

Our Great High Priest

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“Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need” (Heb. 4:14-16).

The first person we meet in the Bible who is called a priest is Melchizedek (Gen. 14:18-20). He exits the scene just as quickly as he enters in the Old Testament story.

God later codified a priesthood for Israel in the Law of Moses. Priests would represent God to people and people to God. Israel’s first high priest would be Aaron, and according to the plan every successor would be from the tribe of Levi and a descendant of Aaron.

But by the first century B.C., when Israel as a nation became subject to Rome, the government and not God named the high priest. Out the door went all concern for helping people relate to God. “How does Israel relate to Rome” became more important. In effect the role of high priest degraded to mayor of Jerusalem, or some would say the Jerusalem mafia don.

From 18-36 A.D., Caiaphas was that high priest. He was little concerned for common people, and he didn’t know God the way he thought he did.

Caiaphas was the ringleader when the Sanhedrin brought Jesus before their kangaroo

court in Matthew 26. He pressed Jesus: “I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.” Jesus pressed Caiaphas and the council to expect his fulfillment of the prophecies in Psalm 110 and Daniel 7: “You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.” Caiaphas only responded with rage and indignation. What an awful high priest.

But what kind of high priest is Jesus now? In a word, great! Hebrews 4:14-16 gives us all these reasons to think so...

- He has passed through the heavens.
- He is the Jesus whom we get to know so well in the Gospels.
- He is the Son of God.
- He can sympathize with our weaknesses.
- He has been tempted in every respect as we are.
- He has never sinned.
- He gets us gracious and merciful help.
- He gives us confidence.

Caiaphas was determined to convict someone who had never sinned. Jesus is determined to help people who have.

I’m glad Jesus shows God to me and goes to God for me. Aren’t you? He is really a great high priest.

Danny Boggs

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Kay Anderson, Travis Bell, Carol Bessman, Levi Bontrager, Fred Bukowich, Kim Cable, Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Tammy Crawford. Don Deffenbaugh, Kathy Friend, Rile Friend, Beth Foster, Joe and Teresa Freund, Pete Griffin, Glen Honeycutt, Molly Jackson Shanna Kraft (Cheryl's daughter), Pam McMahan, Sherry Merrill, Tim Murray, Mebyl Privett, Brandon Ross (Debi's grandson), Harold Speir, Edith Toney, Ken Tyler.

Bob Murray is in the hospital. He is improving and appreciates your continued prayers.

Mebyl Privett has recently moved and Carol Bessman is moving this week. **New addresses** are in the online directory and a print copy is on the bulletin board.



every **ONE** counts!

Every "One" Counts: When you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. If you know

someone in need, please contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.

Devo and Donuts is every Tuesday. Join your friends at 7:00 in the activities center for a devotional, food and fellowship. 

If 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.

Please sign the **birthday cards** for some children at Fair Haven. They are on the welcome desk.

Today's Sermons



A.M.: *Jesus, Our Priest Forever*
(Danny Boggs)

P.M.: *The Everlasting Arms*
(Deut. 22:27, Caleb Boggs)

If your family **picture** needs to be updated for the directory, please send one to the church office or to Coralee today. You can have a friend take one and send it. Copies will be printed this week for those who do not have online access. They would love to have a picture that helps them identify you.

Teens (grade 6 through those completing high school this year) can now register for **Horizons**. It often fills up so get your registration in soon. See Caleb's door for the important details.

Men's BBQ will be Thursday at Woody's Smokehouse.  The bus will leave at 6:00.

The area wide **Young Adult Fellowship** will be held in the activities center this Saturday from 5:30 - 9:30. You can pick up a flyer from the welcome desk. RSVP to Madelaine Giebler.

Ladies Retreat will be February 17-19. Registration forms are on the welcome desk with more details for the weekend. Please register by February 12.

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.

Q & A Sunday evening will be two weeks from today. If you have a burning questions that may have a Biblical answer, give it to Danny for possible inclusion.

This last month, your contributions made it possible for us to sent 100 **Bibles to India**. Your contributions are a blessing to others and to the spreading of the Gospel.

Hottel Springs Church of Christ invites you to join them on Friday nights at 7:00 this winter for a series called **Love and Respect**. It begins this Friday and is for anyone who wants to strengthen their relationships.

Mark your **calendars**:

March 3-4: Affirming the Faith

March 10-11: Ladies Seminar with Jill Jackson

March 31-April 1: Ruth Rally - Girls grades 7 - 12

April 3-4: Gospel Meeting with Eric Owens

WORSHIP LEADERS

Today	This Wednesday
AM Opening Prayer: Carl Thomlinson	Announcements: Tim Murray
AM Closing Prayer: Kaed Thomas	Singing: Jason Giebler
Communion Prayers: Mike Hinman	Invitation: Charlie Collinsworth
PM Opening Prayer: Taylor Keith	Opening Prayer: Don Deffenbaugh
PM Closing Prayer: Joe McLain	Closing Prayer: Glen Honeycutt

RECORDS	1-15-23	1-16-22
Bible Study	129+	65
AM Worship	184	91
PM Worship	120	75
Wednesday	144	90
Contribution	\$8,581.05	\$6,908.35
Budget	\$8,250.00	\$8,250.00