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CHURCH News February 2025

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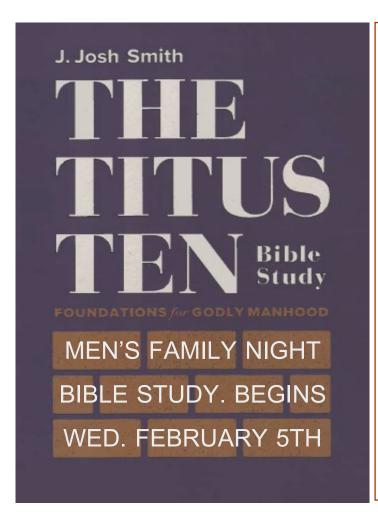
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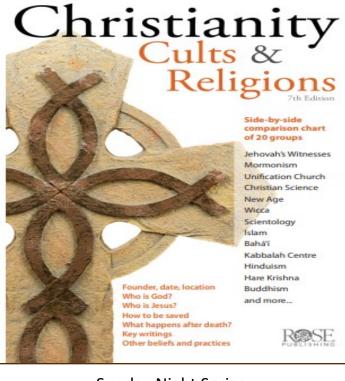
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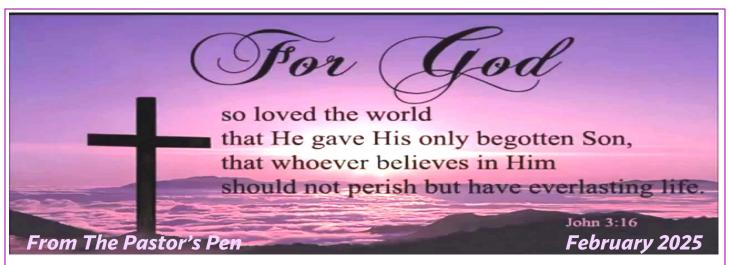


Sunday Night Series

Each Sunday, in February at 6:00 PM

Christianity, Cults & Religions

See Preacher Larry to order the study booklet.



We are entering the month of February, which many call, the month of love. This brings to mind the most known Bible verse in the world, John 3:16.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." — John 3:16 (NKJV)

As we journey through life, we often encounter different kinds of love: the love of a parent, the love of a friend, and even romantic love. These loves are precious and meaningful, yet none of them compare to the depth of God's love for us. In fact, the Bible tells us that God's love is so vast, so incredible, that it defies our understanding.

John 3:16, one of the most well-known and cherished verses in Scripture, beautifully captures the essence of God's love for humanity. It declares that God *so loved* the world — not just a small portion of it, but the whole world, including you and me. His love isn't selective; it's universal. It doesn't depend on our worthiness or actions, but on His unfailing nature.

Think about that for a moment. God's love is not only deep and unconditional, but it's also sacrificial. The verse tells us that He gave His *only begotten Son*. Imagine the cost of that act — the Creator of the universe, giving His Son to a world that often rejects Him. This is the ultimate sacrifice. God's love reaches its pinnacle in the giving of Jesus Christ, who came to live among us, suffer for us, and die in our place. Jesus' life and sacrifice are the tangible expressions of God's heart for us.

But the verse doesn't end with the sacrifice. It continues with a promise: "that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." God's love has a purpose — to offer us everlasting life, to invite us into an everlasting relationship with Him. The greatest gift of all is not just salvation from death, but the opportunity to be forever with Him in love, peace, and joy.

What does this mean for us today? It means that no matter where you are, no matter what mistakes you've made, God's love is still available to you. His love is not dependent on your past or your present circumstances. It's a love that welcomes you home, a love that heals, a love that transforms.

Let us reflect on this love. Let us be filled with gratitude for the sacrifice of Jesus and let that love compel us to share it with others. As we experience God's love more deeply, may we also become conduits of that love to a world that desperately needs it.

Think about this... take a moment to remember the incredible truth of John 3:16. God loves you deeply, more than you can ever imagine. His love has already changed everything — and He invites you to walk in the fullness of that love every day.

Have an incredible February! Show that same love to all those around you! I am so blessed to pastor such an awesome congregation that I love so much! Do not ever forget that!

Laboring and Loving it!

