

### One Little Psalm, One Loud Voice

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There are countless competing voices today. Who do we trust for news? Who do we trust for wisdom? What really matters? Many of these militant voices are our own. Everyone has an opinion; everyone wants their opinion to be heard; and many hope to gain an audience by shouting louder and longer than everyone else. The dissonance of so many voices is grating to both ear and soul.

God has given each of us a voice to steward wisely (Proverbs 31:8-9). Many scriptures offer instruction for the wise use of our tongues (ex. James 3). However, when the noise of a chaotic world seems to drown out my own little voice, does mine even matter? Find encouragement in the smallest chapter of the Bible, a two-verse Psalm that rests in the exact center of scripture.

#### Psalm 117

[1] Praise the LORD, all nations!  
Extol him, all peoples!

[2] For great is his steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Praise the LORD! (ESV)

All nations, praise the Lord! All peoples, extol him! That includes you and me. In Romans 15:11, Paul quoted these very words from Psalm 117 calling for the dissonant voices of Jewish and Gentile Christians to blend in harmony. Read what he wrote just a few verses earlier.

#### Romans 15:5-7

[5] May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, [6] that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. [7] Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. (ESV)

One Voice! The church in Rome began as a microcosm of the world's noise. People of every different ethnicity and religious background were clashing with one another. Paul urged them to blend in harmony. As they would, these Christians would come to glorify God with One Voice.

Your voice sounds best when it's in harmony with the church and Christ Jesus. Your voice sounds best when it is heard praising, extolling, and glorifying God.

There are countless competing voices. Whose will prevail? One Voice. The loudest indeed. Scripture declares the victors.

#### Revelation 19:6

[6] Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

“Hallelujah!  
For the Lord our God  
the Almighty reigns. (ESV)

Caleb Boggs

# In Our Thoughts & Prayers



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

Vicki Sanders and Pam McMahan are still in the **hospital** and need our prayers.

**Memorial services** for Eldon Morgan will be Saturday at 10:00 at the building.



**Every "One" Counts:** When you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. This week we helped a family member whose extended family experienced some unexpected financial needs. 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. Ladies' Bible class can be seen live via Facebook Live on our Hillcrest Members Board page on Thursdays at 10:00.



## This Sunday's Sermons:

- A.M. *Suffer Just Like Jesus*  
(1 Peter 2:21, Danny Boggs)
- P.M. *Learning Women*  
(1 Tim. 2:8-15, Danny Boggs)

The youth girls **H.O.P.E.** Group and the **Guys Group** will meet Thursday. See Caleb or Bethany for details.

**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. Please leave your gift by January 31.

The elders will be hosting an **elder-led family prayer** time on Thursday evenings at 7:00 on Facebook Live. You must join Hillcrest Members' Board to be a part of this group. Members may send prayer requests through this forum beginning at noon on Thursdays. The first one will be this Thursday and John Deffenbaugh will be leading the prayer.

Starting February 7, the **bulletin** will be prepared and distributed on Sunday mornings. You will receive it as you come in or can get one in your Bible class. Those of you who receive it by email, will get a copy in your email on Sunday afternoon. Those who do not have email, will be mailed a copy on Monday morning if you were not here on Sunday. There are always things that are updated or discussed in class and you can make any additional notes on your copy and have that information all together. It will also allow us to limit announcements and spend that time preparing our minds for worship.

A week ago on Sunday, several of our elders and deacons were **recognized** for their many years of service with a coffee mug. We are thankful for these men and their service. Deacons: Mike Kidwell and Tim Murray- 20 years, Jim Scott - 30 years, Pete Babb -35 years. Elders: John Deffenbaugh and Bill Reiboldt - 20 years. Crystal plates were given to Glen Honeycutt who served as an elder for almost 15 years and to Pete Babb who served as a deacon for 35 years. Thank you to these men and the others who are serving this congregation as elders or deacons.

*I want to thank everyone for the help you provided for us. Thank you also for all prayers and words of encouragement.*

*Edith Toney*

### PRAYER LEADERS

#### Sunday, January 24

#### Wednesday, January 27

AM Opening Prayer: Aaron Wilson  
Communion Prayers: Jim Friend  
AM Closing Prayer: Lowell McInturff

Opening Prayer: Benny Haught  
Closing Prayer: Tony Flint

PM Opening Prayer: Karson Thomas  
PM Closing Prayer: Bryan Reiboldt

### RECORDS

#### 1-17-21

#### 1-19-20

Bible Study	116	128
AM Worship	165	181
PM Worship	116	140
Wednesday	106	161
Contribution	\$8,838.31	\$9,187.02
Budget	\$8,000.00	\$7,864.15