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Hillside Park Newsletter

October 4, 2026









PRAY IT THROUGH

I wonder where I'd be right now
if I had "prayed it through" –
if I'd just stopped and asked You, LORD,
what You would have me do.
Instead I quickly made a choice
that I would soon regret . . .
and I fear its consequences
aren't fully realized yet.
So I cry to You, my Father,
in repentance and in shame,
please take this awful mess I've made
and bring glory to Your Name.
There's no way that I can 'fix it' –
I should have come to You
and humbly asked that You would help me
.to Your purposes be true.
So I bring my faults and failures
that Your blood will cleanse them all –
don't let me be a stumbling block
nor the reason someone falls.
Help me from this moment on
every choice to bring to You
where I'll kneel in full surrender
and humbly "pray it through"!

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Even when we "Fall", our Savior is waiting to restore our fellowship with Him.
HAPPY AUTUMN!

From The Pastor

"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:"
Hebrews 10:24

On July 2, 1956 the Time Magazine contained an article about a man named Dawson Trotman. He was the founder of the Christian organization, The Navigators, whose focus is "to know Christ Jesus and to make Him known." Evangelist Billy Graham, who preached Trotman's funeral, said, "I think he had personally touched more lives than anybody I have ever known." Can you imagine having Billy Graham describe your life in that way?

Dawson Trotman, however, was not only known for his life, but also for his death. In 1956 he was water skiing in NY. While riding in the boat, both he and another passenger were thrown into the water when the boat hit a wake. Knowing the other person couldn't swim, Trotman swam to her and held her head above the water until the boat could circle around and get back to her. Dawson Trotman died by drowning as he fought to save the life of another person.

The caption under his photo in Time Magazine read, "Always Holding Someone Up." The article closed with these words, "He lived to save others. His death was just the way he would have planned it."

In **Hebrews 10**, we find one of the most beneficial purposes of Christian fellowship – encouragement. As members of God's family, we are to encourage one another to live a life that glorifies God. Believers are to be mindful of one another, inspiring mutual love and the pursuit of good deeds. Like Dawson Trotman, we should be known for always holding someone up.

Are you a member of a local church body? If so, are you actively serving in that body? Do not overlook the importance of encouragement within the Body of Christ. We all have been equipped by Christ with something to give.

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

Pastor Steve
Phil 1:3

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Hillside Park Baptist Youth NEWSLETTER

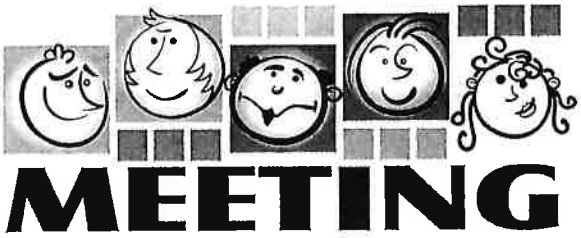
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FALL FESTIVAL

Hillside Park Baptist Church's Fall Festival will be October 3rd, 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!

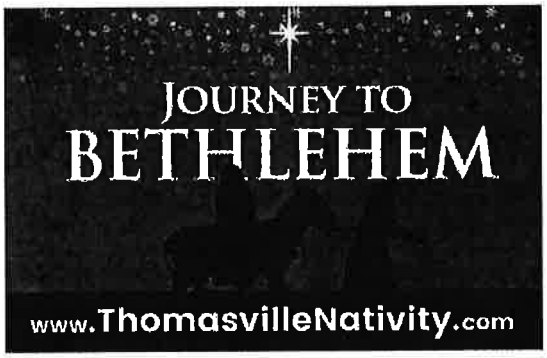
We need volunteers to help with this event as well as people to drive their tractors/trucks and pull trailers for the hayrides. If you can assist, please, let me know by September 27th.



MEETING

YOUTH WORKER MEETING

October 18th
5:00-5:30
Choir Room



December 2nd, all classes will be riding the trolley for Journey to Bethlehem. One adult per preschooler can attend. Youth/Graduates Class members can invite one person to attend. If you/your child/guest will be participating, sign-up by October 28th.

Scan to sign-up.

