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The Hillcrest Herald is published monthly and exists to inform and connect individuals to ministries and opportunities, feature articles, and report church news.

Moving from "Curious to Committed"

by Tim Lee, Senior Pastor

We are striving to be a church for the curious to the committed, but we make no apologies...we want to move people to a committed relationship with God and have them change the world.

Our mission at Hillcrest is to grow committed followers of Christ who change the world! To move from "curious to committed" we need to connect people with others.

Check out the spring and summer opportunities for you and your family to connect with others in the many Life Groups we have. These groups include serving groups, learning groups, and others. And here is the beauty...you will make a difference and gain friends.

It has been said that with friends, our sorrows are half as painful and our joys are doubled! How true...friends make life better, they make our days brighter and our soul more joy-filled.

Family Matters Getting homes healthy

We live in a day where many are defined by the level of physical health we possess. There are TV shows dedicated to our diet, exercise and lifestyles that share with us the tips on how to get healthy. The science community is trying to figure out how we can live longer and healthier lives. And 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 a top priority. And 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.

Hillcrest Happenings

"He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!"

You could feel the excitement growing at Hillcrest Baptist as we prepared for the Holy Week celebration. Everyone had their part to play in making this Easter Celebration a huge success. Thursday night was our Upper Room meal for the adults and children. Friday night the Sonshine Club set up the fellowship hall for Sunrise breakfast. Saturday morning was our annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Christian Conference Center. Easter morning began with Sunrise service at Westgate Park, breakfast at Hillcrest, followed by our Easter morning service. Pandora Shyrigh, Sammy Archer and Autumn Archer were baptized into the family of God. What a wonderful way to celebrate this Easter season. We are thankful that God sent His Son to die for us so we can have eternal life with him.



Baptism: Pandora, Sammy and Autumn

Baby dedication: Evan Arszman

Vines of Life Community Garden

by Doris Ing

God continues to shower us with many blessings! The familiar saying, "April showers bring May flowers" ring true as we embark on phase I of the garden plan. The spring flowers are in full bloom and a rainbow of colors grace us as we enter the garden on N. Terrace.

We had a "painting party" on Wed, April 10. The pioneer club children and family members painted 6 rain barrels ready to be installed in the garden sometime this spring. They look like masterpieces! Praying ahead of time for rain throughout the hot summer days. Thanks to all the pioneer teachers and families for encouraging us to have fun!

April is Earth Day month so we were busy doing some spring clean up on April 20. We had 17 volunteers clean up the litter surrounding the garden and church parking lot, weed the garden beds, and spring planting of cool crops. We want to especially thank Keep Columbus Beautiful for lending us some garden tools for that day. And we appreciate them for their generous gift donations of gift cards to local restaurants, a bus pass, water bottles, and granola bars. Thanks to Alice, Grady, Eleanor, Cyrus, Lois, Terry, Jim, Phil, Dave, Rodney, Jordan, Kyrique, Nate, Daquan, Zaila, and Tazariah for all your hard work. New growth is sprouting and we anticipate a nice harvest in a few weeks. The flower and vegetable beds looks fantastic!

The much anticipated truck donation of garden supplies on April 22nd turned out to be a productive event. We prayed for 6-8 volunteers, the Lord provided us with 20 volunteers to help unload 12 pallettes of garden supplies. Thanks to Phil and Larry for picking up the 26 ft truck from Penske. Thanks to Christopher for bringing his trailer to help lighten the load. Thanks to Terry, Kevin, Mark, Jim, David, Craig, Andres, Mike, Susie, Dan, Ted, Stacy, Lydia, Carlie, Arnie, and Billie. Terry, thanks for picking up the pizza. I can definitely see more pizza parties in the garden.

I encourage you to visit the garden anytime and walk on the newly mulched pathway that extends from N. Terrace to the alley. We will continue to work on the other path and install all 10 garden beds in the next two weeks. We are in the process of assigning the garden beds to interested participants. They are filling up quickly, so please sign up with Doris or Terry if you are interested in adopting a garden bed. Several garden beds will be designated for the Westside Freestore. We are grateful for the opportunity to share the harvest with so many neighbors.

We look forward to the groundbreaking celebration on Sunday, May 19 at 11am followed by a potluck lunch. Some suggestions for the potluck include, "fresh and local food for the soul" (salads, sandwiches, fruit, and vegetarian options). A sign-up sheet is posted on the announcement bulletin board. Please include the # of guests along with your dish. Looking forward to seeing you there!

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact either Doris: doris4ings@gmail.com or Terry: terryandcats@aol.com



Pioneer Clubs News



Dates to Remember!

May 8 Pine Car Derby "Garage Night"
May 15 Pine Car Derby Race

Pioneer Clubs End of Year Celebration

We had a spectacular time celebrating our 10th year of Pioneer Clubs. Final award and Bible badges along with certificates of participation or promotion were handed out to the students by our fantastic teachers. As HBC tradition goes, Bibles were also presented to 14 of our 1st graders as they move into the 2nd grade. We "graduated" six 5th graders from the Trailblazers group as they will go into the Jr. High youth ministry this summer. They too were presented with NIV Teen study Bibles to grow with them.

