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Family Matters

by Tim Lee, Senior Pastor

Getting Home Healthy

We live in a day where many are defined by the level of physical health they possess. There are TV shows dedicated to our diet, exercise and lifestyles that share with us the tips for how to get healthy. The science community is trying to figure out how we can live longer and healthier lives. Also today, the fitness industry is a billion dollar enterprise.

With all the focus on personal physical health, it is easy to see how we are losing focus on another important matter…family. The health of our families is fading and we need to make it top priority. Also, could there be a more critical time for an honest diagnosis of our homes and to receive a fresh look at God's plan for healthy homes.

Join us this Spring for Family Matters…getting our homes healthy. We will look at the bible and discover why parents, moms, dads, marriages, and our personal choices matter in building healthy homes.

Pizza with the Pastor

Please join us for pizza, following the morning worship service on April 7th. Enjoy food, fellowship and a closer look at our Vision and Values here at Hillcrest Baptist. Pastor Tim will also discuss "Why Membership Matters".

Hope to see you there.

Hillcrest Happenings

Vines of Life Community Garden Update *by Doris Ing*

God is so amazing! Over the past few months of preparation, prayer, and waiting, the garden ministry is rapidly moving along with phase I of the design plan. The garden team has been meeting monthly to discuss the many details for this upcoming growing season. We are delighted to welcome several friends from the neighborhood who have expressed interest in partnership with the community garden. As we embark on this new ministry, we have developed new relationships with different neighbors and begun sharing the vision of the ministry and discussion of procedure for garden work.

Last week, we put in 50 lbs of grass seed and fertilizer. On Saturday, 3/23, with the guidance from Chris Vondran, lead landscape designer/architect, the walkways, pavilion space, and fence line were marked according to the design. In the next few weeks, we will start with the construction of 12-14 garden beds, plant cool season crops, install rain barrels, and develop a list of flowers and perennials to plant in May.

There are jobs for all different skill levels. We are definitely looking for volunteers to help with plantings, construction projects, watering, basic clean up and maintenance.

Gardening requires a whole community to make an impact in our lives, schools, and neighborhoods. I am happy to announce that we have established some partnerships in the local community. Mrs. Strasburg from Westgate Elementary School (Braden's Lee's teacher) has contacted me to assist her class with their science unit looking at community gardening and building a garden. Her class has started vegetable seedlings and will be donating their plants to Vines of Life sometime in May. We are also partnering with the Westside Freestore this growing season as we donate portions of the harvest to their pantry.

This Spring, we will have an opportunity to learn about composting from Bill Dawson, director of the Growing to Green Program at Franklin Park Conservatory. In addition, we will have a special guest from Franklin Soil and Water to discuss water conservation and rain barrels. More details to come.

Some dates to remember:
Compost training day is Saturday, April 6 at 3:30pm at the warehouse. Followed by a pizza dinner. Please RSVP so we will know how much food to prepare.
Next garden meeting is Saturday, April 20 at 10-11:30am at the warehouse.
Groundbreaking celebration and potluck lunch on Sunday, May 19th, 2013.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer in the garden, feel free to contact us.
Doris: doris4ings@gmail.com or Terry: terryandcats@aol.com

WOMEN'S NEWS

by Cathy Wright

The All Daughter's Banquet planning committee will meet on April 6, at 9a.m. in the fellowship hall. We will finalize the plans for the food, decorations and we will make the invitations for the banquet.

On April 13, there will be a ABW Women's Ministry meeting at 9a.m. in the fellowship hall. Everyone will paint 2 flower pots, one for themselves and one for a service project.

Ladies of all ages are encouraged to attend the ABW meetings. This is a great opportunity to fellowship with each other and serve the Lord.

If you have any questions please contact **Cathy Wright**.

FELLOWSHIP TEAM NEWS

by Susan Schultz

Thank you Hillcrest for a wonderful birthday party! Thank you to all that helped to decorate the tables and the fellowship hall. We all had a great time and LOTS of great food! We would also like to thank all of you that helped set-up the potluck; we could not do this event without you! So, "Happy Birthday" to all, and thank you again.

Our next event will be co-hosting the "Groundbreaking" celebration" with the Vines of Life Garden Team on May 19th, 2013.

Have a blessed month and be thankful in all you have and do!

Pioneer Clubs

It's hard to believe, but April is the last month of regular club meetings for the year. Be watching the Pioneer Clubs bulletin board for detailed information about upcoming events. There are still a lot of exciting things left to do this year…we don't want you to miss them!

