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10 a.m. Sunday
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9 a.m. Sunday
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Eight-Foot Prayers

God loves to answer prayer! “For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer” (1 Pet. 3:12). Thanks to Jesus, Christians can “with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need” (Heb. 4:16).

But sometimes prayers never get to the throne of grace; they go no higher than the ceiling. Eight feet is not a measure of how long a prayer lasts but how high it goes (or doesn't go, really). How could I be the reason God doesn't listen to my prayers?

God won't listen when I'm living in **sustained sin**. “If one turns his ear away from hearing the law, even his prayer is an abomination” (Prov. 28:9; see 1 Pet. 3:12, Is. 59:1-2). It's not that I'm struggling with sin; it's that I'm not willing to put up a fight.

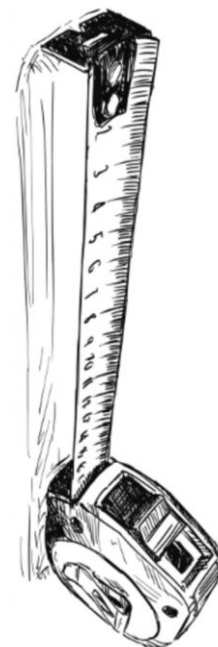
God won't listen when my **faith is floundering**. “But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways” (James 1:6-8). I'm saying the words, but I don't really believe God will do anything.

God won't listen when my prayer is really just a **pronouncement of my pride** (Luke 18:9-14). If I offer no praise or make no request, words will make no difference. God listens to the righteous, not the self-righteous.

God won't listen when I've made **relationships go wrong** or let them stay wrong. His forgiveness of me demands my forgiveness of others (Matt. 6:14-15). When I'm unwilling to make things right with other people, whether I'm in the right or in the wrong, my relationship with God has gone wrong (Rom. 12:18).

God won't listen when **access is unauthorized**. Every spiritual blessing, including the privilege of prayer and the assurance of answered prayer, is in Christ (Eph. 1:3). If I'm not in Christ my prayers may get God's attention (Acts 10:4), but not one prayer or a thousand will save me. I need to respond right to the saving message of Christ (Acts 11:14; 10:43,48). “For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, for as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ” (Gal. 3:26-27).

It's not hard to get to the heart of God. He loves to answer prayer. Don't get in the way.



Danny Boggs



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His own people, eager to do what is good - Titus 2:14



Larry Addington, Kay Anderson, Angeline Bigbee and baby Lillian, Jack Brodie, Fred Bukowich, David Conness, Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Tammy Crawford, Don Deffenbaugh, Christy Deree, Judy Dorris, Vera Douthitt, Mary Jane Flint, Katherine Enfield, Mary Jane Flint, Rile Friend, Sally Fry, Robin Haggard, Anita Hinman James Honeycutt, Nathan Honeycutt, Mary House, Jean Johnson, Joy Jones, Josiah Keith, Dan Lazure, Alice Kitch, Kelsie Matthews, Sonny Merrill, Bob Murch, Bob Murray, Scott Neel, Larry and Vickey Owen, Charles Phillips, Susan Phillips, Bill Reiboldt, Brandon Ross, Lawrence Sanders, Jennifer Thogmartin, Edith Toney, Ken Tyler, Debi Wince.

Please pray for Jack Brodie and his difficult health situation and for Sue as she deals with care giving challenges.

Every "One" Counts: When you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. If you know of someone in need, please tell Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.

Week 2 at **Green Valley Bible Camp** is only three weeks away, June 7-13! Have you registered at greenvalleybiblecamp.com? Have you invited friends? Make sure to give them an invitation with the code to go free.



Join us for **Singing in the Park** at 5:00 two weeks from today. Bring a side, chips, desserts and/or homemade ice cream and a friend.



Today's Sermons

- AM: *Thanks Be to God!* (Danny Boggs)
- PM: *Persistence in Prayer* (groups in shepherds' homes and at the church building)

Devoted to Prayer

TOMORROW THROUGH NEXT SUNDAY

- ✓ Read your Bible and week 12 in your book.
- ✓ Pray every day!
- ✓ Share your thoughts on Lightpost.
- ✓ 10 AM Sunday: *Come, Lord Jesus!* (Rev. 22:20)
- ✓ 5 PM Sunday: *Unsung Champions of Prayer* (men's class with Danny Boggs in auditorium), *All the Single Ladies* (women's class with Becky Cobb, Molly Cook & Heather Flint in fellowship room)

Today we honor our high school and college **graduates**. The high school graduates get a quilt made for them by the Cotton Pickers, a group of ladies who quilt together once a month. All graduates get a Bible or book signed by the congregation. Congratulations to:

- Annie Flint - Neosho Christian School
- Jaiden Fisher - Neosho High School
- Conner Reiboldt - Neosho High School
- Amelia Collinsworth - Neosho High School
- Kaylee Bray - Neosho Christian School
- Caleb Fenske - Neosho High School
- Lannum Litherland - Home School 2025
- Emma Miller - Crowder College - Creative Writing
- Eli Giebler - Missouri State University - Mechanical Engineering

We are meeting in the **small groups** tonight. Some are in homes and some at the building. If you aren't sure where you are meeting, check with one of the shepherds.

Wonderful Wednesday Nights begin June 3 in the activities center for all kids 6th grade and under.

Hillcrest Church Family,
I want to thank you all for your prayers and kindness. You have shown me your love for me in Christ. Thanks again for all the birthday wishes.
Alice Fitch

We would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, calls, texts and food. We are grateful and love each of you.
Charlie and Susan Phillips

Dear Ladies of Hillcrest,
It was such an honor to be in your midst to participate in your Ladies Day and to meet each one of you. It was the best event I have been to! Thank you so much and I hope to meet again soon!
Love, Jeanny Gilpin

WORSHIP LEADERS

Today

AM Opening Prayer: Kaed Thomas
 Communion Prayer: Andy Miller
 Prayer for the Offering: Randy Kidd
 PM Opening Prayer: small groups
 PM Closing Prayer: small groups

This Wednesday

Announcements/Prayer: Jonah Flint
 Singing: Josh King
 Invitation: Casey Flint
 Closing Prayer: Harold Speir

RECORDS

	5-10-26	5-11-25
Bible Study	135	140
AM Worship	188	200
PM Worship	104	106
Wednesday	133	128
Contribution	\$9,492.47	\$11,738.75
Budget	\$9,410.00	\$8,500.00