

Hillcrest Calling



**Building Campaign Celebration
Saturday, May 11 at 5:00pm.** It will be a catered dinner, no need to bring anything, but just show up for fun and fellowship.

This building campaign is a 3-year commitment to raise funds to bolster the building fund which pays our mortgage. Regular gifts to the building fund are not enough to pay the whole monthly mortgage. At the current rate of drain on the building fund it will be completely depleted in a little over a year. The goal of this campaign is to raise commitments of \$80,000.

It is important to remember that we are not making financial commitments to a building, but rather to the ministry of the building. As we have recently come through the Easter season, the Fellowship Hall/Center was vital to many of the activities; from the Lenten study group, Maundy Thursday service (for some it is their favorite service of the year), Community Easter Egg Hunt, Easter morning Breakfast, and following fellowship time.

On a regular basis our building is used to reach out and service:

- Scouts, both boys and girls
- Cub Scouts
- AA
- Doling Neighborhood Association
- During Lent, weekly study group
- Regional AA meeting
- Choir Practice
- Bible study
- Sunday School for children, youth and adults
- Children's Worship
- Countless Committee meetings
- The Largest Activity: Worship

Other Activities include:

- Maundy Thursday service
- Blood Drive
- Health Screening
- Community Easter Egg Hunt
- Trunk or Treat
- Family gatherings for birthday and anniversary parties
- Baby and Wedding Showers
- Funerals
- Weddings

As you can see by this incomplete list above, the ministry of our building is extensive. We are not supporting a building but ministry that touches many, many lives.

You are an awesome congregation that cares and supports people as a blessed people of God. invite you to be in prayer about your place in making a commitment to this campaign. May you seek and receive God's guidance.

May birthdays

Jan Seaman, 1st
Pat Keltner, 3rd
Dean Morlock, 4th
Connie DeGreere, 16th
Sally Hosiner, 18th
Isabelle Riggs, 18th
Steve Shrum, 18th
Bob Hosiner, 21st
Alex Miller, 21st
Dalton Hill, 25th
Leighton Jones, 25th
Garrett Hill, 26th
Brandon Scott, 27th

May anniversaries

Tim, & Stephanie Baker, 20th
Jim & Regina Ice, 26th
Harold /Mary Jo Reynolds, 27th



On Thursday, April 25th our own **Fred Palmerton** received an award from the McKelvey School of Engineering at the Washington University in St. Louis. **Let's all congratulate this wonderful and humble man. He is such a blessing to our church and our community.**

"We enjoyed the meal and the fellowship, you made us feel like "Rock Stars". It was a year ago we had Lowell's celebration of life at Hillcrest — you were family to him, his home church!
We love you all! Thanks again, We'll be back, Keep the coffee hot!



Barb Patterson, Edge & Herman Mello

"Thank you, it meant more than you know. We appreciate your kindness and comfort during our time of loss. Everyone made the 'Celebration of Life' a day filled with friends and fellowship. We are sincerely grateful"

The family of James W. Smith

LOVING OUR BUILDING! Just like the beautiful spring renewal God has brought to us, we are also blessed with wonderful new things happening around our church building! Thanks to your generosity and the success of our garage sale last fall, we have been able to purchase many needed items, a new Sanctuary Christmas tree, ladders, storage containers etc. for our storeroom, and beautiful reupholstered chairs to brighten our foyer (check them out!) just to name a few. We are still working on other areas around the church that need some love. Our Boy Scout troop that meet here at church, have three fine young men working to become Eagle Scouts, and each one has chosen a large project that benefits our church to complete their requirements. The first scout is creating an awesome, safe play area and assembling our new playset, donated in honor of Wayne and Gladys Zweerink. The kids are all very excited to see it go up! The second scout is building new adjustable shelving for our storeroom and food pantry area. We will have a place for everything, no more searching for what we need! The third scout is working with our worship committee to update our sound system to make our joyful noises even more joyful! Some fundraising and "fun raising" will be done by the scouts to help with the cost of these projects. A spaghetti dinner, and garage sale were a couple of ideas they are discussing. These projects must be organized, implemented, and executed by the scouts themselves, so let's show our love and support to them in any way we can, as they help make our beautiful church an even more blessed place to be. Thanks be to God for all of our blessings.

March Financials

Beginning Balance	\$6,749.11
Decrease	- \$2,531.54
Ending Balance	\$4,217.57

Building Load Balance

2/28/19 \$316,372.36

Building Fund Balance

\$ 15,017.25

2019 Offering Envelopes are available in the Northex

The electronic giving terminal is located in the Narthex.

Both of these things are available to help you in your giving.

Just know that God blesses a cheerful and generous giver.



The Men's Breakfast is May 11th , 8:00am at the Golden Corral

Book Club will meet Tuesday, May 21st at 7:00pm to review

The **Session meeting** is Monday, May 13th at 6:00pm.

On May 11th there will be a **Building Campaign Celebration dinner** at 5pm. It will be catered by the Administrative Committee. Please join us for this great endeavor.

