

Hillside Happenings

May & June
2024
Newsletter



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PK's Points "On-Boarding through Networking"

The term "networking" continues to be a bit of a buzz-word in our highly socialized-culture. For many a job is heard about, and even sometimes received, as a result of one's connections. The phrase, "it's not what you know but who you know" has now morphed to "being connected to the right network of people". Entire social media platforms (ex: Linked-In) are out there designed for professionals to make career connections every single day. It might be new terms and different techniques, but networking has been going on for centuries.

In fact, we can see that people have been on-boarded through networking even in Biblical times. Acts 9, gives us a good scenario. For Ananias received instruction from the Lord to approach Saul and offer unto him fellowship. Ananias, not knowing of Saul's recent conversion to Christianity, was apprehensive at first but God assured him that Saul was a chosen vessel of the Lord. So in Acts 9:16, Ananias befriends Saul as a fellow-believer in Christ. Ananias, at that point, had literally stuck-his-neck out for Saul. For prior to Saul's conversion in the previous chapter of Acts, Saul was "breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord" (9:1) and was carting some off to prison (9:2). But Ananias trusted the Lord and was obedient to approach Saul; witnessing the miracle of v. 18 and the joy of seeing Saul submit to the Lordship of Christ through believer's baptism. I believe Ananias experienced the privilege of hearing Saul preach that Jesus is God the Son in the synagogue. But before that happened, I think it was the presence of Ananias that helped thrust Saul into the position of being able to preach Jesus so shortly after his conversion. For Saul, soon to be known as Paul, was on-boarded to the fellowship of the disciples (9:19) by being a part of Ananias' network. I would think that the disciples of v.19 would have had similar thoughts that Ananias did in v. 13-14. These would be thoughts of fear and apprehension as Saul's reputation towards the treatment of believer's was not good, but true.

But Ananias on-boarded Saul to the fellowship. He stood with Saul, he introduced the other disciples to Saul and Saul to them. He gave Saul credibility, to where the disciples were willing to let Saul be the one to stand up in the synagogue and teach the truth about Jesus to others. Ananias brought Saul into the network of Christian brotherhood. He drew up beside Saul, put his shoulder around him and announced to the other disciples, "Hey, this is my new friend Saul who has just recently come to know Jesus as Savior and Lord. Come up and get to know him. Come listen to his story. Many of you know his reputation, but hear about how all that changed. Saul is alright, because he's with me."

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I think this same type of on-boarding ought to be happening at Hillside. That as the Lord brings either new believers or transfer-growth, that we would step out of our comfort zones and, as Ananias did, learn the stories of others. And once we do, that we would stay close beside them, introducing them to our network of fellow believers, and if they, too, have accepted Christ then we welcome the truth of meeting another brother or sister in-Christ. If they have been baptized by immersion, we on-board them in encouraging church membership and finding areas in which they can serve. If not, we encourage them towards baptism as we share of the beauty of fellowship. And just as the disciples trusted Ananias, that we, too, would trust the testimony of one another as we rejoice over the inclusion of another individual joining God's network called the Church.

We need to do better at engaging our newer, regular attenders, learning where they are at in their faith-journey and seeing where they can come alongside us to help serve.



Staying Connected



HILLSIDE APP

Do you have the Hillside App saved on your device? Access this site for a list of prayer requests, service and event calendar, weekly bulletins, online giving and more!

HILLSIDE APP



HILLSIDE WORSHIP PLAYLIST

We have created a Spotify Playlist of songs that we sing during our Sunday Worship Services! Songs for the coming Sunday are placed at the top of the playlist each week so you can listen ahead of time and prepare your heart for corporate worship. This playlist can be found on our website or on the Hillside App.

ONLINE
MERCH STORE



HILLSIDE MERCH

Have you checked out the new Hillside Merch? There are updated shirts, hats, bags, and more that you can purchase to represent Hillside. Custom orders can also be taken if you would like something that is not on the site.



See Seka Masters with questions on anything mentioned above!

