



HILLCREST BAPTIST CHURCH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
 KICK OFF SATURDAY, JUNE 27TH FROM 10-12  
 VBS SUNDAY JUNE 28TH THROUGH JULY 2ND FROM 6-8:30



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# CHURCH News

## June 2026

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The Lord bless you and keep you;  
 The Lord make his face to shine  
 Upon you and be gracious to you;  
 The Lord lift up his countenance  
 upon you and give you peace...  
 Numbers 6:24-26 ESV



### From The Pastor's Pen

May 2026

As we step into June, I'm reminded once again of what a mission-minded and deeply faithful church family we have here at Hillcrest. I thank God continually for the way you love, give, serve, and go. I truly believe our church embodies the spirit of the Great Commission in everything we do.

On June 6th, I will be traveling with Brad Ramey, Chad Moore, and Ryan Steed to Panama City, Panama. We'll be teaching Elementary, High School, and University students about God's love and the hope found in Jesus Christ.

#### Please be praying for:

- Safe travels — that every step is protected
- Gospel opportunities — that hearts will be open
- Boldness and clarity — that we speak the truth in love

#### Your prayers matter more than you know!

As soon as we return, we'll be jumping straight into Vacation Bible School mode — and I couldn't be more excited. Preparations are already underway, and I believe with all my heart that this year's VBS is going to be awesome! This year's theme is "Illumination Station – Shining a Light on Who Jesus Really Is." Please come and be a part of this wonderful outreach of our church.

Throughout June, our Kids and Youth will be heading out to summer camps. These weeks are often life-changing — moments where young hearts hear God clearly and respond boldly. May every student return with a deeper connection to Jesus.

It hardly seems possible, but in just a few months I'll be celebrating my 20th Anniversary here at Hillcrest. What a journey it has been — full of grace, growth, laughter, tears, and countless moments where God showed up in unmistakable ways. And church family... Oh, have I told you lately how much I love you? I don't take a single day for granted. I know beyond a shadow of a doubt that I pastor the greatest church family and the best church around. You have blessed me more than I could ever express. I can't wait to see what God is going to do next!

Thank you for being who you are — faithful, generous, joyful, mission-minded, and full of Jesus. I am honored to be your pastor, and I love you more than words can say.

Laboring and Loving it!

Preacher Larry

## CHOIR NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENT INFORMATION



Hello Church Family,

Spring is in full swing, and summer will be here soon, so what an incredible season it is to lift our voices together in worship! Thank you all for your encouragement, and faithful participation each week. Your commitment truly blesses our church family.

Just a reminder that **Adult Choir practice is every Sunday at 4:30 PM**. We are continuing to prepare meaningful music for upcoming services, and each rehearsal brings us closer together both musically and spiritually. If you know someone who enjoys singing and would like to join us, we would love to welcome new voices, so come and be a part of the excitement.

We are also especially excited about the **All Men's Choir performance on Sunday morning, June 14th**. The songs selected are powerful, uplifting, and sure to be a blessing to everyone who hears them. We cannot wait to share this special time of worship with the congregation.

Thank you again for all you do. Keep singing, keep worshiping, and keep encouraging one another.

All For His Glory,  
Billie Joe

*Let everything that has breath  
Praise the Lord!*  
Psalm 150:6



Young at Heart Group  
Ages 50 and over  
Thursday, June 11, at 6:30 PM



Food: Provided: Please sign up so we have a count. Donations for the food will be appreciated.

