

Easter Schedule

April 3rd, Good Friday
(Church Office Closed)

April 5th Easter Sunday

7:30AM Sunrise Service
Communion at the Cross
8:00AM Breakfast
9:00AM Sunday School
10:00AM Pre-school Children's Church
10:00AM Easter Worship Service
Choir Special—Because He Lives

No Evening Service



Hillcrest's Got Talent 2026
Friday April 24th at 6:00 PM

We Have Loads of Talent!

A sign-up sheet for talent participants
is on the Bulletin Board!

Event is free of charge!

Sandwiches, cookies, tea and water
will be provided.



"Preparing Lives for Today, Tomorrow and Eternity"

CHURCH News

April 2026

Hillcrest Staff

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The Church Library is open 30 minutes prior to
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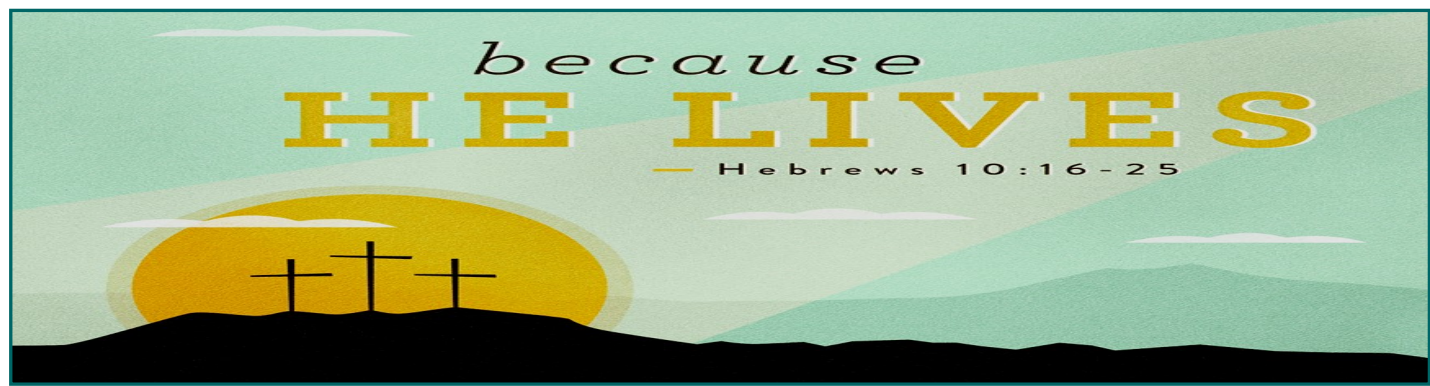
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WELCOME ETERNAL VISION IN CONCERT
HILLCREST BAPTIST CHURCH
SUNDAY, APRIL 12th, AT 10:00 AM



From The Pastor's Pen

April 2026

The first quarter of the year is over! Isn't that hard to believe? We have had a cold, snowy, and icy winter. I loved every second of it! Now it seems like we are going to have a short Spring and early summer. I think that, and suddenly, we have frost everywhere! I have always loved seeing the seasons come and go.

The last few months have been very busy here at Hillcrest. The April calendar looks like it will be no different. To highlight a few events: Resurrection Sunday (Easter) will be amazing as always! Look in the bulletin for times for everything that morning. It all starts at 7:30 am with communion by the cross. The choir will also be bringing the musical "Because He Lives" during the morning worship service at 10:00 am. The "Young at Heart" senior supper will be on the 9th. Eternal Vision will be in concert on April 12th at 10:00 am. The Fishing Tournament will be on April 18th. On April 24th, back by popular demand, we will be having "Hillcrest Got Talent!" It will be an awesome night of food, fun, plenty of laughs, and fellowship. As you can see, plenty is coming our way in April, but to me, the most important day of the month will be Easter Sunday! Just think about the hope that we have because of what happened on that day. Because of the resurrection, we are people marked by hope. Not a vague optimism or a wishful thought, but a living, breathing confidence rooted in the truth that Jesus Christ has conquered death itself. The empty tomb declares that darkness does not have the final word, and neither do our fears, our failures, or our sorrows. We can face each day with courage because our Savior is alive, present, and at work in our world and in our lives. Hope is not something we strive to create; it is something we receive because **He has risen!**

Laboring and Loving it!

