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**HILLSIDE HAPPENINGS**

**September 2014**

[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



**Picture Time!**

We are excited to announce that we are going to create a new pictorial directory of our church family. The directory will help us to connect names with faces. It will be an ideal outreach tool and will capture the history of our church congregation. This will not be just for members of Hillside, but all who participate in the Hillside Family.

**Photography & Viewing dates are:**

Tuesday, Oct. 28 from 2-9:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, Oct. 29 from 2-9:00 p.m.  
Thursday, Oct. 30 from 2-9:00 p.m.  
Friday, Oct. 31 from 2-9:00 p.m.  
Saturday, Nov. 1 from 9:30—4:00 p.m.

All participants will receive a free copy of the directory and free 8X10 portrait. Watch your October newsletter, church bulletins and our website for more information & to sign-up.

## **FROM YOUR PASTOR | CHRIS NEIKIRK**

As September approaches, I am anxious... for a number of reasons. I am anxious because my treatment for cancer will most likely be complete and I will have my first CT Scan since beginning treatment - we're praying for an "all clear!" I am anxious to begin the healing process and look forward to my life returning to normal... whatever normal is. I am anxious to resume my responsibilities of making hospital visits, spending time with our nursing home residents, and officiating funerals because I consider it a joy and a privilege to walk through difficult moments in life with God's people. Lastly, I am anxious to begin our Fall Sermon Series; September will focus on Restoration and October's title is "Live to Give."

September is a month of change for many reasons: the weather shifts toward fall, first week(s) jitters of back to school subside, fall sports are in full swing, we resume our midweek activities at Hillside, and most of us have settled into our school-year routines. Research shows that September is a month during which people in general are open to trying new things: exercise, hobbies, activities, and even church. This excites me because our September Series, Restoration, will focus on God doing a new thing in our hearts and restoring us back to people who more closely resemble the image of God.

A few facts for your consideration as September approaches: about 80% of adults in the Midwest would consider themselves to be Christian - meaning they believe in God. That's good news. However, the percentage of "unchurched" adults has risen over the last 20 years to almost 40%. What does that mean? Almost one out of every two people that you encounter on a daily basis has not attended a religious establishment, besides a wedding or a funeral, in the last six months. When asked, the number one reason people give church a try is because someone they know invited them. What does that mean for Hillside? Almost half of our community does not have a church home, yet would visit Hillside if we would only be so bold as to ask.

September's messages will focus on hope and healing and restoration. People are open to trying new things and half of our community does not have a church home! BE BOLD CHURCH and reach out to people in your world. I'm excited to begin my physical healing, but I am even more excited to see what God does at and through Hillside in the coming months!

## **A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF FAMILY MINISTRIES**

Although it is 88 degrees outside and the humidity feels like a wet blanket thrown across my face as I write this, the calendar tells me that fall is approaching. Although we don't typically associate the fall with growth, I predict a real surge at Hillside. New visitors walk through our doors every week, and individuals in the congregation are reaching out to the community with invitations to attend. And let's not forget about our amazing Hillside kids! They are excited about all they're learning here and they're talking to their friends about it.

If you've looked at the church calendar recently, you've likely noticed that the fall months are packed full with activities for all age groups, from Wednesday night meals to book studies to festivals. Within those activities, you'll find a true effort to incorporate family, to create space for families to share a meal, to worship, and to have fun together. Each of these events are designed for you to grow closer to God, to spend time in fellowship, and each provides a great opportunity to invite a neighbor, a friend, a relative, or a co-worker to attend with you.

I hope you will embrace the growth at Hillside, and that you will prayerfully consider what role God wants you to play as we work to meet the needs of our evolving congregation. I'd love to share with you some plans I have from a family ministry perspective (hello family movie night!), and I continue to look for individuals who feel called to form a family ministry team with me. I am praying for a group of 5 - 6 people who desire to learn more about God's blueprint for discipleship within the family, and who will then share and inspire our congregation. Feel free to stop by my office or send an e-mail for more information.

