

What Church Is All About

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Are you one of the growing number of people who is intrigued by Jesus—or even feel some devotion to him—but have little use for the church? Listen to the beginning of an inspired letter to a local church...

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast about you in the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions that you are enduring. (2 Thess. 1:1-4)

This greeting gives us a glimpse of what church is all about.

Church is about connecting with God (v.1-2). Nearly a quarter-million people lived in Thessalonica. Yet only a limited number of its citizens made up the church—people who were “in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” When God draws a person close and saves his soul, he simultaneously adds him to the church (Acts 2:38,41,47). The church is simply the Lord’s collection of people whom he has

saved (Eph. 5:23). No one outside the church has that saving connection.

Church is about growing faith (v.3). Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ (Romans 10:17). Nowhere do we hear from the word and see faith in action like we do in the environment of the church. The church is a greenhouse for faith.

Church is about nurturing love (v.3). The love of God for the church and the love that spreads from person to person in the church are so different from what pathetically parades as love in the world. In the church, love that is a strong, lasting, and sacrificial commitment is continually encouraged (1 John 3:16).

Church is about developing endurance (v.4). Life is tough—the Bible doesn’t sugarcoat it! How can we endure? In the church, we are constantly reminded that we have reason to keep going, and we have people who love us and make sure that we do.

Christ loved the church so much that He gave Himself up for her (Ephesians 5:25). Now, risen from that death and reigning from heaven, he nourishes and cherishes the church (Eph. 5:29). If you want Jesus, you need the church.

Danny Boggs



Kay Anderson, Travis Bell, Carol Bessman, Fred Bukowich, Kim Cable, Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Tammy Crawford, Lisa Daniels, Joe and Teresa Freund, Pete Griffin, Coral Haggard, Gaele Jackson, Molly Jackson, Millie Lyons, Pam McMahan, Sherry Merrill, Lyn Pendergraft, Charlie Phillips, Mebyl Privett, Tina Rasbury, Connor Reiboldt, Lawrence Sanders, Rylee Schroeder, Harold Speir, Edith Toney.

- Becky Cobb had surgery on her arm on Friday.
- Beth Johnson, daughter of Bill and Kathleen Reiboldt had a fall resulting in a serious concussion.
- Murray Riley, son-in-law of Don and Mary Deffenbaugh, is experiencing some health concerns.
- Several of our members have or recently had Covid. Pray for all those that do.



Every "One" Counts: When you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. This week we helped a single mother who lost her mother and the family is struggling financially. If you know someone who needs help, contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.

Devo and Donuts is for students of all ages. Join us in the activities center at 7:00 Tuesday mornings. Bring a friend. 

When you can't be here when we **worship**, visit our website, Facebook page or YouTube channel to join us live or to catch up on what you missed.

Today's Sermons



- A.M. *The Cost of Discipleship*
(Luke 9:23-27, Danny Boggs)
- P.M. *Were We Born Sinful?*
(Danny Boggs)

If you have not filled out a green **involvement form**, please get one from the welcome desk. Complete it and return it to the box. We want everyone who is able to participate in one of these activities to be involved. We only have about a 20% return rate. Help us increase that number.

If you are not getting church notifications via **text**, such as cancellations due to the weather, and would like to be added, please let Danny know.

You can still your vote for the **new carpet**. Choices have been narrowed to three. In Room 5, you will find the three choices and a sample of the pew fabric. Pick the one you like best and leave your vote in the blue bucket.

The teens who went to **Challenge Youth Conference** in Dallas are returning today. Pray for their safe return and that they will apply the things they learned there to their lives.

Wednesday Night Family Meal is this Wednesday. Please sign up on the board in the foyer if you plan to attend.

If you have changes to the **online directory** or would like to access the directory, let Coralee know.

February 4 will be an **Olympics-themed Family Game Night** at 6:00 in the activities center. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring food inspired by the cuisine of a specific country. You are asked to bring your favorite board and card games. There will be fellowship, food, and fun for everyone.

Thanks to Kaden and Josh King for putting together a new church **brochure**. You can use it to invite others. It gives them some information on the church that meets here.

Hillcrest Members,
I want to thank everyone for all of the visits, cards, calls and all those who have helped me in so many ways. Thank you for all the prayers. Thank you to all those who come and sing each week. It means so much to me.

LARON BESSMAN

WORSHIP LEADERS

Today	This Wednesday
AM Opening Prayer: John Deffenbaugh	Announcements: Bryan Reiboldt
AM Closing Prayer: Alec Fehring	Singing: Josh King
Communion Prayers: Wayne Douthitt	Invitation: Eli Giebler
PM Opening: Charlie Collinsworth	Opening Prayer: Casey Flint
PM Closing Prayer: Mike Kidwell	Closing Prayer: Caleb Boggs

RECORDS	1-9-22	1-10-21
Bible Study	136	109
AM Worship	161	150
PM Worship	118	105
Wednesday	103	113
Contribution	\$9,598.95	\$7,196.24
Budget	\$8,250.00	\$8,000.00