

**Johnson Edition in Concert at Hillcrest Baptist - Sunday, January 10th, 6:00 PM**



Johnson Edition is a sibling group from Upstate South Carolina who grew up in the small town of Salem, nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Sisters Breayn and Destiny, along with their brothers Jathyn and Westyn, have been singing for as long as they can remember. In June 2000 they took the stage as a young group to begin their journey together. With a sound that blends progressive country, and southern gospel this group strikes a chord with people of different ages, walks of life and musical interests. They have expanded their listening audience through televised appearances on American Gospel Onstage and Great American Gospel, as well as appearances at National Quartet Convention, Gatlinburg Gathering, Singing In The Sun, and Dollywood. Johnson Edition has charted songs on Singing News Top 80, and Top Ten Releases, as well as Cash Box Christian Country Chart. Although they have shared the stage with several well-known artists, and sang throughout the Southeast and beyond, their greatest desire is to reflect the light of Jesus while sharing hope, and love to the world.



*"Preparing Lives for Today, Tomorrow and Eternity"*

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**CHURCH News**  
**January 2021**

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# HAPPY New Year

*From The Pastor's Pen*

*January 2021*

As I reflect back over the last year, it sure has been a strange one to say the least! I guess as I look back I could say, hindsight is 2020...(pun intended). It was strange as the year began with all of its expectations and excitement to see what God was going to do, in and through us, just for us to experience something as horrible as COVID-19. The entire world began seeing things in a different light. Society has now looked different than it has for anyone living today. So, what's it going to take to get through all of this? Will it be a vaccine? Will more of us become infected? All I know is, we are going to have to trust God. He knows everything that has happened; is happening now; and He knows all that will happen in the future. He is in control whether you realize it or not. I would have never in a million years thought that I would have gotten COVID, but I did. Then, after I thought it was all over, I got diagnosed with double pneumonia. And, I consider myself to be pretty healthy! This has all been crazy! I have lost friends to this disease and that breaks my heart. Let us all pray that this virus evaporates, so to speak, just as quick as it came upon us. I'm ready for our lives to get back to some type of normalcy. I'm ready for all the activities of the church to get back to full speed ahead! At the first of 2020, some Sundays we were over 200 in attendance. Now, its hard for us to break 100. Of course, as you have heard me say from the pulpit, it also has hurt our tithes. Does a preacher ever worry about that? Sure, they do. But here is what I have always thought...I believe with all my heart that God is going to take care of His church! The church that Christ loved so much that He died for it! I pray that God will work on the hearts of His people and that we all work together to provide the resources, not just finances, but even in the giving of our time and our talents to accomplish what He wants us to in this New Year, 2021. It's all for His glory!

Coming up on January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, we will be having the first Sunday night singing that we have had in a while! The group, "Johnson Edition" from Salem, SC will be with us. This is a love offering concert. Even though social distancing will still be in place, we ask you to invite your friends and neighbors to this special night of worship through music and let us pack the place out! It will be great for all of us to sit back and just praise Him through the ministry of music and this group of young people. Another special Sunday in the life of our church is always, "Sanctity of Life Sunday." It will be on Sunday, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Let us celebrate life together on this day!

I ask that you join me and the staff and leadership of HBC in prayer as we will begin soon, to see what our next steps of ministry will be. I'm asked questions all the time, such as: When will we start back Sunday School? When will everything just go back to the way it was? My answer right now is, I don't know. I don't believe any of us do. The numbers continue to rise and we're just not sure how to navigate these waters of uncertainty. Just pray that God will lead us and we will follow Him in all that we do. Just know that I love all of you and even though it seems strange right now to say, "I still can't wait to see what God is going to do next!"

*Happy New Year!*

Laboring and Loving it!

Preacher Larry

**BRADY BLOG**  
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER ARTICLE FROM OUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR



January 2021

Hillcrest Family,

2020 was indeed a difficult year for many of us. While the hope that 2021 will bring hope, change and decrease of COVID-19 and other illnesses remains, the battle stays the same. The battle between good and evil. Heaven or hell. The battle to choose daily life in Christ or life in the flesh. I hope and pray that we as a Church family can continue to bond together and live for Christ with all we have. When I think of the year 2021 it reminds me of a verse from one of Paul's New Testament Letters. Philippians 1:21 states, "To Live is Christ and to Die is Gain.". Church, I want to challenge each of us to live like Jesus for 365 days in 2021. When someone looks at you, what do they see? Jesus? Or yourself? A thought for all of us to ponder deeply.

Due to COVID-19 and the uncertainty that it brings as a student ministry we are currently not scheduling events majorly ahead of time. For example, we are planning on doing our monthly girls and guys nights but basing it on a week-by-week decision. Safety is most important for us as a youth group right now. Because of these we currently won't be having off campus youth activities. Any events we have will be on campus. I am also asking that all of our Youth/Youth Leaders to wear a mask during the entirety of our youth services and all events.

We will still be having our weekly youth services every Wednesday at 6:30 with a game, worship and a message! During January we begin a new 4-part sermon series called, "Connected" which focuses on building a foundation of prayer. Here's the title of our sermons each Wednesday in the month of January.

Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>- "What Is Prayer?"

Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>- "How Do We Pray?"

Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>- "When Do We Pray?"

Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>- "Why Do We Pray?"

Love you all! Let me know if you need anything!



