

Hillside Happenings

March & April
2025
Newsletter



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PK's Points

In a recent Wednesday evening Bible Study we spent some time looking at some principles of musical worship as we studied the character of Asaph. Asaph was a Levite, whose family line was appointed to carry out specific responsibilities at the tabernacle, then temple, and we are introduced to Asaph in 1 Chronicles 6.

1 Chronicles 6, we see that King David assigned unto Asaph an even greater task. For in v. 31-33, we find that King David assigned certain Levites to be over "the service of song in the house of the Lord". And in 1 Chronicles 6:39 we find that Asaph was one of those individuals. Being over the service of song, we could say that Asaph was one of the first worship leaders. And throughout this and another chapter in 1 Chronicles, I'd like to point out 8 Insights for our Worship today as we consider the role and ministry of Asaph, the Levite from the line of Gershon.

Asaph was one of the first worship leaders and we can learn the following from him:

1. Asaph was appointed. (1 Chron. 6:31, 39)

He was appointed by King David. Which also means that Asaph was accountable or operating under King David. King David was ultimately in charge of what took place regarding the kingdom and temple worship, but this appointment demonstrated that he trusted Asaph to lead the congregation of Israel into times of God-focused, Biblically-sound worship. That even though David, himself, was musical, he was willing to delegate this aspect over to individuals who had a heart for God and willingness to lead others this way. And Asaph would not only take this assignment seriously, but God would actually inspire Asaph – as Asaph is attributed to writing 11 chapters in the book of Psalms.

2. Music was a part of worship. (1 Chron. 6:31)

Here it is referred to as "the service of song". We oftentimes flip those 2 words as we refer to our time of singing as the "song service" portion of our worship, but in so doing, we might overlook what that meant to Asaph. For Asaph, leading people in musical worship was an act of service. It was an act of service to work in leading but also, work in preparing. And as we think of our song service at Hillside, I am so thankful for Josh who puts in more work than most realize. I get the privilege of faintly hearing him practice, oftentimes, late at night. And see him sacrifice social opportunities in order to be in bed early most Saturdays, so that he can be one of the first here on Sunday. He spends time picking songs that are sound in message, songs that speak to who God is and/or what a proper response to Him might be. He leads our worship team musically and works close with our sound/tech team who enables them to hear each other as well as us hearing them too. Many may not think about it, but the worship team, as they play and sing, need to be able to hear each other in order to blend properly. (And some additional measures might be coming to aid them in this.) These acts of service are appreciated as they aid us in our worship of the Lord.

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3. The music was to be used in the house of the Lord.

That is to say, that what was played and sung was for the purpose of honoring the Lord. We are not “showy” people in anyway. But we want to play and sing to the best of our ability while we are in the house of the Lord because we are here for the purpose of honoring Him. This means that we want things to be done well and that requires practice. And I am thankful for the commitment that our worship team (and tech team) members make as they arrive here early and practice monthly going over, mastering old songs as well as learning new songs too.

4. It was service to the Lord. (1 Chron. 6:32)

Back to the matter of flipping words, we have not only grown accustomed to flipping “service of song” to “song service” but we have also, unilaterally adopted the term “worship leader”. And I am fine with that term, but I also like what the flipped term conveys as well. For we want anyone who is leading in any capacity on a Sunday morning, to have already gone before the Lord and worshipped Him personally, in order to be well-prepared to lead others to do the same. And so, we consider the concept of our worship leaders also be “lead worshipers”. That those on the platform, be it the guitarist, or bass guitarist (which we might see at some point), or violinist, or keyboardist, or drummer, or vocalist, or pastor or deacon, or anyone else with “platform” responsibilities that day, that we enter into that task having already bowed before the LORD, and are then, with the right heart and mindset, able to lead others into a state of worship. For it is service to the Lord.

5. It is multi-generational. (1 Chron. 6:33a)

The verse says that they ministered “along with their sons”. What an awesome picture of the service of song being passed down from 1 generation to another just as it is recorded here in 1 Chronicles 6.

6. The music that was played and sung was biblical in content. (1 Chron. 25:1)

Moving forward a number of chapters, 1 Chron. 25:1 states that the music should “prophesy”. Meaning that the songs “told-forth” spiritual truth. Not “forth-telling” the future, but “telling-forth” what is spiritually true.

