

## Cats and Dogs

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Bethany and I have two pets: a cat named Kalla and a dog named Martha Mae. To put it bluntly, they are not friends. Kalla spends most of her time sprawled out on our bed upstairs, while Martha Mae's domain is confined to the main floor of our house. Whenever their paths cross, hissing and barking inevitably erupt.

When kids like Alec Fehring and I were growing up, we played a computer game called Zoo Tycoon. The objective of the game was to build a successful zoo of numerous animals. However, we found most of our amusement in forcing all varieties of animals into the same exhibit. The ensuing chaos would prove a point that every living creature is already familiar with: some animals just don't belong together!

In Isaiah 11:6-9, the prophet paints a bizarre picture of natural enemies living in peace. Verse 6 says,

“The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them.” (ESV)

What in the world is going on here? Wolves, lambs, leopards, goats, calves, lions... children? Finding so many varieties of creatures in one place seems an inevitable disaster. Re-

gardless, they somehow live in perfect harmony.

This prophecy is a picture of what would become the Messiah's kingdom, the church of Christ living today! Isaiah illuminates that the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6-7) would resolve the disputes of all kinds of people (2:4) in his kingdom. Christians, share unity with one another because Christ brings us together. God's word resolves the disputes that would divide us. The church was established so that God could show his love to all peoples and so that all peoples could live in harmony with one another.

Isaiah's initial audience, rebellious and divided Israel, desperately needed peace. Isaiah's final audience, modern readers, need peace just as desperately. In a year of disputes, the Prince of Peace's kingdom is as alluring as ever. Though brothers or sisters may have personalities or perspectives different than mine, we live the prophecy of Isaiah 11 when we “[submit] to one another out of reverence for Christ.” (Ephesians 5:21) How alluring can the church be to the lost when they witness God's people living in unprecedented peace? Let's love despite our differences and lead people different than us to Christ. Cats and dogs dwell together under the Prince of Peace!

*Caleb Boggs*

# In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Pam Babb, Carol Bessman, Fred and Carolyn Bukowich, Joyce Clarkson, Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Jaren Dodson, Vern Foster, Joe and Teresa Freund, Ervin and Wilma Hill, Karen Honeycutt, Justin Houston, Nadine Keith, Larry McMahan, Cheryl Neilans, McKinley O'Connell, Lyn Pendergraft, Andy Rasbury, Edith Toney, Miles Wolgamott.

Our brother, **Dale Privett**, passed away on Monday afternoon. Our hearts and prayers are with Mebyl and her family. Funeral services will be held in Van Buren, MO on Saturday.

Our **sympathy** to Monwell Magee who has been visiting with us for several weeks. Both his mother and brother passed away over the past two weeks.

Continue to **pray** for our members, their family members and friends who are dealing with Covid.



**Every "One" Counts:** When you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. We have helped

a local family with a baby who is going to have heart surgery. We also helped a member with some health issues and one of their family members who has been helping them. If you know someone who needs help, please contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.

Visit our Facebook page, website or YouTube channel to see or hear our services online. Services will be at 10:00 am and 6:00 pm on **Sundays**. Services are online only this Sunday. We hope to be back together on August 30.



## This Sunday's Sermons:

- AM: *The Problem with the Sinner's Prayer*  
(Danny Boggs)
- PM: *Hosanna! Hallelujah! Huh?*  
(Danny Boggs)

If you would like to give your **contribution** for this week, you may mail it or drop it off at the building. You may also give online by going to the website, clicking give, and following the instructions.

There will be someone at the **building** from 10:00 to 1:00 each weekday. You may bring by checks or pick up communion items during that time. Just ring the bell in front or call the office, 451-2724.

Ladies, many of you have already picked up the copy you ordered of "**The Shepherd's Daughter**". If not, it is in the library. You can leave your money on the desk or give it to Coralee. You can make arrangements to pick it up or get it on August 30. Several are enjoying the book and finding it very timely. Some have already asked for an opportunity to order more at the \$12.55 price to give to others. We will place another order on September 1. Please let Karen or Coralee know if you would like to order.

On **Wednesdays** take advantage of some of these:

- Christian Courier has articles on many different topics. Just go to their website and search for a topic.
- Our website has many of our past sermons, including gospel meetings and the ladies day. You can also listen to singing anytime our services are not being broadcast.
- PTP365. These are lessons from Polishing the Pulpit.

**Polishing the Pulpit** has changed their program. You still get the same materials with new ones including videos added often. The process to get in is different. Here are the steps: (1) Go to <https://polishingthepulpit.com/welcome-to-ptp365/> (2) Click: I am a member of a subscribing congregation. (3) Enter: Hillcrest Church of Christ. Enter your email address. It tells you that you will get an email when approved. (4) The church will get an email to verify that you are a member and you will receive an email from: Start Watching PTP365. This usually happens within 24 hours but could just take minutes. (5) Follow the steps entering your email and a password. (6) You can now watch anytime by going to watch.polishingthepulpit.com or ptp365

Remember the **housewarming** basket for Ethan Murray in the foyer. Cash gifts may be given to Molly Cobb.

We are still hoping to have a weekend at Green Valley Bible camp on October 9-11. Watch the bulletin for updates.



### PRAYER LEADERS

RECORDS	8-16-20	8-18-19
Bible Study		147
AM Worship		195
PM Worship		130
Wednesday		149
Contribution	\$5,923.72	\$7,276.12
Budget	\$7,864.15	\$7,717.37