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## HILLSIDE HAPPENINGS

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### **Read the Bible cover to cover in 90 days!**

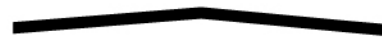
Have you ever wanted to read the Bible cover-to-cover? Many Christians have a goal of reading the entire Bible at some point in their lifetime, but for most people just the thought of reading the whole Bible seems like an overwhelming task.

What if you could accomplish this goal in just 90-days? The Bible in 90-Days Challenge is a reading plan designed to walk you through the Bible in three months. This is not a Bible study, the goal is to completely read each word of the Bible within 90 days.

Set your New Year resolution to finally read the Bible cover-to-cover by Palm Sunday. What a great way to continue the uplifting feeling of the Christmas story, as we lead into the sacrificial Lenten season, and end with Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem - all to prepare ourselves for the Holiest Week on the Christian calendar.

For more information on how to participate contact Dolli Neikirk at [neikirkdk@gmail.com](mailto:neikirkdk@gmail.com).

### **January 2015**



[hillsideprinceton.org](http://hillsideprinceton.org)

#### **SUNDAYS AT HILLSIDE**

8:30 & 10:45 a.m. | Worship Services  
9:45 - 10:35 a.m. | Sunday School

#### **OFFICE HOURS:**

M - TH | 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Friday | 9:00 a.m. - Noon



812-385-2910

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

Jan. 7 Meatloaf, Smashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad  
Jan. 14 Baked Spaghetti, Garlic Toast, Salad  
Jan. 21 Baked Potato & Taco Bar, Salad  
Jan. 28 Chicken Supreme, Potatoes, Green Beans

### **Tea, Fruit Drink, Desserts**

**\$3.50 each    Preschool children and under: FREE**  
**Tickets for 10 meals-\$30**

If you would like to help with deserts please be sure to sign-up at the dessert table.

Note: We have noticed that children are coming to the salad bar with no assistance. Since little fingers are so much easier for them to pick the food up with we ask that there please be an adult to assist them.

Also due to the low cost of the meal we can't buy too much extra for the salad bar. Please remember that we have 100 people eating. If we continue to run low on items we will need to start buying more.

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## **2ND MONDAY MEAL JANUARY 12 AT 4:00 P.M.**

Thanks to Penny Mason and Pam Sands and all who have helped with 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday Meals in 2014. Lisa Naas and I are looking forward to continuing 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday Meals in 2015. If you would like to help with the meals by providing delivery, kitchen service, desserts or donations please contact Gail Miller 812-779-6197 or Brenda Witt at the church office.

Our January meal will be Shepherds Pie.

In Christ's Service,  
Gail Miller and Lisa Naas

## **A pastor's prayer...**

*Lord, why did you tell me to love all men, my brothers? I have tried, but I come back to you, frightened... Lord, I was so peaceful at home, I was so comfortably settled. It was well furnished, and I felt cozy. I was alone, I was at peace. Sheltered from the wind, the rain, kept clean. I would have stayed unsullied in my ivory tower. But, Lord, you have discovered a breach in my defenses.*

*You have forced me to open my door, like a squall of rain in the face, the cry of men has awakened me; Like a gale of wind a friendship has shaken me, stealing in like a shaft of light, your grace has disturbed me... and, rashly enough, I left my door ajar. Now, Lord, I am lost!*

*Outside men were lying in wait for me. I did not know they were so near; in this house, in this street, in this office; my neighbor, my colleague, my friend. As soon as I started to open the door I saw them, with outstretched hands, burning eyes, longing hearts, like beggars on church steps.*

*The first ones came in, Lord. There was after all some space in my heart. I welcomed them. I would have cared for them and fondled them, my very own little lambs, my little flock. You would have been pleased, Lord, I would have served and honored you in a proper, respectable way. Until then, it was sensible... But the next ones, Lord, the other men -- I had not seen them; they were hidden behind the first ones. There were more of them, they were wretched; they over-powered me without warning. We had to crowd in, I had to find room for them.*

*Now they have come from all over, in successive waves, pushing one another, jostling one another. They have come from all over town, from all parts of the country, of the world; numberless, inexhaustible. They don't come alone any longer but in groups, bound one to another. They come bending under heavy loads; loads of injustice, of resentment and hate, of suffering and sin... They drag the world behind them, with everything rusted, twisted, or badly adjusted.*

*Lord, they hurt me! They are in the way, they are all over. They are too hungry, they are consuming me! I can't do anything anymore; as they come in, they push the door, and the door opens wider... Lord! My door is wide open! I can't stand it anymore! It's too much! It's no kind of life! What about my job? My family? My peace? My liberty? And me? Ah, Lord! I have lost everything, I don't belong to myself any longer; there's no more room for me at home.*

*Don't worry, God says, you have gained all. While men came in to you, I, your Father, I, your God, slipped in among them! **Extract from Prayers of Life by Michel Quoist***

**May our doors at Hillside be thrown open in 2015 so that our God can slip in! -- Pastor Chris**

## **NEWS FROM THE CHOIR | SANDY NIXON**

We'd like to thank everyone who helped in any way with the Christmas musical on December 14: the children and their leaders, the sound crew (Mitchell Cottingham and Ike Farris), the accompanists (Nelda Chestnut and Judi Tate), and all those who attended service that morning. A special thanks goes to Betty Farris for the newspaper article, to Dolli Neikirk and Betty Farris for their solo work, to our three terrific narrators (Margaret Hughes, Maddy Mitchem, and Steve Nixon), and to the wonderful members of your Hillside Choir for their hard work in preparing for the morning's presentation.