Special Guest Night

On April 10th we will have an exciting program brought to us by Doris Ing and members or our very own garden team at HBC. We will meet in the fellowship hall at 6:30 where Doris will tell us about what has already been done and what is being planned for the future of our garden. We will also have a lot of hands-on activities for all ages. Parents please plan on attending with your students. We will be working with paint so plan on having your child wear old clothes or something to go over them like a smock. This will be a fun, informative and interactive evening. Thank you Doris!

Spring Carnival

In order to help celebrate our 10 years of Pioneer Clubs at HBC, we will be hosting our first ever Pioneer Clubs Spring Carnival! This will be a fun family night with lots of snacks, games and prizes. It will take place on Wednesday, April 24th from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. all over the church. The Pioneer Clubs students have been earning points throughout the year which will be turned in for carnival tickets. All tickets are worth 25 cents and additional tickets can be purchased during the night of the carnival. The teachers will be transforming their class-rooms into a variety of carnival game rooms, we will have face painting, bingo, a photo booth, a variety of snacks for sale and lots and lots of prizes. We want this to be a fun night for the whole family, so come join the fun with your kids.

We are in need of a lot of volunteers for this event. If you would like to run a game booth or help with selling food in the snack bar please contact Stacy Lee. Also, if anyone would like to make a donation to help support this event please contact Stacy as well. Looking forward to a fun night!

Kids for Kids Hike

May 1st is the date scheduled for our annual Kids for Kids Hike. This is our all club fundraiser to raise money for both our own clubs and for our national Pioneer Clubs mission efforts. Details and sponsor forms will be handed out to your students in their clubs after Easter Break. The hike consists of walking 1 lap around Westgate Park and all are welcomed to join us.

Pine Car Derby

Racers start your engines….I mean build your cars! Don't forget to sign up for the pine car derby race scheduled for May 15th. This event has been a big hit among ALL ages. Car kits are currently available to purchase from Stacy Lee for $5.00. For those that may need help building their car, there is "garage time" scheduled for Wednesday, May 8th from 6:00 to 7:45 p.m. in the fellowship hall with Pastor Tim and any other adults that are willing to help.

If you want to qualify in the actual race you must use a car kit purchased from Stacy Lee. However, if you choose to purchase another car kit from another vendor you may still participate in the race, but will not be able to contend for an actual trophy standing.

Any questions, please contact Stacy Lee.

Dates to Remember!

April 3rd – NO CLUB Due to Easter & Spring Break

April 10th - Special Guest Speaker

April 17th - End of Year Celebration

April 24th – Spring Carnival

May 1st - Kids for Kids Hike @ Westgate Park

May 8th – Pine Car "Garage Night"

May 15th – Pine Car Derby Race

PIONEER CLUBS

Pioneer Clubs 5th Week Meeting and End of Year Celebration Fun!

On Wednesday, April 17th our entire club will meet up in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. for our final club celebration.

Certificates of completion and promotion will be awarded, along with Bibles for the 1st and 5th graders.

We will also be handing out our final Bible and award badges for the last unit of club. This is always a great time of celebration as we end another season of club.

Hope you can join us.

Youth News *by Nathan Cooper*

Easter is always a wonderful time of celebrating the resurrection of Jesus. The resurrection is as real and relevant to-day as it has ever been. It wasn't only an event that happened a long time ago in the past, but one that still happens now. We experience the power of the resurrection when we accept Christ and allow his power to transform our lives. It happens in us and through us when we experience God's power and share the gospel with others.

Breakout continued in March with steady attendance as this new ministry continues to grow and develop at the Westgate Rec Center. The Rec Center is getting ready to go under a major renovation that will take more than a year to complete. We are excited to move the Breakout sessions outside at Westgate Park and at the Christian Conference Center in a month when the Rec Center closes and the weather gets warmer.

Our high school students have continued going through the *Gospel Journey Maui* video curriculum from Dare2Share, which we are getting close to completing. We also took a week to watch *The Passion of the Christ* before Easter. This was a very impactful night, especially for those who had never seen the film before.

For the past few weeks and through our final Wednesday night together this school year we have moved away from our normal curriculum and are studying a few special topics using video based curriculum. We are also doing these lessons with the combined middle school and high school group instead of separating by age group. This has been a great experience, especially for our younger students, who have learned a lot from the older students.

We're very excited about the Variety Show that the youth group is hosting on Sunday, April 21 at 6:00pm. This is an all-church event that we would like everyone to participate in. Many of our students are already preparing to perform in the show, but we need others to sign up as well. This will be a fun night to fellowship and get to know one another betters. If you would like to perform (and remember, this is a variety show, so you don't need to be talented to participate) please contact Nathan (nathan@hillcrest-baptist.com) to sign up. Even if you don't want to be in the show, please plan on attending to show your support. A love-gift offering will be taken at the show to help raise funds for this summer's mission trip to Idaho.

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