Preacher Larry

CHOIR NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENT INFORMATION

Hello Hillcrest Family,



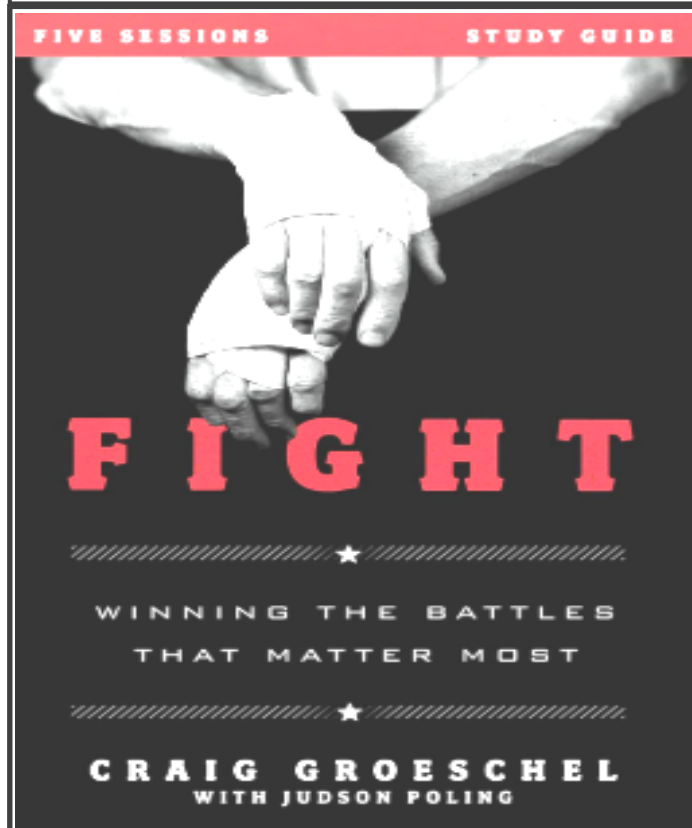
As we move into the month of April, our hearts are still filled with the joy and celebration of Easter. What a blessing it was to reflect on the resurrection through our Adult Choir's presentation of the cantata "Because He Lives". Thank you to each choir member for your dedication, hard work, and beautiful voices that helped lead our congregation in worship.

Though Easter has passed, the message it brings continues to guide us-hope, renewal, and the promise of new life. Our music ministry will carry that spirit forward in the weeks ahead as we continue to worship together each Sunday.

We are also excited to explore the possibility of an All-Men's Choir special on an upcoming Sunday morning. Following the wonderful job of our All-Ladies Choir did, we would love to see the men share their voices as well. If you might be interested in participating, please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board. This will help gauge interest as we begin planning.

Thank you for your continued support and participation in our music ministry. May we keep singing with grateful hearts as we celebrate the risen Savior-not just during Easter, but all year long.

Joyfully in His Service,
Billie Joe



Men's Family Night Bible Study 7:00
Meets in the Mosaic Classroom
This is 4th in our 5 Part Series.
'FIGHT' by Author Craig Groeschel



Young at Heart Group
Ages 50 and over

Thursday, April 9th at 6:30 PM

Food: Bring finger foods; enough to share with the group.

