

Hillcrest Calling

January



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At home with God



Of all persons, the Christian should be best prepared for whatever the New Year brings. ... In Christ he has disposed of a thousand enemies that other men must face alone and unprepared. He can face his tomorrow cheerful and unafraid because yesterday he turned his feet into the ways of peace and today he lives in God. The man who has made God his dwelling place will always have a safe habitation.

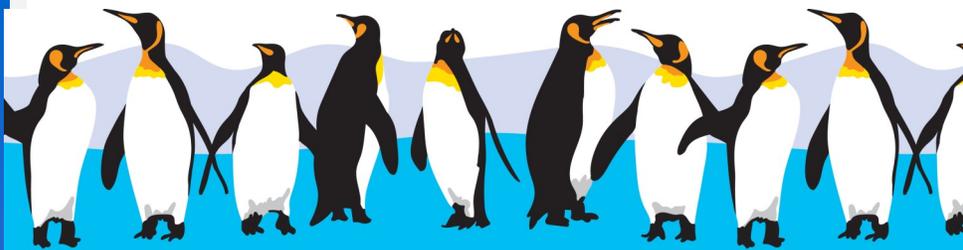
—A.W. Tozer

January birthdays

Lisa Reynolds, 1st
Jessica Jorden, 4th
Matia Hartley, 10th
Daphne Jordan, 15th
Joyce Goodell, 23rd
Sonja Scott, 25th

January anniversaries

Sammy & Cathy Miller, 9th





To our Hillcrest Church family,
 We the family of Barbara Patterson sincerely appreciate all of the love, prayers and cards sent from you during Mom's recent illness and death. You are all so much loved by all of us, and remain near our hearts. God bless you in your mission to the community and all you do. Always,
 Edie and Herman Mills

With a grateful heart, thank you for the generous Christmas gift. It continues to be a great honor to serve the Lord along side of you as your pastor. May God continue to richly bless us as together we seek to further the Kingdom of God on earth. Peace and Grace,
 Rev. Jack Cormack

New Offering envelopes are coming soon. Please use the envelopes in the pews until they arrive.



Committee Chairpersons: Please get your year-end reports to the church office ASAP.

A prayer for the journey

The following prayer, almost 1,000 years old, was written for pilgrims walking the Way of St. James) — 500 miles across northern Spain. Use this adaption as you journey into the new year:

God, you called your servant Abraham from Ur in Chaldea, watching over him in all his wanderings, and guided the Hebrew people as they crossed the desert. Guard your children, who seek to grow in you this year. Be their companion on the way, their guide at the crossroads, their strength in weariness, their defense in dangers, their shelter on the path, their shade in the heat, their light in the darkness, their comfort in discouragement, and the firmness of their intentions. Through your guidance, may they be enriched with grace and virtue, and be filled with salutary and lasting joy.

—from the 12th-century Codex Calixtinus



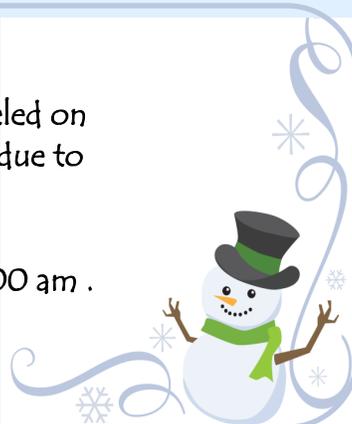
On January 31st we will be having our Annual Congregational Meeting right after morning worship service. We will be giving out more details as we approach that date.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Monday – Saturday: Church events will be canceled on any day when the Springfield schools are closed due to inclement weather.

Sunday Morning: The pastor, and two members of session will make a decision no later than 8:00 am .

Notification will be made by means of phone calls, emails, text messages and on Facebook.



October Financials

Beginning Balance	\$ 8,676.01
Decrease	3,503.69
Ending Balance	\$ 5,172.32
Building Load Balance	
10/04/20	\$289,563.70
Building Fund Balance	
	\$ 18,608.40

The electronic giving terminal is located in the Narthex.

Just know that God blesses a cheerful and generous giver.



Thursday, January 14th the Shooting Fellowship will be meeting at 5:30pm

Monday, January 11th Session will be meeting at 6pm.

Monday, January 18th, the Book Club will be meeting at 7pm. This month's book is "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles

Please remember, you must wear a mask whenever you are in the church and please use our hand sanitizer whenever you enter the church. We do this to protect each other and in so doing show the love of Jesus.

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

Men of the Bible - Jeremiah

Jeremiah was known as the “weeping prophet” because his heart was broken about the sins of the people of Israel. As Jeremiah 9:1-2 states, “Oh that my head were a spring of water and my eyes a fountain of tears. I would weep day and night for the slain of my people. Oh, that I had in the desert a lodging place for travelers, so that I might leave my people and go away from them; for they are all adulterers, a crowd of unfaithful people”.

Jeremiah was called to be a prophet at a young age and didn't feel adequate for the job. But he was willing to obey God and ended up preaching for forty years to the rebellious people of Judah. He was hated and treated harshly by the people. He was not allowed to marry, as a visual aid of the coming judgement when many people would be without their spouses because of death. He was alive at the time when the prophets Zephaniah, Habakkuk, Daniel, and Ezekiel. He wrote the book of Lamentations after Jerusalem's destruction at the beginning of the exile.

His message to the Israelites of Judah was that if they would not repent, calamity would come. But he spoke without anger. He covered his prophecies with tears of compassion. Because the people did not repent, they were taken into captivity into Babylon. As Irving L. Jensen wrote, “Jeremiah was the gentle compassionate type...He knew that within a short time the proud, beautiful city of Jerusalem with its magnificent temple would be in ruins, and that his beloved people would be in captivity...no wonder Jeremiah wept.

Like so many of the Israelite prophets, Jeremiah's job was to try to turn the people's hearts back toward God even though God knew it wouldn't happen. Yet Jeremiah persevered. Many of us have family and friends who have walked away from God, and you may feel like your actions and prayers are not bearing much fruit, hang in there like Jeremiah. Your responsibility is not to make results happen, but to be faithful and obedient to God and He will do the work.



We are continuing the Coat Drive. Please bring any coats both for kids and adults to the church office. Fred is picking them up and taking them to Glo Cleaners himself.

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Sunday Services:

- ☞ birthdays
- ♥ anniversaries

Sunday School 9am
 Worship Service 10am
 Hillcrest
 Worship Service 11:30am
 Gibson Chapel

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Communion  ☞ Kelly Clay	4 ☞ Jessica Jordan	5	6  Worship 5:30M	7	8 ☞ Lisa Reynolds	9 ♥ Sammy & Cathy Miller
10 ☞ Lynn Clay ☞ Matia Hartley	11 Session, 6PM	12	13	14 Shooting fellowship 5:30PM	15 ☞ Daphne Jordan	16
17	18 Book Club, 7PM "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles	19	20	21	22	23 ☞ Joyce Goodell
24	25 ☞ Songia Scott	26	27	28	29	30
31 Annual Congregational Meeting						