

HILLCREST BAPTIST CHURCH

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December 18, 2016

Announcements, Prayer & Welcome

Worship in Praise	<i>"Angels We Have Heard on High"</i>	Hymn #100
Offertory Prayer		Jim O'Dell
Children 3 years-Grade 4 leave for Children's Church		
Christmas Cantata	<i>"Glory to God in the Highest"</i>	Worship Choir
Message	<i>"Unwrapping the Christmas Gift"</i> <i>Luke 2:1-7</i>	Pastor Bradley Jemes
Opportunity to Respond	<i>"Isn't He?"</i>	

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

**Weekly Opportunities for Worship and Service
December 18-December 25**

Worship & Activity Schedule

Today **9:00 am** Connection Corner
 9:30 am Life Groups
 10:30 am Praise Celebration
 12:00 pm Children's Choir
 6:00 pm Evening worship

Tuesday **12:00 pm** Hilltoppers

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

Friday Office closed in observance of Christmas Eve

Saturday **5:00 pm** Christmas Eve service

Dear Hillcrest Family—

Thank you so much for your prayers, support and love while Dad was declining, and after he went home to be with our Lord. You are very special to us, and we love you!!



Brian, Vonda, Ben & Liz Wallace
 Veronica Busse & Family



VBS NEEDS

We need lots of white lights next summer to decorate with for our theme of Galactic Starveyors. If you have extras you are not using

or would like to buy some for us to use, you may bring them to the church office.

Beginning January 4, 2017, our older Children's Church will be for Grades 1-3 only. This will align it with our Sunday School classes.



In the event of inclement weather this winter, please tune in to KTTK, KJEL, Spirit FM or Facebook for weather related church cancellations. If on Wednesdays, there is no school due to weather, all activities will be cancelled.

Last Week at Hillcrest

Sunday School/Life Groups	182
Praise Celebration	274
Evening Services	95
Awana	

Budget Offering

Requirement weekly:	\$ 7,346.00
Received 12/11/16	\$ 5,628.55
Budget amount needed to date	\$176,304.00
Received to date:	\$173,046.79

Loan

Paid on second loan principal this week	\$ 157.00
Second loan balance	\$ 14,143.71

Goal for Lottie Moon Offering :

\$7,000

Received for Lottie Moon Offering:

\$3,108



**2nd Annual
Chili and Wings Cook-off**



February 5, Super Bowl Sunday, you will have a chance to show off your culinary skills.

- Contestants may fix chili, wings, or both.
- Contestants can be individual, team, Sunday School class, etc.
- There must be enough chili or wings for the judges to sample.
- Chili and wings need to be marked whether hot, medium or mild.
- Contestants must have food in early so judges can make their determinations. Time will be announced later.
- Containers will be numbered for voting purposes.
- Sign-up sheets are on a table in the information hallway. Sign up will end January 22.

Wings and hamburger for chili will be provided by the church.

You are welcome to bring chili or wings and not be in the competition.

Bring your favorite tailgate food—hot dogs, buns, brats, chips, dip, crackers, cookies, brownies, etc. to go with the chili and wings.

Chili & Wing Cook Off

UPWARD BASKETBALL AND CHEERLEADING

People are still needed to help in Upward. We need people here on Saturdays during the games and we need Prayer Partners, also. Please consider what you can do. Sign-up sheets are in the information hallway.



SPECIAL EVENTS

- December 18— 10:30 am Adult cantata
- December 18— 6:00 pm Preschool and Children's Choir program
- December 18— 7:00 pm Cookie fellowship following program
- December 24— 5:00 pm Candlelight Christmas Eve service
- December 25— 10:30 am Christmas service



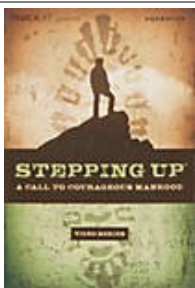
Sunday School teachers—if you have extra Bibles in your classroom, they could be donated to the Bible Exchange in our library.

MEN WHO WIN CONFERENCE

January 6-7, 2017

The conference will be held at Cross Pointe Camp & Retreat Center along the north shore of Lake of the Ozarks.