We also paused to recognize our fantastic group of teachers and helpers. Many of whom have taught for the full 10 years we've been doing club! That's amazing. Michele Reed and Susan Schultz were also recognized for their wonderful support of children's ministry at HBC. These two fabulous women have chosen to "retire" from teaching with Pioneer Clubs as they will be investing their time in other ministries at HBC. Many people are not aware that these two ladies have been teaching the children on Wednesday nights even prior to Pioneer Clubs....that's about 15+ years. Well done, good and faithful servants!

All in all, it was a fun final night of club filled with singing, smiles and excitement. Thank you all to those that continue to keep this ministry going and growing! Also, thanks to all of the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors, etc. who bring their children each week to HBC. Like we always say, you have to actually be here in order to join in all of the fun! Looking forward to another great year....regular club meetings will start back on September 11, 2013!

Carnival Fun!

Pioneer Clubs hosted its first ever spring carnival on Wed., April 24th. The fellowship hall, foyer, and all of the classrooms were transformed into a variety of carnival games from which the students could win prizes. Complete with a bingo hall, life size candy land, a duck pond, plinko, mystery lollipop, a putting green, pie surprise, ring toss, bottle throw, cattle shoot, a t-shirt raffle, cheerio guessing game, a photo booth and a variety of yummy yet affordable carnival food.

This was a "gift" to all of the students for their hard work and dedication during this past year. Each Wednesday, the students were able to earn points for participation, Bible memorization, bringing a Bible to club, wearing their club t-shirt or bringing a friend. These points were converted to carnival tickets to be used for each of the games and food.

A HUGE thank you to all of the Pioneer Clubs teachers and leaders for making this a really fun night. Also, thanks to all of the parents and extra helpers on hand to help sell food and man the game stations. I think everyone in attendance really enjoyed themselves.

5th Annual Pioneer Clubs Pine Car Derby

The race is set for Wednesday, May 15th in the HBC fellowship hall. Registration for the race will begin promptly at 5:45 p.m., with opening ceremonies starting at 6:15p.m. The cost is \$5.00 per car kit and can be purchased from Stacy Lee. Participants must use a car kit from Stacy in order to qualify in the official race standings. If an "outside" car kit is used, the racer will still be allowed to race but will NOT be eligible for the trophy and medal standings. This race is open to all ages and is a fun event for all ages to attend....even if you are not racing a car. Food will also be for sale at affordable prices, i.e., hot dogs, pizza, nachos, ice cream, popcorn, etc. Hope to see you there!

Myti Oaks Daycamp

website: www.hillcrest-baptist.com

2013 Camp Schedule:

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June 10 - 14 Volleyball and Staff Leadership Training
June 17-28 Musical Camp
June 27 Musical Performance
July 8 - 12 Volleyball and Staff Leadership Training
July 15 - 26 Musical Camp
July 25 Musical Performance

Contact Information Camp Jared and Kara Mahone (614) 284-8336

Camp Kirkwood - Schedule

Jr High Camp - June 16 - 21 - Grades 7 - 9 - \$270
Jr High Camp - June 23 - 28 - Grades 4 - 6 - \$270
Sr High Camp - June 30 - July 5 - Grades 9 - 12 - \$270
New Adventure Camp - July 7 - 10 - Grades 3-4 - \$185
Beginners Camp - July 12 & 13 - Grades K - 2 - \$105
Register for camp on our web site.

Youth News

by Nathan Cooper

April was a great month for The Hill as we saw three young people (Sammy Archer, Pandora Shyrigh, and Winter Archer) baptized on Easter (okay, so technically that was in March, but barely!). We also wrapped up Wednesday night youth group for the year as the middle school and high school groups joined together for the final three weeks as we learned about the significance of Holy Week and why and how to share our faith. Breakout continued on Sunday afternoons, and our last one was held at the Westgate Rec Center, as it will be closed for the next 14 months for renovations. The high school youth group completed their study through *Gospel Journey: Maui* as the trip of a lifetime for 10 young people of different faiths ended. We learned a lot through this curriculum and are better equipped to engage people of other faiths and share Christ with them.

As May dawns and the temperature *final* shifts upward, we begin to see, hear, and smell all of the familiar reminders of spring and our thoughts turn towards the summer. The youth group will be hosting "No Talent Needed," an all-church variety show in The Warehouse on Sunday, May 5, at 6:00pm. This will be a great opportunity for everyone to have fun and get to know other people from the church better. On Mother's Day, Sunday, June 12, the youth group will be selling hand-dipped chocolate covered strawberries. You don't need to place an order. They will be sold in a small pack for \$5 and a large pack for \$10, and can be purchased in the Fellowship Hall following worship on Mother's Day. This is a great way to support the youth ministry and a great gift for your mother, grandmother, wife, or anyone special in your life. We are also looking forward to Graduation Sunday on June 2, where we will recognize our three graduates, Rico Cajigal, Amanda Reed, and Gabe Ryan.

With summer break just around the corner, we are looking forward to Myti Oaks Day Camps, a canoe trip to Trapper John's, summer camps at Kirkwood, mission trip to Idaho, and our annual trip to Cedar Point and Put-in-Bay. We will also be moving high school youth group on Sunday nights to the Christian Conference Center from 7:00-8:30 starting in June.

I would like to give special thanks to Ryan Meanor, who served as the teacher for the middle school small group on Wednesday night this year. He was excellent in this role and our students learned a lot.

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