

### The Prayer of A Righteous Person

#### Elders

John Deffenbaugh  
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Jason Giebler  
Josh King  
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Bryan Reiboldt  
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Danny Boggs

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10 a.m. Sunday  
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When Daniel learned that Nebuchadnezzar intended to exterminate all the wise men in Babylon, he took action. “Then Daniel returned to his house and explained the matter to his friends Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. He urged them to plead for mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that he and his friends might not be executed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. During the night the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision. Then Daniel praised the God of heaven and said: ‘Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever, wisdom and power are his, He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning. He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with him. I thank and praise you, O God of my fathers: You have given me wisdom and power, you have made known to me what we asked of you, you have made known to us the dream of the king” (Daniel 2:17-24). What did righteous Daniel know about prayer?

1. **Triumphing through trials requires God’s mercy.** Jeremiah confessed, “I know, O Lord, that the way of man is not in himself, that it is not in man who walks to direct his steps” (Jeremiah 10:223). Like Daniel and his friends, we stand in constant need of divine help.

2. **Asking others to pray with you and for you is a sign of spiritual strength.** While we tend to shy away from letting others know that we are weak and vulnerable and that we struggle with sin, Daniel immediately made matters known to his three trusted friends. The Bible tells us to confess our sins to one another and pray for each other (James 5:16). When Jesus’ heart was breaking, He asked three to be near Him as He prayed (Matthew 26:37ff). God longs for us to approach Him together with one heart and voice (Romans 15:4-5)

3. **God is willing and able to answer the prayers of the righteous.** If we still had any doubts about Daniel’s devotion to God after reading his story, God stamps his approval on Daniel’s righteousness and good sense in Ezekiel 14:14, 20 and 28:3. The Bible still assures us that “the prayer of a righteous person avails much” (James 5:16).

4. **Answered prayer deserves an answer.** Daniel humbly yet confidently approached the God of heaven. When God clearly answered, Daniel blessed and thanked God as deeply as he knew how. He is the wise and powerful God. He is in charge. And He is good. If He has shown Himself to be so, then we ought to tell Him so.

Danny Boggs



Pam Babb, Carol Bessman, Judy Bryan, Fred and Carolyn Bukowich, Joyce Clarkson, Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Eli Dodson, Jaren Dodson, Joe and Teresa Freund, Ervin and Wilma Hill, Justin Houston, Nadine Keith, Millie Lyons, Monwell Magee, Sherry Merrill, Cheryl Neilans, Mebyl Privett, Andy Rasbury, Baelyn Rasbury, Rylee Schroeder, Edith Toney, Janell VanSlyke, Miles Wogamott.

- Sherry Merrill is doing well from the heart surgery but is still experiencing other health issues and can use our prayers.
- Please look over the list above. Many of our members have continual health issues and we want to keep them in our prayers.
- Vicki Sanders and Pam McMahan are still in the hospital and need our prayers.
- Jason Bryan has asked that we pray for Mark Edmonson, a coworker that has complications from Covid. He also reported that he has talked with Monwell Magee and he has shown much improvement and we are thankful for that good news.

We want to express our sincere sympathy to the family of Wayne Deffenbaugh who passed away on Thursday. He was a preacher and teacher of God's word. He was the brother of Virginia Casey and the uncle of John Deffenbaugh and Carla Murray. His funeral was today.

Our congregation lost a dear brother on Saturday. Eldon Morgan passed away. He was always eager to greet you with a smile and a handshake. He will be greatly missed. Our sympathy to his son, Steve, and the rest of his family. A memorial service will be held at the building on Saturday, January 23 at 10:00.

Graveside services for Susan Phillips' brother, David Pearson, will be Thursday at 2:00 at Oakwood Cemetery in Neosho.



### This Sunday's Sermons:

- A.M. *Obey Just Like Jesus*  
(I John 2:3-6, Danny Boggs)\_
- P.M. *Leading Men*  
(I Tim. 2:8-15, Danny Boggs)

#### PRAYER LEADERS

##### Sunday, January 17

AM Opening Prayer: Zane Berner  
Communion Prayers: Ethan Murray  
AM Closing Prayer: Jackson Collinsworth

PM Opening Prayer: Elijah Boggs  
PM Closing Prayer: Harold Speir

##### Wednesday, January 20

Opening Prayer: Darren Pierce  
Closing Prayer: Miles Wolgamott

Our sympathy is extended to April Fehring and Travis Winchester on the death of their aunt, Rita Brock. She is the sister of Carla Burr and Jan Lankford who attend here frequently.



**Every "One" Counts:** When you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. This week we helped a church member with some medical expenses. If you know someone who needs help, please contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.

**Devo and Donuts** will be at 7:00 every Tuesday morning in the activities center. Begin your day with praise to God and bring a friend. 

If you are not able to be at church, 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 and 7:00 pm on Wednesdays.

There will be a **Bible Bowl** practice after evening services on Sunday in the auditorium.

**Ladies' Bible class** can be seen live via Facebook Live on our Hillcrest Members Board page on Thursdays at 10:00.

The **young adults** will have a Winter Party on Friday at 6:30 in the fellowship room. A meal will be provided. Bring snacks, drinks or dessert and enjoy the fellowship.

**Taylor and Victoria Keith** are expecting a baby in February. There is a table in the foyer where you may leave a gift. Any baby essentials will be appreciated.

*Hillcrest family,*

*Thank you for your generosity to us in 2020. We are encouraged and blessed by the love continually shown to us here, and we are looking forward to working alongside you in 2021.*

*Caleb & Bethany Boggs*

*I want to thank everyone for the beautiful Christmas cards and cookies. The carolers' songs were so beautiful. Thank you for blessing me with your kindness and prayers. I miss my church family and love all of you! God bless you,*

*Vera Cornell*

*Our dear wonderful Hillcrest Family, we are so blessed to have each of you in our lives. We thank you so very much for all the thoughts, prayers, cards, food, plants, love, gifts, and kindness you have shown to us. We love you.*

*Love, Charles and Susan Phillips and family*

RECORDS	1-10-21	1-12-20
Bible Study	109	ice
AM Worship	150	ice
PM Worship	105	179
Wednesday	113	161
Contribution	\$7,196.24	\$7,849.80
Budget	\$8,000.00	\$7,864.15