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THE BEACON

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE HILL BAPTIST CHURCH



Join us for
**INVITE
SUNDAY**
3/26

Candy
Donations
& Events
Volunteers
Needed

Easter EGG HUNT

AT EISENHOWER PARK
SAT. 3/25 | 10AM



EXTENDING CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

to the family of
longtime member

Martha Culpepper

who went to be
with the Lord on
February 26, 2023



ON CALL

REV. RON JONES
706-945-7619

IF UNAVAILABLE, PLEASE
CONTACT THE FOLLOWING

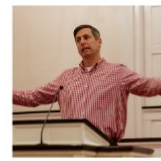
DEACON OF THE WEEK

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|----------------|----------------|
| Mar. 5-11 | Albert Pearson |
| Mar. 12-18 | Ed Stalnaker |
| Mar. 19-25 | Richard Terzia |
| Mar. 26-Apr. 4 | Ken Curry |

FROM THE PASTOR



PASTOR'S COLUMN



Dear Church Family,

We spent the month of January praying, fasting, and seeking the Lord's guidance for the church. During the month of February, we began implementing some changes that we believe will help us be more effective in the mission God has given us. Thank you for being open to change. I've had several conversations and in each one there is a willingness to do whatever it takes to help people become growing followers of Jesus!

Now as we enter March, there are two ministry opportunities that I want to highlight.

The first is the Eisenhower Park Easter Egg Hunt. On Saturday, March 25th at 10am we'll host an easter egg hunt in Eisenhower Park in the National Hills neighborhood. Here's what I need you to do:

- Begin to pray that many families in the National Hills neighborhood will attend this event.
- Bring in candy. We need the candy to fill the plastic eggs that we'll use for the event.
- Volunteer to help set up and clean up. You can sign up as a volunteer in the Welcome Center.
- Pray that we will make some great connections with those that come and that they would be interested in coming to a worship service.

The second event is on the 4th Sunday. Starting in March, we're designating the 4th Sunday of the month as Invite Sunday. Although we want to invite people to worship with us every week, we're going to have a special emphasis on the 4th Sunday to invite people to worship with us! We'll have invitations printed and available for you in the Welcome Center. On the 4th Sunday, we'll have a special item for guests in the Welcome Center as well as a clear gospel presentation in the worship service. Remember, we can all be involved in making disciples by inviting and investing. The 4th Sunday is your opportunity to invite people to come and hear about Jesus!

Let's make the most of these opportunities and invite and invest in those around us so that they will become growing followers of Jesus!

*In Christ,
Pastor Ron Jones*



PAJAMAS and POPTARTS



Spring Forward on Sun. 3/12

We lose an hour for Daylight Savings Time, so save some time and bring your kids to church in their PJs! Poptarts will be served during Sunday School.

EASTER EGG HUNT

at EISENHOWER PARK

3/25 @
10am



Sunday Mornings
9:45 & 11am

Wednesday Nights
6-7:30pm



This coming month we will continue in our two studies on Sunday and Wednesday nights. On Sunday's we will continue in Ecclesiastes. Once this is finished we will begin a series from a curriculum (once I decide on which one I will let you all know). On Wednesday nights we will continue in Matthew and study Jesus' life.

This month the 17-19 we will be participating in a Dnow retreat. The cost is \$50 a student and the deadline to sign up is March 8. Please contact me if you have any questions.

*Brandon Brown,
Youth Pastor*

YOUTH HAPPENINGS



D-NOW RETREAT

March 17-19th


SUNDAY MORNINGS
9:45AM

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
6-7:30PM

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Easter Egg Hunt at
Eisenhower Park
March 25th @ 10am