2024 Church Calendar

May 2024

- 5/5 Carry-In
- 5/5 VBS Teachers Meeting
- 5/7 Deacon's Meeting
- 5/11 VBS Decorations Work Day
- 5/12 Mother's Day (*PCC Baby Bottle Campaign Begins*)
- 5/19 YES Service / Graduate Recognition Service
- 5/19 GO Team Boot Camp (\$200 deposit due)
- 5/19 Worship Team Practice
- 5/22 FASCAR Children's Outreach Event
- 5/29 *Wednesday Evening Program Year Wrap Up*

June 2024

- 6/2 WOL Recognition Sunday
- 6/2 Skyview Ranch Summer Staff at Hillside
- 6/2 Carry-In: *bring extra food to help feed Skyview Staff*
- 6/3 Ladies' Banquet
- 6/4 Deacon's Meeting
- 6/5 No Mid-Week Services
- 6/8 VBS Stage Setup
- 6/9 VBS Classroom Setup
- **6/10-14 Vacation Bible School**
- 6/12 No Mid-Week Services
- 6/14 VBS Family Night
- 6/16 Father's Day (*PCC Baby Bottle Campaign Ends*)
- 6/19 ABS, Synergy, SBC
- 6/26 ABS, Synergy, SBC
- 6/30 GO Team Final Payment Due

July 2024

- 7/3 Congregational Business Meeting, Synergy, SBC
- **7/6-13 GO Team Jamaica**
- 7/7 Carry-In
- 7/10 ABS, SBC (Kids & Teens Combined)
- 7/17 ABS, Synergy, SBC
- 7/21 Encouragement Sunday
- 7/24 Serve the City + Outreach Prep Night
- TBD: Sleepwalker Outreach
- 7/31 No Mid-Week Services



August 2024

- **8/3 Clothing Giveaway**
- 8/4 Carry-In
- 8/4 GO Team Report Out (Afternoon Service)
- 8/7 ABS, Synergy, SBC
- 8/6 Deacon's Meeting
- 8/14 Multi-Generational Night
- 8/21 No Mid-Week Services
- 8/28 WOL/Synergy Kickoff

September 2024

- 9/1 Carry-In
- 9/3 Deacon's Meeting
- 9/9 Synergy Fair Sausage Fundraiser

October 2024

- 10/1 Deacon's Meeting
- 10/2 Congregational Business Meeting
- 10/6 Carry-In
- *TBD: Fall Fellowship (possibly instead of Carry-In)*

November 2024

- 11/3 Carry-In
- 11/5 Deacon's Meeting
- **11/27 Thanksgiving Eve Service**

December 2024

- 12/3 Deacon's Meeting
- 12/8 Live Nativity
- 12/11 Business Meeting (2025 Nominations)
- 12/18 Caroling & Business Cookies Due
- **12/22 Christmas Sunday**
- 12/24 Christmas Eve Service, 7:00pm
- *12/25 & 1/1 No Mid-Week Services*

Summer Mid-Week Schedule:

ABS = Adult Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

Synergy = Students (6th-12th grade)

SBC = Summer Bible Club (Age 2-5th grade)

WOL = Word of Life (Age 2 -5th grade)

**Dates and Events are subject to change.
See up-to-date calendar on our website and app.*

Children's Ministries

At the end of May, our Word of Life Bible Club concludes for the 2023-2024 school year. We look forward to hearing from and recognizing the children that participated in WOL this year during our Sunday Worship Service on **Sunday, June 2nd!**

This summer, we will have 6 Wednesday evenings where kids will enjoy interactive learning in Summer Bible Club (SBC)! See the church calendar for the dates of this summer's SBC.



Sunday School: Sundays at 9am

Classes for all Ages

Jr Church: Sundays at 10am

30 Months—PreK

Kids' Church: Sundays at 10am

K-4th Grade

REMINDER - With the school year coming to a close, we want to remind parents that children should stay in their current Sunday School and Jr. Church classes throughout the summer. Some children will be promoted to new classes the first Sunday of September, Promotion Sunday!

If you are interested in finding out more about any of these ministries or if you are interested in joining any of these ministry teams, please contact Pastor Rick.

FASCAR EVENT

Wednesday, May 22 @ 7:00pm

This exciting event combines two things that children love: Matchbox cars and competition! Children bring a Matchbox car to compete in races that are held on a six-lane digitized track. Parents in attendance can enter adult competition at the same time. The event also includes racing themed games. The Good News of Jesus is also presented and all who attend are given the opportunity to respond.

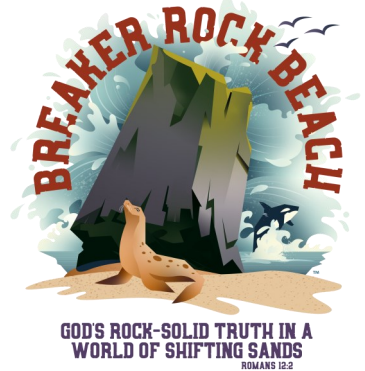


Our WOL team is excited to host this FASCAR event and needs your help to invite friends, neighbors, and any family with kids Age 4 - 5th Grade that you know to attend! Flyers are available on the Welcome Center. So grab your fastest Matchbox car, and meet us at the track on Wednesday, May 22nd! See Rebecca Bowlby with any questions.