Susan J Carey  
s.carey@hillsideprinceton.org

***"Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord,  
The fruit of the womb is a reward." (Psalm 127:3)***

## **BOY SCOUT TROOP 232 | BRIAN ST CLAIR**

We would like to invite any boy who is in 6th grade or older to join our troop. We meet on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. Come check us out!

Here are some things the scouts do at Hillside:

- ◆ Set up chairs & tables for Wednesday night meals
- ◆ Collect & recycle cans, batteries, cell phones, laser jet ink cartridges

Here is what we do for fun and badges:

- ◆ Camping, swimming, hiking, fishing, shooting sports, first-aid, boating of all kinds, welding, & knife safety.
- ◆ Cooking is our favorite thing to do in Troop 232. Oh yeah, we love to eat what we cook!

Upcoming events:

- ◆ Camp out at New Harmony
- ◆ Camp out at Toyota
- ◆ Selling food at Heritage Days & the opening of the new park
- ◆ Popcorn sales

Contact Wayne Halbig at (812) 779-8438 or Brian St Clair at (812) 677-1388 or check us out at [www.boyscouttroop232/home](http://www.boyscouttroop232/home).

## **SERMONS SERIES | RESTORATION**

<b><u>Sept. 7</u></b>	"Restored to New Life"	Mark 20:22-43
<b><u>Sept. 14</u></b>	"Restored to Community"	Luke 17:11-19
<b><u>Sept. 21</u></b>	"Restored to Serve"	Matthew 20: 20-28
<b><u>Sept. 28</u></b>	"Restored to Share"	John 21:15-19

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## **HILLSIDE NURSERY | JENNY WHITE**

Nursery care is available for children newborn to 3 years of age during 8:30 worship service, Sunday School time at 9:45, and 10:45 worship service and is located on the west hallway of the church. Nursery care will also be available on Wednesday evening during our family programs starting September 10, from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Please give as much information to help the volunteers understand the needs of your children and to make their time in the nursery fun and comforting to them when they are away from you. We do ask that you fill out an information paper also. Our nursery is oriented to provide a safe and loving environment for children to play and learn.

With our growing nursery, we could use more volunteers. There are opportunities to be a part of developing social and play skills with the babies and toddlers and opportunities in preparation for Sunday and Wednesday with assisting with bulletin board and cleaning the toys. The volunteers of the nursery have an approved background check. We also have a youth volunteer program and there are occasions that youth are in the nursery to help out when needed. For more information, please contact Jenny White, Nursery Coordinator at [jwhite@hillsideprinceton.org](mailto:jwhite@hillsideprinceton.org) or at 812-604-3649.

## **THE CIRCLE MAKER BOOK STUDY | JENNY WHITE**

*The Circle Maker* by Pastor Mark Batterson will start Sunday, Sept 7, at 3 p.m. in room 6. *Do you ever sense that there's far more to prayer, and to God's vision for your life, than what you're experiencing? It's time you learned from the legend of Honi the Circle Maker—a man bold enough to draw a circle in the sand and not budge from inside it until God answered his prayers for his people. What impossibly big dream is God calling you to draw a prayer circle around? Sharing inspiring stories from his own experiences as a circle maker, Mark Batterson will help you uncover your heart's deepest desires and God-given dreams and unleash them through the kind of audacious prayer that God delights to answer.* If you are interested in this study or would like more information, please contact Jenny White at 812-604-3649 or [jwhite@hillsideprinceton.org](mailto:jwhite@hillsideprinceton.org)

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## **HILLSIDE YOUTH**

We're shaking it up for our Hillside Youth. Students in 6th-12th grade will now meet on Sundays, beginning Sunday, Sept. 7. Of course, we still want you to come to the awesome Family Night Kick-Off on Wednesday, September 3, and we'll likely have some fun small groups on Wednesday nights as well. Youth leaders will get more information to you in the weeks ahead.

