lifestyle*
(Col. 3, Danny Boggs)

P.M.: *I Need a Reminder*
(2 Pet. 1:12-15, Danny Boggs)

The **Neosho Senior Center** has invited those who help with meals-on-wheels or other events to a Volunteer Appreciation Day on Wednesday, November 20 at 1:00.

Friday, November 22, is our **holiday meal** at 6:30 in the activities center. The menu is pork loin, potato casserole, salad, veggies and dessert. Those in a hostess group can check with their leader for the item they are to provide. If not in a group, please bring a dessert. Please invite your friends and family. RSVP by returning the paper you got in class or write down your family name and the number who will be attending with you and leave it in the office or give to Becky Cobb. There will be a devotional, singing, talent show, fellowship and games.. For more information, see Becky Cobbs.

If you want to be a part of the **talent show** at the holiday dinner, please contact Tony and Heather Flint, 615-934-9910.

Saturday, November 23 is the next **girls' night** for grades 7-12.

Challenge Youth Conference will be January 17-19 in Dallas. Information is on Caleb's door. Sign ups will begin this week. The deadline to sign up is November 27.

If you have not been able to access the **on-line directory** and would like to do so, please contact the office.

When Jason Jackson was here on Sunday, we were reminded of a valuable source of information and inspiration. The Christian Courier website provides access to many articles at christiancourier.com. Check it out.

Remember we also have access to thousands of sermons on 365.polishingthepulpit.com. The username is Hillcrest Church of Christ and the password is Hillcrest.

The sermons from here are always available on the church website if you miss a sermon or want to listen again.

Dear Sisters,
Thanks so very much for the warm hospitality, beautiful gifts, transportation, generous support and especially your prayers for the girls' day. Jennifer, you went above and beyond (Love my Psalms 46 bag!) And the Honeycuts made us a great supper and extended warm hospitality. Thanks to the elders' wives for a great meal, too! I'll be praying for great good from your efforts!

*To God be all glory,
Cindy Colley*

PRAYER LEADERS

Sunday, November 17:

- AM Opening: Charles Phillips
- AM Closing: Todd Tyler
- PM Opening: Alec Fehring
- PM Closing: Bob Murray

Wednesday, November 20:

- Opening: Kaed Thomas
- Closing: Pat Andrews

| RECORDS | 11-10-19 | 11-11-18 |
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| Bible Study | 153 | 140 |
| AM Worship | 206 | 195 |
| PM Worship | 130 | 114 |
| Wednesday | 140 | 112 |
| Contribution | \$8,109.36 | \$7,758.63 |
| Budget | \$7,717.37 | \$7,630.58 |