

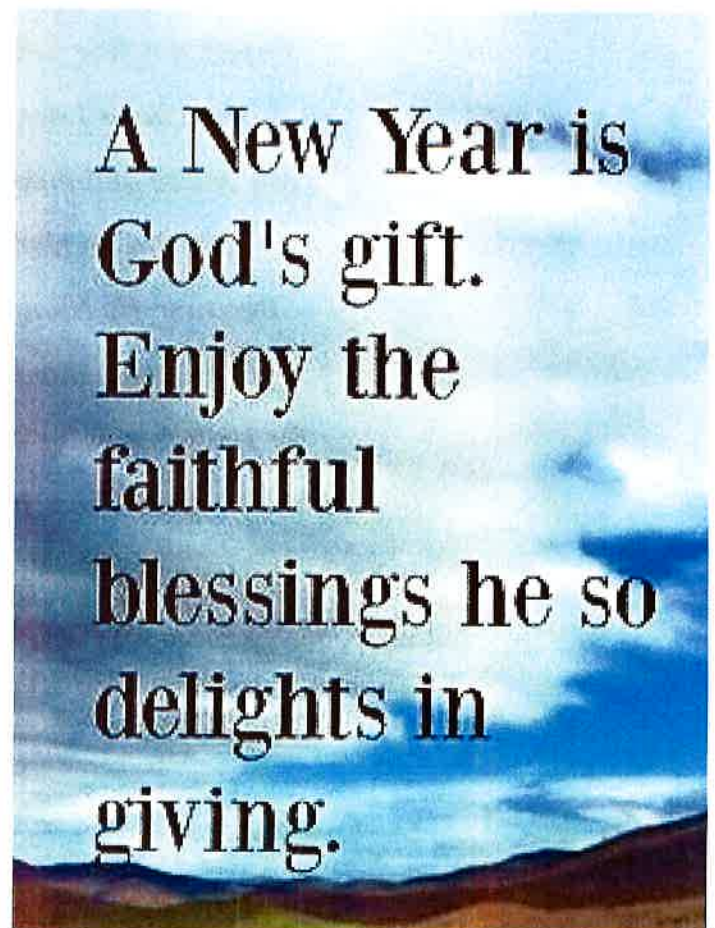
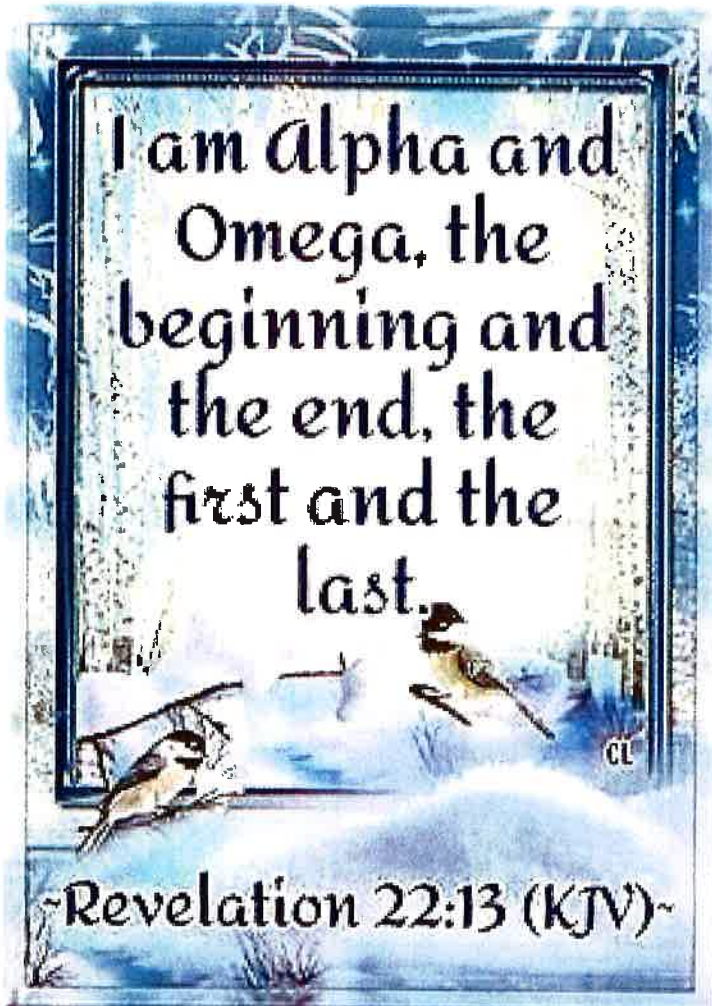
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Hillside Park Baptist Church
Thomasville, NC 27360