## **MISSION TEAM UPDATE**

Total dollars going thru and secured for our missions 2014 budget is \$47,152.88. These are some of the bigger line items for the 2014 mission budget available \$:

Flour and oil fund currently	\$ 2,877.77
Undesignated funds	\$13,292.52
Caring for Kids	\$ 2,320.78
Pastors Discretionary fund	\$ 5,147.72

Our first Flour and Oil fund recipient was approved \$600.00 for heating fuel. We received a thank you note from the family and also from who requested the funds for this family. The family's card said they intend to pay this forward someday!!

Susan and Justin are going to invite two high school youth to be members of mission team. Dave Draeger (Hearts from Haiti) would like to speak to a group @ Hillside or even some Sunday morning. Hearts for Haiti was one of our mission teams organizations we assisted with a \$600.00 donation. Also, we came up with a list of possible people/ groups to help: Chemo Buddies, Clothing school kids, flour and oil fund needs.

Nov. 1 is the Hillside Family & Community Fall Festival; Kali Lance asked the mission team to help with a 5k run, walk & kids' dash. We would like to coordinate this with the Fall Festival date once approved as a fund raiser. Greg was able to secure a skid of bottled water donated for both events, especially the runners, which was donated by Niagara Water from Plainfield, Indiana.

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

We are off to a great start to our 2014/2015 Preschool year. The children and staff are adjusting very well. We hope everyone had a wonderful Labor Day weekend.

We are gearing up for a busy September; the first thing on the calendar is our Book Fair. The Book Fair will open Monday, September 8 and run till September 12. During our Book Fair the children will celebrate Grandparent Day with a program on the 10. All grandparents are welcome to join us. A.M. will start at 10:15; the P.M. classes will start at 1:45.

It is that time of the year again when we start to smell, those wonderful apple pies. The children will also be learning all about apples. We will paint, graph, taste, and so much more in coming weeks.

This month's bible verses are 1 John 3:11, Ephesians 6:1, Psalm 119:160, and Psalm 31:14.

I want to give a big thank you to all the wonderful church members who gave their time to help get our Preschool up and ready for a great year!

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## **THANK YOU**

Thanks so much for the meal after mom's funeral. It was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by us all. *Tony & Jane Ann Rogers & Family*

Dear Hillside UMC, Thank you very much for letting the 4-H program use your facilities for our Fashion Revue. It's a great place to hold our event and we really appreciate your generosity. Thank you for supporting Gibson County 4-H! *Megan H. Extension Educator*

Thank you so much for your outpouring of Love & Support for Marge. *The Roblings, Wayne, Josephine, Bryan & Janice*

Hillside UM Church, The family of Richard Lankford thanks you for everything! The visitation & service were lovely. *Sherry Engler & Family*

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY BUILDERS**

We begin cooking the meal early afternoon and always enjoy having help with set up and clean up. Please contact the office or see Terri or Jeannie if you would like to help.

The SAS class has graciously offered to prepare desserts the 1st Wednesday of every month. If you would like to bring a dessert, please see the sign-up sheet located on the dessert table or you can call the church office at 385-2910.

Terri, Joyce, Carrie, Aaron and I are looking forward to starting and seeing all our friends every week. So come along and join the fellowship and fun.

### **September Menu**

Sept. 3	Hamburger, Hot Dogs, Chips
Sept. 10	Baked Spaghetti & Garlic Toast
Sept. 17	Baked Potato Bar served with Taco Meat or Shredded Bbq Chicken and all the trimmings.
Sept. 24	Chicken Supreme, Potato Casserole, Green Beans

**Tea, Fruit Drink, Desserts**  
**\$3.50 each     Preschool children and under: FREE**  
**Tickets for 10 meals-\$30**

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**NO 2ND MONDAY MEALS: Due to the work schedule of those who prepared the meals last year. there will be no future meals at this time.**

## **8-WEEK BIBLE STUDY | JARMON PERKINS**

Rev. Jarmon Perkins will be leading an 8-week Bible study of the Books of Luke & Acts. They will meet on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:00 p.m. starting September 10. Sign-up sheet is on the welcome table in the lobby.

