

# Hillcrest Calling



## June 2020

### Highly esteemed

After returning from a lengthy mission trip overseas, John Huffman and his fellow passengers were held up in customs for two hours. When he finally made it to the packed airport lobby, Huffman realized it might take a while to find his family. But suddenly his 3-year-old daughter ran toward him yelling, "Daddy! Daddy! That's my daddy!" and launched into his arms.

"What a welcome," he writes. "I have never felt so loved and acknowledged in my life." Perhaps that's how God feels when we call on his name in worship and prayer, acknowledging him as our heavenly Father — and honoring him above all else.

## Happy Father's Day



### June

#### birthdays

Joe Tranbarger, 2nd  
Lawrence Johnson, 4th  
Emmet Jorden, 4th  
Jimmy Smith, 6th  
Linda Selsor, 14th  
Lynne Poindexter, 16th  
Elijah Baker, 16th  
Charles Ingram, 20th  
Tyler Robertson, 21st  
Vi Brightwell, 22nd  
Sam Scott, 25th  
Skylyn Hill, 25th

### June

#### anniversaries

Jim Downing & Nancy Hackett,  
1st  
Jack & Scarlet Cormack, 3rd  
Joe & Cheyenne Tranbarger,  
22nd  
Matthew & Shelia Burton, 30th

## A surprising solution

The only solution for being broken is ... brokenness. By brokenness, I mean the acknowledgment of it, the full and unflinching acceptance that we are bankrupt, poor in spirit and have nothing to offer. In our culture, that's a hard sell. ... Brokenness is not trending on Twitter. It's not written on anyone's résumé, and it's no business strategy at all. It is, however, the one hope Jesus holds out for us, the inside-out, upside-down way that is somehow the only path that ultimately is right side up. Embrace the paradox: brokenness is the way to wholeness.

—Kyle Idleman, *The End of Me*

Gibson Chapel will begin to have worship service together on June 7th, Everyone will sit in family groups using social distancing and everyone should wear their own masks.

Hillcrest Session will be meeting on June 1st to discuss how worship will take place and what it will look like. We will keep you up to date on what takes place.



We are in a time of flux and things are not clear as of yet. We are working on solutions to the many problems that worship together might pose. We want to be prepared for everyone's protection. Pastor Jack and Dan Wood made these hand sanitizer stations at the entrance of the office and to the entrance of the sanctuary. One thing we do know is that we will be practicing social distancing and please use your own face mask. We understand some of you may want to still stay home, so until we see you, may God bless and keep you!

## Welcoming the Holy

Abraham and Sarah welcomed three strangers who turned out to be the Lord. Jesus said, "If anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple," the giver will be rewarded (Matthew 10:42, NIV). An ancient Jewish proverb asserts: "Hospitality is one form of worship." A Russian Orthodox monk is said to have told a younger one, "Sometimes I see a stranger coming up the road and I say, 'Oh, Jesus Christ, is it you again?'" And an old Gaelic poem declares, "Often, often, often, goes the Christ in the stranger's guise."

Sometimes we think we must do something big to serve God. Today, when you smile at someone on the street, take time to entertain a child's question, bring cookies to a new neighbor, thank a server or clerk ... know that you are serving Jesus, that you are worshipping God.

—Heidi Mann

## April Financials

Beginning Balance	\$4,958.00
Increase	337.19
Ending Balance	\$5,295.19
Building Load Balance	
4/04/19	\$297,726.96
Building Fund Balance	
	\$ 21,695.24

The electronic giving terminal is located in the Narthex.

Just know that God blesses a cheerful and generous giver.



Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, the property committee was unable to have our annual work day to "spring clean" the church,

**both inside and out. We have sent out a email with the list attached. Please consider to get involved. We would still like to try and complete some of these projects. We are hoping to get volunteers to pick a project and take care of it. You can work on something by yourself or partner up with someone. Some projects may not be able to be completed in a day, or by one person. Any help would be appreciated. When you do a project, be sure to highlight it on the copy at church and put your name next to it so that we will know that it has been done.**

# Women of the Bible - The Young Jewish Maid

850 B.C. Officially there was peace in Israel. However, the troops of Syria's King Ben-hadad kept making raids into Israel to capture prisoners as spoil. One day they captured a young Jewish girl who was not more than 15 years old. Her name is not recorded in the Bible. Perhaps this is because what is told about her is so impressive that her name is of secondary importance.

