

Hillside Park Newsletter

September 6, 2026
Hillside Park Baptist

Happy Labor Day



*Come unto me,
all ye that labour
and are heavy
laden, and I will
give you rest.*

Matthew 12:28

Welcome September

New month, new chapter, new page and new wishes. May the month give you courage, strength, Confidence, patience, self-love & inner peace. May everyday in September fill your days with Hope, love, sunshine and energy. Let there be Joy, Fun and Laughter.

A Prayer for Labor Day

Creator God,
thank you for providing us
with the gift to share our talents.

Provide our community,
our nation, our world
the fortitude to provide work for all
which is decent and fair.

Make us faithful stewards
of your creation
to enhance the human dignity
of our global family.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,
who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit
now and forever.

UP TO ME

*I arrive "at church" and ask myself
if I've talked to God in prayer –
have I confessed my faults and failures
and handed Him my cares?
Have I asked that He would search my soul
and wash away my sin
so I'll not get distracted
but truly worship Him?
Will I praise Him for His goodness -
and for His Holy Word –
and ask that all He wants to say
will be completely heard?
Is my request that Jesus use me
to encourage, love, and care –
to smile and be the answer
to someone else's prayer?
Or . . . am I just going through the motions
not expecting much
but to make it through the service –
"same old" sermon, songs, and such?
Will I look around and criticize
as each thing I "pick apart" . . .
or ask God to do whate'er it takes
to cleanse my sinful heart?
Will I leave equipped to serve my LORD
because He's made a change in me –
or walk away just like I came ? . . .
the choice is UP TO ME!*

From The Pastor

“And after these things he went forth, and saw a publican, named Levi, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he said unto him, Follow me. Luke 5:27

It is obvious from reading the gospels that Jesus was not influenced by man's opinion. Just look at the company He kept. It wasn't those that His culture approved of and respected that He befriended. It wasn't the rich, educated, or even the moral at times. The Father drew Jesus to those who were overlooked and despised. We catch a glimpse of this by the disciples that He called to follow Him.

In Jesus' day, it was not customary for a teacher to call his disciples. Instead, it was the other way around. Students applied to follow rabbis; and to even be considered certain standards had to be met. Rabbis were careful about who they chose to accept because the disciples were a direct reflection of their teachers.

Who and how Jesus chose His disciples was unconventional. There was no formal application...no list of criteria...no hoops to jump through. There was a simple invitation – “Follow Me.” If calling poor fishermen wasn't enough for people to question Jesus' sanity, calling Levi the tax collector must have done the trick. Tax collectors were the most despised class of people in all of Israel. They cheated and robbed. They were barred from the synagogues. They were considered traitors and were on the same social level with prostitutes, murderers and robbers.

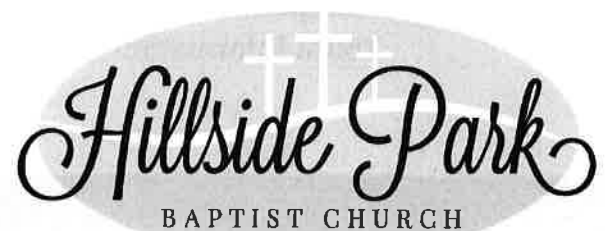
The Scripture says that Jesus saw Levi. There is a name used for God in the Old Testament called, “El Roi,” and it translates The God Who Sees. Jesus saw past what Levi did - past who he was - to who He could be. While everyone else was looking with hatred and disgust, Jesus looked with eyes of compassion and love. He urged the cheating tax collector to “Follow Me.”

Like Jesus we must choose to see people for who they can be in Christ. There is no discrimination at the foot of the cross. Regardless of background, race, gender, social status, or even our own opinions our invitation is the same...Come and follow Jesus. If we are faithful to this simple task, we will be amazed at what God will do!

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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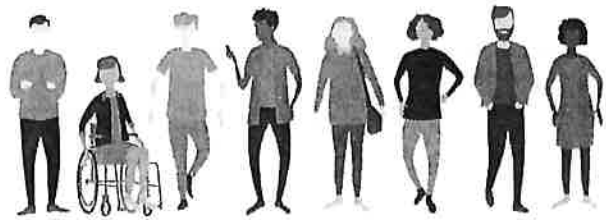


WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

September 23rd will be our Wonderful Wednesday. There will be multiple "Bounce Party" activities as well as Sunset Slush for everyone.