The book of Acts continues the story Luke began in his Gospel, covering around 30 years after Jesus was taken up into heaven. During that short time the church was established, and the Good News of salvation was taken throughout the world, even to the capital of the Roman Empire. Those disciples preaching the Good News, were ordinary people with human frailties and limitations, were empowered by the Holy Spirit to take the Gospel Message all over the world. Throughout the book of Acts we learn about the nature of the church and how we today are also to get about turning our world upside down by taking the Gospel Message to our friends, families and neighbors. Our mission is to win disciples, nurture new Christians and serve in missions to a broken world.

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## **CONNECTIONS GROUP | DEBBIE HUBBARD**

Connections Women's prayer group is once again gearing up for our fall kick off with a book study. Our 5-week study will be Faith Commander as we join the Robertson family from *Duck Dynasty* on an exciting ride through some of the Bible's most-loved parables with the Robertson family trademark humor and a whole bunch of adventure. The five sessions include: 1) Redonkulous Faith, 2) Radical Forgiveness, 3) Ravenous Prayer, 4) Real Obedience, and 5) Rowdy Kindness.

If you are interested in gaining some amazing Christian women friendships and sisterhood...join us! We meet in Room 6 at 6 p.m. when Family Builders start up on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **HILLSIDE & COMMUNITY FALL FESTIVAL**

**Saturday, Nov. 1 from 4-8:00 p.m.**

Come, join us for an evening of fun activities for Hillside and our community. Children can enjoy a variety of games and activities, including face painting, Plinko, a putting green, and carnival games. Older kids will have a blast with human foosball, football toss, basketball shoot, and many more activities. Parents and grandparents, we've got you covered, too! Our praise band will provide music as a backdrop for Bingo and a corn hole tournament. In addition, you don't want to miss the classic cake walk and face painting.

Be sure to come hungry as food will be available for a small cost. Enjoy a hamburger, hotdog, side dishes and desserts, or snack on cotton candy and popcorn.

This is a big undertaking that will need volunteers to help run the games. We also will be happy to take cash donations (place in offering plate earmarked for the fall festival please).

Mark your calendar, keep the evening open and be sure to invite your family and friends to join in the fun. More information will be available in the October newsletter and future announcements.

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## **HILLSIDE MEN'S GROUP**

Hillside United Methodist Men will meet on Saturday, September 13. We will have breakfast at 7:30 a.m., followed by a program about the Boy Scouts. All men of the church community are invited.  
Matt Robbins, President

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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. We will meet on Friday, Sept. 27 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 812-779-2694 or Jane Armes at 812-779-5159.



There will be a rummage sale at Hillside Church Oct 4 from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. to benefit the Gibson Co. Out of the Darkness Walk. If you would like to participate in the planning of or help with this sale, please contact Davarna Rainbolt at 779-6986 or Angie Branham 270-0274 or email at [ddrainbolt@live.com](mailto:ddrainbolt@live.com).

There will be a planning meeting Sept 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Hillside. We will be taking donations of your unwanted treasures Oct. 2 and Oct. 3 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Please call us if you have donations that you would like to make before Oct. 2 as it will need to be stored off-site.

The Gibson Co. Out of the Darkness Walk is Saturday Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>. Registration is at 1:30 p.m. with the walk from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Princeton Community High School Track. Proceeds benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Indiana Chapter. We will walk as survivors to remember and honor our loved ones lost to suicide and to raise awareness of suicide prevention.

Proceeds from this walk can provide educational programs, training and resources directly to our community. Register for the walk at [www.outofthedarkness.org](http://www.outofthedarkness.org). There is no cost to walk with proceeds raised from individual/team fundraising and donations. The teams hosting the rummage sale are Hope on the Move and Team Jered. Please call Davarna Rainbolt at 779-6986 or email at [ddrainbolt@live.com](mailto:ddrainbolt@live.com) for more information. Thank you for supporting this effort to bring much needed awareness to our community.