Hillside Park Newsletter

Hillside Park
BAPTIST CHURCH



Happy New Year



WHAT WAITS AHEAD

*I can't live the past over again –
it's gone and will not return . . .
but from each yesterday I've survived
some helpful lessons I've learned.
From every choice came a consequence
just like in THE BIBLE I've read . . .
and each bad decision I almost made
has made me thankful for good ones instead!
Now I stand at the door of a brand-new year
and don't know what trials I'll see;
I've no idea what changes will come
nor what will happen to me.
I need not fear what is WAITING AHEAD
because I don't travel alone . . .
my Jesus will meet ev'ry need that I face
and it's on Him that I can lean on.
Because He knows what is best for me
I can trust Him to guide my path . . .
for He'll faithfully lead me along life's way
until I reach Heaven at last!*

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

From The Pastor

Anyone who has any conscience at all is not immune to guilt. We all sin, we all do wrong. We all fall short of the glory of God. When we do sin we find ourselves dragged back into God's courtroom to face charges. Then, we read **Romans 8:33**, "Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth." The phrase, "lay any thing to the charge," is one word in the Greek language. It is a legal term, which literally means, "to call in" – an official summons to appear in a court of law to face these accusations that have been brought against you. Who are the major witnesses lined up against us? Our sins sometimes accuse us. Other people will sometimes accuse us, but the biggest accuser of all is Satan. His full-time job is being a prosecuting attorney against us every time we sin. **Revelation 12:10** describes him this way, "For the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night."

Nobody sins in secret. We may think we sin in secret, but there is always one – and sometimes two – watching. God is always watching. Whenever one of God's children does wrong the Accuser drags us into God's courtroom and makes his charge. It is not circumstantial evidence or hearsay. We do fail and we do sin. Then we are gloriously reminded, "It is God that justifieth."

HPBC thank God for GRACE!!! Grace that is bigger than my sins. God's grace has declared us "not guilty." If you have placed your faith in Jesus Christ the Accuser has no case against you. If you are a follower of Jesus, you have been forgiven. We have been totally, completely, and eternally justified by the Supreme Judge of the Supreme Court of the Universe.

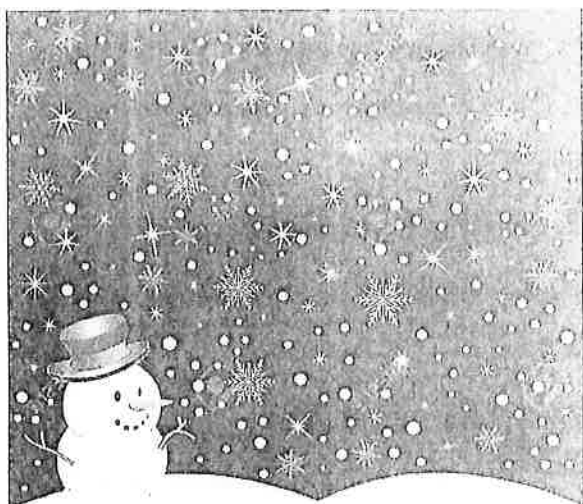
What a privilege it is to be the pastor of the most wooooooooooooooooonderful church in the world!!!

Pastor Steve
Phil 1:3

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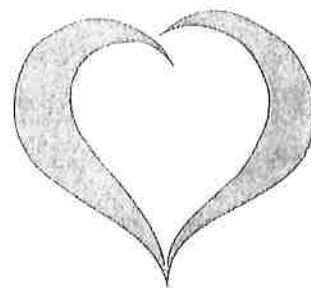
Hillside Park Baptist
Youth
NEWSLETTER

January, 2026



WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

January 21st will be our "Snow Much Fun" Wonderful Wednesday. We will have a devotion, hot chocolate bar and "snow" games inside the Family Life Center.



Valentine's Banquet

February 14th will be our Valentine's Banquet at 5:00pm. Youth volunteers are needed to help set up, decorate, serve food/drinks, and clean up. 3rd-12th graders please, sign up to help using the link on our Facebook page or by returning the paper copy by February 4th.



Youth Choir Practices

The Youth Choir for 3rd-12th graders will practice January 4th & 18th in the sanctuary.

5:00-5:30

SENIOR NEWS

Happy New Year everyone!