Men, plan now to join us for a fantastic time of inspiration, fellowship and activities. There are registration forms in the information hallway. Invite someone to go with you!



Discipleship Training

A new class, *Stepping Up: A Call to Courageous Manhood*, will begin January 22 during Discipleship Training with Chuck Tyrrell as facilitator. A sign-up sheet can be found in the information hallway.



Youth Event

What: Winter Retreat 2016
When: December 30th-January 1st
Where: Laclade Baptist Associational Campgrounds, Stoutland
Who: Daniel Lewis, Worship Leader; Cody Pentecost, Speaker
What: Worship, Bible Study, Bonfire, Laser Tag, and more.
Cost: \$25 (Includes Laser Tag and T-shirt)

HILLTOPPERS



Hilltoppers will meet at noon on Tuesday. Please bring canned goods for our pantry.

FATHERS

Visiting in a mining town, a young minister was being escorted through one of the coal mines. In one of the dark, dirty passageways, he spied a beautiful white flower growing out of the black earth of the mine. "How can there be a flower of such purity and beauty in this dirty mine?" the minister asked the miner. "Throw some of the coal dust on it and see," was the reply. The minister did so and was surprised that as fast as the dirt touched those snowy petals, it slid right off to the ground, leaving the flower just as lovely as before. It was so smooth that the dirt could not cling to the flower.

Our hearts can be the same way. We cannot help it that we have to live in a world filled with sin, any more than the flower could change the place where it was growing. But God can keep us so pure and clean that though we touch sin on every side, it will not cling to us. We can stand in the midst of it just as white and beautiful as that flower.

The secret of purity is God! The secret of seeing and knowing God is a pure heart...a pure heart comes from God! Get a pure heart, and you can be supremely happy—no matter what the circumstances!

From *The Secret of Happiness* by Billy Graham

Sermon Notes

SUNDAY MORNING
Unwrapping the Christmas Gift”
Luke 2:1-7

1. Last week we got to hear the invitation that God gave Mary, to join Him in His mission.
 - God asked Mary to join Him on mission to _____ human being.
 - Gabriel explained to Mary that the _____ would come upon her.
 - What was Mary’s response?

2. Everything about the Messiah’s life has been mapped out by God.
 - Born of a _____.
 - The place of His birth? _____.
 - What is the ruler’s name that took the Census? _____

3. This part of God’s plan was complete.
 - It was time for God’s Son to be _____.
 - Mary laid Him in a _____.
 - What type of things are pushing Christ out of your life today?

WELCOME CENTER & USHERS

Today, Dec. 18
Welcome Center
 April McDaniel
 Jill Ambrose

Next Sunday, Dec. 25
Welcome Center
 Marilyn Mitchell
 Peggy Francisco

Ushers
 Don Porter
 John Frazier
 R. D. Brown
 Paul Dudley
 Jim O’Dell
 Brian Wallace

Ushers
 Mark Randall
 Nick Salsman
 Gary Pace
 Delvin Mitchell
 Jack Francisco
 Mark Kontos

CHILD CARE

Today, Dec. 18
Morning Service
 Connor Williams,
 Bradley & Carol Jemes,
 Amanda Frazier, Carolyn Roberts

Next Sunday, Dec. 25
Morning Service
 Marty Kinnett, Pam Brown,
 Lonnie & Margaret Painter

Evening Service
 Laura Ruether
 Sue Stowe

Evening Service
 No service

Children’s Church 3 yr.-K
 Marty Kinnett, Sarah Light,
 Jennifer Kinnett

Children’s Church 3 yr.-K
 Justin & Erin Sly
 Taylor Malonson

Children’s Church Gr. 1-4
 Lynette & Scott Franklin

Children’s Church Gr. 1-4

Wed., Dec. 21
 No nursery

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Awana, Dec. 21
 No Awana

Awana, Dec. 28
 No Awana

DEACON ON CALL

Week of Dec. 18
 Jim O’Dell 718-1271

Week of Dec. 25
 David Veanes 532-1021

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