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## The Weekly News at Hillcrest – July 15, 2020

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.*  
- Proverbs 3:5-6 (ESV)

**Dr. Bryan's Online Sunday Message – “Dealing with Disaster” – Luke 13:1-9.** In the tenuous times in which we live, our natural tendency is to look for others to blame, which may include ourselves. God's Word can direct us in how to properly handle judgement. Pastor John continues his study of listening to the Lord through the power of parables.



If you cannot join us at the church for worship on Sundays at 11:00 a.m., you can watch the messages on our Website at this link - [www.hillcrestbaptistaugusta.org/sermons-and-bible-studies](http://www.hillcrestbaptistaugusta.org/sermons-and-bible-studies) - or on our Facebook page – [www.facebook.com/HillcrestBaptistChurchAugusta](https://www.facebook.com/HillcrestBaptistChurchAugusta).

## Wednesday Evening Bible Study has resumed in the Sanctuary.

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](mailto: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.



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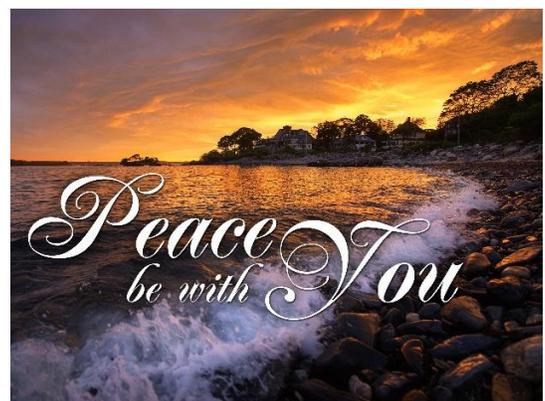
## Giving Your Tithes and Offerings

Thank you for your faithfulness in giving your tithes and offerings. Please continue to give by mailing your offering to the church, or donating online on our Website at [www.hillcrestbaptistaugusta.org/give](http://www.hillcrestbaptistaugusta.org/give)

Hillcrest Baptist Church Staff  
John Bryan, *Intentional Interim Pastor*  
Bill Dean, *Interim Director of Music*

## Baxley Children's Home

During the spring, Hillcrest Baptist Church usually participates in the annual breakfast food drive for the Georgia Baptist Children's Home. This year, instead of breakfast foods being collected and delivered to the facility, the Augusta Baptist Association requests that we donate Mastercard, Visa, and Walmart gift cards and give them to the Association Office who will mail them to the Children's Home. **If you would like to participate, please mail or drop off your gift card to the church office no later than July 19.**



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### "Dealing with Disaster"

Luke 13:1-9

John Bryan, July 12, 2020

#### 1. Be careful not to judge the victims (vv. 1-2).

- bad things happen to God's people
- in the right place – doing the right thing
- a great question:  
"Are they worse sinners?"

#### 2. Be careful not to judge God (vv. 3-4)

- an even greater answer:  
"No!"
- repentance is God's call for all
- disasters multiplied:  
Temple x Siloam x Jerusalem

#### 3. Be careful to honestly judge yourself (vv. 5-9).

- "you" 3 x
- where's the fruit?
- there's still time

#### Four Ways to Cope:

- ❖ We can **grope** our way through.
- ❖ We can **mope** our way through.
- ❖ We can **dope** our way through.
- ❖ We can **hope** our way through.

#### Conclusion:

- What good am I doing in God's world to prove that I am fit to keep alive?
- Does God find fruit produced from my life and ministry?
- If I were "cut down", would it make any difference to the work of God's kingdom in this world?