Praying January 1st. found all of you happy and healthy and looking forward to better things in the coming year. This month we will be having our fellowship in the Family Life Center on January 22 at 12:00. We will be serving soups and Chicken Dumplings and we ask that everyone that can to bring a dessert. We are working on our plans for the coming year so if anyone has ideas for new places please let us know.

You might think that losing weight would be our top New Year's resolution. But according to a 2024 survey, 'saving more money' topped the list, followed by improving physical health, being happy, exercising more, eating healthier, and in 6th. place losing weight. One item wasn't mentioned at all-- exercising toward godliness. Well, let's try the repetitions of lifting our Bibles, flexing our faith muscles, and pressing forward in conditioning our souls to run the race before us with perseverance.

Thank you Hillside Park Baptist for caring so much for us seniors. Best church in Thomasville!!

Patsy and Audrey

It's tough to
get out of bed on
cold mornings.

Or warm mornings.

Or mornings

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BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor's Humor

Wall Of Jericho Joke

1. A teacher was giving a lesson on the Old Testament and asked one of her students, Tommy, who knocked down the walls of Jericho?

Tommy answered, Well, it wasnt me.

Worried about this lack of Bible knowledge, the teacher called Tommys mother.

His mother said, Look, my sons a good kid. If he says he didnt knock the wall down, he didnt knock the wall down.

More worried, the teacher called Tommys father. He listened to her story and said, Well, look, I dont want any trouble. Just tell me how much this wall costs, and Ill take care of it.

Two Boats and A Helicopter

2. A flood struck a town, and one man was stuck on his roof. He prayed, asking God to save him.

Soon, a rowboat came by. The rower yelled, Jump, I can save you.

The man replied, No, I prayed, and God will save me.

Later, a motorboat came along. The motorboat operator yelled, Get In, quick.

Again, the man on the roof said, No, its fine. God is going to save him.

A helicopter flew over and dropped a rope ladder onto the roof. Again, the man said no, that God would save him.

The waters rose, and soon the man was at heavens pearly gates. He saw God at the entrance and said, What happened? I prayed and trusted you would save me.

God said, Well, I sent you two boats and a helicopter.





Four Crosses. Four Men. One man is a murderer.
Two are thieves. The fourth, a carpenter from
Nazareth.

Date: Saturday, March 14th

Time: 12 O'Clock Noon

Cost: \$51 for 55 – up

\$53 for 54 – 19

\$35 for 18 - under

Bus will leave the church at 9:30 AM

Money must be paid to Patsy

Gilliland or Audrey Hunt by

February 8th

Make checks payable to:

Hillside Park Baptist Church

DINNER

Braised Angus beef roast
with white pepper sauce

Fresh roasted vegetables

Couscous with dried
cranberries

Mediterranean herb bread
brushed with olive oil

Homemade bread pudding
with sour cream and
raspberry sauce

Ice water with lemon

- Only 44 seats have been reserved



PRAYER TO PUT GOD FIRST IN THE NEW YEAR

The Gracful Chapter

Heavenly Father,

I thank You for all that You are and all that You do for me. Thank you for the opportunity to see a new year. Forgive me for all the times that I forgot to seek You first and did things my way.

In this new year, help me to put You first in everything I do. Remind me each and every day that I need You in my life. I don't want to do things the same way I did in the past. Because my ways never work out for my good. Lord, in the new year, let things be Your ways and not my ways.

Help me to love and desire You above all things. As Your words says in Jeremiah 31:33, put Your law within me, so that I can do as Your law says.

Write them in my heart, so that my desire will only be to do as You please. Be my God and lead me in the new year.

Be my guide and my protector. Give me strength and courage for the new year and direct me in all that I do. In Jesus' Holy name I pray,

Amen

The Gracful Chapter



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Hillside Park BAPTIST CHURCH

Happy Birthday

IT IS
SCIENTIFICALLY PROVEN
THAT
PEOPLE
WHO HAVE MORE
BIRTHDAYS
live longer



Addison Moody	January	5	Noah Williams	January	16
Hadley Moody	January	5	Debbie Hoosier	January	19
Stephanie Lindsey	January	8	Kayden Hanks	January	20
Alice Phillips	January	11	Andy Royals	January	21
Matthew Thornton	January	11	Brent Green	January	26
Laura Grubb	January	13	Fonda McCrosky	January	27
Lester Allen	January	14	Brenda Russell	January	30



Happy Anniversary

HER
Forever
HIS
always



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