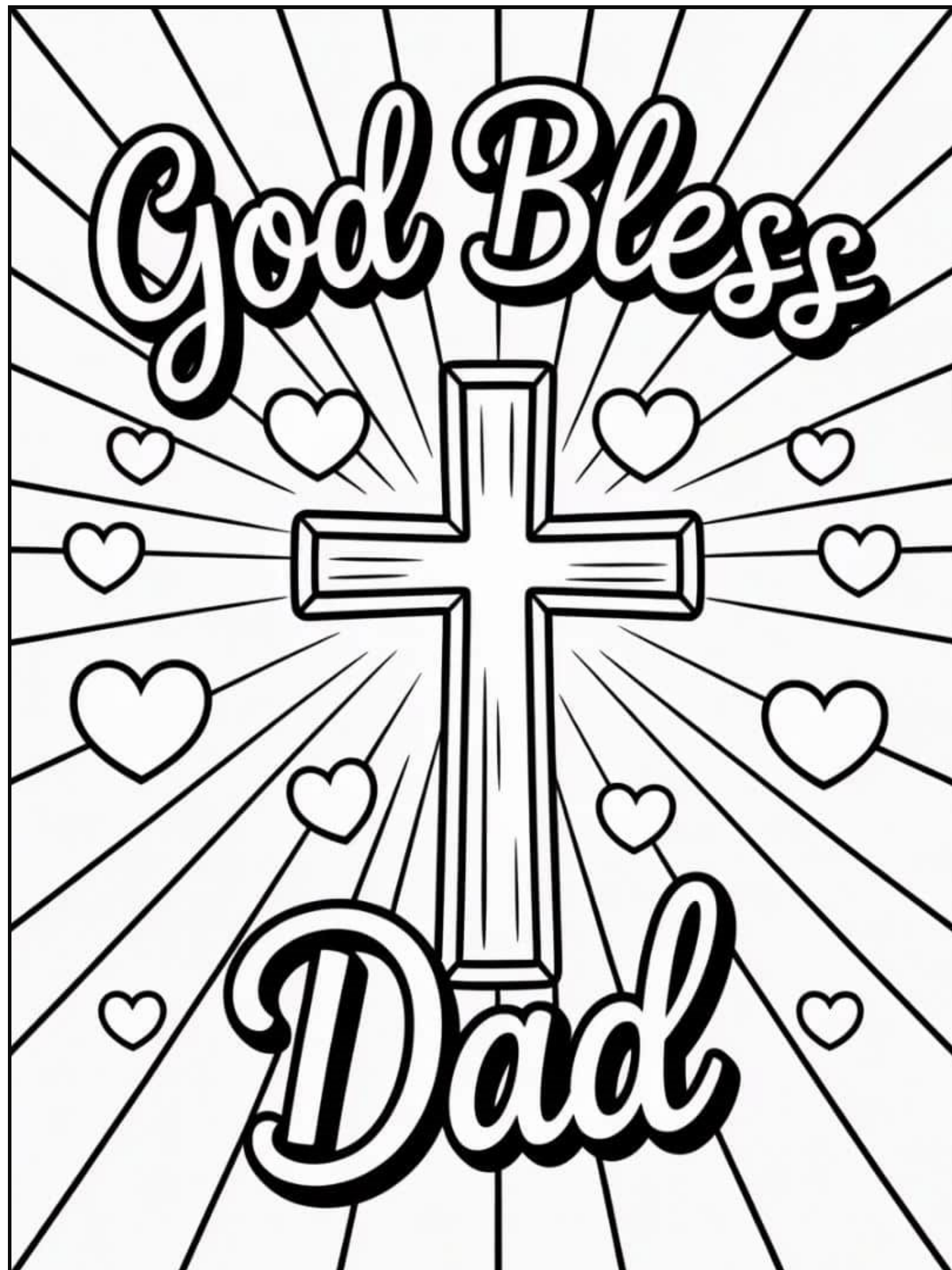
Activities: Conducted by Don and Sherry

Hostesses: Pat Bland, Jane Ashmore,  
Linda Williams and Elaine McClain

Senior of the Month: Shirley McMahan

PBA Senior Adult Luncheon June 9th  
Tabernacle Baptist Church at 10:00 AM  
Lunch will be provided. Please sign up before June 3rd so we can provide them an attendance count. Each church is asked to bring 2 door prizes.  
Come join in this great time of fellowship.  
Invite a friend to join you!

let's do  
lunch



## June Celebrations

06/04 Andrew Clardy  
 06/04 Heather Edwards  
 06/04 Joyce McCall  
 06/05 Madison Gresham  
 06/13 Cathy Ridgeway  
 06/13 Alana Smith  
 06/13 Travis Smith  
 06/14 Cheryl Jones  
 06/16 Crystal Medlock  
 06/20 Mike Ashmore



06/20 Melvin Ford  
 06/20 Nancy Gresham  
 06/21 Vickie Chism  
 06/22 Doyce Ford  
 06/24 T.C. Mills  
 06/24 Nancy Partain  
 06/25 Marie Rainey  
 06/26 Austin Smith  
 06/30 Payton Moore



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

06/01 Tommy & Faye Bennett	06/06 Bubba & Sharon Lollis
06/01 Keith & Kathy Dobbins	06/07 Ricky & Donna Frady
06/01 Robert & Wendy Holcombe	06/09 Kenneth & Karla Stringer
06/03 Clay & Lyn Ellison	06/11 Ray & Anne Callaham
06/04 Ralph & Nancy Partain	06/19 Jacob & Kristi Callaham
06/05 Tony & Fran Cooley	06/30 Donnie & Mandy Stang
06/06 Frankie & Cheryl Jones	06/30 Richard & Kelly Wright

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES & EVENTS

### ACTIVITIES, ANNOUNCEMENTS & SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

**Men'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.

**WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES**  
Acteens are on break and will return for meetings in September.

