

Hillcrest Church Family,

The Times, They Are a-Changin'

Bob Dylan released this title track on his 1964 album of the same name as a deliberate attempt to create an anthem of change occurring at the time of its composition. What was true then is even more true today. However, the radical difference is that, as believers in Christ, we are uniquely postured for these times of transition and adjustment through our faith which must override our fears.

In a recent audio recording which I sent out to our church family via email, I outlined several practical ways that we can respond during these times of change in our culture and our changing forms of communication. I would like to review them again for a wider audience as we prepare for Resurrection Sunday – EASTER! Mark 16:5-7 (NIV) - *As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"*

Some simple suggestions for spiritual strength in these times:

- Sit Up! God has given us an opportunity to move from complacency and routine to a new level of sensitivity, focus and attention. Let's listen to His voice carefully.
- Stretch Out! God is stretching us and allowing us all to be in a new learning curve as we stretch our emotions, are electronic-savvy, communications, our levels of energy - all while seeking to avoid exhaustion. Let's learn together.
- Stand Up! God does not expect us to hide or hunker-down during these days. We must look for new and better ways to share the Gospel through caring and boldness with one another and others. Let's stand tall for His glory.
- Shut up! I do not like this term or use it publicly, but it serves as a reminder that with so many opinions and so many voices shouting at us, that we would do well not to blame or defame. Let's zip our lips from preferences and prejudice.
- Look Up! God is able, God is ready, and God is waiting on us. If we are so busy looking around and down, we might miss it. Let's believe as one body seeking the face of God.

He is risen, indeed!
Pastor John

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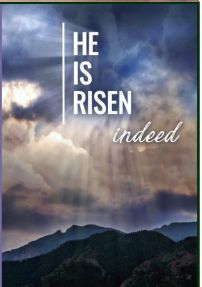
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April 5 ~ Palm Sunday April 10 ~ Good Friday
April 12 ~ Easter Sunday

Even though we won't be worshipping together, you can still worship where you are and remember the suffering, sacrifice, and glorious resurrection of Jesus! Join us online on Easter Sunday at 11:00 a.m. as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and the assurance of eternal life through Christ.

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The Outlet on Wednesday evenings, Sunday School, and the Youth Fellowship Lunch are suspended at this time.

TeamKid is suspended at this time



Ladies Bible Study

"The Power of Knowing God" by Kay Arthur is suspended at this time

We are no longer selling tickets to the Aspire Conference in North Augusta.

Men of Hillcrest Prayer Breakfast

Is suspended at this time



During this time when we are away from our usual schedules of worship, Bible

studies, and fellowship, please continue giving your tithes and offerings. You may mail your offering to the church, drop it by the church office, or donate online on our Website at

www.hillcrestbaptistaugusta.org/give.

Annie Armstrong Offering for North American Missions



The goal for this year is \$3500.

**Welcome,
Dr. John Bryan
Our Intentional
Interim Pastor**



John joined our staff in March 2020. He has served multiple churches across Georgia and is a resident of Appling. His experience in interim settings has allowed him to prepare many churches for God's next step. He and his wife, Clare, are blessed to have three grown sons and five sweet granddaughters.

If we ever wondered if life could completely change in a couple of weeks, we know it now! Last month, things were set for the musical, and Easter services were all planned. Well, now everything has changed! Thank goodness God is still on the throne. I pray you and your family are doing well and not having to deal with the virus? I'm sure we have all asked the question, "Why God is all this happening?" Just be assured, He is in control, and this will pass soon.



Please continue to pray for our nation, church family, and the music program here at Hillcrest. Hopefully, in a few weeks, we will be able to meet and resume corporate worship. Call me on my cell phone at 706-739-8272 if you have any questions. Thank you all again for your faithful support of the music program as we strive to serve our risen Savior Jesus Christ.

In His Steps
Bill



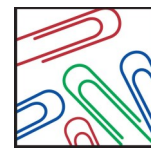
Worship Service Schedule

Due to concerns over the Coronavirus, all worship services and church activities are suspended.

The Good Friday CrossWalk, the Easter Sunrise Service, and the Easter Breakfast have been cancelled for this year. Please check our Website for announcements about services during Easter Week.

Church Services Online

Hillcrest Baptist Church will continue to have worship services and Bible Study online. Join us each Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. and on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. to hear a message by Pastor John. For access to the recordings, go to our Website – www.hillcrestbaptistaugusta.org/sermons-and-bible-studies.



**Office Hours
during the
Pandemic**

Monday and Thursday – 9 am -1 pm -

Staff member will be in the office;

1 pm – 4:30 pm - Staff members will be working from home

Tuesday and Wednesday,

9 am – 4:30 pm and Friday – 10 am – 3:30 pm - Staff members will be working from home.

If you need to reach the church, call our church office phone number, (706) 793-3104, and your request/inquiry will be taken care of.

A Message from the Personnel Committee . . .

What an exciting time in our church as we are seeing God's faithfulness within Hillcrest Baptist Church! Over the past few months we have had a lot of change within our fellowship. Change is a great motivator to think outside of the box and align with God's plan for our future. While change can invoke fear, confusion and doubt, we all know that God is with us! Isaiah 41:10 (NIV) says "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." He is doing just that as we are walking through these days.

A video message from Scott and Adrienne Johnson was added to the Hillcrest Website, if you have not seen it, please navigate your way there to view the video. Scott and Adrienne have accepted a call to a sister church in Graniteville. We celebrate this wonderful opportunity for Scott and Adrienne as God is advancing their ministry.

The personnel committee is currently praying, and will be working together, seeking God's guidance on next steps for our student ministry. We know God will provide as He is leading us every step of the way. In the coming days, you will hear more about next steps, what the plans look like. If there are any items that require approval of the church, we will communicate the steps as to how the voting process will work as well.

In these times of uncertainty in the world, isn't it wonderful to know we can be certain that our God is in control, He cares for us, and He is with us!

We hope you are all safe and well as you are quarantined at home. We are hopeful that we all will be able to worship our mighty God together again soon.

Love in Christ,
The Personnel Committee
Mellisa White, Chair, Courtney Logue,
Nick Smith



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:45 AM Sunday School has been suspended 11:00 AM Morning Worship has been suspended 6:00 PM Jews for Jesus: Passover Presentation has been cancelled	30 10:00 AM Food Pantry Is Closed Until Further Notice	31	1 5:30 PM All Wednesday evening activities have been suspended 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal has been suspended 6:15 PM Ladies' Bible Study has been suspended 6:15 PM TeamKid has been suspended 6:15 PM The Outlet (Youth) has been suspended 7:30 PM Praise Choir Rehearsal has been suspended	2	3	4
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