“Droppin’ Knowledge”... A Series On The Book of James

By Tim Lee

We need knowledge for how to live life right. James, the little brother of Jesus, gained valuable insight on faith for real life. And in the book of James he drops real life knowledge and wisdom for how to do life right. We will discover wisdom for what to do when life is tough, justice is blind, when pain is real, and wrong seems right. This book is filled with street-level wisdom for how to do life correct. We will learn that our creed determines our conduct. And when our faith focuses on God; life makes sense. I invite you to journey along in this series on the book of James as James, the brother of Jesus, drops some knowledge our way on faith for real life.

Wednesday Night Bible Studies Begin September 14th

Wednesday night Groups will kick off September 14th. There were will 3 amazing groups to choose from: Family First studying Parenting the Early Years by Les and Leslie Parrott, Topical Studies studying Life, Money, and Legacy by Dave Ramsey, and Grounded Studies studying How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth by Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart. The Grounded Studies will be taught by Martin Young and his class will begin October 5th when he returns from vacation. Contact Pete Nino or Ted Gibson for more info.
**Hillcrest Happenings**

**Hilltop Harvest** Our big outreach event will be September 23, 24, and 25. The weekend begins Friday night with a parking lot party including games, bounce houses and face painting. There will be free food and George Holley will be our guest speaker. We will finish the night with a concert from hip-hop Christian artist George Moss. Saturday will be our blessing Saturday at Rhode’s Park followed by an inspirational evening with guest speaker Fidel Nino and simple reception to follow. We will conclude the weekend with an outdoor service in the garden followed by a delicious lunch. We want to invite all to this event and hope to show our community that God loves them and cares for them.

**VINES OF LIFE**

**Garden Clean Up - Submitted By Terry Tharp**

In preparation of the Harvest Crusade scheduled for September 23, 24 and 25, the garden team encourages everyone to come to the garden each Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM to help harvest and clean up the garden for this event.

Volunteers are needed to harvest, clean garden beds with donated plants, mow the grass, weed, prune, water, and clear garden debris.

Please consider volunteering and let’s show off the garden. Flowers, plants, herbs, and harvest decorations are welcome. If you have ideas or questions, contact Terry. Tharp.

**Wednesday Night Dinners**

Submitted by Cathy Wright

After many years of cooking and serving Wednesday night dinners, the Sunshine Club has decided it is time to make some changes. Due to the rising cost of food and the continuing decline in attendance, we will only be serving meals on special occasions such as Pioneer Club Kick off night, Thanksgiving Dinner, and others to be announced later.

It has been a calling and blessing to have been able to provide this service for so long. We thank you for your commitment and support. That said, we will see you in September for the first night of Wednesday programming.

If you intend to join us at 5PM for dinner (Chicken, Chocolate Cake and Cherry Pie) please remember to sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

**Women’s Movie Night**

Submitted by Terry Tharp

Date: Friday October, 21 2016
Time: 6:30pm
Where: Hillcrest Baptist Church, Fellowship Hall
Movie: Miracles From Heaven

Bring a medium size decorated gift bag filled with movie candy, movie snacks, and a piece of costume jewelry. Bring an appetizer to share. Come and fellowship, trade gift bags, eat, and watch a movie together!
Pioneer Clubs Celebrating 14 on the 14th!  Submitted by Stacy Lee

Pioneer Clubs will kick off its 14th year at Hillcrest Baptist Church on Wednesday, September 14th. Clubs are available for students aged 2 years through the 5th grade. Every week our teachers strive to help students make Christ Lord in every aspect of life through Bible memorization, games, crafts and a variety of activities.

Registration forms for the 2016-2017 club year are currently available in the fellowship hall on the Pioneer Clubs information board. Registration cost is $15 per child and helps cover each students’ workbook and award badges. Scholarships are available if needed.

On September 14th, Club Kickoff will begin with registration at 6:00 p.m. in the church foyer at the bottom of the steps. We will begin with music and announcements in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m.

New this year – each Wednesday, we will begin our club time in the church sanctuary at 6:15 p.m. as a whole group with fun music and announcements. Students will then be dismissed promptly at 6:30 to go to their assigned club rooms with their fabulous teachers. Parents are welcome to visit their students’ classroom during the first night or they can also join one of the adult bible studies that will be taking place. Please also note that any child aged 5 years or younger must have a parent or guardian on church premises during club.

Looking forward to another fantastic year of club. Please be in prayer for this ministry and all of those who will be leading and participating. Thank you!

Pioneer Club - Leader Work Night

To help prepare for the new year of club, we will host a leader work night on Wednesday, September 7th. We will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a quick meeting and time of prayer, followed by preparing our classrooms. Our plan is to wrap up by 7:30. Please check in with Stacy Lee for further details.

Annual Bake Sale Fundraiser

Sunday, September 11th following the morning worship service, Pioneer Clubs will host its annual bake sale to raise funds for the coming year of club. A variety of pies, cakes, breads and other confections will be for sale by donation only. Please contact Stacy Lee if you’d like to donate any bake goods for the sale. We really appreciate everyone’s support as all money raised greatly helps us do some fun things throughout the year for club!
Well... in typical Stratton fashion, the drive out to Columbus was anything but uneventful. While Mom and I were both a bit skeptical of driving “Old Unreliable” in the first place, Dad reassured us time and time again that the 30 year old Benz was “mint!” (In case the picture didn’t let on... It wasn’t “mint”)

Luckily, The “Blue Bomber” was there to rescue “Old Unreliable” towing, pushing, and jump-starting the clunker back to life along the way! Praise God for keeping us safe during more than a couple hairy encounters.

Finally, three breakdowns, two batteries, and one long day later, we arrived safely to my new home on the Hilltop. We were welcomed with huge smiles and helping hands making for a record breaking move in time. I said a tough goodbye to my parents, but was given a big hello from my new family in Columbus. The Hillcrest Community wins the GOLD in hospitality... They even held an ice cream party to welcome me this past Sunday!

It’s been an awesome first week getting to know the church community; I look forward to getting to know the college as they return to campus. Praise God for a great start to this new chapter of my life!