7. It was done with a variety of instruments. (1 Chron. 25:1, 6)

They played the instruments of their common day. Israel played the same instruments for their worship of Jehovah God that the pagan nations played for their worship of their false gods. “Harps, stringed instruments, and cymbals” were used to either help one glorify God or rebel against Him.

8. The worship leading roles were reserved for “the instructed” and the “skillful”. (1 Chron. 25:1, 7)

Every one of us can make a joyful noise but everyone should not be a worship leader. We all have varying gifts and varying skill levels and 1 Chronicles 25 states it twice that only those who were “instructed” in the songs and “skillful” were counted as acceptable. Instructed musically (knowing musical methodology and music theory), and skilled vocally and/or instrumentally. Now, we realize that some were more skilled than others as it does mention teacher and student and parent and child but the 2 qualifications had to be met as worshipping in song was then and still should be led today by learned and skilled individuals.

May we appreciate the Asaph’s among us. May we uphold them in prayer, asking God to guide them into all truth and to the songs that puts that truth to music that we can sing as we worship the Lord with music.



2025 Church Calendar

March 2025

- 3/2 Carry-In
- 3/2 VBS Volunteer Sign-Up/Recruiting Begins
- 3/4 Deacon's Meeting
- 3/8 March Hoopla
- 3/9 Small Groups
- 3/14-15 Couples Retreat
- 3/16 Poland Team Meeting
- 3/16 Worship Team Practice
- 3/23 Small Groups
- 3/23-24 Synergy DASH

April 2025

- 4/6 Carry-In
- 4/6 VBS Volunteer Meeting
- 4/8 Deacon's Meeting
- 4/9 Congregational Business Meeting
- 4/13 Small Groups
- **4/20 Resurrection Sunday**
7:30am Sunrise Service
8:15am Breakfast
9:15am Sunday School
10:00am Worship Service
- 4/24-26 Skyview Men's Retreat
- 4/27 Small Groups

May 2025

- 5/4 Carry-In
- 5/11 YES Service/Graduate Recognition
- 5/11 Mother's Day
- 5/13 Deacon's Meeting
- 5/18 Worship Team Practice
- 5/28 *Wednesday Evening Program Wrap Up*

June 2025

- 6/3 Deacon's Meeting
- **6/9-13 Vacation Bible School**
- 6/13 VBS Closing Program
- 6/15 Father's Day
- 6/22 Carry-In
- **6/27-7/6 Poland Trip**

July 2025

- 7/8 Deacon's Meeting
- 7/9 Congregational Business Meeting
- 7/20 Encouragement Sunday
- **7/21-27 GO Team: Camp Patmos+**

August 2025

- 8/3 Carry-In
- 8/5 Deacon's Meeting
- **8/10-16 Young Adult Missionary Acres Trip**

September 2025

- 9/2 Deacon's Meeting
- 9/8 Synergy Fair Sausage Fundraiser

October 2025

- 10/5 Fall Fellowship
- 10/7 Deacon's Meeting
- 10/8 Congregational Business Meeting

November 2025

- 11/2 Carry-In
- 11/4 Deacon's Meeting
- **11/26 Thanksgiving Eve Service**

December 2025

- 12/2 Deacon's Meeting
- 12/7 Live Nativity
- 12/10 Business Meeting (2025 Nominations)
- 12/17 Caroling & Business Cookies Due
- **12/21 Christmas Sunday**
- 12/24 Christmas Eve Service, 7:00pm



**Dates and Events are subject to change*

Miscellaneous Events

March Hoopla

Saturday, March 8



We are taking a group of 40+ students, (grades K-5) to a Word of Life sponsored event which includes a trampoline park, pizza party, group games at a rec center, and the opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus!

Please be praying for the hearts of the kids that will be attending this event, Pastor Rick as he shares the Gospel, safety throughout the day, and for Steve and Sue Oswald's team that is running the event!



Skyview Men's Retreat

April 24-26

Men from Hillside are encouraged to join other men for a weekend at The Ranch! We will enjoy great fellowship, delicious food, and compelling chapel sessions filled with worship and a deep dive into God's Word!

