

Hillcrest Calling



October 2021

Who is this baby?



Last month's picture...that cute baby...

No one guessed...it was Sue Balliet

Email your guesses to hillcrestchurch@gmail.com or call them in. We will honor you next newsletter and have a new picture for new guesses. Make sure you guess...this month we had no guesses. Your chances are great if you try it.

October

Birthdays

DeAnn Riggs, 7th
Joanne Throne, 10th
Ferba Lofton, 16th
Renee Reed, 17th
Landon Reed, 17th
Barbara Dean, 22nd
Larry Butler,

October

Anniversaries

Pat & Wayne Keltner, 10th
Randy & Jan Zweerink, 17th



This is what 722 pairs of panties look like! Thank you to everyone who donated. You are the best! Safe-to-Sleep is a great service to the women who find themselves on the street. They are always looking for volunteers, so if you are interested contact Kelly Harris at Council Churches 417-862-3586 ext 235 or kharris@ccoarks.org.

A look at beauty

Remember kaleidoscopes – those tubes you hold up to your eye and point toward the light to see colorful shapes? When the far end of the optical instrument is turned, fragments of material inside an “object cell” shift and mirrors set at angles reflect light through the pieces, forming ever-changing patterns. A multi-hued flower might become sunlight through a round stained-glass window or fireworks on a clear night.

Various materials can be placed in the cell – tiny figures, twisted bits of metal, lace, viscous liquid – but often broken bits of glass are used, to beautiful effect! In fact, David Brewster, inventor of the kaleidoscope in 1817, named it after the Greek word *kalos*, for “beauty.”

Everyone feels broken, twisted or shattered at times. But when God’s perfect light shines in and through us, reflecting among the fragments of our imperfect lives, we, too, become beautiful. Out of our sinfulness and brokenness shines the beauty of compassion, kindness, perseverance, hope, love – delightful patterns to brighten this hurting world.



August Financials

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| Beginning Balance | \$ 8,824.44 |
| Decrease | 1,109.96 |
| Ending Balance | \$ 7,714.48 |
| Building Load Balance | |
| 8/04/21 | \$275,614.01 |
| Building Fund Balance | |
| | \$ 24,735.87 |

The electronic giving terminal is located in the Narthex.

Just know that God blesses a cheerful and generous giver.



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

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

Monday, October 18th, the Book Club will be meeting at Noon. This month’s book is “The Last Letter from Your Lover” by Jo-Jo Moyes.

The new Springfield city regulations state that masks are optional.

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

Women of the Bible

Miriam had been an intelligent child. Her mother had readily entrusted her with an assignment of such importance that the life of her youngest brother was dependent upon her success. She completed her task with courage and tact, bringing her mother, a Hebrew woman, and an Egyptian princess in contact with one another. Thus, her brother was rescued, benefiting both their family and God's people. The child was Moses, mediator of the old covenant, the prophet who spoke face- to- face with God.

As an adult, Miriam was a woman of stature. Her character had been formed in a family where faith was a daily reality. Her parents had the courage, the love, and the ingenuity to defy the commands of a tyrannical king in order to save the life of their youngest son. The family of Amram and Jochebed was unique in Israel's existence, for it brought forth three great leaders — Moses, Aaron, and Miriam— who all served the nation at the same time. "I brought you up out of Egypt and redeemed you from the land of slavery. I sent Moses to lead you, also Aaron and Miriam," God later declared through the prophet Micah. When Moses led his troublesome people out of Egypt to Canaan, he was assisted by his brother Aaron, the high priest, and his sister Miriam, the prophetess. She was not just a tagalong sister. She was his co laborer, with leadership responsibilities. God called Miriam, an unmarried woman, to an exceptional task. She had the privilege of being the first female prophet—a spokeswoman for God. In deeds and words, she proclaimed the greatness of God. Her life was totally centered on loving God and His people. Her gifts and interests were too great to be used exclusively for the small family circle. Israel had many wives and mothers, but only one Miriam. God entrusted her with a high position. An entire nation was dependent upon her. She received supreme satisfaction in life, as she dedicated herself wholly to the task.

She was nearing the age of one hundred when the miracle of the Red Sea astounded the masses. The water that brought salvation to God's people confirmed the fall of His enemies. "I will sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously," cried Moses afterward. "He has hurled both horse and rider into the sea." After the men had started the joyous singing, the women continued it. From that day forth, Israel would always sing about exceptional victories because of Miriam. She was first in line— energetic and youthful in spirit despite her age. With a timbral in her hand, she took over the song from Moses. She encouraged the women to dance to the honor of God while shouting for joy: "Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously."

Miriam, who had ascended to the highest post ever held by a woman, and who was named by God in the same breath as the two great male leaders, had simply surpassed her boundaries. She overestimated herself. She considered herself to be on the same level as Moses. And in her pride, she undermined his authority. "Is he, indeed, the leader of the three of us?" she asked. "Are not Aaron and I his equals?"

Moses remained calm. He showed no desire to defend himself. There was, however, another who defended Moses' rights, and this became a frightful experience for Miriam and Aaron. For God in heaven heard, knew, and saw what was happening on earth. He took immediate steps to stop the rebellion against Moses' leadership and to punish the guilty ones. Shattered and with shaky knees, Aaron and Miriam appeared before God. They heard how He judged the situation. Moses, they heard, was not only the undisputed leader; he was also given a position higher than all the prophets.

When God left them in His anger, Miriam became a leper. Leprosy was the most dreaded of diseases, for it sapped the strength of the person who had it, degrading her with a walking death. And God had stained Miriam with the curse of leprosy.

Moses didn't indicate that he approved of God's judgment, nor did he rebuke Miriam and Aaron. He simply prayed to God, and his prayer reduced Miriam's sentence from one of lifelong suffering to only seven days. Miriam's attitude had brought harm not only to herself but also to her people. Their journey had been delayed because of her sin. The entire nation was kept from moving forward until Miriam was among them again. The seven days she spent as an outcast must have given Miriam much food for thought. Did she then understand that God Himself appoints His leaders? That in His godly order He entrusts leadership to those who are humble enough to be willing to serve? Had she come out a better person? Had she been purified? The Bible doesn't record any further rebellion. Had the experience destroyed Miriam's strength and usefulness? Did she lose her gift of prophecy? The Bible doesn't say, but it does state that she died before her people entered the Promised Land.



October

Sunday Services:

☼ birthdays
☼ anniversaries

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

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 3 Communion  | 4 Discipleship 6pm | 5 | 6 Praise Team 7pm | 7 Council of Churches 10am ☼DeAnn Riggs MOW Millers | 8 | 9 |
| 10 ☼Joanne Throne ☼Pat Keltner | 11 Session 6pm | 12 | 13 Praise Team 7pm | 14 Shooting fellowship 5:30pm MOW Nancy & Barb | 15 | 16 ☼Ferba Lofton |
| 17 ☼Renee Reed ☼Landon Reed ☼Randy & Jan Zweerink | 18 Book Club noon "The Last Letter from Your Lover" do-do Moyes | 19 | 20 Praise Team 7pm | 21 MOW Meester | 22 ☼Barb Dean | 23 Equipping the Saints 10am virtual |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 Praise Team 7pm | 28 MOW Palmer-tons | 29 ☼Larry Butler | 30 |
| 31 All Saints Service | | | | | | |