SCAN ME

Senior News

It's October again already, The month of Mums, falling leaves,cooler weather, and pumpkin desserts. This month we will be going to Cana, VA to eat at The Copper Pot restaurant and then on to Mabry Mills. On the way back we will stop at a fruit shop to get apples and other goodies.

We do hope to have a lot of you going, this is a fun trip. Maybe the leaves will be turning pretty colors. We will be leaving the Church at 9:15 on Thursday , October 22nd and eating at 11:00.

Please keep sending up prayers for our Church family as we have been having a lot of sickness lately. We all have things in our lives that we need prayer for.

Patsy & Aubrey

One day all of your stuff will be donated , sold, or thrown in the trash. What stays is how you made someone else feel. Don't make life about material things; make it about the joyful moments you spend with your loved ones.

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Pastor's Humor

Baseball in Heaven

. Two brothers who loved baseball wondered whether they could play the sport when they went to heaven. So, they swore that whoever went to heaven first would find some way to let the living brother know.

The oldest brother passed away a week later. And, on the night he was buried, he reappeared at the foot of his brothers bed.

Is there baseball in heaven? asked the younger brother.

Well, Ive got good and bad news, the older brother said. The good news is that there is baseball in heaven.

Thats great! said the brother. Whats the bad news?

The bad news is youre pitching Sunday.





October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Have you ever walked in Pastors shoes, And gone where his feet have trod?
Have you ever thought of what he means to us? And on your knees, given thanks to God?
Have you ever told him thank you, For being there, when times are tough,
For comforting words and fervent prayers,. When trials come and the storms of life are tough?
He answers our calls in the middle of the night. And tells us not to worry, for he will be there.
He gives up his comfort of quiet rest and comes with prayers of comfort to share.
Have you ever thought to say thank you pastor, For preaching God's word to help us understand, For all the times he has asked for things that will lend us a helping hand?
When you pray, put him at the top of the list and ask the Lord to surround him with loving care, To give him strength and walk with him, To help him with the burdens that he must bear.
Have you ever waked in our Pastor's shoes, And gone where his feet have trod?
Have you ever thought of what he means to us, And on your knees, give thanks to God?

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.

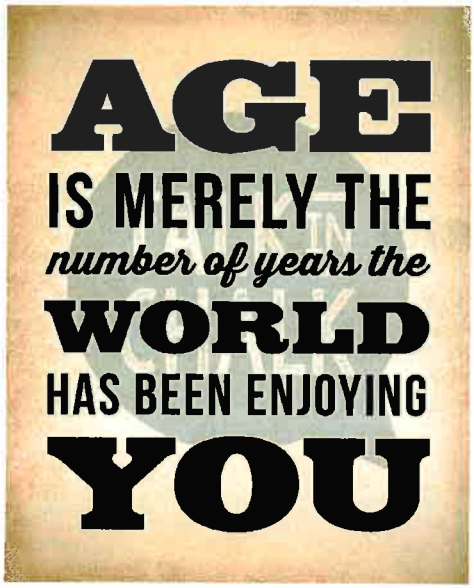
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_____ will be participating in the wreath and bow making Female Fellowship Night on November 12th.

CHOOSE ONE

_____ Fall Wreath _____ Christmas Wreath

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Happy Birthday



Sara Hughes	October	1	Christina Foley	October	17
Sylvia Noah	October	1	Freda Truitt	October	17
Cindy Willard	October	2	Ada Harris	October	22
Priscilla Trautman	October	3	Becky Auman	October	23
Lucas Curry	October	4	Penny Miller	October	23
Janelle Jarrett	October	5	Ronnie Stephenson	October	23
Randy Rollins	October	6	Ricky Workman	October	23
Michelle Hughes	October	9	Melissa Harris	October	26
Merilyn Daughn	October	9	Tony Smith	October	27
Braxton Springer	October	10			
Sue Owens	October	12	Olivia Marshall	October	29
Lynn Wiley	October	12	Tammy Sink	October	31
Donna McCoy	October	16	Sara Shetley	October	31

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Happy Anniversary





Josh & Stephanie Lindsey	October 16, 2010	16 years
Frank & Amy Reed	October 20, 2007	19 years

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