The girl became the maid of the wife of a high-ranking officer in the king's army. The officer, Naaman, was capable and very influential. He was greatly honored by the king because of his valor in combat. At the moment Naaman was deeply worried. A shadow had fallen over his house that couldn't be driven away. He had realized that he had leprosy, the most dreadful of diseases. Once a person contracted leprosy, he was outcast for the rest of his life. It was a horrible disease, and it might take years before death freed the sufferer from his isolation. Naaman was a dead man already. No king, no trophy of victory could prevent his expulsion. He would be forced to wander outside the city walls as a beggar. Everyone who came near him would be warned to stay away.

Naaman and his wife had tried to keep the illness a secret, but soon this was no longer possible. The secret had become known—even the maid was aware of the shocking situation. She had not become bitter because of her captivity. Her faith in God, learned in her parents' home, had kept her from that. She submitted to her superiors and found herself sympathetic to them. They, recognizing this, confided in her.

Yes, they had a problem. But didn't problems exist so that they could be taken to God? Didn't these Syrians know that God had a servant on earth—Elisha? He was a greatly honored figure in her parental home. So she came to her mistress with a very natural proposal, "Why doesn't my lord go visit the prophet who is in Samaria? He can cure him of his leprosy." Just a few words, but what a difference they made. Instead of certain death, there was a possibility of life! Her mistress took her words seriously and her master thought them important enough to pass on to the king. The king ordered immediate action. As soon as possible Naaman was on his way, bearing many gifts, to see the prophet Elisha in Samaria. When Naaman returned he was not only healed of the dreaded disease—his skin clean and without spot, looking like the healthy skin of a young boy—but the healing process had gone far deeper. His heart had been touched. He now had confidence in the God of Israel. He said, "I know that there is not God in all the earth but in Israel." Instead of worshipping idols, he became a worshipper of the living God.

A few simple words brought new life to a man, hope for his family and support for his king. A few simple words gave attention and brought honor to the God of Israel. This little maid continues to speak to people today through the words were recorded through the guidance of the Holy Spirit long after she died. She didn't say much, but what she said revealed her faith—a faith that was tested by reality and a faith that served the people around her. Because of her faith a life was changed. The insignificant little maid was not so insignificant.

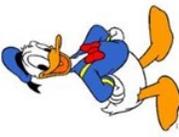
# JUNE



Sunday Services:

Worship Service 10am  
Sunday School 9am

☞ birthdays  
♥ anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Memorial Day</b> Memorial Weekend</p>	<p>1 Hillcrest Session, 6pm ♥ Jim Downing &amp; Nancy Hackett</p>	<p>2 ☞ Joe Tranbarger</p>	<p>3 ♥ Jack &amp; Scarlet Cor-Mack</p>	<p>4 ☞ Lawrence Johnson ☞ Emmet Jordan</p>	<p>5  Donut Day</p>	<p>6 ☞ Jimmy Smith</p>
<p>7 Communion Gibson Chapel Starts Worship together Trinity Sunday</p>	<p>8  Best Friends Day</p>	<p>9  Donald Duck Day</p>	<p>10  Iced Tea Day</p>	<p>11 Life-Line Screening 8am—5pm </p>	<p>12  Red Rose Day</p>	<p>13  Weed Your Garden Day</p>
<p>14  ☞ Linda Selsor Flag Day</p>	<p>15  Smile Day</p>	<p>16 ☞ Lynne Poindexter ☞ Elijah Baker</p>	<p>17  Garbage Man Day</p>	<p>18 Go Fishing Day</p>	<p>19  Flip Flop Day</p>	<p>20 ☞ Charles Ingram 1st day of summer</p>
<p>21  ☞ Tyler Robertson Father's Day</p>	<p>22 ☞ Vi Brightwell ♥ Joe &amp; Cheyenne Tranbarger</p>	<p>23  Pink Day</p>	<p>24  Pralines Day</p>	<p>25 ☞ Sam Scott ☞ Skylyn Hill</p>	<p>26  Coconut Day</p>	<p>27  Sunglasses Day</p>
<p>28  Paul Bunyan Day</p>	<p>29  Camera Day</p>	<p>30 ♥ Matthew &amp; Shelia Burton</p>				

"God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble."

Psalm 46 : 1 NLT

"Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares about you"

1 Peter 5 : 7 NLT

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## +Christian Symbol+



### Olive

The olive branch is a symbol of peace, harmony and healing. Olive trees provide shelter, as well as oil used for ointment and consecration. The olive branch also represents deliverance from hardships and anxiety because a dove brought an olive leaf back to Noah's ark after the flood ended (Genesis 8:11).