

Hillcrest Calling

Keep me as the apple of your eye.

Psalms 17:8



HILLCREST CALLING – SUMMER EDITION

Tithes & Offerings

These two words are often spoken in the same breath...but what's the difference between them? "Tithe" literally means "tenth" or 10 percent. A tithe is the first 10% of your income. An offering is anything you give in addition to 10%. The Bible says in Deuteronomy 14:23 (Living Bible):

"The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives..."

Tithing is a reminder that God is the supplier of everything we have. It is also God's personal invitation to experience an outpouring of his blessing in each of our lives. In Malachi 3:10, God essentially says:

"Go ahead. I dare you. See if you can out-give me!"

And in 2 Corinthians 8:7, we're encouraged to EXCEL in the grace of giving because God influences the world through his people. He GIVES TO YOU so he can GIVE THROUGH YOU. As we faithfully give, the world is changed for the glory of God: the LIFE Jesus offers is preached, people are fed, brokenness is healed, churches are built and each of us, in turn, are blessed by God so that we can give again.

SO, is God wise? Do we trust him? If God is wise, then WE are wise to follow what he says about financial stewardship. If we trust him, then we must trust him with all aspects of our lives - including finances. So go ahead - accept God's invitation to put him to the test. Start tithing faithfully and watch what he does in and through your life.

Please remember there are several ways to give your tithes and offerings here at Hillcrest.

- Drop in the offering plate on Sunday
- Mail into the office at anytime
- Drop it by the office during office hours or slide it under the office door.
- Give online on our website www.hillcrestpcs.com
- On the electronic giving machine in the Narthex

Challenge for Change

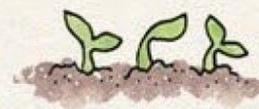
August Challenges:

- 10¢ for every bed in your home
- 15¢ for every bathroom in your home
- 1¢ for every chair or sofa in your home
- 2¢ for every window in your home



GOD'S 3 ANSWERS TO YOUR PRAYERS:

1. YES
2. NOT YET
3. I HAVE SOMETHING BETTER IN MIND





Rest Stop Mission



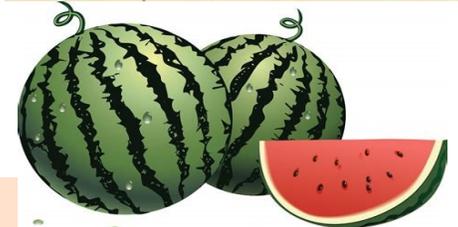
Hillcrest will again be handing out snacks and drinks to travelers at the Conway rest area along West bound I-44. This mission aims to help keep travelers awake and aware as they are on the road. Many who have helped with this mission in the past really enjoy visiting with people as they stop for a quick break along the road.

We need individually wrapped snacks (preferably not chocolate) and drinks. Good snacks are chips, crackers, snack cakes, granola bars, etc. We usually have bottled water and Capri Suns for the kids. We would also welcome cash to buy whatever supplies we are low on. Please give any donations to Bill Covey. Bill will have a sign up sheet later in the month. We usually have people there from 3:00pm -10:00pm. Hope to see you out there!

Choir Rehearsals resume



Choir Rehearsals will resume on Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm. The first one is August 22nd. It is hoped all choir members as well as anyone who would enjoy singing in the choir will join us each of these Wednesday evenings. Help us make a joyful noise unto the Lord here at Hillcrest Church.



The sacrament of Communion will be celebrated on August 5th.

The Men's Breakfast is August 11th, 8:00am at the Golden Corral on North Kansas.

The church will be serving dinner at the Mercy Ronald McDonald House on Monday, August 13th.

Jack will be out of the office August 6th—9th.

Book Club will meet August 20th at 6:00pm to watch the movie "Book Club" at the home of Cathy Miller. There will also be a potluck dinner.

Reminder: Our church premises is weapon free, carrying firearms is prohibited.

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Fun watermelon Facts!!

- When watermelons are grilled or baked they lose their granular texture and can even be used as a meat substitute, a “watermelon steak”.
- Watermelon contains a lot of health benefits. It’s good for the heart and it is even believed to help prevent many well-known cancers.
 - Watermelon contains Lycopene which is linked to reducing risk of cancers of the digestive system. This summer favorite actually has the highest concentration of lycopene of any fresh fruit or vegetable. Lycopene appears to reduce cancer risk by lowering insulin-like growth factor, a protein involved in cell division.
- Some consider watermelon to be a vegetable and not a fruit.
 - While its sweet taste makes most say fruit, it is actually grown like a vegetable and harvested as such as well.
 - It comes from a plant similar to what a pumpkin and other gourds come from.
 - When the rind is used for pickling purposes or stir fried or stewed, then it is being used like a vegetable.
- It is said that, by weight, watermelon is the most consumed melon in the United States.
- There are more than 1200 different varieties of watermelon.
 - They even come in different shapes – including square. And my favorite...Mickey Mouse shaped!
- Watermelons must be harvested by hand and not by machine because they are very fragile.
- August 3 is considered national watermelon day. So remember to eat plenty of watermelon on this day!
- The world’s heaviest watermelon was grown in Arkadelphia, Arkansas by Lloyd Bright.
 - It weighed 268.8 pounds (121.93 kg).
- Mark Twain once described watermelon like this: “It is the chief of this world’s luxuries, king by the grace of God over all the fruits of the earth. When one has tasted it, he knows what the angels eat. It was not a Southern watermelon that Eve took; we know it because she repented.”
- How to pick a watermelon
 - Pick it up: big or small, the watermelon should feel heavy for its size.
 - Look for the yellow spot: watermelons develop a splotch where they rest on the ground. When this splotch is creamy yellow, it’s ripe.
 - Give it a thump: Tap the underbelly of the watermelon. A ripe one will have a deep hollow sound. Under-ripe or over-ripe melons will sound dull.
- You may have not known this, but watermelons have genders. The ‘boy’ watermelons, are taller and more elongated, while the “girl” watermelons are more round and stout. The boy watermelons are more watery, while the girl watermelons are sweeter.



Watermelon Salsa

This fresh watermelon salsa recipe is quick and easy to make and tastes so refreshing!

Ingredients:

- 4 cups diced seedless watermelon
- 1 cup diced red onion
- 2/3 cup chopped fresh cilantro leaves
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh mint leaves
- 1-2 jalapenos seeded and finely diced (add more or less to taste)
- Zest and juice of 1 lime

Directions:

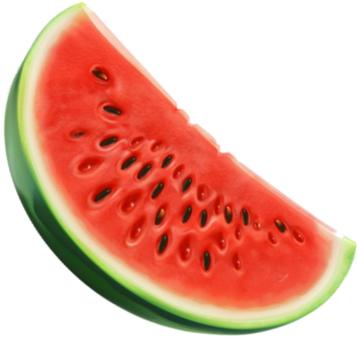
Toss all ingredients together until combined. Serve immediately, or cover and refrigerate for up to 2 days.



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GOOD LUCK THIS YEAR

COLOSSIANS 3:23-24

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.