

HILLCREST BAPTIST CHURCH

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December 24, 2017

Announcements		Keith Ruether
Mission Moment		
Welcome & Prayer		Pastor David Brown
Worship in Praise	<i>"Angels From the Realms of Glory"</i>	Hymn # 94
	<i>"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"</i>	Hymn # 88
	<i>"Angels We Have Heard on High"</i>	Hymn #100
Special Music		Gena Brown
Offertory Hymn	<i>"What Child is This"</i>	Hymn #118
Offertory Prayer		Justin Stephens
Children 3 years-Grade 3 leave for Children's Church		
Message	<i>The Songs of Christmas</i> <i>"The Angels' Song"</i> <i>Luke 2:8-14</i>	Pastor David Brown
Opportunity to Respond	<i>"Once Again"</i>	

Hillcrest Baptist Church exists to see lost people saved,
saved people disciplined, and disciplined people sent.

Weekly Opportunities for Worship and Service
December 24—December 30

Worship & Activity Schedule

Today **9:00 am** Connection Corner
 9:30 am Life Groups
10:30 am Praise Celebration
 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Monday Christmas—Office closed
Tuesday Christmas—Office closed

10:00 am Ladies Bible Study—Marty Kinnett’s home

Wednesday **6:00 pm** Prayer/Bible Study
 Youth

Saturday **5:00 pm** Laser Tag in FLC, other games and food in Fellowship Hall



Please make plans to join us tonight for Christmas Eve at Hillcrest. We have a **Big Announcement** about a **Special Gift** for **You** at 10:30 am. Then at 5:00 pm we will have a beautiful and worshipful candlelight service as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Thank you to the Hillcrest men’s group and two ladies that helped me move last week, expediently and professionally.

Thank you!

Such a blessed church family we have at Hillcrest!

Love to all,
 Gretchen Brown



LASER TAG

Saturday, Dec. 30
 4:00-7:00 pm in the FLC

Come and bring friends with you for a fun night.

Remember to pick up your Christmas cards!



Last Week at Hillcrest

Life Groups	173
Praise Celebration	286
Evening Worship	144
Awana	71

Budget Offering

Requirement weekly	\$ 7,615.00
Received 12/17/17	\$ 6,617.92
Budget amount needed to date	\$190,375.00
Received to date:	\$185,838.21

Loan

Paid on loan principal this week	\$ 1,944.69
Loan balance	\$ 387,081.06

Lottie Moon Offering Goal \$5,200.00



Received to Date \$3,229.25

100% of gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering support IMB missionaries and their work around the world.

BIBLE STUDY

A new Wednesday night study will begin soon. If you would like a book, please sign the list in the Information Corner.



The financial reports for November are located at the Welcome Center.

MISSION TRIP TO SENEGAL



The next team going to Senegal is Ann Holley and Mary Ann Randall. If you would like to give toward tents, SD cards, Bibles or their travel expenses, please designate on your offering envelope.



New directory pages are being put into your Lottie Moon mailbox. Please watch for them.

If you are coming to play games in the Fellowship Hall on December 30, please bring a snack to share, a game and friends. There will be pizza as well. We will begin at 4 pm.





Christmas is truly a special time of the year. It is a season of hope, and a season of expectation. Unfortunately, many people are not very hopeful or expectant. For some, Christmas is a very lonely time. Some may even have entered into this season known as “the most wonderful time of the year,” with a sense of dread, just waiting for it all to be over.

Others may love Christmas, but they are upset because of everything that is wrong with the season. They think about the fact that it’s too commercialized. They hate the long lines at the stores, and the traffic jams, and the hectic pace with which the season unfolds. Some people are just glad when it’s all over.

No matter what you are experiencing this year, I want you to know that you can be excited about Christmas. It is definitely a season of hope and expectation for ALL OF US, when we focus on the true meaning of Christmas.

The Good News of Christmas is that Jesus Christ came to earth to dwell among us. He is Immanuel—God with us! And He not only came to earth to dwell among us, but He came to earth to save us—if we will repent of our sins and trust Him. Therefore, none of us are beyond hope, and all of us can live with a sense of expectation.