Visit Skyview's website for more information and to register, and let Scott Mason know if you plan to attend!

MORE INFO HERE



Hillside's Couples Retreat 2025

Couples signed up for this year's Couples Retreat should check their church mailbox for more info about the retreat taking place March 14-15.

MYSTERY DINNER

Fridays Dinner Theater has a late 1920s-early 1930s theme.

All guests are encouraged to dress for this theme; however, this is not required.

If you have any questions, please contact John Chuhi or Seka Masters.



Saturday Morning's Speakers:

Matt & Daniela Brenner

College Care Packages

We have several college students away from home who are headed into their last few months of this school year. In the weeks to come, you will see ways that you can donate items to be sent in care packages to these students.

Be on the lookout for more information!



Easter at Hillside

RESURRECTION SUNDAY



We are looking forward to a great day together as we celebrate Resurrection Sunday on April 20th! Plan now to join us for the whole morning.

7:30am Sunrise Service
8:15am Sunrise Breakfast
9:15am Sunday School
10:00am Worship Service

Resurrection Sunday MEMORIAL FLOWERS



If you would like to purchase MEMORIAL FLOWERS, there will be a sign up sheet at the Welcome Center in the middle of March. Cost will be \$10/flower. Checks can be written to Hillside Baptist Church and can be placed in the offering clearly marked as "Memorial Flowers".

Deadline to sign-up will be April 13th.

Flowers can be taken home after service on Resurrection Sunday, April 20.

We have invite cards available at the Welcome Center for you to grab and pass out to your neighbors, co-workers, friends, and family.

Who will you invite to join you at Hillside this Easter?

APRIL 20
Resurrection Sunday
at HILLSIDE

7:30am Sunrise Service
8:15am Sunrise Breakfast
9:15am Sunday School
10:00am Worship Service

Children's Ministries

Vacation Bible School

June 9-13, 2025 | 9am-12pm



Vacation Bible School at Hillside is always a fun-packed week of serving Christ, sharing Christ, and loving Christ. This year, kids will be encouraged to look closely at the details of God's amazing world and MAGNIFY, or proclaim, THE GREATNESS OF GOD! God made us, cares about us, loves us, forgives us, and is faithful to keep all His promises to us.

We are starting to line up our VBS Volunteers for this year! **If you are willing to help in some way, please sign-up at the Welcome Center during the month of March** and mark your calendars for the VBS Volunteer Meeting on April 6th following Carry-In (approx. 12:30-1:00).

Also, be on the lookout for a VBS Decorations Workday that will be take place this spring!

If you have any questions about VBS, please contact our VBS Director, Jen Kline. She would love to tell you more about VBS at Hillside!



We encourage our families with young Children to continue to take advantage of the Children's Ministries that take place each week here at Hillside:

Sunday School: Sundays at 9:00am

Classes for Age 2-5th Grade

Jr Church: Sundays at 10am

30 Months-PreK

Kids' Church: Sundays at 10am

K-4th Grade

Word of Life: Wednesdays at 7pm

Gopher Buddies (Age 2-K) | Olympians (1st-5th Grade)

**Our Nursery is also available for all of the services listed above!*

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.

Student Ministries

Synergy Snapshot:

Wednesday Teaching Series:

March – CONSTANT COMPANION: Depending on the Holy Spirit

This four-lesson series covers doctrinal truth concerning the Holy Spirit. It specifically deals with His role as a Helper, His role as a Teacher, the conviction of the Holy Spirit, and what it means to quench the Holy Spirit

April – HOPE FOR THE HURTING: Life is Worth Living

This four-lesson series is on the topic of suicide. This series will discuss the reality of suicide, its causes, the myths surrounding suicide, and how to help those struggling with thoughts of suicide.



Sunday School Teaching Series:

March – Middle School and High School combined for a series on Spiritual Gifts

April/May – Future Events (High School only)

Staying Connected



HILLSIDE APP

Do you have the Hillside App saved on your device? Access this site for a list of prayer requests, up-to-date calendar, weekly bulletins, online contact directory, and so much more!

*Don't know how to access the app?
See Seka Masters to get help or with
any questions you might have!*

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