

Dear Hillcrest Family,
I'm sure that all of us in the past months have been touched greatly with the passing of so many loved ones. I'm sure we all have had a time of grief because of their deaths.

Job was a man acquainted with loss and yet this man gives us some of the greatest truths about life and death. Job said in his hour of loss in Job 1:21, *"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."*

Just like Job I want us to remember three things today:

- Like Job, I want us to remember the gift that God shared with us in the lives of our loved one. Job said, *"The Lord gave"*. Would you today remember all the wonderful gifts that God gave to and through our loved ones?
- Like Job, we need to acknowledge the grief that we suffer today because of their passing. Job said, *"and the Lord hath taken away"*. God has taken these lives, these loved ones, and because we are human, it leaves us with grief.

Not to understand is a human part of our life, especially when death takes our loved ones. There are some things we need to understand in our hour of grief. Some things we are not to understand. Deut. 29:29 says, *"The secret things belong unto the Lord our God"*. Also, some day we will understand it all. Psalm 17:15 declares, *"As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I wake with thy likeness"*. We may not be satisfied with the events of life now, but when we awake in His likeness and see how God worked everything out for our good and His glory, then we will be satisfied. Someone said it this way: *God never promised a life without pain, laughter without tears or sun without rain. But He did promise strength for the day, Comfort for the tears, and the light for the way, And for all who believe In His Heaven above, He rewards their faith In His everlasting love.*

- Just like Job I want us to never forget the glory that our loved ones sought to submit to God in their wonderful lives of service to God. Job said, *"Blessed be the name of the Lord."*

When their physical life was taken, then the next step for our saved loved ones was to be with The Lord in Heaven. Let us each remember that when our earthly life is over here on earth, then we begin a new life with our Heavenly Father.

So, today, we are to put into practice what we have preached, lived and testified, and that is to bless the name of The Lord.

Blessings
Pastor Charles

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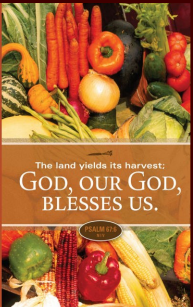
*And the peace of God, which passeth all
understanding, shall keep your hearts and
minds through Christ Jesus.*

~ Philippians 4:7 (KJV)



Sunday Morning Worship Services every Sunday
Wednesday Evening Praise & Prayer Services every Wednesday
October 12 ~ Budget & Finance Committee; Deacons' Meeting

*If you can't worship with us in the Sanctuary, you can still worship where
you are and join us online on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. through our
Website - www.hillcrestbaptistaugusta.org/sermons-and-bible-studies
and Facebook - www.facebook.com/HillcrestBaptistChurchAugusta*





Office Schedule
Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Closed on Fridays

If you need to reach the staff after hours, please call the office - 706.793.3104 - and leave a message. You can also reach us through email at hillcrestbaptist@comcast.net.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Due to the resurgence of COVID-19, the Monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast has been suspended for the present time.



Committee Meetings

- **Budget & Finance Committee**
Tuesday, October 12, 6:00 p.m.
- **Deacons' Meeting**
Tuesday, October 12, 7:00 p.m.



It's that time again!
Operation
Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are ready to be filled. Shoeboxes, labeled for Boy or Girl, and a gift suggestion list with Do's and Don'ts are on the table at the back of the Sanctuary. Please place filled boxes in the church office no later than November 14.



In consideration for the health and safety of our congregation, the church will be following CDC guidelines pertaining to the wearing of masks indoors. If you have not been vaccinated, please consider doing this as soon as possible for your safety as well as the safety of your family, friends, and others. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us to continue to have services in our Sanctuary.



If you are unable to attend our worship services at the church, 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.



Sunday School
News

Due to the resurgence of COVID-19 and out of concern for the health and safety of our congregation, the Deacons decided that **Sunday School and the Churchwide First Sunday Fellowship Breakfast** will be suspended for the present time to follow CDC guidelines concerning masks and social distancing. **Children's Church** continues to meet every Sunday in the WMU room behind the Sanctuary from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Registration is required on our Website at www.hillcrestbaptistaugusta.org/children. Thank you so much for your understanding and cooperation in this difficult situation.

Hillcrest Family,



Fall is just around the corner, and we may be finally feeling some cooler weather. Thank God! I love this time of year when you can step outside on a cool morning and feel a chill in the air.

A pastor search committee will be appointed soon. Pray God will give them wisdom and patience to wait for His perfect timing. I am excited about the prospects of moving forward with this important step in the future of Hillcrest Baptist Church.

The Covid19 virus has been a challenge for all of us and I know God has a plan and is still in control. He is an amazing God who gave His all so we could worship and sing praises to Him. In Ephesians 5:19-20, John writes, "Sing and make music in your hearts to the Lord. Always giving thanks to God the father for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ".

I am so grateful for our faithful Praise Team who have carried on with grace and love for our music program. I pray constantly for direction and wisdom for His guidance in helping me to choose music that is relevant and honoring to Him. God has been faithful to keep us healthy even during these trying times.

I want you all to know we are still open to new and former members joining our Praise Team. During the holidays is a great time to join as we will begin practicing Christmas songs very soon. Just let me know if you are interested so we can discuss where you feel most comfortable. Practice is still on Wednesday nights after prayer services and Sunday mornings around 10 am.

God bless as we enter this final quarter of the year, and please continue praying for our church and music program.

In His Steps,
Bill

HYMNS ABOUT HIM

Wednesday
Evening
Bible Study
Series



Join us for our Wednesday Evening Prayer & Praise Service at 6:30 in the Sanctuary as Pastor Charles leads us in this series about the hymns of our faith.

CALLED
CHURCH
CONFERENCE



Wednesday
October 6
6:30 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to consider a recommendation from the Deacons to officially close the Hillcrest Baptist Church School and to vote on the recommendation from the Nominating Committee concerning the Pastor Search Committee.



Dear Hillcrest Baptist Family,

Our words will never be able to fully express our gratitude for all of the texts, messages, calls, letters, flowers, and the beautiful meal provided to our family. Betty & Jamie loved Hillcrest so much and truly considered each person as family. We love you all and appreciate all of the prayers and expressions of Love.

Sincerely,
The Pete Golden Family
The Julie Nelson family



2021

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 26 10:00 AM Praise Team Rehearsal 11:00 AM Children's Church 11:00 AM Morning Worship in the Sanctuary | 27 10:00 AM Food Pantry Open - drive up service only | 28 | 29 6:30 PM Bible Study and Prayer Meeting - no supper 7:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal | 30 | 1 | 2 |
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