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THE BEACON

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Awana Clubs
Truth & Training

3rd-5th grade

Sparks

1st & 2nd grade

Awana Clubs
Cubbies

age 3-5

JOIN US



SUNDAY
SEPT. 17



TIME
11AM-1PM

*Back
to
Church*
SUNDAY

**NATIONAL
CELEBRATION**

**&
picnic**

Awana
@ THE HILL



PASTOR'S COLUMN



Dear Church Family,

I was listening to a podcast the other day and heard the presenter say something that stuck with me. He was talking about children's ministry, and he said, "If you reach the children, then you'll reach the city." I thought that was a very bold statement. But as I began to think about my conversations with parents and grandparents, in most, if not all of them, they say one of the main reasons they attend a specific church is because of the children's ministry. In other words, if a church doesn't have a safe, inviting, biblically-based children's ministry, then most families will not stick around. As a parent, I understand the importance of belonging to a church that prioritizes ministering to the next generation.

Listen to the words of Jesus in Matthew 19:13-14... Then, people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

We want to be a church that helps children come to Jesus. One of the new ways we're seeking to do this is by launching the Awana program on Wednesday evenings. AWANA will meet every Wednesday evening at 6:30pm beginning September 6, 2023.

Our AWANA club will focus on Cubbies, Sparks, and Truth and Training, from preschool (3 years old) through 5th grade. AWANA uses Bible-centered handbooks and special activities to help children gain a solid understanding of the basics of Christianity. This will be a great opportunity for children to learn about Jesus!

I want to challenge you to invite every family you know to participate in this great opportunity. You can invite people by sharing the Facebook event on your page, handing a family an invite card, or inviting someone in person. My prayer is that our church will be known for reaching out to the next generation and helping them come to Jesus!

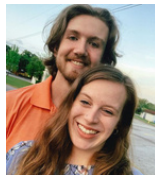
**In Christ,
Pastor Ron Jones**

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YOUTH NEWS

WITH BRANDON & KAYLEIGH

Over the next month, we will continue the “Goals” series on Wednesday nights. We will read passages from the Bible of goals for believers and then discuss how they relate to our lives.

On Sunday mornings, we will begin a new curriculum soon. Until then, we will study the Christian life's basic principles.

Finally, be on the lookout for events coming up over the next few weeks! I'm excited to continue with the students this semester!

Brandon Brown, Youth Pastor

WEDNESDAY SUPPER *Menu*

09/06 - ZAXBYS

09/13 - PIZZA HUT

09/20 - CHICK-FIL-A

09/27 - STEAK OUT





Dear Church Family,

The Financial Management Board publishes General Fund 2023 Budget needs and 2023 General Fund tithes and offering receipts weekly in the Beam and monthly in the Beacon. We also present a detailed financial report, which includes budget expenditures, at each bi-monthly Church Conference. Understanding the relationship of these “numbers” is fairly obvious. At the same time, the efforts that are being made to revitalize our church services; expand our in-reach efforts for all ages; and continue to focus on missions and outreach have been placed at the forefront by our leadership. Ongoing efforts have been relayed to you through all means of communication, including Pastor Ron’s sermons, Wednesday Bible study lessons, other small group gatherings, and regular publications. Consideration of these efforts is necessary to fully understand where we stand.

As with the unpredictable 2022 hail storm damage to our facilities, 2023 roofing and air conditioning equipment failures and the status of 2023 contributions to the General Fund, have made it necessary to transfer funding from the General Fund Contingency Reserve to the Facilities Maintenance & Improvements Fund and the General Fund this year.

We continue to encourage you to financially support the General Fund by having a routine schedule of contributing your tithes and offerings to support the church’s on-going operations throughout the year.

In the May through August issues of the Beacon, we posted extracts from “Generosity Guide” by Tithe.ly, subtitled, “A Guide to Generosity and Giving in the Church.” The posts addressed Old Testament mandates versus New Testament guidelines; examples of generosity; and clarification of the New Testament concept of tithes and offerings. Lessons from the New Testament teach us not to put our hope in wealth, but in God, who richly provides us with all things to enjoy (1 Timothy 6:17).

We believe that everything we give has been first given to us! Our prayer is that God’s love and generosity towards each of us motivates us to passionately love Him, love others, and give back freely and sacrificially in return.

In Christ,
The Members of the
Financial Management Board



The Hill
Kids



Awana™

THEME NIGHTS = Fun



Come ready to have a blast! Each week, Awana Club features a fun and wacky theme! Be sure to come decked out in your crazy socks or superhero costumes. Just keep an eye on the Theme Night schedule because everyone who participates will be rewarded.

Awana bucks can be earned several ways each night! Clubbers can earn Awana bucks for dressing in theme, bringing their bibles, memorizing scripture, winning games, participating, exhibiting teamwork, and of course, good behavior!

Periodically throughout the year, clubbers will be able to visit the Awana Store located outside the Social Hall. The selection of prizes at the Awana Store will change from time to time.