My prayer is that all of us will focus on Jesus today, celebrating what He’s done for us. May His hope, His peace, His joy, and His salvation warm our hearts this Christmas and may each one of you know how precious you are to Him.

Merry Christmas,
Pastor David, Gena, Garrett and Greyson



Service Opportunities

Immediate Opportunities:

- Work in Awana
- Help in Upward Basketball & Cheerleading
- Provide a meal for the Sound House
- Donate to Human Trafficking victims



Ongoing Opportunities:

- Go on a mission trip to Senegal, Cuba or Illinois
- Give to the Christmas Project for Hillcrest Education Center



...and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

“The Greatest Thing in the World— A Study on Agape”

Agape

The Spiritual Disciplines class is starting a series on “Walking the Walk—Studying God’s Word to learn His will.” The first study will begin January 7th...sign-up sheet is in the Information Corner.



MEN’S WINTER RETREAT

“The Good Fight” will be held at Cross Pointe Conference Center at Rocky Mount, MO, January 12-13, 2018. Check-in begins at 4

pm on Friday and the conference is over after lunch on Saturday.

The keynote speaker is Spencer Plumlee, Senior Pastor of Riverview Baptist Church, Osage Beach, MO. Cost is based on number of persons per room. Registration forms are available at the Welcome Center.

If you would like a t-shirt, you need to order before December 26.



MERRY CHRISTMAS! From the staff of Hillcrest Baptist Church



Sermon Notes

SUNDAY MORNING
The Songs of Christmas
“The Angels’ Song”
Luke 2:8-14

1. The angels’ song celebrates the fact that _____ is _____ to Jesus’ _____ . (vv. 8-10)

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2. The angels’ song celebrates the fact that _____ is the _____ to the _____. (vv. 11-12)

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3. The angels’ song celebrates the fact that Jesus is the _____ of the _____. (vv. 13-14)

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WELCOME CENTER & USHERS

Today, Dec. 24
Welcome Center
 Linda Overbay
 Peggy Francisco

Next Sunday, Dec. 31
Welcome Center
 Ann Holley
 Debby Sutter

Ushers
 Shawn Light
 Dean Morrow
 Jack Francisco
 Mark Kontos
 Dave Brisco
 Nick Salsman

Ushers
 Don Copling
 Gilbert Mendoza
 Randy Sutter
 John Frazier
 Dean Holley
 Delvin Mitchell

CHILD CARE

Today, Dec.24
Morning Service
 Pam Brown
 Amanda Frazier
 Carolyn Roberts
 Lonnie & Margaret Painter

Next Sunday, Dec. 31
Morning Service
 Kim & Justin Stephens
 Marty Kinnett
 Brenna Weddle

Evening Service
 No nursery

Evening Service
 No evening service

Children’s Church 3 yr.-K
 Deidra Edwards
 Micah Veanes

Children’s Church 3 yr.-K
 Kim & Justin Stephens
 Cynthia Jennings

Children’s Church Gr. 1-3
 Lucas & Chelsea Handley

Children’s Church Grade 1-3
 Kalem & Kara Copling

Wednesday, Dec. 27
 No nursery

Wednesday, Jan. 3
 No nursery

Awana, Dec. 27
 No Awana

Wednesday, Jan. 3
 No Awana

SECURITY MONITORS

Sunday Services
 9:00 am
 5:30 pm

Today, Dec. 24
 Grant Kinnett
 Paul Dudley

Next Sunday, Dec. 31
 Dave Brisco
 No evening service

Awana
 4:45 pm

Wed. Dec. 27
 No Awana

Wed. Jan. 3
 No Awana

Today
 Chuck & Kathy Tyrrell

CONNECTION CORNER

Next Sunday

DEACON ON CALL

Week of Dec. 24
 Justin Stephens 531-4569

Week of Dec. 31
 Brian Wallace 718-0125

VAN DRIVER

Today
 Scott Franklin & Shawn Light

Next Sunday
 Doug Kinnett & Rod Everage

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