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

Women of the Bible - Lot's Wife

Sodom and Gomorrah was a pleasant place to live. Despite its peaceful surroundings, on the evening of the day God had appointed to destroy it, the bustling city of Sodom was in an uproar over two men who had come into town to visit Lot and his family. Did Lot's wife know that her guests were angels sent by God to judge the city? She probably did not know how fervently the Patriarch Abraham had pleaded with God to save the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah if they had but a few righteous inhabitants. "I have heard," God had said to Abraham, "that the people of Sodom and Gomorrah are utterly evil and that everything they do is wicked, I am going down to see whether these reports are true or not. Then I will know."

Lot's wife did know that life in Sodom had been immoral for years. Sodomy—an unnatural aspect of sexuality—was practiced that it received its name from the city of Sodom. The situation had become so bad in recent years that the male population of the town—young and old—had run out to rape her husband's guests. She watched her husband leave the safety of their home to try to bargain with the unruly crowd, violent with passion. Things were moving too quickly for her to comprehend. The Sodomites turned their anger against Lot so furiously that only a miracle, an intervention by the men of God themselves, saved her husband's life.

As dawn was breaking, the two visitors awakened her with urgent cries. "Quick, quick, leave the city while you still can. Otherwise you will be destroyed with it," they told her husband. She thought in her heart, why should I leave my home? Living in this city, in this house is good, is it not? I am familiar with everything. Nothing has really changed. Why should God's judgement suddenly come on us now?

Lot's wife may have moved out of Mesopotamia with Lot and his family years before or Lot may have met her in Sodom. Her background is unknown, just like her name. Whether she was born in Sodom or not, the city now controlled her thinking. Her heart was attached to Sodom. The Bible does not say whether or not she had a personal relationship with God. She knew Abraham and Sarah and through them she heard about God. Lot also knew the Lord God. But in the proportion that he grew attached to Sodom, he increasingly turned away from Him.

God had made His decision, but in spite of His anger, God's heart was moved toward Lot's wife and their family. He wanted to save her from the claws of death which were already outstretched toward the city. In spite of this, she wavered. Every second they waited meant playing with their lives. God had done everything He could to save Lot and his family. But now the family had to listen to his messengers and take their warnings to heart. They had to their city of sin behind.

Suddenly one of the angels grasped the hand of Lot's wife and her out the door of her own home. His voice urged her on. "Don't look back. Keep moving. Escape to the mountains, so that you won't be destroyed." So, the family left and God's judgement broke loose. When heaven's violence burst loose, Lot's wife gave proof that she had not taken the voice of God seriously. She looked back. Her feet had stepped away from Sodom but her heart still lingered.

That look became fatal to her. The rain of Sulphur and salt overtook her, covered her, suffocated her, and became her grave. Eighteen words from the Bible describe her story. "But Lot's wife looked back as she was following along behind him and became a pillar of salt." She didn't accept the saving hand that God had stretched out toward her. That negligence cost her her life.

She didn't allow God to save her. She didn't accept the saving hand that He had stretched out toward her. Jesus used her as an example of warning. Her memory can still be a blessing if people who read her story are willing to accept the grace God is still offering. There is fullness of grace in Jesus Christ, and people who believe in Him receive his saving grace, an undeserved gift of God.



Sunday Services:

Worship Service 10am
 Sunday School 9am

- ☼ birthdays
- ♥ anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Mother's Day AA 2pm	Session meeting, 6pm	Mission & Nurture Committee, 10 am Discipleship, 6.30pm	Worship Meeting, 5.30pm ☼ Jan Seaman Choir 7pm / AA 8pm	Shooting Fellowship, 5.30pm National Day of Prayer	☼ Pat Keltner	Men's Breakfast 8.00am Building Celebration Dinner, 5pm
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			Outreach Meeting, 5.30pm Choir 7pm / AA 8pm	☼ Connie DeGreer		☼ Sally Hosiner ☼ sabelle Riggs ☼ Steve Shrum
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Last performance of the Choir...It starts break for the summer	Noon Bible Study ♥ Tim & Stephanie Baker	Book Club, 7pm "Circling the Sun" By Paula McLain ☼ Bob Hosiner ☼ Alex Miller	AA 8pm			☼ Dalton Hill
26	27	28	29	30	31	
☼ Garrett Hill ♥ Jim & Regina Ice	☼ Brandon Scott ♥ Harold & Mary Jo Reynolds Memorial Day		AA 8pm	Day of Ascension		

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Joys of motherhood

- A hug for no reason.
- Belly laughs.
- The light-bulb moment when your child understands something you've been trying to teach them.
- Smiles and giggles.
- Mud pies.
- Arms raised in the air after a big accomplishment.
- Hearing Scripture and prayer from your child's lips.
- Quiet moments on the couch.
- Reading aloud together.
- A family meal filled with conversation and laughter.
- Watching your child be kind to another.
- Recognizing a moment you'd like to freeze in time.
- A child's look of surprise and joy.
- A quiet conversation that heals a wounded heart.
- The words "I love you" — and a sticky kiss.

—Unknown