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### **LITTLE FRIENDS CLUB | JENNY WHITE**

Little Friends Club is a program for the children that 4 and 5 years old that are in preschool or pre-K. Please join us for family fun night on September 3, with a meal at 5 p.m. and family fun at 6 p.m. with music and inflatables. On September 10, we will have our first night starting at 6 p.m. We will begin learning the bible story of creation and also about prayer specifically praying before meals. We are looking forward to the opportunity to teach the little ones. For more information, please contact Jenny White at [jwhite@hillsideprinceton.org](mailto:jwhite@hillsideprinceton.org) or at 812-604-3649.

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### **FRIENDS CLUB | AMANDA MISKELL**

Wednesdays from 6-7:30 p.m.  
Sept. 3— KICK OFF PARTY (bounce houses, games, band, etc.)  
Sept. 10— Thank God For Good Things - 1 Samuel 1  
Sept. 17— Be Humble before God – Luke 18:9-14  
Sept. 24— Serve Others – Luke 7:36 - 50

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### **HILLSIDE PRAYER TEAM | JENNY WHITE**

Hillside Prayer Team meets at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon in Room 6. We are a group of intercessors for the church and community. We do outreach of praying with others in our community and church. If you would like to be a part of this team or to share a prayer request, email Jenny White at [jwhite@hillsideprinceton.org](mailto:jwhite@hillsideprinceton.org) or call 812-604-3649.

## NEWS FROM THE CHOIR

It's hard to believe that August is over—where did summer go?? Thanks to everyone who helped with music in August and to all musicians and vocalists who led us in worship through music all summer.

Choir is coming back to 8:30 worship service on September 7! The first September rehearsal will be on Wednesday, September 3 at 7:00 pm in the worship center. If you like to sing and would like to give us a try, please come! We especially need sopranos, but altos, tenors, and basses are also most welcome additions! You don't need to know how to read music—we will help you learn the music. Many of our current choir members do not read music, and yet aren't they great? Lifting our voices in praise to our mighty and awesome God is truly a blessing to all of us.

There will be a special treat for everyone at the Wednesday, Sept. 3 celebration for the return of all our fall events at Hillside. One in particular that I would like to point out is a concert from the **Southern Hollow Dulcimer and Folk Group**. They will be performing in the worship center during and after the meal that evening from about 5:15 to 6:45 p.m. The group has 16 members with guitars, penny whistles, hammered dulcimers, dulcimers, and other unique instruments. They present mountain music and old gospel hymns. This group is really good (Yes, I may be prejudiced because my two sisters and my nephew play with the group!), and I hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to hear them.

With September here, it won't be long before you start hearing about Christmas music. Stay tuned to learn details of the Advent season!

## IT'S ALMOST APPLE PIE TIME!!!

Time's almost up to make your donation toward making the apple pies which we sell at Heritage Days! We are planning on making 1,000 pies again this year. Please be sure to check out the list and sign-up. It takes a lot to make 1,000+ pies, not only in donations, but workers to help make the pies.

Items we still need are listed below & need to be at the church by Sunday, Sept. 7:

- ⇒ 40-5# bags of Gold Medal Flour
- ⇒ 72-4# bags of Sugar
- ⇒ 10-3# cans of Crisco
- ⇒ 8-1# Parkay
- ⇒ 45 dozen of Jumbo Eggs
- ⇒ 600 paper plates
- ⇒ 1 gallon Vinegar
- ⇒ 20# Lard

The apples alone cost over \$1,000. There is a tub in the lobby for these items or you can bring them to the kitchen.

This year the funds are going to where it's needed & mortgage.

Thank you for supporting this church project!  
Jeannie and Joyce

*Is your name on the sign-up sheets to help or donate?*