We encourage you to invite your friends to join us on Wednesdays as we enjoy fun and fast-paced games, music, and both large and small group time. Doors open at 5:50 p.m. for clubbers who are interested in eating dinner with us. Don't forget to RSVP for Wednesday supper online or by calling the Church office at 706-736-8446. Awana club officially begins at 6:30pm. Parents can drop off their clubbers or opt to stay at church and share in our midweek meal and attend adult bible study. However, all clubbers need to be checked in with Children Ministry staff and will need to enter to pick up their child as well. Clubbers will only be released to adults who were authorized for pickup on their Awana registration forms.



Awana™



Store

INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH AWANA?

Our Awana Store needs to be constantly stocked with toys, books, and prizes. Really, we are just looking for stuff children will enjoy. If you would like to donate something to the Awana Store, there is a drop box beside the storefront. We would be overjoyed to have your help!



September 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<div>SUNDAY</div> <div>Sunday School >>9:45am Worship Service>>11am Ultimate Frisbee at AU>>7pm</div>		<div>Wednesday</div> <div>Fellowship Supper 6pm and Bible Study 6:45pm Youth Group and Awana Clubs for Kids 6:30pm Ladies WMU/Men's Group monthly meetings at 6:45pm</div>			1	2
3 <div></div> <div>Ultimate Frisbee 7pm</div>	4 <div> Caroline Mullins Edwin Blanchard</div>	5 <div> RSVP</div>	6 <div> </div> <div>Called Conference WMU/Men's Bible Study</div>	7	8 <div> Gene Cook</div>	9 <div> Margaret Baffles  Taylor Baffles</div>
10 <div></div> <div>Lord's Supper Deacon 12pm Ultimate Frisbee at AU 7pm</div>	11	12 <div> RSVP</div>	13 <div> </div> <div>Supper & Bible Study 6pm</div>	14	15	16 <div> Kelly Terzia</div>
17 <div></div> <div>Back to Church Service & Picnic 11am-1pm Finance 2pm</div>	18	19 <div> RSVP</div>	20 <div> </div> <div>Supper & Church Conference 6pm</div>	21	22 <div> Megan Jones</div>	23 <div> Eugene Cook</div>
24 <div></div> <div>Called Conference NOTE  Donald Dickert</div>	25	26 <div> RSVP  Jean Harris</div>	27 <div> </div> <div>Supper & Bible Study 6pm  Vivian Bunn</div>	28	29 <div> Carolyn Atkins</div>	30

Awana **THEME NIGHTS**

09/13 - Class Color Night
 09/20 - Crazy Socks
 09/27 - Mismatched Clothes

THE COVE TRIP

Calling all Adults! It's nearing that time again.
 Don't miss out, sign up today for our trip on
 November 1-3.



5X5X5 BIBLE READING PLAN

Sept. 01	Reflection
Sept. 02	Reflection
Sept. 03	2 Cor. 9
Sept. 04	2 Cor. 10
Sept. 05	2 Cor. 11
Sept. 06	2 Cor. 12
Sept. 07	2 Cor. 13
Sept. 08	Reflection
Sept. 09	Reflection
Sept. 10	1 Tim. 1
Sept. 11	1 Tim. 2
Sept. 12	1 Tim. 3
Sept. 13	1 Tim. 4
Sept. 14	1 Tim. 5
Sept. 15	Reflection
Sept. 16	Reflection
Sept. 17	1 Tim. 6
Sept. 18	2 Tim. 1
Sept. 19	2 Tim. 2
Sept. 20	2 Tim. 3
Sept. 21	2 Tim. 4
Sept. 22	Reflection
Sept. 23	Reflection
Sept. 24	Titus 1
Sept. 25	Tjtus 2
Sept. 26	Titus 3
Sept. 27	1 John 1
Sept. 28	1 John 2
Sept. 29	Reflection
Sept. 30	Reflection



PRAYER REQUESTS

Chris Kitchens	Omega Gunn
Ann & Fred	Carolyn Atkins
Gunter	Nancy Calfee
Raymond Battles	Jimmy & Connie
Edwin Blanchard	Crenshaw
Kelly Terzia	Bo Gibson
Johnny Stanfield	Zack Gilmore
Eugene Cook	John Harris
Carter Loftis	Emily Herrin
Ricky Thompson	Bengovan
Chuck Kee	McNeace
Patsy Wallace	Jimmy Mills



ON CALL PASTOR RON JONES

706-945-7619

If unavailable, please
contact the following:

DEACON OF THE WEEK

09/03-09/09	Carl Hill
09/10-09/16	Chuck Kee
09/17-09/23	Ken Curry
09/24-09/30	Albert Pearson



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Worship Leader **Jim Thomaston**
Youth Pastor **Brandon Brown**
Administrative Assistant **Stephanie Sims**

CALLED CONFERENCE



09/06/23
6:30PM

**INTRODUCING
MOTION REGARDING
TROUPE STREET PROPERTY**

- 09/20 - CHURCH CONFERENCE
TROUPE STREET MOTION DISCUSSION
- 09/24 - VOTE ON TROUPE STREET MOTION

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FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT BOARD *Report*



- **YTD Budget**
Donations
\$106,947.37
- **YTD Budget RQMT**
\$157,027.77

Designated Funds & Special Offerings

- **Wed. Supper Fund** **\$1705.00**
- **Misson Fund (Bagby)** **\$1550.00**

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR.

 **MISSION GEORGIA**

September is Mission Georgia Offering Month
Come together in support of Mission Georgia as
we equip our churches to serve their
communities.