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

**HILLCREST 42 STUDENTS**  
4:12 Student Ministry  
Meets Each Wednesday in the Youth Room at 6:30-8:00  
Grades 6th—12th  
Invite a Friend!

**MISSION FRIENDS**  
Starts @ 7:00PM  
Mission Friends (3-5 Year olds)

**PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY**  
Bible Study and Prayer Meeting  
In the Sanctuary

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

**FAMILY NIGHT**  
Family Night, Wed., June 3rd  
All Other Activities are the same

**LADIES OF GRACE**  
Ladies of Grace  
Meeting at 6:50 in the Social Hall  
Summer Celebration  
Bring Luau snacks and drinks  
Wear your flowering summer shirts and bring a Friend!

**Men's Study Group**  
Men's Family Night Bible Study 7:00  
Meets in the Mosaic Classroom  
No Meeting in the Sanctuary on Family Night

**"Beautiful Feet"**  
New Mission for the Churches of the Palmetto Baptist Association  
See The PBA Newsletter on the Bulletin Board

**JUNE OPERATION CARE FOOD BANK**  
No expired dates please!  
Thank You For Supporting The Needs Of Our Local Communities  
**Food Bank:** Canned Vegetables, Baked Beans, Pop Tarts, Oatmeal, Crackers, Corn Bread Mix,  
All donations appreciated!

**VAN MINISTRY**  
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 Vickie Chism if questions.

#### Prayer Request & Info for Upcoming Events

**mission PANAMA**  
Pastor Larry on a Mission Trip to Panama with other local Pastors June 6th-13th

**summer CAMP**  
GA Camp June 22nd-26th  
RA Camp June 24th-26th  
Youth Camp June 29th-July 3rd.

**VBS**  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
We are collecting Large Sprites and Large Bags of Plain Potato Chips now through VBS kick off. Place in the Mission Hallway  
VBS T-Shirt orders due June 14th  
VBS Decorating June 21st-26th  
VBS Kick Off June 27th  
VBS June 27th- July 2nd

**Nursery Ministry**  
Bailee Harbin Coordinator

**Sunday Morning**  
June 7 Brittany Holden & Amanda Owens  
June 14 Connie Turner & Brittany Miller  
June 21 Samantha Dies & Bell Jennings  
June 28 Edie & Melvin Ford

**Sunday Evening**  
June 7 Donna Childs & Diane Rentz  
June 14 Christy & David Havird  
June 21 No Evening Service  
June 28 VBS Schedule

**Wednesday Evening**  
June 3 Bailee Harbin & Billie Joe Paige  
June 10 Sherri Cole & Kenetha Timms  
June 17 Jessica Mullinax & Mitchell Ezakovich  
June 24 Kim Baldwin & Samantha Dies

**HILLCREST KIDS BOWLING!!**  
SATURDAY  
June 13 @ 11-2

Let's Go Bowling! Grades 5 and below.  
Under 4 accompanied by a parent.  
Let's Strike out and knock down the pins with Jesus on our side. A sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board. Sign up this week and list your shoe size. Drop off at the Social Hall Saturday at 11. Lunch will be provided at Wendy's

As a part of the PBA Beautiful Feet Mission, Hillcrest will be collecting New Socks and Shoes for our Back-to-School year 2026-2027 instead of school supplies. A Contest is starting in June sponsored by the Women's Ministry Group to challenge the Guys and Girls to compete for the most donations. Student sizes are Grades K5 through 12.

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

**Sunday Morning**  
**Preschool Children's Church**  
3 year olds to 5 year old Kindergarten  
June 7 Dolly Ford & Linda Patterson  
June 14 Ami Alexander & Miranda Cox  
June 21 Melissa Smith & Ellen Tierce  
June 28 No Children's Church

**Elementary School Children's Church**  
1st through 5th Grade  
June 7 Sherry Clardy & Anita Simmons  
June 14 Misty Coker & Rhiannon Smith  
June 21 Sherry Clardy & Millie Harmon  
June 28 No Children's Church

**KIDS Power Hour**  
Sunday Nights at 6:00pm  
No Meeting June 21st or 28th

**Associational TnT Event**  
This event is for "Teens & Twenties"  
Time: 6:00 pm  
New Location  
Cedar Grove Baptist Church  
13024 Hwy. 20  
Belton, SC 29627  
Speaker: TBA

This event is for all PBA churches! Please bring your youth and young adults! Your group will enjoy being in Christian fellowship with church members, friends, and fellow classmates! Invite a friend to come with you. We will have a great speaker, outside games, pizza, drinks, and to top the night off a firework display! Please come and experience this event. If you have questions-contact the PBA or Rev. Joel Lopez, PBA Youth Ministries at 864-940-7331.