

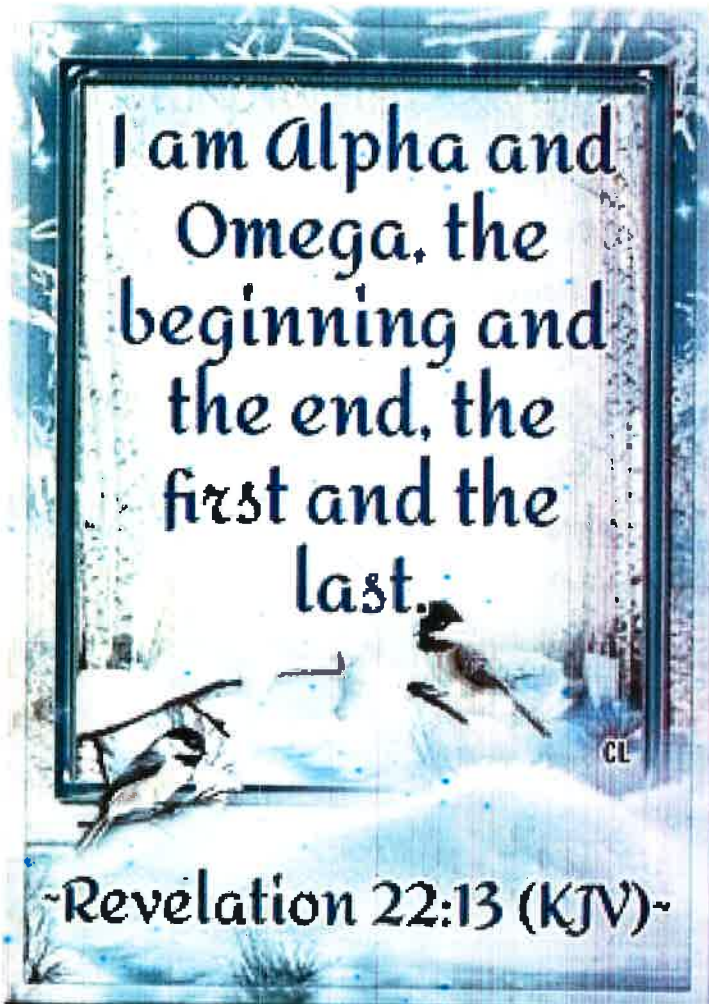
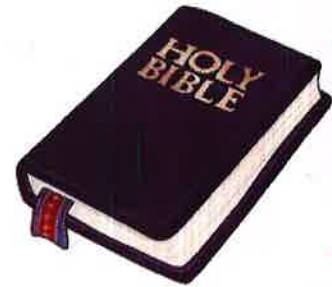


January 5, 2025  
Hillside Park Baptist Church  
Thomasville, NC 27360

Hillside Park Newsletter

*Hillside Park*  
BAPTIST CHURCH

*Happy New Year*



In honor of Sanctity of Life Day  
celebrated since 1986 on the third Sunday of January on the Southern Baptist Calendar

**GOD'S MASTERPIECE**

*I'm not a mishap or a mistake  
but formed by God's Own hand  
with every single part of me  
by Him uniquely planned.  
To many I'm worth nothing  
but to Him I've matchless worth  
from the time of my conception  
tho' I haven't yet been birthed!  
I'm formed in His Own Image  
yet unique in every way –  
with a heart and mind and priceless soul  
no force can take away!  
I'd be content to stay right here  
in this dark and cozy womb . . .  
but an angel's whispered in my ear  
that I'll be leaving soon.  
For God has special plans for me  
and when His time is right  
I'll emerge from under Mommy's heart  
into a world of light.  
Designed to do whate'er God asks  
and go where He may lead,  
I'm amazing and miraculous  
of divine and special breed!  
For when God looks at all He's made  
the wonders never cease . . .  
but in this wondrous universe –  
I'm His masterpiece!*

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## Hillside Park BAPTIST CHURCH

### From The Pastor

Shortly after Dallas Seminary was founded in 1924, it almost folded. It came to the point of bankruptcy. All the creditors were ready to foreclose at twelve on a particular day. That morning, the founders of the school met in the president's office to pray that God would provide. In that prayer meeting was Harry Ironside. When it was his turn to pray, he said " Lord, we know that the cattle on a thousand hills are thine. Please sell some of them and send us the money."

