

Easter Celebrations

Easter Egg Hunt	April 5th Easter Sunday
March 28th, 11AM—12:30PM Prizes, Family Fun and the Easter Story! Bring Your Basket!	7:30AM Sunrise Service Communion at the Cross
Palm Sunday—March 29th	8:00AM Breakfast
	9:00AM Sunday School
Good Friday, April 3rd (Church Office Closed)	10:00AM No Children's Church
	10:00AM Easter Worship Service Choir Special—Because He Lives
	No Evening Service



HILLCREST BAPTIST CHURCH
EASTER CELEBRATION
FINDING HOPE IN THE RESURRECTION!



"Preparing Lives for Today, Tomorrow and Eternity"

CHURCH News

March 2026

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DON'T MISS OUT!
Think about it and
pray about it!
More info March 1st.

Imagine if every believer could answer that question with the name of a person who is far from God—a person for whom they're praying and with whom seeking to share the gospel. That's the intention behind *Who's Your One*. We believe God's people don't merely need another method for evangelism—what they need is a white-hot passion to see people who are far from God experience the new life He offers through Jesus Christ.

Over the coming days, our church and countless others will prioritize personal ownership of the Great Commission as we each intentionally pursue one person with the hope of the gospel. At times, it seems the mission is simply too complex and too vast for churches like ours and people like us. While we can't do everything, we can do something. We can all take responsibility for one. And, because of God's power and the work of His Spirit, each of our ones can add up to make a significant impact for God's kingdom.



ARE YOU READY FOR SUMMER CAMP 2026?

DATES: JUNE 29TH - JULY 3RD
COST: \$325.00 PER STUDENT
(COSTS INCLUDE LODGING, MEALS, T-SHIRT & ACTIVITIES)

*****\$75.00 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT DUE ASAP*****

*****PAYMENT PLAN AVAILABLE*****

*****LIMITED SCHOLARSHIP OPTIONS AVAILABLE*****



FOR MORE INFORMATION TO SIGN-UP / PAY OR SCHOLARSHIP A STUDENT JUST EMAIL STUDENT PASTOR DWAIN

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REGISTER NOW!

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE!



From The Pastor's Pen

March 2026

The beginning of this year has been amazing! If you're anything like me, you've felt the tug of war between winter and spring during this time. One moment we were watching snowflakes drift through the air and grateful for the beauty and stillness that snowy weather brings. (Including the making of snow cream!) And then—almost as if creation itself was teasing us—we stepped outside to a burst of warm sunshine that whispered, "Spring is coming."

Those warm days sure have made me think. They've reminded me that seasons really do change, and God is always at work in the transitions. Just as the earth begins to thaw and stretch toward new life, I see God doing the same in our church. There is a sense of anticipation, a quiet but steady excitement about the ways He is moving among us—shaping hearts, deepening relationships, and preparing us for what's ahead.

As we journey through March, our attention will slowly and intentionally turn toward the cross. This is the season when we remember the road Jesus walked—the sacrifice, the love, the obedience that led Him to Calvary. And with every step we take toward Easter, we do so with hope, knowing that the story does not end in sorrow but in resurrection.

My prayer is that this month becomes a time of reflection and renewal for each of us. May we draw near to Christ, consider His great love, and prepare our hearts for the joy of celebrating His victory over the grave.

Spring is almost here. New life is almost here. And I believe God is preparing something beautiful for our church family in this season.

Laboring and Loving it!

Preacher Larry

CHOIR NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENT INFORMATION



Hello Hillcrest Family,

What a fantastic job by our All-Female Choir on Focus on WMU Sunday last month! The ladies truly did an incredible job leading us in worship. Your dedication, preparation, and joyful spirit were evident, and we are so proud of each of you!

Men of the church — stay tuned! I am already putting a plan together just for you, and you won't want to miss being part of it. More details are coming soon!

Looking ahead, mark your calendars for Easter Sunday morning as our Adult Choir presents the Easter cantata, "Because He Lives." This powerful musical celebration of the resurrection will be a meaningful part of our worship service. Invite your family and friends to come and celebrate our Risen Savior.

Choir practice continues each Sunday and will now begin at 4:15 PM. As we prepare for Easter and upcoming special music, your faithful attendance is so important. If you've been thinking about joining, this is the perfect time! We would love to welcome new voices as we head into this exciting season.

Let's continue lifting our voices and hearts in praise!

Love to All,

Billie Joe



There is still time to start your reading! You can begin March 1st and finish by Easter next year!

THE FIVE DAY BIBLE READING PROGRAM



You can read the entire Bible in Chronological order that groups Books & Scriptures together or just read the New Testament scriptures as your plan. You pick the five days to read each week.

Booklets are on the table at the Church entrance.

Bible Reading Plan 2026

We encourage you to read through the complete Bible.

This year the plan is available in a booklet form to keep in your Bible.



PBA Associational Senior Adult Luncheon

March 10th - Program starts at 10:00 AM

Columbia Baptist, 11321 August Rd., Honea Path.

A count is due by March 5th. Please sign up by March 4th so that we can provide the count. Food will be provided by Columbia Baptist. Each Church is asked to bring 2 door prizes.

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

Week of Prayer - March 1 - 8, 2026

YOUR GENEROSITY IS

more than a gift

Mission March is Sunday Morning March 8th

Our Goal: \$2,000.00



Young at Heart Group

Ages 50 and over

Thursday, March 12th at 6:30 PM

Food: Provided, Money donations will be appreciated. Please sign up!

