

Competing Christians

Elders

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Few things get people fired up like competition. Does competition have a place between Christians, though?

In James 4, James served up a harsh rebuke to churches that were consumed with competition. These young congregations were fractured by competing passions, each person wanting his way over another's. Healing would only be found if they repented of their sin, turning away from the world and turning towards Christ.

Competition can be catastrophic! However, at least one form of church competition is commanded of us by scripture. This is commonly known to us today as one of the "Marks of the True Christian."

Romans 12:10b, "Outdo one another in showing honor." (ESV)

What kind of competition befits the church? The kind that rejects self-honor and points to those who are living like Christ. David Roper spelled it out simply when he wrote, "We should not be concerned about being honored; we should concentrate on honor-

ing others." The truth is, when we compete for our own honor, we will tear each other down. When we compete to show honor to others, we will build one another up, and the sky is the limit!

If you are someone who feels unappreciated because your service goes unseen, you are doing well to keep Christ's commands for secrecy from Matthew 6:1-18. Take comfort in the fact that God sees you, "and your Father who sees you in secret will reward you." (Mt 6:4, 6, 18)

Faithful followers of Christ don't flaunt their good works. However, they are prepared to tattle on other Christians for their good works! Do you know about a faithful Christian whose service goes unnoticed? Rat them out! Share good stories about this person with others in conversation and thank God for the blessing they are to us.

Caleb Boggs

Roper, D. L. (2014). *Romans 8-16: A Doctrinal Study*. Resource Publications.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Pam Babb, Carol Bessman, Steve and Judy Bryan, Fred and Carolyn Bukowich, Joyce Clarkson, Steve and Irma Cornell, Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Wilbur Dabbs, Jaiden Fisher, Betty Fogarty, Vern Foster, Joe and Teresa Freund, Gael Jackson, Millie Lyons, Pam McMahan, Monwell Magee, Sherry Merrill, Mebyl Privett, Andy Rasbury, Baelyn Rasbury, Rylee Schroeder, Edith Toney. Cheryl Williamson



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 woman in the community who lost her husband and has a connection to several of our members. If you know someone who needs help, please contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.

Devo and Donuts is meets each Tuesday morning at 7:00 in the activities center. Join us and bring a friend. 

We are happy to be back together and to have a break from the wintry weather. We have so many here with **servant hearts** and they spent time helping members of our church family, friends and neighbors during this cold and snowy spell. Sidewalks and driveways were cleared, meals were prepared, groceries were delivered, parking lots were plowed (twice), calls were made, cards were sent, and prayers were offered. We are all blessed to be part of a caring, loving, God-fearing church.



There will be a **L2L Bible Bowl** practice on Hebrews 7-13 in the fellowship room after services tonight.



Today's Sermons

A.M. *Conformed to His Image*
(Rom. 8:29, Danny Boggs)

P.M. *Caleb: A Different Spirit*
(Num. 13-14, Danny Boggs)

WORSHIP LEADERS

Today

AM Opening Prayer: Jason Bryan
AM Closing Prayer: Bill Reiboldt
Communion Prayers: Miles Wolgamott

PM Opening Prayer: Zane Berner
PM Closing Prayer: Ethan Murray

This Wednesday

Announcements: Bryan Reiboldt
Singing: Josh King
Invitation: Eli Giebler

Opening Prayer: Darren Pierce
Closing Prayer: Carl Thomlinson

If you did not pick up your copy of the new **Hillcrest Ministries Manual**, it is on the table in the foyer.

Please complete the **involvement form** and return it to the office or welcome desk. You will be contacted by the ministry leaders so that everyone can be involved in the work of this congregation. Make sure to mark all areas where you would like to participate, even those where you are currently serving.

Guys Night will be at Caleb Boggs and **H.O.P.E.** will meet at Jennifer Daniels. Both groups will meet Tuesday at 6:00.

Virtual CYC is this weekend. Caleb and Bethany Boggs will open up their home on Friday and Saturday night for grades 7-12 to participate together. More details will be made available in the Hillcrest Youth and Ministry Facebook group.

You are invited to **celebrate** with Mike Kidwell on his retirement. There will be a come and go reception this Saturday from 1:00-3:00 in the activities center.

Ladies' Seminar is March 12-13. Donna Faughn will be speaking on "Shelter in a Time of Storm". There are flyers on the welcome desk. Invite your friends and coworkers. Please register for the event through the website: <https://hillcrestladiesseminar.weebly.com/>. This will let us know who is attending and allow us to host everyone safely.

A **welcome basket** will be prepared for our Ladies' Seminar speaker, Donna Faughn. If you can help with this, please give cash donations to Coralee.

Dear Hillcrest Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful plant. Your calls, messages, cards and mostly the prayers have meant so much to our family during this very difficult time. We also appreciate all who helped with the meal for our family.

We love you all,

Lawrence, Heather & Bryan, Mady, Noah & Conner

I want to thank the kind people who cleared off my porch and sidewalk from the snow. Though I don't know who did it, I appreciated it so much as well as the kindness and support that the church has provided for me. I hope to be able to fellowship with you soon!

Lyn Pendergraft

| RECORDS | 2-14-21 | 2-16-20 |
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| Bible Study | snow | 176 |
| AM Worship | snow | 227 |
| PM Worship | snow | 154 |
| Wednesday | snow | 134 |
| Contribution | \$2,269.34 | \$8,479.11 |
| Budget | \$8,000.00 | \$7,864.15 |