Activities: Games by Don and Sherry

Hostesses: Sharon Schronce,
Billie Joe Paige and Connie Turner

Senior of the Month: Larry Strom

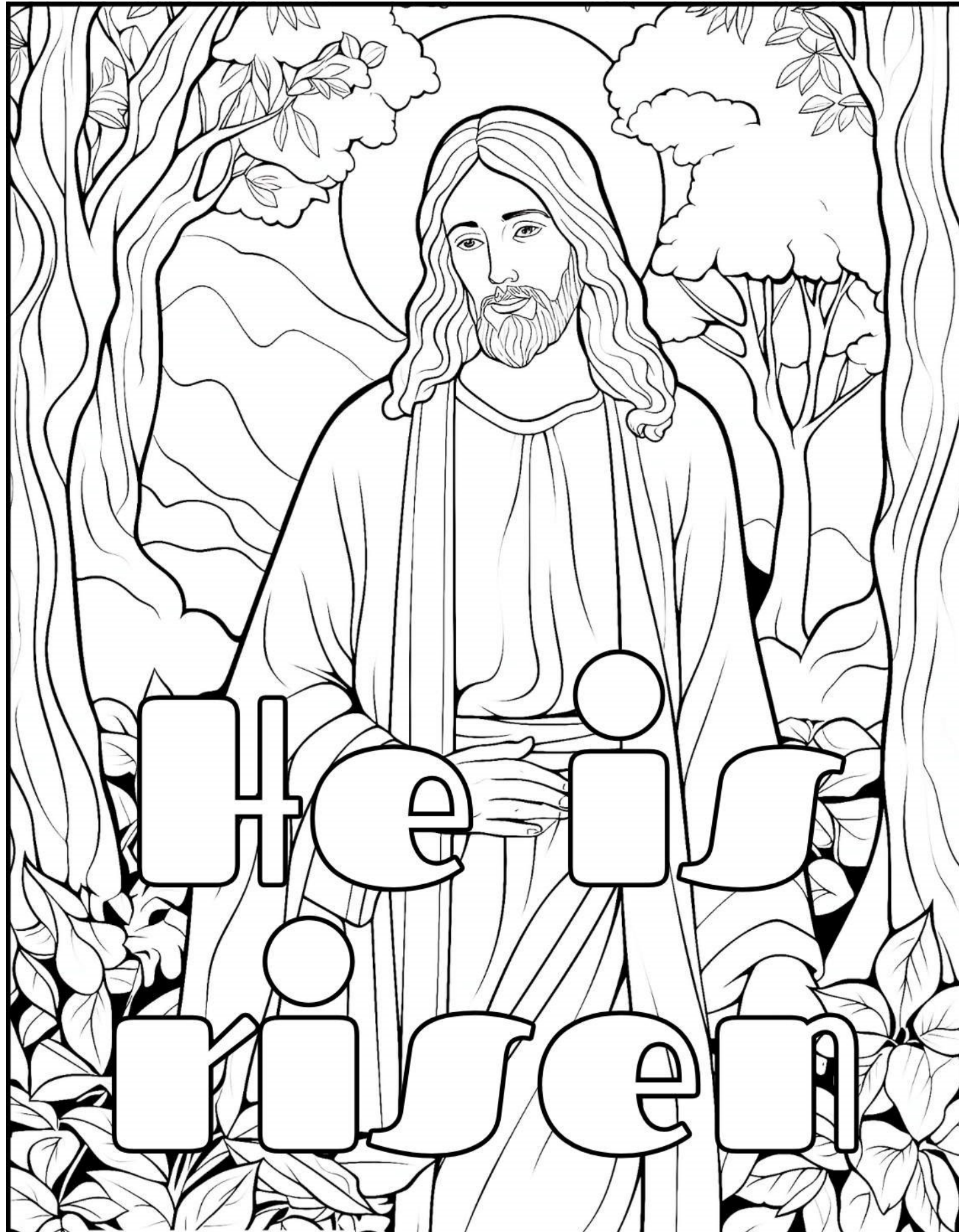
Note: Coming in May: "Thankful to have known them" Remembrance.



Our Daily Bread Ministries April Special Offering

We are taking donations this month to be sent to Our Daily Bread Ministries. We receive 200 large print copies of their devotional yearly at Hillcrest at no cost. This is a once-a-year donation to show appreciation and to help offset the costs for their ministry. Please write the amount you are designating on the envelope to Our Daily Bread and make your check payable to Hillcrest Baptist. We will submit one payment. The devotionals are located at the front and back of the Church. Thank you.

