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Easter Sunday Thank You

We have a personal note of appreciation from William and Darlene Burrus who were in charge of organizing and facilitating our Easter Brunch: "William and I would like to thank all of you who helped with the Easter Brunch prep and clean-up. Without all of you, we would not have been able to do it. Many hands truly make light work! And thank you to all who brought food to share!"

Easter Offering and Update

The Hillcrest Missions Council has decided our Easter Offering for others will go to help pay for a computer lab for the Kid's Club in Salinas Grande, Nicaragua, run by **Dustin and Angie Herring.** This will allow them to offer a "Clase de Reforzamiento" (Reinforcement Class) to help the children complete their homework assignments. They currently run a free English class for up to 70 children. Our goal was to raise \$2,000. Thanks to your generosity, we have already surpassed that and have raised \$2,210! We will continue to receive donations for the computer lab through the end of April. The need is great and they can use every penny!

Entry, Hallway and Higher Grounds Renovations

Pardon our dust...after 22 years we are giving our entry and hallways a makeover! This includes new carpet/base, paint, flooring in Higher Grounds, Welcome Center and new accent wall/lettering around a new color theme. We are able to make this happen because of the generous giving of so many of you to our Long Term Maintenance Fund over the past 6 months. To date we've received \$150,196. The planned cost for this reno project is \$30,000-\$33,000. Most of the painting was completed this week by a host of volunteers under the supervision of Dale DeField. The old carpet will be removed April 9-10 along with the current Welcome Center. New carpet, base and flooring will be installed beginning April 23 and will take approximately 5 days. An accent wall with lettering and bulletin boards will be installed after that. Our plan is to have this project completed by the end of April.

Ladies' Bible Study

"Discerning the Voice of God," by Priscilla Shirer, will begin this Tuesday, April 10, 9:30am and Wednesday, April 11, at 6:30 pm. Please see Kristen Aarhus or Jan Westerberg to sign up for this seven-session study. Join us if you want to challenge yourself on the discipline of daily Bible study and discover the root to clear and daily communication with God. Learn how surrender unlocks His many blessings intended for us, centers us in His will and helps us discern His voice in our everyday lives!

Men's Bible Study

Our Hillcrest Men's Bible Study is currently studying "Created to Become Like Christ," in the book "Purpose Driven Life," written by Rick Warren. We meet every Wednes day evening at Hillcrest from 6:30-7:30pm. Please feel free to join us at any time. For more information, please contact Jerry Goodman at 360 839-5553.

Work & Witness to Nicaragua Fundraiser

As we have done previously for other mission trips, our Work & Witness team is hosting an All-Church Pizza Lunch to help team members with the cost of the trip. This is especially helpful for families with multiple members joining the team. Please plan to join us directly after the Morning Worship Service, Sunday, April 29. We are hoping, if we have a good turn out, this will be the only fundraiser we'll need! It will be pizza and drinks. We will sell pizza by the slice for \$2 and drinks for a dollar. We will also have baked goods for dessert available for purchase. Donations will be accepted.

Hillcrest Student Ministries

"Brave Girls" is a Mini-Retreat for girls in Grades 6-12. "Brave Girls" promises to be an unforgettable evening of friendship, fun and life-changing discoveries. Self-worth advocate and life coach, Tenielle Shenae, is coming to lead us in games and activities designed to build identity and confidence. The cost for "Brave Girls" is \$20 and includes dinner, an art project and workshop. Contact Lynelle Aarhus: 360-798-7438; Lynelle.aarhus@hillcrestnaz.org. Sr. High: Fri. 4/13, 6-9pm/Mid. School: Sat. 4/14, 6-9pm

Information For Your First Visit

YOU ARE OUR GUEST and a gift from God. We're glad you came, and hope you feel comfortable here. Please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering as it is for regular attendees who have made Hillcrest Church of the Nazarene their home church.

FILL OUT A GET CONNECTED CARD and take it to the Get Connected Desk in the fover. We have a gift for you, and are available to answer your questions.

ENJOY A FREE BEVERAGE at our Higher Grounds Espresso cafe, with the gift coupon you receive.

WE LOVE KIDS AND STUDENTS

We've prepared a safe, warm, and fun learning environment to work with you in growing your children in faith and character. We encourage you to bring your children to meet our loving Children's Ministry and Youth Ministry Team.

The Hillcrest Family Online

On our website at hillcrestnaz.org you can find out about our small groups, upcoming events and watch our recent Sunday sermons.

Sunday, April 8

9^{:00} am Bible Discovery for All Ages Worship Service

Young Adults (Lighthouse) at the home of Jeff & Jen Withers

Monday, April 9 7^{:30} pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, April 10 9^{:30} am Ladi es' Bible Study Wednesday, April 11 No Dinner

No Choir 6:30 pm Odyssey Student Ministries Ladies' Bible Study Men's Bible Study

Thursday, April 12 10^{:00} am Dementia Support Group

Friday, April 13 6.00 pm "Brave Girls" Mini Retreat for Sr. High girls

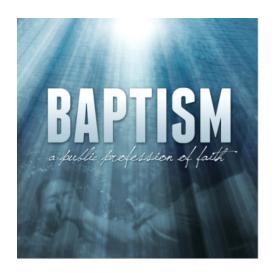
Saturday, April 14

7^{:00} am Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Vanc ouver Pointe Senior Village 4555 NE 66th Ave. (Just North of Vancouver Ford) "Brave Girls" Mini Retreat for Middle School girls

Sunday, April 15

9:00 am Bible Discovery for All Ages 10^{:00} am Worship Service Young Adults (Lighthouse) at the home of Jeff & Jen Withers





We heard amazing testimonies this past Sunday as we baptized Brinley Allen and Chris Jerrue. If you have are a Christ-follower and have not been baptized we will love to share your story with the Hillcrest community and your family. Please fill out a blue Friendship & Worship card and circle the letter "B".

What is the Meaning of Baptism?

- It illustrates Christ's burial and resurrection. (Col. 2:12 NLT)
- It illustrates my new life as a Christian. (Rom. 6:4 NLT)
- Baptism doesn't make you a believer, it shows that you already believe: (Eph. 2:8-9 NLT)

Why Should I Be Baptized?

- To follow the example set by Christ. (Mark 1:9 NLT)
- Because Christ commands it. (Matt. 28:19-20 NLT)
- It demonstrates that I really am a believer. (Acts 18:8 NLT)

Who Should Be Baptized?

 Every person who has believed in Christ. (Acts 2:41 NLT)



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