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# Wednesday News

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**Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.** – Joshua 1:9 (HCSB)

Today is Wednesday, March 25, and week two of our experience with "social distancing". We hope you are well and finding things to do during this time. At Hillcrest, we are learning new ways for communicating with all of you. If you have an email address, please send it to us so we can add you to our list. To send us your info, you may also complete the form on our Website at this page – [www.hillcrestbaptistaugusta.org/members-information-card](http://www.hillcrestbaptistaugusta.org/members-information-card).

Today's Scripture verse reminds us that God is always with us. The Israelites were getting ready to cross the Jordan River to go into the Promised Land. Their future seemed uncertain and unsettling. However, God spoke to them through Joshua and assured them he would always be with them. During this time of uncertainty, we can be assured that God is with us during this struggle. Let's think positively that perhaps we will learn new ways that we can connect and be close to each other in spirit if not in person. Why not reach out to someone today and give a "virtual hug" through a phone call, a text message, an email, video chat, or the old-fashioned mail?

**Wednesday Bible Study Message** – Dr. Bryan's study this week is *Times of Transition and Adjustment*. Be sure to listen at this link – <http://www.hillcrestbaptistaugusta.org/sermons-and-bible-studies>



## Easter Music

Our Easter Musical has been postponed from March 29 and will be rescheduled for a

later date. Choir Members: Please listen to your CD's and rehearse at home while we are away. You may drop by the church and get your book if you need it.

## Giving Your Tithes and Offerings

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](http://www.hillcrestbaptistaugusta.org/give).



**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions.** Our church's goal for this year is \$3500.



## 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 – <http://www.hillcrestbaptistaugusta.org/sermons-and-bible-studies>.

## A Message from Scott and Adrienne Johnson

*Serving as Director of Student Ministries at Hillcrest Baptist Church over the last five years has been such a privilege and honor. (continued on page 2)*

*Scott and Adrienne have produced a video accessible at this link – [www.vimeo.com/399471834](http://www.vimeo.com/399471834).*

## 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. (continued on page 3)*

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Hillcrest Baptist Church,

Over the last 6 months Adrienne and I have prayed for direction as a new ministry opportunity has presented itself. On Sunday, March 15, 2020, I preached in view of a call at Hillview Baptist Church in Graniteville, South Carolina as their full-time Children and Youth Pastor. After much prayer and consideration, I have accepted this call.

Serving as Director of Student Ministries at Hillcrest Baptist Church over the last 5 years has been such a privilege and honor. I cannot thank our church family and church leadership enough for the encouragement and love as we started this journey into ministry. Our prayer is that a door will be opened for God to do even better things through the different ministries of Hillcrest Baptist Church.

Our final day of worship will be on Sunday, April 5, 2020. During the upcoming weeks, I will be working with our different children and youth ministry teams to ensure a smooth transition that will allow for continued success and growth within these ministries.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Johnson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Scott Johnson

Hello Hillcrest Family,

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 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.

Today, a video message from Scott & Adrienne Johnson was added to the Hillcrest website, if you have not seen it, please navigate your way there to view the video. Scott & Adrienne have accepted a call to a sister church in Graniteville. We celebrate this wonderful opportunity for Scott & 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*