Preacher Larry

READING THE BIBLE IN A YEAR 2025					
Date	Scriptures		Date	Scriptures	
1-Feb	☐ Psalm 63-64; Acts 1-4		15-Feb	☐ Psalm 92-93; 1 Cor. 4-6	
2-Feb	☐ Psalm 65; Acts 5-8		16-Feb	☐ Psalm 94-95; 1 Cor. 7-10	
3-Feb	☐ Psalm 66-67; Acts 9-13		17-Feb	□ Psalm 96-97; 1 Cor. 11-14	
4-Feb	☐ Psalm 68; Acts 14-16		18-Feb	□ Psalm 98-99; 1 Cor. 15-16	
5-Feb	☐ Psalm 69; Acts 17-18		19-Feb	☐ Psalm 100; 2 Cor. 1-4	
6-Feb	☐ Psalm 70; Acts 19-22		20-Feb	☐ Psalm 101; 2 Cor. 5-7	
7-Feb	☐ Psalm 71-73; Acts 23-25		21-Feb	☐ Psalm 102; 2 Cor. 8-9	
8-Feb	☐ Psalm 74-75; Acts 26-28		22-Feb	□ Psalm 103; 2 Cor. 10-11	
9-Feb	☐ Psalm 76-77; Romans 1-3		23-Feb	☐ Psalm 104; 2 Cor. 12-13	
10-Feb	☐ Psalm 78-80; Romans 4-7		24-Feb	☐ Psalm 105; Galatians 1-2	
11-Feb	☐ Psalm 81-83; Romans 8-11		25-Feb	☐ Psalm 106; Galatians 3	
12-Feb	☐ Psalm 84-86; Romans 12-14		26-Feb	☐ Psalm 107; Galatians 4	
13-Feb	☐ Psalm 87-89; Romans 15-16		27-Feb	☐ Psalm 108; Galatians 5	
14-Feb	☐ Psalm 90-91; 1 Cor. 1-3		28-Feb	☐ Psalm 109; Galatians 6	



Hello Hillcrest Family!

I can't believe it; February is already here. How is that even possible! I remember as a child my grandmother would always tell me to never wish my life away, because in the blink of an eye, time would pass by so quickly-you know what, she was exactly right!

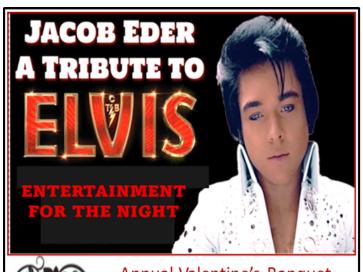
The adult choir is now preparing for our Easter musical, "Living Hope", and we'd love to have you come and join if you have any interest in singing and using your musical talents for His Kingdom.

Thank you, choir, for your continued dedication. A special thanks to Tommy and Adam for all you do to support me and the choir as well, you guys are amazing!

To all my church family, I want to wish each of you a Happy February!

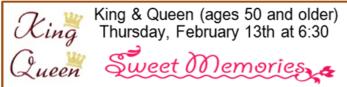
With love, Billie Joe





Annual Valentine's Banquet Friday, February 7th, 6:00 PM This is for Adults only! The Cost is \$15.00 per person. Includes Food & Entertainment.

Signup deadline and money was due January 26th. See Connie Turner or call if you have questions. 864-430-9656



Food Provided: A signup sheet is on the bulletin board to help with count. Donations will be appreciated.

Host/Hostess: Don and Sherry Clardy Senior of the Month: Brenda Chapman

Activities: We are remembering participants who passed away this past year and participants whose spouse passed away this past year.

Elaine Hill Jim Bland, Jean Taylor Jo Rosshirt Wilda Turner

Brenda Chapman (Roger)

Doug Creamer (Joyce)

>Families are invited to this K&Q. Please

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>If you have pictures to contribute to the slide show, please see Sherry or Adam Clardy by Sunday, February 2nd.

>Sherry needs a couple of pictures of each honoree in frames for the recognition table by Sunday, February 9th please.



February Celebrations

02/01	Larry Strom		02/17	Jerry Hill
02/07	Rachel Livingston		02/23	Sherri Cole
02/08	Robert Gardo		02/24	Jennifer Creel
02/09	Christopher Thrasher		02/24	Andy Lindley
02/10	Laylon Clary	Нарру	02/25	Ava Selman
02/14	Amber Smith	Bírthday! 🌪 🎥	02/25	Connie Turner
02/15	Daniel Alexander		02/28	Grady Havird
02/15	Baylee Coker			







02/09	Donnie & Debbie Creamer
02/11	Dennis & Elaine McClain
02/14	Jimmy & Donna Childs
02/14	Catlin & Ellen Tierce
02/19	Laylon & Leigh Anne Clary
02/28	Bill & Kelly Alewine

ACTIVITIES, ANNOUNCEMENTS & SERVING OPPORTUNITIES



Men's Monday Night Bible Study at 6:30 Meets in the Fellowship Hall to continue the chronological study of the Bible by chapter.