Activities: Games by Don and Sherry

Hostesses: Melissa Smith and Ellen Tierce

Senior of the Month: Don Clardy



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 Blessed is he who
 comes in the name
 of the **LORD.**



March Celebrations

- 03/02 Helen Ausburn
- 03/03 Rhiannon Smith
- 03/03 Gabe Sullivan
- 03/04 Amy Alexander
- 03/08 Sherry Clardy
- 03/08 Stanley Vaughn
- 03/10 Willow Roper
- 03/11 Dennis Browning
- 03/12 Jessica Garrett
- 03/12 Amanda Owens
- 03/13 Miranda Cox
- 03/13 Hunter Jennings
- 03/13 Sandra Owens
- 03/14 Sonja Harbin



- 03/15 Greg Creel
- 03/15 Megan Simmons
- 03/17 Lyn Ellison
- 03/17 Walter Ellison
- 03/18 Mitch Harbin
- 03/18 Walker Prichard
- 03/18 Gloria Saxon
- 03/19 David Owens Jr.
- 03/20 Andy Brown
- 03/20 Amber Lockaby
- 03/20 Donovan Wright
- 03/20 Tanner Wright
- 03/23 Darlene Reid
- 03/29 William Driver

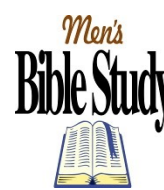


HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 03/01 Brandon & Brittany Fox
- 03/01 Kevin & T.C. Mills
- 03/02 David Sr. and Pamela Owens
- 03/08 Justin & Kristy Sullivan
- 03/09 Byron & Rhiannon Smith
- 03/11 Stanley & Jackie Vaughn
- 03/12 Brian & Hannah Hill
- 03/28 Dwain & Anita Simmons




ACTIVITIES, ANNOUNCEMENTS & SERVING OPPORTUNITIES




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




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.



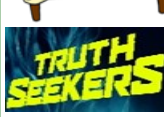
Children In Action
Girls & Boys
Meet Each Wednesday at 6:30—7:15
Grades 1st—5th



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

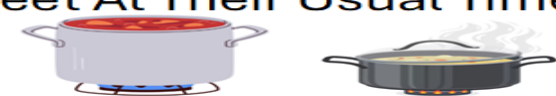



Mission Friends (3-5 Year olds)
Bible Study and Prayer Meeting In the Sanctuary
Starts @ 7:00PM



Truth Seekers Class (1st-5th grades)
Starts 7:15—8:00

FAMILY NIGHT CHANGE! NO LADIES OF GRACE OR MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
MEN & WOMEN WILL MEET IN THE SOCIAL HALL AT 6:50 MARCH 4TH FOR AN OYSTER AND SALMON STEW SUPPER
All Other Age Groups Will Meet At Their Usual Times.

Notes from Fran
Monday, March 2nd at 6:30
PBA North American Mission Study and Salad Supper at Tabernacle Baptist. There will be a Guest Speaker
Please plan to attend and bring your favorite salad to share!

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


Thank You For Supporting The Needs Of Our Local Communities

Food Bank: Canned Vegetables, Ravioli, Beefaroni, Crackers, Corn Bread Mixes, 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. We will collect this through the school year..




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




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.




Bereavement Support
The Food & Bereavement Committee is asking for volunteers to provide food items or money to purchase food items to prepare meals for Families following a funeral or other situations as needed. This is a lovely way to minister during a difficult time. A sign up has been placed on the Bulletin Board. Please sign up if you can help. See Amy Alexander if questions.




Baby Bottle Drive
Thank you for helping with this drive for life. We are asking for the filled bottles to be turned in by Sunday, March 1st. This will benefit the Anderson Pregnancy Care Ctr..



Attention Adult Seniors!
Important info on the Myrtle Beach Trip. A deposit of \$100 per room is due March 15th. Please make checks payable to Hillcrest Baptist Church and



The Bass Fishing Tournament
is on April 18th and we are looking for volunteers! A signup sheet is on the Bulletin Board. See Tony if you have any questions.



Nursery Ministry
Bailee Harbin Coordinator

Sunday Morning
March 1 Byron & Rhiannon Smith
March 8 Lisa Foster & Diane Rentz
March 15 Melissa Smith & Donna Childs
March 22 Brittany Holden & Amanda Owens
March 29 Connie Turner & Brittany Miller

Sunday Evening
March 1 Donna Childs & Diane Rentz
March 8 Christy & David Havird
March 15 Bailee Harbin & Sonja Harbin
March 22 Jessica Mullinax & Mitchell Ezakovich
March 29 Sherri Cole & Kenetha Timms

Wednesday Evening
March 4 Sherri Cole & Kenetha Timms
March 11 Jessica Mullinax & Mitchell Ezakovich
March 18 Kim Baldwin & Samantha Dies
March 25 Brittany Holden & Rhiannon Smith



Children's Church Ministry
Sherry Clardy Coordinator

Sunday Morning
Preschool Children's Church
3 year olds to 5 year old Kindergarten
March 1 Ellen Tierce & Melissa Smith
March 8 Ami Alexander & Miranda Cox
March 15 Ellen Tierce & Sherry Clardy
March 22 Samantha Dies & Edie Ford
March 29 Melissa Smith & Brittany Holden

Elementary School Children's Church
1st through 5th Grade
March 1 Sherry Clardy & Brittany Holden
March 8 Dolly Ford & Linda Patterson
March 15 Misty Coker & Rhiannon Smith
March 22 Sherry Clardy & Anita Simmons
March 29 Pat Bland & Janet Spruell

EASTER EGG HUNT
Saturday, March 28th
Donations of Plastic Easter Eggs and Individual Wrapped Candy are needed. We are asking for donations of filled baskets for giveaways. Please turn these in by March 25th

Thank you!




KIDS Power Hour
Sunday Nights at 6:00pm



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March 28th
11am-12:30
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