



A Place for All People

The Beacon

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

It's a wonderful feeling to have and sight to see when a new ministry happens within a congregation. In addition to the ministries that we have currently, such as the Backpack and Christmas Box ministries, we now have a "Quilting Ministry." Sara Fisher has been instrumental in its founding taking it from the idea stage to the implementation stage.

One thing that's beautiful about it is not only the finished product of the quilt or blanket but also the fellowship and teamwork that takes place at each meeting/work detail. Many ladies come out, give of their time and effort, and share a time together.

The blankets are given to folks who are not doing so great and could use a little reminder that they are remembered and loved. Each time the blanket is placed across a lap or wrapped around a shoulder, this person is receiving the warmth of a hug and embrace from Hillcrest as provided through the Quilting Ministry.

Grace and Peace,
Clarke
Hillcrest Baptist Church
A Place for All People

PS. Contact Sara Fisher for more information about this ministry.

ADULT CHOIR

Do you like to sing, laugh, pray together???? Then come out Thursday evenings and make a joyful noise!!! Choir meets on Thursdays from 6:30 until 8:30. The first 45 minutes we will learn Christmas music to be presented during a Sunday morning in December. The remaining time will be spent on regular songs for Sunday mornings. We would love to have you for the entire time; however, if you want to try it out just for Christmas then you are more than welcome to leave at 7:15.

"Let every everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord."

Psalm 15:6

Join us as we sing praise together!!! We'd love to have you!!!!

"Sing"cerely,
Linda

HBC UPCOMING EVENTS

Everyone is invited to participate in the events below. Details for each event are provided on a handout located on the welcome desk in the atrium. If you have questions, contact Kristin Riccio (804-402-8797).

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
September 25	Back to School Bash 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
September 30	Firepit Fun

October 9 Pumpkin Patch - Noon
 October 16 Howdy Neighbor 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

DEACON NOMINATIONS

You are invited to nominate a person(s) to serve a 3-year term as deacon(s) for our church. The nominating process will be held September 4 - September 25, Nomination forms are available on the welcome desk in the atrium.

BACKPACK MINISTRY

*Heeerrrrre, We Go.....
 Backpacks Away!*

School starts on September 6th and that means it is time for the Backpack Ministry to get to work! We have been busy since early August finalizing our volunteers, organizing them into teams, reconnecting with the schools, building food inventory and planning our Kickoff Picnic. The picnic will be at 5:00 on September 18th in the Pole Barn or inside the church in the Fellowship Hall if the weather insists. We will have our first deliveries ready by Friday, September 30th.

If you want to volunteer to help at the picnic, please let me know. Hillcrest added four new volunteers for the school year. Please remember to bring grocery bags with handles and leave them in the atrium by the Backpack Ministry display.

Food prices have increased dramatically since last year, so we need financial donations. Please consider your support by donating to the Backpack

Ministry. Please write on the outside of the donation envelope Designated-Backpack Ministry.

This year we will be collecting school supplies on September 11th and September 18th. These supplies will be added to the first delivery in October in each food bag. A list of needed supplies will be on the welcome desk in the atrium beginning next Sunday, September 4th. Thank you for your support.

Jerry Edwards
 Ministry Organizer

CHRISTMAS BOX MINISTRY

The process for this year’s Christmas Box Ministry has already begun. Patti Drudge (St. Paul’s Episcopal) has been sending information to the families about receiving a Christmas Box and 15 have responded positively as of this date. We are waiting to hear from two churches that partnered with us last year and the others have already reported they will join the partnership again this year. After all the families have sent in their requests, we will begin purchasing the items that Hillcrest contributes. This ministry depends on your financial support and your support constructing, wrapping, and filling the boxes to get them ready for delivery. The week after Thanksgiving is when we begin this part of the ministry. Watch for details in the announcements on Sunday mornings and in the October and November newsletters. Merry Christmas to all....

Jerry Edwards
 Ministry Organizer

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS
 CHILD SHOEBOX MINISTRY**

Just a reminder during the month of September, we will be collecting crayons, solar calculators, small scratch pads, stickers, and spiral notebooks. Of course, any other items you deem appropriate will be most appreciated. Also, we are always in need of empty shoeboxes.

Thank you,
 Sharon Duling
 OCC Coordinator

BIRTHDAYS

Mason Tucker (9-6)
 Jason Simmons (9-7)
 Joanne Payne (9-11)
 Celia Wood (9-13)
 Tabatha Regensburg (9-15)
 Joyce Michael (9-15)
 Linda Griffith (9-17)
 Catherine Payne (9-18)
 Sara Fisher (9-21)
 Jordan Carter (9-25)
 Nicki Childress (9-26)
 David Petersen (9-27)
 Darrell Davis (9-29)
 Thomas Dills (9-30)

GENERAL FUND RESULTS

General Fund Balance as of July 1	\$36,320.09
July Receipts (Online giving and regular)	\$13,544.99
July Expenditures	\$10,479.70
Balance as of August 1	\$39,384.39