

## The Worthwhile Pursuit

At the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the town of Leadville, CO was on the brink of economic ruin. The mining boom had fizzled, and many were out of work. Desperate Leadville citizens devised a plan to put their town back on the map and even outshine nearby Denver. Pooling together over \$20,000 (\$600,000+ in today's money), they constructed the Leadville Ice Palace. It opened to the public on New Year's Day in 1896. When visitors arrived at the hill on which the Leadville Ice Palace was set, they witnessed towers 95 feet tall, walls 35 feet high, numerous ice statues commemorating Leadville's mining history, and a 15,000 square foot ice skating rink. Over the next three months, 250,000 visitors came to the Leadville Ice Palace. However, surprise warm temperatures in early March sealed the structure's fate, and it was condemned by the end of March. The effort was a financial disaster, and no one dared to recreate the ice palace in subsequent winters.

Perhaps the citizens of Leadville would have done well to remember the words of Proverbs 12:11, "...he who follows worthless pursuits lacks sense." (ESV) By its design, the Leadville Ice Palace was doomed to melt, and it melted sooner than its builders had hoped.

We who are Christians have everything invested in a kingdom set on a hill that outshines all others (Matthew 5:14). That kingdom is Christ's church, and nothing from hell can destroy it (Matthew 16:18). We can make no wiser decision than to seek first the kingdom of God (Matthew 6:33). No pursuit could be more worthwhile because no kingdom and no institution will outlast Christ's church. In every decision we make, let's work towards building up the kingdom Christ established. Shine the light of Christ. Show His love to others. Share the good news about Jesus.

Psalm 145:13

[13] Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

*Caleb Boggs*

*Leadville ice palace: Colorado's creation of 1895 and 1896.* (2021, February 15). Geri Walton. <https://www.geriwalton.com/leadville-ice-palace-colorados-creation-of-1895-and-1896>

### Elders

John Deffenbaugh  
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Bill Reiboldt

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Jason Bryan  
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Barry Flint  
Casey Flint  
Jason Giebler  
Josh King  
Mike Kidwell  
Darren Pierce  
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Danny Boggs

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# In Our Thoughts & Prayers



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

Coral Haggard will have surgery on February 9.

**Vera Douthitt** has asked for prayers to strengthen her and forgive her if she has ever offended anyone.

**Toney Family** has expressed their desire to officially become a part of our Hillcrest family. They have been with us often, although due to health concerns have not been able to attend regularly. We welcome Edith and her children, Lisa Toney, and Lee Crabtree.



**Every "One" Counts:** When you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. This last week we helped a family from Granby who lost everything in a fire. 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. *Soft Hearted and Thick Skinned*  
(Danny Boggs)

P.M. *Truth Matters*  
(1Kings 22, Danny Boggs)

Please remember to fill out a green **involvement form**.

There will be a **Bible Bowl** tonight after evening service. Adults please join the kids. You can be an encouragement to them and it makes the game more fun. Study Joshua 11-15.

**Olympics-themed Family Game Night** at 6:00 this Friday in the activities center. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring food inspired by the cuisine of a specific country. If you haven't signed up because you don't know what to bring, Google it and you will find foods from all over the world with recipes provided. You are asked to bring your favorite board and card games. There will be fellowship, food, and fun for everyone.

Tucker and Abigail Anderson are expecting a **baby boy** soon. There will be a basket set up in the foyer if you would like to leave them a gift. They could use baby wipes, Huggies diapers and baby laundry detergent.

There will be a **wedding shower** for Madison Deree and Jackson Collinsworth on February 13 in the activities center. Their wedding is May 28. They are registered on Amazon and at Target.

Mark you calendar for **Ladies' Seminar** on March 11 - 12.

Girls in grades 7 - 12, see Bethany or Madelaine if you are interested in going to the **Ruth Rally** in Batesville, AR on April 1-2. Early- bird registration is \$15.

**Horizons** at Freed Hardeman University is July 3-8. Current students in grades 7 - 12 can register online now. Let Caleb know if you plan to attend.

**Neosho Christian School's Benefit Banquet** will be Saturday, April 30 at the Neosho Civic. Dan Meers, KC Chief Mascot will be the speaker. Call the school to reserve your spot.

*Fred and his family wish to thank all those who remembered his birthday with calls, cards, window visits and treats! It had been a rough week (missing Carolyn and where he lives was in lock down) and your kindness truly lifted his spirits.*

*Fred Bukowich and family*

*Hillcrest Church of Christ,  
Thank you very much for helping fund the mission trip I plan on participating in this upcoming spring. The money you sent will help myself and others encourage the church in Keizer, OR and reach out to the surrounding area.*

*In Him,  
Kaden King*

### WORSHIP LEADERS

#### Today

#### This Wednesday

AM Opening Prayer: Carl Thomlinson  
AM Closing Prayer: Joe McLain  
Communion Prayers: Glen Honeycutt  
PM Opening: Matt Hayes  
PM Closing Prayer: Tim Murray

Announcements: Trace Wilson  
Singing: Shawn Crawford  
Invitation: Tucker Anderson  
Opening Prayer: Benny Haught  
Closing Prayer: Tony Flint

### RECORDS

#### 1-23-22

#### 1-24-21

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| Bible Study  | 139        | 107        |
| AM Worship   | 174        | 130        |
| PM Worship   | 104        | 98         |
| Wednesday    | 124        | 108        |
| Contribution | \$8,629.22 | \$8,192.25 |
| Budget       | \$8,250.00 | \$8,000.00 |