Hillcrest Baptist…100 Years and Counting!

*Remembering the past...fulfilling the future!*  
*by Tim Lee*

On a winter Sunday in 1916 it was proposed by the First Baptist Church of Columbus to begin to pray for the establishment of a Baptist church in the western section of the city. That following Thursday, during which a blizzard swept through Columbus, a Hilltop resident opened his home for prayer. That night, God began to lay out the plans for a Hilltop Church that would change the world for decades.

In 1917, after several months of prayerful consideration, the First Baptist Church purchased a small building on the corner of Eldon and Steele Avenues where a small chapel was constructed. Also on that lot was a real estate division called the Hill Crest Realtor, thus the name Hill Crest Baptist church was put into motion. During the spring of 1918 (April 7th), the Hill Crest Baptist church dedicated their new space and on May 2, they were officially welcomed into the Columbus Baptist Association.

From the very beginning, Hillcrest has had enthusiastic followers of Jesus who have changed the world. And for 100-years, countless lives have been blessed by the missional work of Hillcrest.

We invite all of you to help us remember the past and fulfill the future! To celebrate this centennial event, we have a great weekend planned. Join us during the weekend of April 27 as we share we story of Hillcrest, enjoy the company of past and present people, and worship a God who still changes the world.

Please check out all the great opportunities for you to connect and rejoice with Hillcrest inside this edition of the Hillcrest Herald.
Hillcrest Happenings

Upcoming Hillcrest Events:

- **No Wednesday Night Activities**  
  *Wed. April 4th*

- **West Broad Trash Pick up**  
  *Sat. April 7th 10 am*

- **100 Year Anniversary Celebration**  
  *Friday April 27th-Sunday April 29th*

*If you are interested in participating in any of the Saturday activities please let the office know so we can plan accordingly

- **Pioneer Club’s Kid’s to Kid’s Hike**  
  *Wednesday, May 2nd 6 p.m. Westgate Park*

Fellowship Hall Update...Fund Raising Goal is Set!  
*By Tim Lee*

Hillcrest has been a church for 100 years and for 94 years we have been connecting, growing and worshipping in our current building. When you are in one space for 94 years there comes a time for some updating and renovation. That time has come for the Fellowship Hall.

Hillcrest is in the process of bringing a major renovation to that space. Our fellowship hall helps build relationships, connect people to ministry and becomes a home for outside groups. How awesome it is we can help this space be a life-changing place for decades to come!

**Fund Raising Goal is $75,000!**  
-The renovation has been estimated to cost around $75,000.

**$53,000 Has Already Been Raised!**  
-Before any official fund-raiser has been launched we have received $53,000 for this project. God is Good!

**$22,000 Left to Be Raised**  
-I am asking all partners of Hillcrest to prayerfully consider what you can give; above your normal giving, to this project. I believe God wants this space to beautiful and life changing for decades to come. Your contribution will make that happen.

**Giving Date Set - Sunday, April 29 – Centennial Celebration Sunday**  
-If prepared to give, I am inviting all to give their personal gift to this renovation project on Sunday, April 29th. We will celebrate Hillcrest’s 100 years of ministry on this special Sunday. For any questions you may have please contact the Hillcrest office.

100 Year Anniversary Schedule  
*By Erica Arszman*

- **Friday - 6:00 pm**  
  Appetizer reception in the Fellowship Hall. Then we will head upstairs for a commemorative photo in the sanctuary followed by the viewing of the History of Hillcrest. We will end the evening with a cake reception in the warehouse.

- **Saturday Small Group Activities - See Flyer for details**

- **Sunday 10:00 am Special Worship Service with and Open House Reception to follow.**

  *Please share this info with others who may be interested in attending. Bring any memorabilia or pictures you wish to share; preferably before the event or day of. Contact the office with questions 614-274-433 or info@hillcrest-baptist.com. Please RSVP for Friday or Sunday to plan for food by calling the office or visiting the Facebook page.*

West Broad Street Trash pick up day!  
*By Erica Arszman*

On Saturday April 7th 10 am - noon, Join the Highland West Civic Association to help make our neighborhood clean. Volunteers are meeting at Highland West Gardens 29 N. Wheatland Ave. Materials will be provided and a potluck lunch will follow so bring a snack/side dish to share and also bring a friend! Come early for coffee and doughnuts!
It’s hard to believe, but our club year is coming to an end. April wraps up our season with a lot of fun activities. Keep your eyes open for information coming home with your student(s) about weekly activities they will be participating in. If you would like to volunteer, please see Stacy Lee, as we can always use extra hands during these special events.

**Kids for Kids Hike Fundraiser**

Wednesday, **May 2nd** will be our annual Hike to raise money for our local and national club ministries. We will meet at the outdoor shelter house at Westgate Park (Wicklow Road side of the park) at 6:00 p.m. and begin hiking as close to 6:10 as possible. The hike consists of 1 lap around the park, which equals 1 mile. Everyone will hike together. There will be no bikes, scooters, skateboards permitted as it makes it too difficult for everyone to hike while keeping an eye on students and for other “normal” park walkers. However, if you have a little one that needs assistance, we do encourage the use of strollers and/or wagons so they can keep up with our older walkers.

All money collected should be turned into Stacy Lee on or before the night of the hike. Checks can be made payable to Hillcrest Baptist Church with “PC Hike” written in the memo. This is a family event; therefore, parents are responsible for transporting and chaperoning their own children for the hike. Additional information about the hike and sponsorship forms will go home with the students on April 25th and will also be available in the fellowship hall. Anyone who would like to join us for the hike is absolutely welcomed. Hope to see you there!

**Thank You!**

Thank you to the students for their dedication in attending club each week and learning Bible verses and working through their activities. Also, thank you parents/grandparents/etc. for bringing your students to club each week and encouraging them through your constant support. Thanks to our awesome Pioneer Clubs teachers who dedicate their time to work with the students each week. They make club the best place to be!

**Dates to Remember**

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Jubilee Success!

On a beautiful Friday morning, this lovely group of students embarked on a journey to Pittsburgh together.

We joined thousands of other students for a weekend of worshiping our Lord Jesus Christ together!

Our weekend was jam-packed with exciting gatherings, workshops, and more... (And no, I did not doctor this picture; The Conference chose this joy-filled photo of our own Brianna Neal to brighten everyone’s schedule a bit). We enjoyed many laughs, smiles and joy at the conference also while exploring The Steel City.

For many students it was the highlight of their year. They experienced God in new ways and made deeper commitments to follow Christ. Praise God! A big thank you to all who made this trip a success! From the many generous gifts that allowed 25 students to attend, the countless prayers of encouragement, safety, and support; together, our community on the Hilltop changed lives for Jesus at Jubilee!