

### **The Good Addiction**

“Now I urge you, brothers—you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints—be subject to such as these, and to every fellow worker and laborer” (1 Cor. 16:15-16 ESV).

Nobody in Corinth was a Christian before Stephanas and his family. And what did that family think being Christians was all about? They “devoted themselves to the service of the saints.” As the KJV puts it, they “addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints.” Nobody had to beg them to do good works. They served and served to the point of exhaustion but never wanted to stop. Is that the way you think about service?

Take note that “service” and “ministry”, “servant” and “minister”, etc., are interchangeable terms. Nobody is a minister without being a servant. And everybody who is a servant is a minister. The lines drawn in religion between ministers and the rest of the church are unbiblical in that regard. Some of the best ministers would never claim that label or have it applied to them by other people. Their work may not get much attention. But God knows who they are, and his work in the church and in the world depends on them (Heb. 6:10).

Service, especially toward their fellow Christians, was a way of life for the household of Stephanas. They followed in the footsteps of Jesus, who “came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45). Stephanas probably led the way with his wife and children as eager partners.

What should we do when we see such Christians? Be subject to them. Be like them. If they say they could use some help, jump in eagerly.

Who are some fellow Christians you know who have the good addiction? Now, more specifically who are some of your brothers in Christ who have it? And even more specifically, who are some of those men who also exhibit the qualities of deacons in 1 Timothy 3:8-13? “Deacon” is another synonym for “minister” or “servant,” but the Lord obviously wants a congregation to have some men specifically qualified and appointed to special responsibilities of service (Phil. 1:1).

When circumstances allow us to get back together and start functioning on all cylinders, our shepherds want your help in identifying and appointing more deacons. “There is much to do, there’s work on every hand!” Start thinking and praying about it now.

*Danny Boggs*

#### **Elders**

John Deffenbaugh  
Benny Haught  
Glen Honeycutt  
Rick Hyder  
Tim Murray  
Bill Reiboldt

#### **Deacons**

Pete Babb  
Carl Cobb  
Barry Flint  
Casey Flint  
Josh King  
Mike Kidwell  
Bryan Reiboldt  
Jim Scott  
Peter Wald

#### **Preacher**

Danny Boggs

#### **Youth & Family Minister**

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# In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Pam Babb, Carol Bessman, Fred and Carolyn Bukowich, Joyce Clarkson, Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Eli Dodson, Jaren Dodson, Mary Jane Flint. Joe and Teresa Freund, Wilma Hill, Justin Houston, Nadine Keith, Leopoldo Lizardo, Becky Matthews, Cheryl Neilans, Lyn Pendergraft, Dale Privett, Lincoln Smith, Susie Tomlin, Edith Toney.

Congratulations to Tim and Carla Murray on the birth of a grandson. Lincoln Durham was born April 18 to Titus and Emily Smith. He weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. and was 20.5 inches. Great-grandparents are Bob and Rita Murray.

Congratulations to Ronna Patterson on the birth of a granddaughter. Parker Courtland Bien was born to Brodie and Kendace on April 19. She weighed 5 lbs. 15 oz. and is 18 inches long. Lou Ann Cook is a proud great-grandmother.



every **ONE** counts!

**Every "One" Counts:** Until we meet again, the way we collect this money may change, but there is money set aside for those in need. You may have

a friend or neighbor who has lost a job or having a difficult time right now. We want to be of service to them if we can. If you know someone who needs help, please contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.

Please join us on the website, Facebook, or YouTube for our **Sunday services**. They will be live at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.



## This Sunday's Sermons:

AM: Caleb Boggs

PM: *Meek and Really Blessed*

(Matt. 5:5, Danny Boggs)

Our elders continue to monitor the current situation with the **corona virus** issue. They are eager to get back together as a church family as are many of you. They are praying for each of you and want to serve and support you during this difficult time. If you have a need, you may contact one of them.

We are available in the **office** each morning from 8:30 to 11:30. Just ring the doorbell in front if we can be of service to you or call the office at 451-2724.

**Unleavened bread** and small bottles of grape juice are available for communion during this time of at-home worship. You can pick them up at the building.

On-line **giving** is now available by going to our website. You may still mail in your contribution or drop it off at the building, Thank you for continuing to honor God with your giving.



Our week at **Green Valley Bible Camp** is scheduled for June 7-13. It is less than two months away and we don't know what will happen due to the rules for meeting together.

We are prayerful that we will be able to be together at camp time. The camp staff is working on possible modifications. You can register to be a part of this event by going on-line at [greenvalleybiblecamp.com](http://greenvalleybiblecamp.com).

*Hillcrest,*

*What a blessing this congregation has been to me. A mere thank you is not enough to show my appreciation for all the prayers, visits, cards, phone calls and the food the ladies brought to me. May God bless you all!*

*In Christian Love,*

*Susie Tomlin*

VBS · Hillcrest Church of Christ · 6:30 - 8:15 · June 28 - July 1

### PRAYER LEADERS

When we are able to assemble together again, this area will contain the names of those men who will lead us in prayer. If you had a Wednesday evening assignment, those will be continued in the order that was given in the March assignments as soon as we are able to meet together again.

RECORDS	4-19-20	4-21-19
Bible Study		104
AM Worship		170
PM Worship		131
Wednesday		129
Contribution	\$7,778.00	\$6,839.97
Budget	\$7,864.15	\$7,717.37