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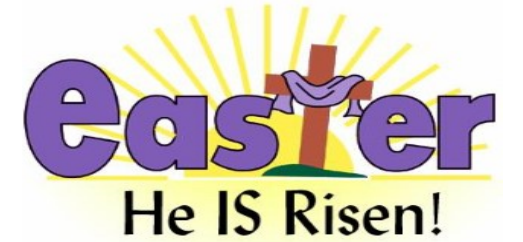
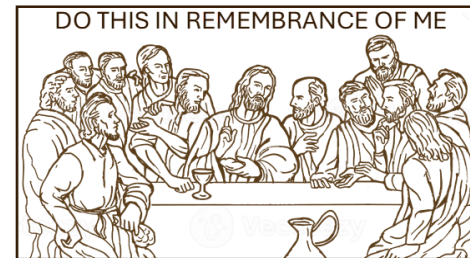


April Celebrations

- 04/02 Gracelyn Smith
- 04/03 Andrew Owens
- 04/03 Nicholas Owens
- 04/05 Kinsley Fox
- 04/08 Doug Creamer
- 04/09 Patrick Antone
- 04/10 Carrie Brown
- 04/12 Brad Brown
- 04/12 Faye Thrasher
- 04/13 James Kugler
- 04/14 Cody Childs



- 04/14 Brian Hill
- 04/15 Samantha Dies
- 04/15 Logan Moore
- 04/16 Leigh Anne Clary
- 04/24 Larry Baldwin
- 04/24 Elaine McClain
- 04/25 Pat Bland
- 04/25 June Brown
- 04/25 Richard Wright
- 04/26 Don Clardy
- 04/27 Mattison Paige
- 04/30 Katherine Gainor



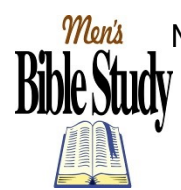
HAPPY

ANNIVERSARY

- 04/02 Tom & Lisa Foster
- 04/17 Doug & Tammy Rumsey
- 04/20 Jackie & Connie Turner
- 04/21 John & Tammy Smith
- 04/25 Rob & Brittany Holden
- 04/28 Mike & Jane Ashmore
- 04/29 Justin & Samantha Dies
- 04/29 Kim & Ronda Page

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES & EVENTS

ACTIVITIES, ANNOUNCEMENTS & SERVING OPPORTUNITIES



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

Thank You For Supporting The Needs Of Our Local Communities

APRIL OPERATION CARE FOOD BANK AND BACKPACK SUGGESTED DONATIONS
No expired dates please!

Food Bank: Canned Vegetables, Ravioli, Beefaroni, Crackers, Corn Bread Mixes, Baked Beans. All donations appreciated!


Backpack Ministry: See the list from Operation Care in the Mission Hall. Bags are filled with items & handed out each Friday for children to take home.




Wednesday Activities
Acteens now meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday's from 6:00 – 6:30 in their classroom.
Girls in 6th-12th Grade are welcome.




Van Ministry Volunteers Schedule
Prayerfully consider and Sign Up!
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




Children In Action
Girls & Boys
Meet Each Wednesday at 6:30—7:15
Grades 1st—5th




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.



4:12 Student Ministry
Meets Each Wednesday in the Youth Room at 6:30-8:00
Grades 6th—12th
Invite a Friend!
Starts @ 7:00PM



Marriage Retreat
May 7th-9th
Attention Marriage Retreat Couples!
The 2nd deposit of \$100 (per couple) is due March 29th. Please designate the amount on the envelope to the Marriage Retreat and give to Preacher Larry.



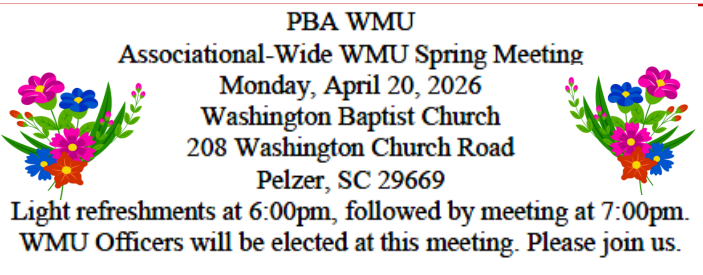
Mission Friends (3-5 Year olds)
Bible Study and Prayer Meeting In the Sanctuary
Starts 7:15—8:00
Truth Seekers Class (1st-5th grades)



Hillcrest Baptist Church Open Bass Tournament
Saturday, April 18 from 6:30 AM to 2:30 PM
at Broyles Boat Ramp - Proceeds Benefit The Church
COME OUT, HAVE A HOT DOG, DO SOME FISHING AND BUY A RAFFLE TICKET FOR A DRAWING OF SOME REALLY GREAT DOOR PRIZES.
HELP SUPPORT THIS SPECIAL FUNDRAISER
A Brochure has been posted on the Bulletin Board.
See Tony Riddle if you have any questions.