Vacation Bible School

VBS @ Hillside **June 10-14, 2024 | 9a-12p**

Vacation Bible School at Hillside is right around the corner! Building of decorations has begun, teachers are beginning to prepare, and registration is now open! In the weeks to come, there will be many opportunities available to support this ministry for those of you who are unable to be here throughout VBS mornings.



WAYS YOU CAN BE INVOLVED:

- **PRAY, PRAY, PRAY:** Below are some specific ways that you can be praying for VBS this year.
- **DONATING FOOD:** We provide lunch to every child and every volunteer at VBS. Sign up sheets for this will be out shortly and will be located on the table outside main level restrooms/by the nursery.
- **PAINTING DECORATIONS:** There is a VBS Decorations Workday planned for Saturday, May 11th at Mangun's house (13693 Friendsville Rd, Burbank) from 9am-1pm. Anyone available to help with painting decoration is welcome to join. Come and go as your schedule allows. Please reach out to Lisa Mangun with questions.
- **VOLUNTEERING FOR FAMILY NIGHT:** We will be having a Family Night with dinner, a program, and family fun the evening on Friday, June 14 from 5-8pm to wrap up our week. We will need volunteers to help serve food and run game stations that evening. Keep an eye out for sign up sheets for this event.
- **INVITE CHILDREN TO COME:** Whether friends, neighbors, grandchildren, or co-workers children, we need your help to spread the word about VBS! Our greatest number of visitors each year are "Personally Invited by a Friend". Grab some flyers and encourage your children to be bold and ask a friend (or a few friends... or their whole class) to join them at VBS! If you would like us to print a stack of flyers for you to hand out, we would be happy to do so!
- **REGISTER YOUR CHILD:** If your child plans to attend VBS this year, please help us out by registering them online. Registration can be found at hillsidebaptistrittmann.org/vbs.

WAYS YOU CAN PRAY FOR VBS:

- Pray for the kids coming to VBS. That God would open their hearts to understanding the gospel. Pray Romans 12:2 (our theme verse for the week) over them.
- Pray for the volunteers that will be serving at VBS—Consider asking someone you know is volunteering how you can pray for them. Let them know that you are praying for them throughout the week.
- Pray for the VBS leadership as they are preparing and planning for VBS. Pray for wisdom and discernment.
- Pray for connections with families during the week and at Family Night on Friday evening.

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

Romans 12:2

If you have any questions about VBS, please contact our VBS Director, Jen Kline (330-317-5086).

Student Ministries

Synergy Snapshot:

Wednesday Teaching Series:

May – THAT’S HIM!

This four-lesson series covers doctrinal truth concerning God the Father. It specifically deals with God’s attributes of goodness, justice and righteousness, compassion, and wisdom.



Sunday School Teaching Series:

Middle School – Philippians

We are discovering the secret to peace and joy no matter the circumstances, learning how to walk in humility and unity with other Christian’s, and what it means to truly disciple others.

High School – Sunday School Mathematics

Dates to Remember:

- **YES Service Rehearsals** **Wednesday, May 15 @ 7:00pm; Sunday, May 19 @ 8:40am**
- **YES Service** **Sunday, May 19 @ 10:00am**
if you don't know what your role is for this service, see Pastor Rick soon
- **Grad Recognition Service** **Sunday, May 19 @ 10:00am**
we will be honoring our HS Graduates, Maddy Lengacher & Breanne Fatzinger
- **GO Team Boot Camp** **Sunday, May 19 @ 1:00pm**
all team members are required to attend
- **WOL FASCAR Event** **Wednesday, May 22 @ 7:00pm**
There will not be regular Synergy this evening, but teens are encouraged to help serve at this WOL Kids outreach event and will also enjoy some racing competition.

Note to Teens & Parents:

We are looking at having a Mental Health Workshop for teens and their parents in the months to come! Please be on the lookout for more information about this and see Pastor Rick if you have any questions.

GO Team 2024: Jamaica

This year's GO Team (Global Outreach) will be traveling to Montego Bay, Jamaica from July 6-13! This team consists of 13 teens and 4 adults. During our time there, we will visit an orphanage, lead a VBS in a church plant (while also training locals on how to run a VBS), run a basketball camp, and participate in local outreach projects in the community of Montego Bay.

Ways To Support GO Team:

- Thank you to those who helped with and purchased tickets for our Chicken BBQ!
- During the YES (Youth Encouragement Sunday) Service at 10:00 am on Sunday, May 19, we will share an update on our trip to Jamaica! We also plan to take a special love offering during this service. Funds collected that day will support team members' remaining trip balances and cover other trip expenses.
- Please continue supporting the team by praying for us! Below are some ways that you can be praying specifically for our trip!