Scan to complete a new/updated HPBC Youth Information Sheet.



Graduates Class

Our graduates class will be going to B & E's Ice Cream and Coffee on September 23rd. The church will pay up to \$10.00 for each participant's purchase.

Zane Douthit will be presenting the devotion.



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



Senior News

What a great turn out we had for our August meal at the Pioneer. It was good to have some of you back with us and a few new faces.

This month we are going to have breakfast at the Golden Corral in Greensboro on Thursday, September 24th. We will leave the church at 8:45 and plan on eating around 9:15. Afterward we will be heading to Hamrick's for a little fall shopping.

Hope September finds everyone well and happy and looking forward to some cooler days and nights. We mean "COOLER" not "Colder". That will be here soon enough.

Enjoy labor day with some family and friends. If you haven't taken a dip in the pool this Summer, this will be your last chance.

Be sure to pray daily for the ones unable to fellowship with us, send cards and make phone calls. They miss their time with us.

Patsy & Audrey

Those were the days when:

People sat down to dinner and counted their blessings instead of calories.

Dirty words in books were dots and dashes.

Baths were taken once a week and religion every day.

A job was the first thing you went steady with.

People dressed up for Church.

A baseball game was called on account of darkness.

Breakfast cereals were silent.



Pastor's Humor

Favorite Flower

While attending a marriage seminar on communication Tom and Peg listened to the instructor, " It is essential that husbands and wives know the things that are important to each other." He addressed the men, " Can you describe your wife's favorite flower?"

Tom leaned over, touched his wife's arm gently and whispered , " Pillsbury All-Purpose, isn't it?"

The rest of the story is not pleasant.



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Happy Birthday

AGE is merely the
number
of years
the WORLD
HAS BEEN
enjoying
YOU



Lisa Leonard	September	1	Landon Ramey	September	14
Glenn Vicks	September	4	Stacey Kindley	September	16
Ron Atkins	September	6	Ellerbe Joy Darnell	September	17
Andy Starcher	September	6	Alesia Frady	September	18
Martha Stephenson	September	6	Kermit Bell	September	19
Virginia Blakley	September	7	Frank Green	September	23
Robin Hill	September	8	Crystal Hunt	September	23
Vann Owens Jr.	September	8	Eva Jarrett	September	24
Frank Reed	September	9	Trudy Payne	September	24
Amelia Lambeth	September	10	Lillie Grace Gallimore	September	28
Zane Douthit	September	13	Zacharia Chipps	September	30

LOVE BEGINS IN A MOMENT,
GROWS OVER TIME,
AND LASTS FOR ETERNITY.



Happy Anniversary



Ronnie & Tonya Stephenson	September 24, 2022	4 years
Clark & Sandy Harris	September 10, 1988	38 years
Chris & Heather Douthit	September 14, 2002	24 years
Rickie & Diane Workman	September 14, 1984	42 years
Dennis & Kira Jarrett	September 18, 2004	22 years
Randy & Sandy Rollins	September 18, 1976	50 years
Freddie & Cyndi Southern	September 22, 2001	25 years
Danny & Sondra Scott	September 25, 1981	45 years
Patrick & Sandy Williams	September 25, 1998	28 years
Thad & Jan Watkins	September 30, 2005	21 years

Female Fellowship Night

Wreath & Bow Making

We will meet in the large FLC classroom November 12th, 6:00-8:00pm. Third grade and older participants will need to bring their own glue gun and glue sticks if possible. The church will provide the grapevine wreaths. The \$30.00 registration fee will cover the cost of flowers, ribbons and embellishments. You will be able to choose whether you want to create a fall or Christmas wreath when you register and pay by November 1st.

If you are unable to pay the \$30.00 registration fee, please, see me.

Please, complete and return the portion below with your payment (checks made out to Hillside Park Baptist Church or cash) to Kristie Chipps.

_____ will be participating in the wreath and bow making Female Fellowship Night on November 12th.

CHOOSE ONE

_____ Fall Wreath

_____ Christmas Wreath



Michelle Langford

Dawn Speelman

I was glad
when they said unto me,
“Let us go into the
house of the *Lord.*”
Psalms 122:1

The Senior Safety Seminar on legal and financial
issues will be :

October 24th, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Free to everyone. You do not have to sign up,