Wednesday Activities



ACTEENS – Meets at 5:45 Girls 7th - 12th Grade are all welcome.





GAs — Girls RAs—Boys Meets at 6:00 1st-6th Grades



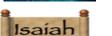
Transformed Student Ministry Wednesday Nights at 6:30 Grades 7-12—Bring a Friend Meeting is in the Youth Room



Starts @ 7:00PM

Mission Friends (3-5 Years old)

Truth Seekers Class (1st-6th grades)



Bible Study and Prayer Meeting In the Sanctuary



Family Night, Wednesday, Feb., 5th All meetings are the same except:

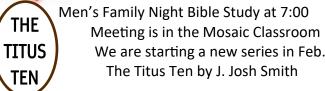


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Ladies of Grace Meeting at 6:50 in the Social Hall Wear your Valentine's attire Bring a finger food to share a snack this month! Yeah! Bring a friend.

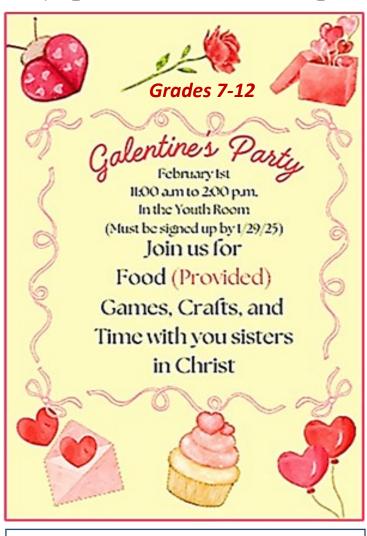


No Meeting in the Sanctuary on Family Night



Mission Support

Mark your envelope ACTS 1:8 to designate a donation to the combined fund to support West Virginia, Ocoee Outreach and other mission trips & efforts at Hillcrest.



Thank You For Supporting The Needs Of Our Local Communities

FEBRUARY OPERATION CARE AND BACKPACK FOOD MINISTRIES SUGGESTED DONATIONS No expired dates accepted!

Pop Tarts, Soups with pull top lids, crackers, Jello Pudding and Fruit Cups. We are still collecting 16 oz Peanut Butter for Backpacks.



Van Ministry Volunteers Schedule Sign Up for 2025

We are looking for Adult Drivers willing to help with the Van Ministry to pick up Church Members for Wednesday Night and Sunday Morning and Evening Services. A signup sheet is on the Bulletin Board If you are a Member in need of a ride or need to cancel a ride, call Alan Taylor 864-353-0476

ANNOUNCEMENTS, SCHEDULES AND EVENTS



Nursery Ministry Bailee Harbin Coordinator

Sunday Morning

2 Melissa Smith & Donna Childs

9 Connie Turner & Brittany Miller Feb.

16 Brittany Holden & Kristi Callaham

Feb. 23 Samanthia Dies & Bell Jennings

Sunday Evening

2 Byron & Rhiannon Smith

9 Kim Baldwin & Connie Turner

16 Donna Childs & Diane Rentz

Feb. 23 Brittany Holden & Kristi Callaham Wednesday Evening

5 Bailee Harbin & Billie Joe Paige

12 Jessica Mullinax & Mitchell Ezakovich

Feb. 19 Sherri Cole & Kenetha Timms

Feb. 26 Bailee Harbin & Rhiannon Smith



Children's Church Ministry **Sherry Clardy Coordinator Sunday Morning**

Feb. 2 Debbie Creamer, Brittany Holden & Kim Baldwin

Feb. 9 Sherry Clardy & Ellen Tierce

Feb. 16 Millie Harmon & Cheryl Jones

Feb. 23 Pat Bland & Janet Spruell



MORNING AT 10:00AM AND AFTER ANNOUNCEMENTS, 4 YEAR OLD TO 4TH GRADES WILL BE DISMISSED AND ARE WELCOME TO JOIN OUR CHILDREN'S CHURCH SERVICE.



Attn. Hillcrest Kids! February 1st 9:15 until 12:30 We are planning a trip to The Summit to share the Love of Jesus with the Residents. We will have fun with this Hand Picture project and then go to lunch. We will meet at the Church at 9:15 and plan to be back by 12:30 A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board at Church. Please let Debbie Childs, Amanda Owens or Missy Gardo know if you plan on joining us.





VBS Meeting, Sunday, Feb 2nd Please meet following Morning Worship Service in the Social Hall. See Connie Turner if you have any questions.