

### *Life Is Better in Honduras*

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Making ends meet was already a struggle for many in Honduras before the pandemic struck. Since then, some of what you give back to the Lord every Sunday has helped to ensure that people there just have some rice and beans to eat for a few weeks.

Some Americans' picture of Honduras is the island of Roatán, forty miles off the northern coast. It's a cruise ship destination. Tourists love to reef dive and bask on the beaches there. At last check, a beautiful, luxury, oceanfront villa is available if you'd like to visit next week—only \$2,728 for a four-night stay.

Roatán hardly represents the typical lifestyle of Honduras. And we certainly would find no appeal in struggling to have anything to eat. But from at least one angle, life is more valued in Honduras than it is in the U.S.A.

As corrupt as government in Honduras can sometimes be, a couple weeks ago the Honduran National Congress took the heroic step of amending the national constitution to insure that unborn babies have the same rights as anyone else under the law. Powerful organizations outside the country have been pressuring them to legalize abortion. Pro-abortion groups had hoped that the laws of other Latin American countries would fall like dominoes after Argentina legalized abortions in December. Entities like the United Nations, European Union, Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch are outraged at what happened in Honduras.

Honduras unquestionably has a high rate of teenage pregnancies; those of us who make mission trips there always see beautiful little girls and boys who have been born to unwed mothers. A marriage license is often elusive to young couples, too. Taking the lives of the babies who were conceived without respect to God's plan for marriage and family is not the answer, though.

God's plan for marriage and human sexuality matters. Jesus asked, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'?" Then he explained, "So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate" (Matt. 19:4-6). God's will has never changed.

Every baby is precious in God's sight. Jesus loved all the little children he encountered (Luke 18:15-17). Some of them were "infants" (Greek *brephos*, v.1). John was already a *brephos* in Elizabeth's womb (Luke 1:41,44), and Timothy was still a *brephos* when he began to learn Scripture (2 Tim. 3:15). From conception and all through eternity, a human being is a human being, created in the image of God.

Every woman who has been victimized by the passion of a sex-crazed man is the object of the Lord's true compassion. "A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not quench, until he brings justice to victory" (Matt. 12:20).

Jesus calls men and women who have burdened themselves with moral mistakes to follow him into forgiveness and faithful life. "Come to me all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matt. 11:28-30).

Life is God's most fundamental blessing. Keep lobbying lawmakers for life. Up close and personally, keep spreading the good word and doing good to those who have done wrong.

*Danny Boggs*

# In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Pam Babb, Carol Bessman, Judy Bryan, Fred and Carolyn Bukowich, Joyce Clarkson, Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Wilbur Dabbs, Eli Dodson, Jaren Dodson, Vern Foster, Joe and Teresa Freund, Ervin and Wilma Hill, Glen Honeycutt, Justin Houston, Gaele Jackson, Millie Lyons, Pam McMahan, Monwell Magee, Sherry Merrill, Mebyl Privett, Andy Rasbury, Baelyn Rasbury, Rylee Schroeder, Edith Toney, Janell VanSlyke.



**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.

The new **Christian Woman** magazine is in the Ladies's Corner. The new **Spiritual Sword** is in the tract rack.

**Ladies' class** will not meet this Thursday.



## Today's Sermons

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

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

Welcome to the Sunday edition of the **bulletin**. We hope this will enhance church family communication. Extra copies are available if there is an article or information you would like to share with others. Announcements are due by noon on Fridays at [info@neoshochurchofchrist.org](mailto:info@neoshochurchofchrist.org) or text Coralee directly.

**Tri-State Youth Series** is today at Vinita, OK. The van will be leaving at 3:00.

The **elder-led family prayer** time on Thursday evenings at 7:00 on Facebook Live will be lead by Tim Murray.

**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.

After services today, 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 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** and **H.O.P.E.** will meet February 23. More details coming soon.

You are invited to a **celebrate** with Mike Kidwell on his retirement. There will be a come and go reception on Saturday, February 27 from 1:00-3:00 in the activities center.

**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.

*I wanted to thank the church for the meat and cheese platter and pie last Wednesday when my mom passed away. I really appreciated it.*

Sincerely,  
*Amber Kohler for the Kohler Family*

### WORSHIP LEADERS

#### Today

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

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

#### This Wednesday

Announcements: Peter Wald  
Singing: Pat Andrews  
Invitation: John Deffenbaugh

Opening Prayer: Sam Collinworth  
Closing Prayer: Charles Phillips

### 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