Specific Ways You Can Pray for GO Team:

- Pray for hearts to be open to responding to the gospel.
- Pray for Bay Life Baptist Church as they promote VBS in their local schools and neighborhood in the months ahead. *Their goal is to have 200 kids attend by the end of the week!*
- Pray for unity within our team; that we would serve well together and with the locals that we serve alongside.
- Pray for the team members to be stretched out of our comfort zone to accomplish the work that God has for us.
- Pray for the safety and health of our team.
- Pray for travel safety, as well as the nerves of our several first-time flyers.



"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think... to Him be glory." Ephesians 3:20-21

Miscellaneous Events & Notes

Mother's Day & Father's Day at Hillside

May 12 & June 16

On Sunday, May 12, we invite all ladies to stop by the coffee room throughout the morning to enjoy some special treats and fellowship with other ladies in honor of Mother's Day!

On Sunday, June 16, we invite all men to do the same in honor of Father's Day!



PCC of Wayne County Baby Bottle Campaign

We will again be hosting a Baby Bottle Campaign to raise funds for the Wayne County Pregnancy Care Center this spring.

How you can participate:

- #1) Pick up a Baby Bottle at Hillside on Mother's Day
- #2) Collect money in the Bottle and return to Hillside by Father's Day.

MORE INFO ABOUT
PCC BABY BOTTLE
CAMPAIGN



**All funds brought in go directly to the Pregnancy Care Center of Wayne County who is a Christ-centered ministry that provides alternatives to abortion and is committed to saving and transforming lives physically, spiritually, and emotionally.*

HILLSIDE'S
Ladies Banquet
MONDAY
JUNE 3
@ 6:00PM

LADIES AND GIRLS OF ALL AGES

We look forward to an evening of good food and fellowship at White Oak Event Center.

Flyers and more information will be available in the weeks to come.

Thank you from our College Students

We have received multiple thank you notes and texts from our College Students expressing their appreciation for the College Care Packages that they received from the church. Thank you to all those who donated items and to those who coordinated getting the packages sent! Please keep our college students in prayer as many will be taking final exams at the beginning of May.

Miscellaneous Events & Notes

Skyview Ranch Summer Staff

We have the privilege of hosting Skyview's Summer Staff on **Sunday, June 2nd** for our Worship Service! This is a Carry-In Sunday, so we will need your help to bring EXTRA food that week as they will also be joining us for lunch after service.

Please be in prayer for their entire staff, including **Hillside's Brock Lengacher and Devin Bowlby**, as they will begin staff training at the end of May and will welcome campers starting in June.

Rittman's Sleepwalker Outreach

Friday & Saturday, July 26-27

The Rittman Chamber of Commerce has recently announced that this year's Sleepwalker Event will look different than in years past. Our desire with this outreach is to continue to be present in and to build relationships with our community. This summer's Sleepwalker involvement may look different, but we will continue to look for opportunities to be present in Rittman!

Summer Mid-Week Service Schedule

- 5/29 Last Week of WOL; Regular Adult/Synergy
- 6/5 No Mid-Week Services
- 6/12 No Mid-Week Services (VBS Week)
- 6/19 Regular Services (Adult Prayer Mtg, Synergy, SBC)
- 6/26 Regular Services (Adult Prayer Mtg, Synergy, SBC)
- 7/3 Regular Services (Business Meeting, Synergy, SBC)
- 7/10 Regular Services (Adult Prayer, Kids/Teens combined)
- 7/17 Regular Services (Adult Prayer Mtg, Synergy, SBC)
- 7/24 **SERVE THE CITY / SLEEPWALKER & CLOTHING MINISTRY PREP**
7/25 & 7/26 - possible Sleepwalker Float/Booth
- 7/31 No Mid-Week Services
- 8/7 Regular Services (Adult Prayer Mtg, Synergy, SBC)
- 8/14 MULTI-GENERATIONAL NIGHT
- 8/21 No Mid-Week Services (WOL/Synergy prep week)
- 8/28 WOL & Synergy Kick Off; Regular Adult

Synergy = Student Ministry (6th-12th Grade)

SBC = Summer Bible Club (Ages 2-5th Grade)

WOL = Word of Life Bible Club (Ages 2-5th Grade)



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Free Clothing Giveaway



**Saturday
August 3**

We plan to hold our next Free Clothing Giveaway on Saturday, August 3. This is a unique ministry where we help meet some physical needs of our community while also striving to identify if we can help individuals with spiritual needs, as well. Many hands are needed to make this ministry happen, so mark your calendars and be in prayer as to how you may help.

Be on the lookout for more info about these summer ministry opportunities in the months to come!