

Undoing Babel

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This morning, a teenager in the youth group sent me a meme with an artist's depiction of the Tower of Babel. Above the picture was the caption, "Some idiots built this, and now I have to learn three languages." If I was in a high school or college language class, I might be feeling the same frustration! At the Tower of Babel, man sought to exalt himself. Rebellion against God led to disunity among man. A curse.

Genesis 11:6–9

[6] And the LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. [7] Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." [8] So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. [9] Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth. (ESV)

The reality of countless languages is the result of sin and undoubtedly a disadvantage to the spread of the gospel. Nothing is impossible with God, though. At the day of Pentecost, the language barrier was torn

down, and the gospel spread like wildfire. God was exalted. Submission to God lead to unity in Christ. A blessing.

Acts 2:5–12

[5] Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. [6] And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. [7] And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? [8] And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? (ESV)

Do you know any languages other than English? Speaking various languages in tongues was of great evangelistic value to the apostles, including Paul (1 Cor 14:18). Though miraculous gifts have ceased (1 Cor 13:8), many of our brothers and sisters in Christ find new opportunities to share the gospel through the disciplined learning of different languages.

Regardless of the languages you know, let's talk in ways that evidence the Holy Spirit in us. How will the words you speak today demonstrate love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Gal 5:22-23)? How will your words lead people to Christ?

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, Millie Lyons, Pam McMahan, Monwell Magee, Sherry Merrill, Mebysl Privett, Andy Rasbury, Baelyn Rasbury, Rylee Schroeder, Edith Toney, Janell VanSlyke.


Our heartfelt **sympathy** is extended to the family of Heather Reiboldt. Her mother, Vicki Sanders, passed away last Tuesday. Services were on Friday.

We also express our **sympathy** to the family of Cheryl Neilans who passed away last week.



every **ONE** counts!

Every "One" Counts: When you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. This week we helped a member who is having financial difficulties due to an illness. 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.

Men's Breakfast will be this Thursday at 7:00 at Braum's. Start your day with food and fellowship.



This Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. *The Church We Are Trying to Be*
(Danny Boggs)

P.M. *Saved Through Childbearing?*
(I Tim. 2:15, Danny Boggs)

WORSHIP LEADERS

Sunday, February 7

AM Opening Prayer: Carl Cobb
Communion Prayers: David Fehring
AM Closing Prayer: Lowell McInturff

PM Opening Prayer: Alec Fehring
PM Closing Prayer: Jim Friend

Wednesday, February 10

Opening Prayer: Sam Collinsworth
Closing Prayer: Charles Phillips
Announcements: Peter Wald
Singing: Pat Andrews
Invitation: John Deffenbaugh

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. Rick Hyder will be leading the prayer this week.

Beginning this Sunday, you will get the **bulletin** at church. It will be available at entrances and in all Bible classes. If you currently receive it by email, you will get a copy in your email on Sunday afternoon. Those who do not have email, will be mailed a copy on Monday if you are not able to attend on Sunday. Any information that you want in the bulletin needs to be given to Coralee by noon on Fridays. It can be sent to info@neoshochurchofchrist.org or text her directly. Our aim is to enhance church family communication. Extra copies are available if you see something you would like to share.

Assignment sheets will now contain the prayer leaders. It will be sent by email at the first of each month if you have a task for the month. It is also available in the foyer. If you know that you are not able to serve on a day you have been assigned, please notify Darren Pierce.

Sunday, after church, you can pick up your copy of the new **Hillcrest Ministries Manual**. You will also find a sheet inside for each member where you can designate the areas where you would like to serve. Please complete the form and return it to the office. You will be contacted by the ministry leaders so that everyone can be involved in the work of this congregation.

Tri-State Youth Series will be February 14 at Vinita, OK. The van will be leaving that afternoon.

If you are planning on going to **Horizons** this year, you must register by Friday. Space is limited so get your spot reserved.

Ladies' Seminar will be March 12-13. Donna Faughn will be speaking on "Shelter in a Time of Storm". We want to invite others to attend. If you would be willing to write a note to a guest from last year, please pick up a letter from the library. There are additional flyers on the welcome desk.

Thank you so much for the beautiful plant and all the prayers and support.

Eldon Morgan Family

Thank you for the plant that was sent when my brother, David Honeycutt, passed away. We are so grateful for our Christian family. Also, thank you for the prayers for my recovery since I was in the hospital. We love you all.

Glen and Karen Honeycutt

RECORDS	1-31-21	2-2-20
Bible Study	119	158
AM Worship	166	187
PM Worship	102	103
Wednesday	105	159
Contribution	\$9,281.40	\$9,875.37
Budget	\$8,000.00	\$7,864.15