Thanks so much for everyone's support. We hope that the words and music of our musical, *The Heart of Christmas*, touched your hearts in preparation for the coming of the Christ child.

As 2015 is rapidly approaching, we want to wish you all a very Happy New Year!

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## **HILLSIDE MEN | MATT ROBBINS-PRESIDENT**

Hillside United Methodist Men will meet again for a nutritious breakfast on Jan. 10 @ 7:30 a.m. We will have a short program, lots of laughter and a great time. We invite all of the men of the church to stop by and enjoy a good time! This year the Methodist Men will be helping out the Youth program by providing some meals for their Sunday night meetings as well as helping provide food for their 5th Quarter event.

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## **WOMEN'S OUTREACH**

The Women's Outreach welcomes all ladies who are free on Friday mornings for a time of fellowship, devotion and interesting programs. Invite all of your lady friends to join us. January 16 at 9:30 a.m.

Please come join us and bring a friend with you. If you have any questions, feel free to call Jeannie Robbins at 812-779-6227 or Jane Armes at 812-779-8337.

## **UPCOMING SERMONS**

- Jan. 4** "The Christmas Liability" Deuteronomy 6:4-12  
**Jan. 11** "Grace Poured Out" Mark 1:9-11 & Acts 16:16-34  
**Jan. 18** "Floodgates Thrown Open"  
2 Samuel 12:7-8 & Malachi 3:6-12  
**Jan. 25** "Least of These" Matthew 25:34-40

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## **FRIENDS CLUB K-2ND | AMANDA MISKELL & CREW**

Its hard to believe 2014 has ended and we are already half way through the Friends Club year. The kids are starting to get very comfortable with one another and even our "quiet" kids are starting to open up. Every week is a new adventure with these 30+ kids and we are looking forward to continuing our fun into 2015. We started 2014 learning from the Old Testament and will now start learning from the New Testament about Jesus early life and ministry.

Here is our schedule for January.

- 1/7 ~ Jesus Begins His Ministry
- 1/14 ~ Jesus is Baptized
- 1/21 ~ Jesus speaks with the Teachers
- 1/28 ~ We praise God for Jesus

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## **Volunteers needed**

Someone to clean up the refreshment bar following 2nd service. Consists of putting items into the cabinets underneath. Taking coffee pots back to kitchen, emptying & rinsing them and putting on shelf in pantry. Taking juice & milks to refrigerators & tossing empty ones. Please contact Brenda Witt in the church office or [bwitt@hillsideprinceton.org](mailto:bwitt@hillsideprinceton.org). if you are interested.

## **DIRECTOR OF FAMILY MINISTRIES**

One of the best parts of my job is that it fulfills my "inner nerd," the part of me that thoroughly enjoys research, devours books, and eagerly shares everything I've learned with anyone who will listen. In an effort to easily dispense resources about family ministry and encouragement for home discipleship, I've created a Hillside UMC Family Ministry Facebook page. You can easily follow the page by simply clicking the 'Like' button, and you'll have access to daily inspirational quotes, family devotion resources, and articles about parenting, relationships, and faith.

The new year promises to be full of growth and positive change for Hillside, and I will be challenging you to consider the legacy that you are creating for your family. My prayer is that you will feel God urging you to make Him the focal point of your home life, your work life, your school life, and that I can be a resource to help you build an intentional legacy of faith and evidence of God's love.  
Happy New Year!

Susan J. Carey  
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Dear Hillside Family,  
We would like to thank everyone for your prayers, love and condolences during the passing of our mother, grandmother Mary. She loved serving our God and will continue to watch over each and everyone of us from Heaven.

Bobby, Waugneta, Jamie & Brooke King

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## **FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY**

Wednesday nights beginning Jan. 21 at 6:00 p.m. Commit just 9 weeks to begin your road to financial freedom. More detail in the church bulletin. See Beth or Drew Robbins for information on how this class can change your life?

## **NEWS FROM THE CHILD CARE CENTER | CHASTITY BRASWELL**

Hillside Preschool had a float in the Christmas Parade. Our theme was Greatest Gift=Jesus. The children had a great time throwing candy and waving to everyone. A big thank you to our Advisory Board for all their work and time that they put into our float.

We ended 2014 with a wonderful Christmas program. The children had a wonderful time sharing the true meaning of Christmas. We want to give a big thank you for all the church members that helped with our program. Your time is very much appreciated!

And to start 2015, the children are going to start learning all about snow and what winter is about. Our monthly bible verses are Psalm 139:14, Galatians 5:14, Ecclesiastes 3:11, and John 1:3. We are looking forward to a great new year here at Hillside Preschool. We wish everyone a Happy and Healthy 2015.

### **1st Place in Walking Group in Princeton Snowflake Parade!**

