

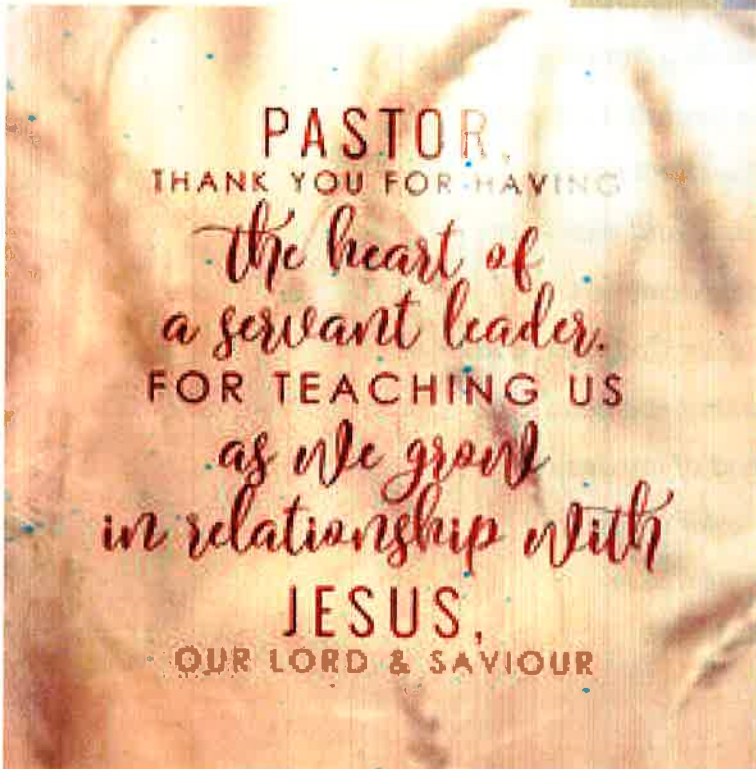
Hillside Park Newsletter

October 6, 2024

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Happy Harvest!



COLORS

*God created a world full of colors
in innumerable tints and hues
to be enjoyed and admired by us humans
when this beautiful world we view.
The seasons are known by their colors:
pastels paint flowers in spring;
yellow makes summer's sunshine
while its foliage is dressed in green.
Autumn is draped in tones of brown . . .
golds, reds, and orange on leaves;
whites and grays define winter –
wearing red on Christmas eve!
The skies, also, God fashioned in colors
of various shades of blue . . .
decked in diamonds that shine in the night
to add light to the darkness, too!
Some seas are sparkling azure –
lakes in the mountains, deep blue;
most springs are clear as crystal –
certain rivers hold muddy brown goo.
We're surrounded by beautiful colors –
the world is filled with all kinds –
countless tints, shades, and pigments
all by our Creator designed.
But the most precious color God ever made
gives life to souls that are dead;
it's the crimson blood of my Jesus –
so my favorite color is RED!*

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HAPPY OCTOBER!

From The Pastor

Have you ever been offered “conditional” forgiveness from a person? Have you ever experienced someone say, “I forgive you,” yet they continue to bring up your mistake whenever you mess up? There is nothing more frustrating than being reminded of past mistakes...especially when someone claims to have forgiven you. God’s forgiveness is not like this. After we ask for forgiveness, He never says, “I can’t believe you did that again.” As a matter of fact, God states in **Psalm 103:12**, “as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.” Have you ever thought why God said, east is from the west? There is an actual “north pole” and a “south pole,” so that as you travel, at some point you are ending in one direction, and beginning in another, only to eventually wind up right where you began. But there is no such starting and ending point if you are traveling east or west! You simply continue in that direction. There IS no east or west pole! Maybe THAT is why He uses “as far as the east is from the west” to describe how forgiven we are, and how far removed our sins are from us. We can’t see the beginning from the end! It’s simply, never ending – Just like His forgiveness!

Isaiah 43:12 says, “I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.” When you forgive people, do you FORGET their transgressions against you? I think that if we are all honest, we have to admit that for the most part we don’t forget. I personally believe that’s why we have such a difficult time “grasping” just how forgiving our God is when we confess our sins to Him. That’s because we are far, far, far less forgiving than He will ever be.

Forgiveness is unfathomable, isn’t it? How can a holy God overlook our continual sin? He can’t. He didn’t overlook it. Our sin has been punished and His anger towards us quenched. All because God’s wrath towards sin came down on His perfect Son the Lord Jesus Christ while hanging on Calvary’s cross. That is how we are forgiven.

We must never allow ourselves to grow accustomed to being forgiven and set free from sin. We must not take for granted the sacrifice that brought us forgiveness and peace with God.

What a privilege it is to be the pastor of the most wooooooooooooooooonderful church in the world!!!

Pastor Steve
Phil 1:3

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Youth
NEWSLETTER

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FALL FESTIVAL

Hillside Park Baptist Church's Fall Festival will be October 5th, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Bring your family and friends to enjoy free: food, BINGO with prizes, live bluegrass music, hayrides, bounce houses and games for kids!

We need volunteers to help with this event as well as people to drive their tractors/trucks and pull trailers for the hayrides. If you can assist, please, let me know by September 29th.



We have a private Facebook page. Visit "Hillside Park Baptist Youth" and request to join.



FRAZIER MARSH FARMS
October 12th

We will leave the church at 9:30. 10:00-12:00 will be spent at the farm. Snacks are available for individual purchase on site.

Bring money to buy your lunch on the way back to the church.

We will return around 1:30.



BIBLE OLYMPICS

CONGRATULATIONS!

