

# Hillside Happenings

## July & August 2025 Newsletter



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## PK's Points

*<sup>2</sup>Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving <sup>3</sup>meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains, <sup>4</sup>that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak. <sup>5</sup>Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. <sup>6</sup>Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one."* **Colossians 3:1-6**

We began our "earnest prayer" for our **Summer Ministries** a few months ago when it was cold, rainy and downright gross outside. But we knew spring would go quickly, and those Summer Ministries would be upon us.

We prayed for the Lord to give us opportunities to shed light on the truth of the mystery of Christ with others, and that in those opportunities, that He would grant us the right words to say. We prayed for godly wisdom and to use our time wisely. And that our words would be with grace, seasoned with salt.

*And our prayers continue...*

The Lord blessed us with a great week of **VBS** as the students were welcomed with an amazingly decorated auditorium and classrooms. Matt and Daniela Brenner did a great job throughout the week in the Missions station and our teachers, song and game leaders served tirelessly. Many of you were able to participate in some way, whether helping supply some food items or being here through the week or helping at the closing program Friday evening. And as our prayers continued, the Lord worked in students' hearts. At least 4 individuals made a profession of faith in Christ for salvation and another sought counsel regarding the assurance of their faith. Soil was cultivated, seeds were planted and watered and the Lord brought a harvest that week. We continue to pray for a greater harvest from those planted, watered seeds in the future.

*And our prayers continue...*

Team Poland left this past Friday – headed to **Gdańsk, Poland** to spend a week with Nick and Jill Toothman. The team will be involved with helping 4<sup>th</sup> Baptist Church of Gdańsk "Camp Week" which the Toothman's are serving at each week. Their "camp" is similar to VBS. The team will assist the church's VBS staff and then be in charge of running a portion of the day called "English Camp". And our prayers continue as our Team does not know Polish and will be sharing through translators. The Team asks for your prayers for safety and smooth travels, that we would be an encouragement to the Toothman's and the rest of the ABWE team, as well as the Pole and Ukrainian believers we will meet and interact with. We ask prayer for our teaching and speaking opportunities as we share the Gospel multiple times and as we share the hope of Jesus with refugees from Ukraine whose world has been turned upside down.

**Poland Team:** Pastor Kevin, Heather, Taryn Fath, Rebecca, Brooke Bowlby, Keith, Pam Vandegrift, Jen Kline, Scott Mason

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*And our prayers continue...*

The prayers continue as a group of our teens will head to **Camp Patmos** July 21-26. We pray for the Lord to work in our teens as they spend that time at Patmos. (And we pray for some of our younger students as they head to Skyview various weeks this summer.) We pray our teens would join in Paul's request for an opportunity to share Christ and their words would be seasoned with salt as they share with their peers. We pray that they would have a desire to conduct themselves with godly wisdom and that their speech would be with grace as they interact with others. And that God would do a great work in their hearts as they choose to serve Him with joy.

**GO Team: Camp Patmos:** Nathaniel M, Tyler M, Maycie A, Gia M

*And our prayers continue...*

This time, we pray for our Young Adult trip to **Missionary Acres** as our busy Summer of Ministry continues. On August 9-16, our group of Young Adults will head to Silva, Missouri to serve at the retired missionary neighborhood that Jared and Jessica Raines are just arriving at. They will be tasked with some routine landscaping assignments as well as some special tasks that Jared earmarks for our group.

**Missionary Acres Team:** Ben, Seka, Carson, Emma Masters; Roy, Lisa Mangun;  
Josh Porr, Devin Bowlby, Bethany Waggoner, Macy Miller

*And our prayers continue...*

Praying without ceasing because there is always so much going on. Praise the Lord for the privilege to serve Him as we pray for strength, endurance, and more opportunities to serve and grow. For we have not even mentioned our weekly ministries and other outreaches that continue at Hillside.



Scott Mason, Pastor Kevin, Heather Fath, Taryn Fath, Brooke Bowlby, Rebecca Bowlby, Jen Kline  
(Not Pictured: Keith & Pam Vandegrift)

# 2025 Church Calendar

## July 2025

- **6/27-7/5 Poland Team Trip**
- 7/8 Deacon's Meeting
- 7/9 Congregational Business Meeting
- 7/20 Encouragement Sunday
- **7/21-26 GO Team: Camp Patmos**
- **7/25-26 Sleepwalker Outreach**
- 7/30 No Mid-Week Service

## August 2025

- **8/2 Free Clothing Giveaway**
- 8/3 Carry-In
- 8/5 Deacon's Meeting
- **8/9-16 Young Adult Missionary Acres Trip**
- 8/20 No Mid-Week Service
- 8/27 WOL & Synergy Kick Off Night

## 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.  
See up-to-date calendar on our website and app.*

## Summer Outreach Events

As we continue with ministry this summer, we are excited to have the opportunity to again participate in **Rittman's Sleepwalker Festival** that will take place at the end of July. We are planning to have a booth at the Vendor Faire at First Street Park on **Friday, July 25 & Saturday, July 26**. Be on the lookout for more information showing how you can get involved in volunteering at our booth!

We also have our **Free Clothing Giveaway** scheduled for **Saturday, August 2nd**. This annual event requires many items to be donated (clothes and items for care packages) and many hands to sort clothes. Be on the lookout for more information showing how you can get involved in donating items and volunteering time both before and on August 2nd.

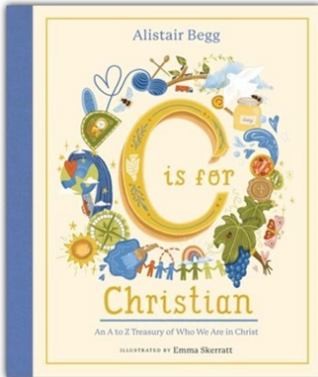
**Join us as we begin praying for God to be glorified through both of these outreach events!**

# Children's Ministries

## Summer Bible Club (SBC)

Summer Bible Club kicked-off on Wednesday, June 18th! Through the summer, we will continue learning our A,B,C's!

We will be studying through Alistair Begg's book "C is for Christian" and learning what it means to be "in Christ" by memorizing our A,B,C's. Each week we will cover three or four words and have a color/fun theme to match!



**July 2:** H,I,J,K: wear a Hawaiian shirt.

**July 9:** L,M,N: wear something Lemon colored or print.

**July 16:** O,P,Q: wear something fit for a Queen.

**July 23:** R,S,T: wear something you could find at a Rodeo.

**August 6:** U,V,W: wear something for the Winter season.

**August 13:** X,Y,Z: wear something that shows us who You are.

**Contact Mollie Wiles with any questions! 330-317-1103**

# Student Ministries

## Synergy Snapshot:

### Wednesdays in Summer:

#### **Knuckle Up:**

Prepare for a Spiritual Fight



### High School Sunday School Teaching Series:

1 Thessalonians

### Synergy Girls Bible Study:

The Synergy Girls are working through a study called "**Keep Thy Heart**" this summer! We are being challenged about the importance of guarding our hearts (Proverbs 4:23) from the temptations of the enemy. Girls are completing studies on their own, then meeting together as a group on Thursday mornings for group discussion and fellowship!