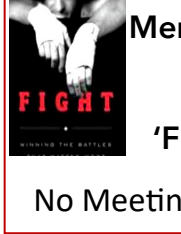
Family Night, Wed., April 8th
All Other Activities are the same



PBA WMU
Associational-Wide WMU Spring Meeting
Monday, April 20, 2026
Washington Baptist Church
208 Washington Church Road
Pelzer, SC 29669
Light refreshments at 6:00pm, followed by meeting at 7:00pm.
WMU Officers will be elected at this meeting. Please join us.




Ladies of Grace
Meeting at 6:50 in the Social Hall
Wear Easter Colors
Bring an Easter snack and a Friend



Men's Family Night Bible Study 7:00
Meets in the Mosaic Classroom
This is 4th in our 5 Part Series.
'FIGHT' by Author Craig Groeschel
No Meeting in the Sanctuary on Family Night



Camp La Vida
Deadline for enrollment to Camp La Vida and Camp McCall is May 1st.
Please see Fran Cooley or Misty Coker for details.




Nursery Ministry
Bailee Harbin Coordinator

Sunday Morning
April 5 Samantha Dies & Bell Jennings
April 12 Edie & Melvin Ford
April 19 Christy & David Havird
April 26 Bailee Harbin & Mattie Paige

Sunday Evening
April 5 Byron & Rhiannon Smith
April 12 Nancy Gresham & Connie Turner
April 19 Donna Childs & Diane Rentz
April 26 Christy & David Havird

Wednesday Evening
April 1 Debbie Childs & Donna Childs
April 8 Christy & David Havird
April 15 Bailee Harbin & Billie Joe Paige
April 22 Sherri Cole & Kenetha Timms
April 29 Jessica Mullinax & Mitchell Ezakovich




Children's Church Ministry
Sherry Clardy Coordinator
Sunday Morning

Preschool Children's Church
3 year olds to 5 year old Kindergarten
April 5 Sherry Clardy & Anita Simmons
April 12 Sherry Clardy & Rhiannon Smith
April 19 Ami Alexander & Miranda Cox
April 26 Melissa Smith & Ellen Tierce


Elementary School Children's Church
1st through 5th Grade
April 5 No Children's Church—Cantata
April 12 No Children's Church—Eternal Vision
April 19 Millie Harmon & Cheryl Jones
April 26 Misty Coker and Rhiannon Smith



KIDS Power Hour
Sunday Nights at 6:00pm
NO KIDS POWER HOUR EASTER SUNDAY NIGHT



High School and College Graduation Recognition Service May 3rd at 10:00 AM
If you have a student graduating High School or College and would like for them to participate in the Service, please let us know. Fran has requested an 8X10 Senior picture and to know your school colors. We are also requesting 10-15 photos of each graduate to prepare a slide show. You can email the photos to info@myhillcrest.org or pastor@myhillcrest.org or download them to a thumb drive and drop them off at the Church office Monday – Friday between 9-1. All photos are requested by Sunday, April 19th. This is a busy & exciting time, so please get your photos in soon.



Crossroads Summer Camp 2026
June 28th thru July 3rd
Grades: Rising 7th Grade thru graduating Seniors
Signups are open now! Limited Spots are available!
Cost: \$325 per student
(Includes lodging, meals, shirt & activities)
SCHOLARSHIPS & ASSISTANCE ARE AVAILABLE
PLEASE email Pastor Dwain (dwain@412students.org) to get your student signed up, if you have questions, or would like to help with scholarships to get students to camp.