Just about that time, a tall Texan in boots strolled into the business office. "Howdy!" he said to the secretary. " I just sold two carloads of cattle over in Fort Worth. I've been trying to make a business deal go through" but it just won't work. I feel God wants me to give this money to the Seminary. I don't know if you need it or not, but here's the check," and handed it over.

The secretary took the check and, knowing something of the critical nature of the hour, went to the door of the prayer meeting and timidly tapped. The founder and president of the school answered the door and took the check from her hand. When he looked at the amount, it was for the exact sum of the debt. Then he recognized the name on the check as that of the cattleman. Turning to Dr. Ironside, he said, " Harry, God sold the cattle."

HPBC we serve a Mighty, Awesome, Amazing, Great, BIG GOD!!

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

Pastor Steve

Phil 1:3

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### BIBLE VERSE OF THE MONTH

For I know that the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Jeremiah 29:11

*Hillside Park Baptist*  
*Youth*  
**NEWSLETTER**

January, 2025



**New Year - New Lives**

As we begin a new year, the youth will be assisting new lives at the Here is Hope Pregnancy Center, Thomasville. Throughout the month of January, we will be holding a “Baby Bottle & Diaper Campaign.” (All diaper sizes are needed but most sizes used are 3 and 5.) If you would like to participate, you can give donations to me or leave them outside my office.



**WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY**

January 22nd will be our Wonderful Wednesday. Snow minute-to-win-it games will be played by all ages. Join us for “Snow Fun.”



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

# SENIOR NEWS

There is something so satisfying about beginning a New Year. Looking at a fresh new calendar with all those clean squares ahead of us to be filled. We also look back over our failures, mistakes, and missed opportunities and vow to make better use of our time in the coming year. Let's fill those blank squares with phone calls or visits to the sick or lonely. Let's send more cards, let's be a better friend, let's attend church more, pray more, smile more, and read our Bibles more. Our days on this earth are numbered, let's make the most of them.

This month our meal will be in the family life center on Thursday, January 16th. We will be having soups and chicken and dumplings. Anyone who wants to please bring a dessert. Come join us on a cold January day for some hot soup and warm fellowship. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Our prayer is for all of us to have a healthy, happy 2025.

We love you all,  
Patsy & Audrey

Come children, gather round my knee,  
Something is about to be.  
Tonight's December 31st.  
Something is about to burst.  
The clock is ticking dark and small,  
Like a time bomb in the hall.  
Hark! It's midnight, children dear.  
Duck! Here comes another year.

What the New Year brings to you will depend  
a great deal on what you bring to the New Year.

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BAPTIST CHURCH

# Pastor's Humor

## **4. Two Little Boys**

Two little boys were sitting together in a church during a wedding ceremony.

As the couple said "I do", one of the little boys leaned over to the other and asked, "I wonder how many wives can a man have?"

The second little boy looked at his friend like he was an idiot and said, "He can have 16 wives."

"How do you know that?" The first little boy asked.

"Weren't you listening? The priest just said it. Four better, four worse, four richer, and four poorer."

## **1. Adam's Ribs**

At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs.

Later in the week, his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and she said, 'Johnny, what is the matter, young boy?'

Little Johnny responded, "I have pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife.



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# Happy Birthday



**May the birthday  
candles that represent  
the years of your life.  
Be a reflection to others  
of your love for Christ**



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Stephanie Lindsey	January	8	Gracie Gilliland	January	18
Alice Phillips	January	11	Bobby Hill	January	19
Matthew Thornton	January	11	Debbie Hoosier	January	19
Laura Grubb	January	13	Kayden Hanks	January	20
Marlene Swaney	January	13	Andy Royals	January	21
Lester Allen	January	14	Brent Green	January	26
Noah Williams	January	16	Rebecca Napier	January	26
Ava Vickrey	January	17	Fonda McCrosky	January	27
			Brenda Russell	January	30

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## Happy Anniversary

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and so  
together  
they built  
a life they  
loved

Love

Robert & Paula Vance	January	2, 1990	35 years
Brian & Kathy Holcomb	January	8, 2005	20 years
Chris & Rebecca Napier	January	6, 2017	8 years
Reggie & Lois Ramsey	January	24, 1980	45 years