Love and Blessings,

Brady Henderson

Associate Pastor/Minister of Students

# KID'S ACTIVITY PAGE



Simeon and Anna Thank God  
Luke 2

## Simeon Recognizes Jesus

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Luke 2:25-26 (NVI)

Based on Luke 2:22-40 (NIV)



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PARENTS	SALVATION	ISRAEL	REVEALED	PIGEONS
SIMEON	PROMISED	DOVES	SACRIFICE	MARY

# January Celebrations

- 01/02 Millie Harmon
- 01/02 Jackie Turner
- 01/02 John Williams
- 01/04 Tom Glasscock
- 01/05 Charlie Lopez
- 01/06 Gail New
- 01/07 Salvatore Biscotto
- 01/08 Keith Dobbins
- 01/08 Tina Reeves
- 01/09 Fernando Lopez



- 01/12 Bell Jennings
- 01/12 Lucille Mitchell
- 01/15 Heather Kline
- 01/17 Deanie Ellison
- 01/20 David Poole
- 01/22 Jo Rosshirt
- 01/24 Harriette Hester
- 01/25 Ryan Chapman
- 01/26 Sheila Nelson
- 01/26 Tonya Smith
- 01/29 Bill Alewine



- 01/07 Brenda & Roger Chapman
- 01/12 James & Doyce Ford
- 01/23 Sammy & Dolly Ford

## UPCOMING EVENTS & BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, January 6th



*Starts @ 10:00 AM*  
Wednesday Morning Prayer & Bible Study  
Meets Wednesdays in the Fellowship Hall

*Starts @ 6:00 PM*



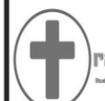
**ACTEENS**  
(Girls 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
In Men's Sunday School Classroom



**GA'S**  
(Girls 1st-6th Grade)  
Meet in 3rd/4th grade classroom



**January 6th at 6:50**  
Ladies of Grace will meet in the Youth Room  
Join Us for our New Year Celebration!  
Bring a Finger Food to Share – Bring A Friend!



Transformed Student Ministry  
"Building a Foundation of Prayer"  
Romans 12:2 Meets in the Social Hall 6:30-8:00



*Starts @ 7:00 PM*  
Mission Friends (with Parent permission)  
Truth Seekers Class in Pathfinder's class room



"Act Like Men" Bible Study  
Meeting in the Mosaic Classroom

### Reading the Bible in One Year—2021

This reading is set up for reading during weekdays with time to catch up on the weekend. If you can't get started on January 1st, customize it to start the day you can.

Date	Scriptures	Date	Scriptures
1-Jan	Genesis 1-5	17-Jan	Catch Up Day
2-Jan	Catch Up Day	18-Jan	Exodus 6-10
3-Jan	Catch Up Day	19-Jan	Exodus 11-15
4-Jan	Genesis 6-10	20-Jan	Exodus 16-20
5-Jan	Genesis 11-15	21-Jan	Exodus 21-25
6-Jan	Genesis 16-20	22-Jan	Exodus 26-30
7-Jan	Genesis 21-25	23-Jan	Catch Up Day
8-Jan	Genesis 26-30	24-Jan	Catch Up Day
9-Jan	Catch Up Day	25-Jan	Exodus 31-35
10-Jan	Catch Up Day	26-Jan	Exodus 36-40
11-Jan	Genesis 31-35	27-Jan	Leviticus 1-5
12-Jan	Genesis 36-40	28-Jan	Leviticus 6-10
13-Jan	Genesis 41-45	29-Jan	Leviticus 11-15
14-Jan	Genesis 46-50	30-Jan	Catch Up Day
15-Jan	Exodus 1-5	31-Jan	Catch Up Day
16-Jan	Catch Up Day	1-Feb	Leviticus 16-20

## Church Outreach and Serving Opportunities

### Phase 1 - Church Family

For Individual Safety and until notified of changes:

- We request strict social distancing
- If you feel sick, have a fever, or have been in contact with someone with Covid19, please stay at home.
- There will be spaced sanctuary seating, however, Families can sit together.
- Bulletins will be available at the entrances.
- Masks (strongly recommended)
- Sanitizer Stations available
- No handshakes
- No Nursery or Children's Church
- No passing of the offering plate. Offering on Sunday can be dropped in one of the Tithe Boxes.
- There will be intense cleaning during the week and in between services.

### Phase 1 Church Activities

- ◇ 10:00 AM Morning Worship Service
- ◇ 4:45 PM Choir Practice
- ◇ 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service
- ◇ 6:00 PM Kid's Power Hour in the Youth Room
- ◇ Wednesday Evening Activities as normal
- ◇ No Van Service
- ◇ No Sunday School/No Children's Church
- ◇ We will continue to have online Sunday Worship Service for those who can not attend service.
- ◇ Non-Church activities/events: Social distancing is required. **It is the Reserver's responsibility for clean up and sanitation of spaces used.**

Thank You  
For Supporting  
The Needs Of  
Our Local  
Communities

### OPERATION CARE FOOD MINISTRIES FOR JANUARY

Canned Vegetables, Ravioli, Beefaroni and Spaghetti with Pop Top Lids, Pop Tarts, and Fruit Cups



**ACTS 1:8** is a designated fund that combines several of our mission opportunities into one fund. If you would like to give, just put ACTS 1:8 on the envelope (instead of Ocoee Outreach, West Virginia, etc.) and it will be used to fund the mission trips and mission efforts of Hillcrest Baptist Church. This will help to make it simple!

WE STAND FOR  
**SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE**  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021



SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY  
"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you."  
JEREMIAH 1:5 (NKJV)  
*It's never too early to bring a child to Jesus*

Ways to Give

Church Office or Drop Box: Monday through Friday Office Hours 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	By Mail: 1300 Anderson Dr. Williamston, SC 29697
Drop In Tithe Box At Church: 10:00 Service	Online: <a href="http://www.myhillcrest.org">www.myhillcrest.org</a> - Give Tab

**Secret Sisters** Sunday, January 17th  
Secret Sister Reminder

*Have A Blessed New Year!*  
NOTES FROM THE OFFICE  
Office Closed: January 1st 2021  
Information for the February Newsletter will be needed by January 20th

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