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | |
|--|---|---|--|----------|---|--|---|
| <div> Sunday</div> <div>9:35 AM - Prayer in the Sanctuary 9:45 AM - Sunday School classes 11:00 AM - Worship Service</div> <div></div> <div>Wednesday</div> <div>6:00 PM - Wednesday Supper 6:45 PM - Adult, Youth, & Kid's Bible Study</div> | | | <div> 1 Steak Out</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Men's Bible StudyLadies Monthly WMU Meeting</div> | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
| 5 | 6 | <div> 7 for Wed. Supper by 3:30pm</div> <div> CRU Spaghetti Vision Dinner</div> | <div> 8 BBQ Barn</div> <div> Bible Study</div> | 9 | <div> 10 Man to Man Conference</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">5:30-9:15pmDinner Included</div> | <div>Man to Man Conference cont. 11</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">8am-12:15pmBreakfast Included</div> <div> Sharon Jones</div> | |
| <div> 12 Kids Pajama's & Poptarts 9:45am</div> <div> Discipleship Essentials Class</div> <div> Deacon's Meeting 12 pm</div> | 13 | <div> 14 for Wed. Supper by 3:30pm</div> <div> Blake Harris</div> | <div> 15 Ricky's B-day Party 6pm</div> <div> Papa Johns</div> <div> Bible Study</div> <div> Christa Beaufort</div> | 16 | <div> 17 WMU Ladies Lunch at Arbys</div> <div> Youth D-Now Weekend  Ricky Thompson</div> | <div>Youth D-Now Weekend 18</div> <div></div> | |
| <div> 19 Financial Board Meeting 2pm</div> <div> Youth D-Now Weekend</div> | 20 | <div> 21 for Wed. Supper by 3:30pm</div> <div> Michael Cook</div> | <div> 22 Wing Stop</div> <div> Help Fill Easter Eggs</div> <div> Bible Study</div> | 23 | <div> 23 Atticus Goodwin</div> | <div> 24 RESERVED</div> <div>Social Hall Reserved for a Private Event</div> | <div>Easter Egg Hunt 25 10am at Eisenhower Park</div> <div></div> |
| <div> 26 Invite Sunday Bring someone to Church!</div> | <div> 27 Nancy Calfee</div> | <div> 28 for Wed. Supper by 3:30pm</div> | <div> 29 Firehouse Subs</div> <div> Church Conference</div> | 30 | 31 | <div> The Hill Baptist Church</div> <div>Call us at 706-736-8446 Email us! office@thehillbaptist.com</div> | |

MARCH WEDNESDAY SUPPERS

3/08
BBQ Barn

3/22
Wing Stop



3/01
Steak Out

3/15
Papa Johns

3/29
Firehouse Subs



New Testament Bible Reading Plan

5 MINUTES A DAY

If you're not used to reading the Bible daily, start with this easy to use 5 minutes a day. This reading plan will take you through all 260 chapters of the New Testament, one chapter per day. The Gospels are read throughout the year to weave in the story of Christ all year long.

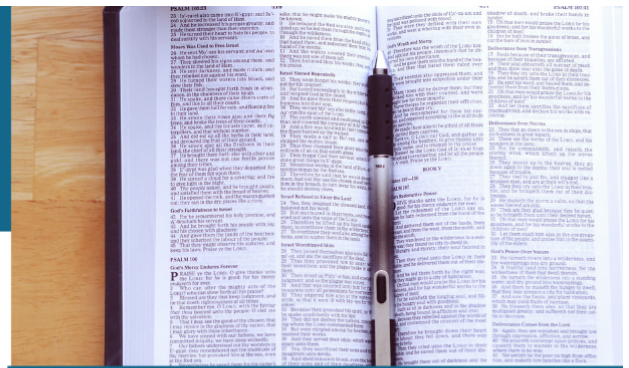
5 DAYS A WEEK

Determine a time and location to spend 5 minutes a day for five days a week. It is best to have a consistent time and a quiet place where you can regularly meet with the Lord. Each week, two days are provided for "Reflection." Use this time to take a break from reading and reflect on what you have been reading.

5 WAYS TO DIG DEEPER

Pause in your reading to dig into the Bible. Below are 5 different ways to dig deeper each day. These exercises will encourage meditation. Try a single idea for a week to find what works best for you. Remember to keep a pen and paper ready to capture God's insights.

1. **Underline or highlight keywords or phrases in the Bible passage.** Use a pen or highlighter to mark new discoveries from the text.
2. **Put it in your own words.** Read the passage or verse slowly, then rewrite each phrase or sentence using your own words.
3. **Ask and answer questions.** Questions unlock new discoveries and meanings. Ask questions about the passage using these words: who, what, why, when, where, or how. Jot down your answers to these questions.
4. **Capture the big idea.** God's Word communicates big ideas. Periodically ask: What's the big idea in this sentence, paragraph, or chapter?
5. **Personalize the meaning.** Respond as God speaks to you through the Scriptures. Ask: How could my life be different today as I respond to what I'm reading?