HPBC Youth won the 1st Annual Youth Bible Olympics of the LBA - September 7, 2024. We are so proud of your hard work and dedication. You represented our church well.



**Donation Drive for
Abbotts Creek Center**

HPBC Youth will be collecting donations for the residents of Abbott Creek Center (Nursing Home) residents through December 1st. There are approximately 65 occupants. Items can be left at my office door or be given to me directly.

The youth group will deliver the donations December 4th when we go Christmas caroling there.

Suggested Items:

tissues, lotion, shower wash,
gowns (Medium-XXLarge),
small blankets, shampoo, conditioner, snow globes, chocolate, canvas boards,
acrylic paint, fingernail polish, chapstick, BINGO prizes,
diet canned drinks, and
individually wrapped snacks/chips

Prohibited Items:

aerosols (hairspray, deodorant, air fresheners), stuffed animals and candy



And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, PASTORS and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.
Ephesians 4:11-12

SENIOR NEWS

Happy October everyone!

This year is certainly flying by. its almost time to pick the pumpkins and rake the leaves and get those jackets out.

Our trip to Cici's Pizza in September was a big hit. We had some very good pizza and even better fellowship. This month we are going to West Jefferson on Thursday, October 17th. leaving the church at 9 o'clock. We will be visiting two churches that have frescos painted on the walls. We are also going to the Cheese Factory and if anyone wants to purchase any cheese will have a cooler to put it in. We will also go to a little mountain gift shop for all of you shoppers. Since there are no restaurants large enough to seat all of us we will be eating at a fast food restaurant. This trip isn't about food but fellowship. We will be gone most of the day as it is almost a 2 hour drive to get there. This is a fun trip and we are looking forward to having a lot of you make the trip with us. If you haven't rode the new bus, it is an awesome ride, come with us and see for yourself and enjoy our fellowship.

Thanks to everyone for all the positive comments we received for our Motor Coach trip to Philadelphia. Your encouragement almost makes us want to plan another trip in the future.

We love you all,
Patsy and Audrey

An umbrella cannot
stop the rain but it
allows us to stand in
the rain.

Faith in God may not
remove the trails but it
gives us strength to
overcome them.

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Pastor's Humor

Ice Fishing

3. A man goes out ice fishing one morning. He reaches the ice and is about to cut a hole in it when he hears a voice from above: "There are no fish here."

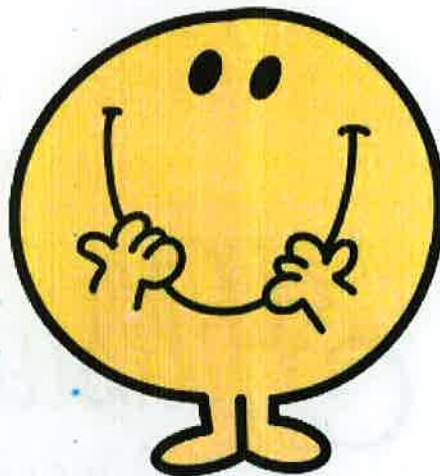
The fisherman is shocked but gets up and moves to another spot. As he's about to cut a hole, he hears a voice from above again, "There are no fish here either."

He gets up and moves to a third spot. Before he's even finished walking, the voice says, "I'm telling you, there are no fish here."

The fisherman says, "God, how can you be so sure there aren't any fish here?"

The voice replies, "This is the ice rink manager."

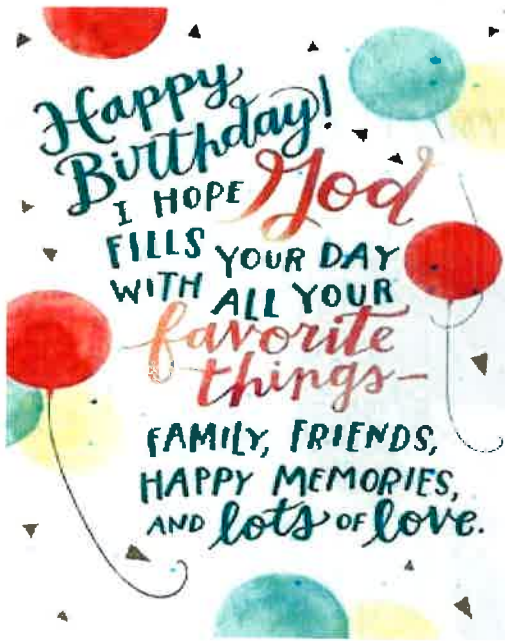
My childhood church had a kitchen in the back. One day while looking around, I saw a wooden plaque with a button. The button didn't work. That was when I read the sign above the plaque: "When you are through using the kitchen, push button to summon a servant to clean up. If there is no response, refer to [Matthew 20:25-28](#) for further instruction. Thank you."



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Happy Birthday



Sara Hughes	October	1	Donna McCoy	October	16
Sylvia Noah	October	1	Christinia Foley	October	17
Priscilla Trautman	October	3	Freda Truitt	October	17
Janelle Jarrett	October	5	Becky Auman	October	23
Randy Rollins	October	6	Penny Miller	October	23
Michelle Hughes	October	9	Ricky Workman	October	23
Oaklan Chipps	October	11	Tony Smith	October	27
Sue Owens	October	12	Olivia Marshall	October	29
Lynn Wiley	October	12	Tammy Sink	October	31
David McCoy	October	14			

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Happy Anniversary



Don & Trudy Payne

October

15, 1977 47 years

Joshua & Stephanie Lindsey

October

16, 2010 14 years

