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All these things Jesus said to the crowds in parables; indeed, He said nothing to them without a parable. This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet: "I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world." - Matthew 13:34-35 (ESV)

Dr. Bryan's Sunday Message
Listen Up! Series – The Power of Parables
Matthew 13:10-17; 34-35; 51-52

We invite you to join Dr. Bryan at 11:00 Sunday morning as he brings this message online. We also invite you to join us for Bible Study online on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. You can watch the messages on our Website at this link -

www.hillcrestbaptistaugusta.org/sermons-and-bible-studies - or

on our Facebook page –

www.facebook.com/HillcrestBaptistChurchAugusta. **Beginning this Sunday, April 26, you will have the option to listen to Sunday and Wednesday messages by phone.** If you wish to use this

option, please call this number - **706-230-6070** - a minute or so before 11:00 a.m. on Sunday and 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Please mute your phone and wait for the message to begin.

We hope you have had a good week. Please let us know if we can help you by sending us an email message to hillcrestbaptist@comcast.net. You may also call the church office at 706.793.3104 and leave us a voice mail message. Someone will respond to your request very soon.



Office Hours during the Pandemic

The church office continues to be closed. Our office staff are working virtually, phone

calls are transferred so they can be addressed, and any financial needs are also being addressed. Someone checks the mail daily to ensure any and all tithe checks or other critical mail is handled. Please continue to mail your tithes if that is your best way to submit them; if you prefer, you can tithe online at the Hillcrest Baptist Church website.

Stay well, stay safe, and we look forward to the day we are all together in worship!

Giving Your Tithes and Offerings

Thank you for your faithfulness in giving your titles and offerings. Please continue to give by mailing your offering to the church, or donating online on our Website at

www.hillcrestbaptistaugusta.org/give.

Bible Quiz

In Matthew 13, to what does Jesus compare the kingdom of heaven?

- A. A farmer sowing seed
- B. A mustard seed
- C. Yeast
- D. Hidden treasure
- E. A merchant who finds a pearl
- F. A fishing net
- G. All of the above

(See Matthew 13:24-51.)





Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions

Annie Armstrong was born in Baltimore at a time when women were not expected to lead. She served, challenged churches to action, and rallied support for missionaries. Ultimately, Annie was recognized as a national Southern Baptist trailblazer renowned for visionary missions leadership. Click the resources below to learn more about Annie Armstrong.

- [Annie Armstrong Information](#)
- [Annie Armstrong Biographical Video](#)
(information and graphics from the North American Mission Board)



Our Goal: \$3,500 Received: \$1,400

Sermon Notes for Sunday, April 26, 2020

Listen Up! Series

At least one-third of Christ's recorded teaching is found in the parables in Scripture. To ignore these stories is to rob ourselves of much that He wants to teach us and what we need to learn... It is time to listen up.

The Power of Parables ***Matthew 13:10-17; 34-35; 51-52***

The familiar definition of a parable is "an earthly story with a heavenly meaning." They remind us that there is unity between the visible world of nature and the invisible world of the spiritual world which God is seeking to reveal His truths during these times of testing and learning. We must keep our spiritual ears open to hear His words, but most of all, to listen.

1. What's the purpose?

- Hard hearts need to be softened.
- Deaf ears need to be opened.
- Blind eyes need to see the truth.

2. Why listen?

- The Word of God speaks.
- The mirror of God reflects. (helping us to see ourselves)
- The window of God opens. (helping us to see life and God's truths)

3. How should we listen?

- Listen in context.
- Listen for the main truth.
- Don't over-listen.
- Ask God for wisdom/spiritual perception as you listen.

4. What does this short parable teach us?

- "New and old"
- Three responsibilities:
 - To learn the truth
 - To live the truth
 - To share the truth

Something to Think About. . .

- Are you learning by listening?
- Are you living out the lessons learned?
- Are you sharing His truths?