MARCH BIBLE READING

| DATE | CHAPTER |
|---------|--------------------------------------|
| Mar. 01 | <input type="checkbox"/> Acts 28 |
| Mar. 02 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 1 |
| Mar. 03 | <input type="checkbox"/> Reflection |
| Mar. 04 | <input type="checkbox"/> Reflection |
| Mar. 05 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 2 |
| Mar. 06 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 3 |
| Mar. 07 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 4 |
| Mar. 08 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 5 |
| Mar. 09 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 6 |
| Mar. 10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Reflection |
| Mar. 11 | <input type="checkbox"/> Reflection |
| Mar. 12 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 7 |
| Mar. 13 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 8 |
| Mar. 14 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 9 |
| Mar. 15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 10 |
| Mar. 16 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 11 |
| Mar. 17 | <input type="checkbox"/> Reflection |
| Mar. 18 | <input type="checkbox"/> Reflection |
| Mar. 19 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 12 |
| Mar. 20 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 13 |
| Mar. 21 | <input type="checkbox"/> Galatians 1 |
| Mar. 22 | <input type="checkbox"/> Galatians 2 |
| Mar. 23 | <input type="checkbox"/> Galatians 3 |
| Mar. 24 | <input type="checkbox"/> Reflection |
| Mar. 25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Reflection |
| Mar. 26 | <input type="checkbox"/> Galatians 4 |
| Mar. 27 | <input type="checkbox"/> Galatians 5 |
| Mar. 28 | <input type="checkbox"/> Galatians 6 |
| Mar. 29 | <input type="checkbox"/> James 1 |
| Mar. 30 | <input type="checkbox"/> James 2 |
| Mar. 31 | <input type="checkbox"/> Reflection |



OFFICE HOURS:
TUESDAY-THURSDAY
10AM-3PM

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FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT BOARD REPORT

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|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| YTD Budget RQMT (2/27) | \$39,816.00 |
| YTD Budget Donations (2/27) | \$22,459.00 |

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Carolyn Atkins
- Karen Kovelow
- Patsy Wallace
- Edwin Blanchard
- Nancy Calfee
- Jimmy & Connie Crenshaw
- The Dickert family
- Bo Gibson
- Zack Gilmore
- Omega Gunn
- Ricky Thompson
- Fred and Ann Gunter
- John Harris
- Carl Hill
- Emily Herrin
- Bengovan McNeace
- Jimmy Mills
- Albert & Kathy Pearson
- Johnny Stanfield
- Cynthia Usry
- Eugene Cook



LETTER FROM THE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT BOARD TEAM

Dear Church Family,

In the spring of 2020, every aspect of our lives changed drastically—how and where people could work, eat, gather, serve, and worship. Buildings closed, but our ministerial and support staff, members, and friends of The Hill Baptist Church stepped forward to assure that this church's ministry continued. Through activities such as using Zoom and Facebook platforms, we responded, in both word and action.

This year, financial support to the General Fund operating budget of The Hill Baptist Church is even more vital to carry out the church's work. Whether we gather for worship inside our building, in small group gatherings, or online, we continue to be the body of Christ through our ministries, our witness and our care for one another.

We cannot know what lies ahead of us, but we remain confident in the assurance of God's abiding and steadfast love. With your generous and faithful gifts, our church can keep doing what God's love requires of us by nurturing life-giving, joyful ministries both inside and outside the walls of our congregation.

We are asking all members of The Hill Baptist Church to make a commitment to themselves to give financial support through your tithe and offerings to the General Fund. Some members tithe, committing ten percent of their income to the work and missions of our church. Others give proportionally by committing a certain percentage. Still others give as they are able.

What is most important is that everyone gives some measure of financial support. We ask that you prayerfully consider how you might contribute. We are not asking for submission of "pledge cards" to this church. We are challenging each member to make a "heart and mind" commitment decision; continually self-evaluate your execution of that decision; and most of all, "Love God, Love People, and Make Disciples."

If you have any questions about our budget and expenses please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Faithfully,

Members of the Financial Management Board