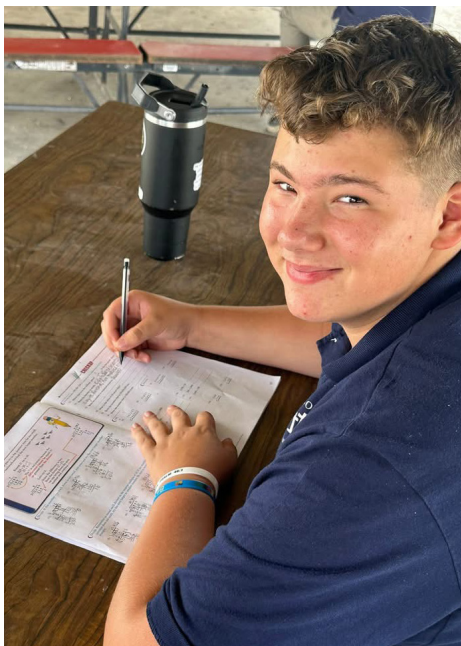


# HILLTOP HERALD

Mission Hill Baptist Church

September 1, 2025

## MHCA Starts Off The New School Year



What a great start to the new school year for our Academy kids. Some new changes and excitement as the year started led to many daily goals being accomplished before the lunch hour, an afternoon at the park, an afternoon fishing, s'mores over a fire, school work being taken outside to the pavilion, cleanup work around the grounds, all test that were taken passed, over 1,726 work pages completed and 8 exhausted teachers. We are so thankful for Gods leadership in this new year and what he will accomplish in the lives of our students and staff.

## BIBLE TRIVIA

*What is the longest chapter in the Bible?*

*Answer can be found on page 3*

## Anniversaries

Greg & Rhonda – 9/8  
Wendell & Jan – 9/12  
Ron & Kim – 9/16  
Doug & Tanya – 9/16

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Busniess Meeting  
*September 3rd*

Men's Prayer Breakfast  
*September 6th*

Bible Distrabution  
*September 6th*

Fellowship Breakfast  
*September 7th*

Quilting  
*September 16th*

Parsonage Work Day  
*September 18th*

Campers on a Mission  
*September 22nd*

## Birthdays

Candace – 9/3  
Curtis – 9/9  
Lee Ann – 9/10  
Louretta – 9/10  
Daniel – 9/15  
Jeffree – 9/16  
Dward(Buck) – 9/23  
Kathy L – 9/23  
Adison – 9/24  
Dan – 9/26  
Jeremiah – 9/27

# ***“Then & Now” – A Bit Of History***

As we reflect on the incredible journey God has led us through, we're reminded of just how faithful He has been to our church from the very beginning.

Over the decades, we've seen tremendous growth and outreach. From bus routes and prison ministry, to the launch of Mission Hill Christian Academy and the vibrant work of AWANA, God used Mission Hill to reach hundreds with the Gospel.

We've celebrated seasons of joy and walked through seasons of loss—including the heartbreaking fire of 2008—yet the Lord has remained our firm foundation. By His grace, we entered our new sanctuary in 2016, and continue to worship and grow together. We are not simply a church with a rich history, we are a church with a living mission.

Today, our ministries are thriving, and we're excited about what's ahead. Through Loaves & Fishes, we continue to serve our neighbors with food and tangible hope. Our ongoing Bible



distribution efforts are putting God's Word into hands and homes throughout our community, and Mission Hill Christian Academy is raising up the next generation of Christian leaders, providing both academic excellence and spiritual formation. These are not just programs, they are opportunities to be the hands and feet of Christ.

As we look to the future, let's keep our

hearts united in purpose, our eyes fixed on Jesus, and our hands open to the work He still has for us. Thank you for being part of this incredible journey.



***“And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”***

***– Galatians 6:9***



## Pray Without Ceasing...

### ELDERLY CHURCH MEMBERS & SHUT-INS

Buck (Warren) & Joyce Buckwalter  
Charlene Coulson  
Walt & Delores Drebes  
Alice Ann Gosney -Maple Lawn  
Esther Hirner -Monroe Manor  
John Self  
Buck Shadrack-Beth Haven  
Barry Von Thun

### OTHER NEEDS

Pulpit Committee (Pastoral search)  
Souls to be saved  
Craven family - passing of Kathy  
Loaves & Fishes  
Tuley family - passing of Christy (Kathy Tuley's niece)  
Steven Mitchell (Bob & Belinda Otten's neighbor)

### MILITARY

Air Force —Jace Trisler  
Navy —Kyle Kaizen, Travis Kaizen

### COLLEGE

Pensacola Christian College- Ava Lewis, Benjamin Lewis, Micah Lewis, Nathanael Lewis, Joshlyn Parson

### CHURCH MEMBERS' HEALTH NEEDS

Pastor Lewis  
Bridger Allen  
Randy Bradshaw-ongoing health needs  
Delores Drebes-recovering at home  
Dirk Davis - recovery ering at homery  
Doug Freeman-back issues  
Ilene Kreider  
Jan Kreider-hip replacement, August 5th  
Jeff & Connie Patre  
Betty Puls  
Rita Reed  
Rodney Thomas— back issues  
Brad Trower  
Rhonda VanNice-cancer

### OTHERS' HEALTH NEEDS

Ray Gross (Cindy Lomax's son)  
Jeff Hinds (Brenda Majors' co-worker)-stage IV cancer  
Larry Ladouceur (Cheryl Buswell's brother-in-law)  
Donna Lybarger (Belinda Otten's sister) —chronically ill  
Ashley Miller  
Jim Moffett  
Sharon Straus-cancer  
Annette Trower (Brad Trower's mother)

## Go Ye Therefore!

**Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:19-20 (KJV)**

*"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."*

The final words of Jesus before ascending into heaven were not a suggestion—they were a commission. The Lord didn't say, "If you feel like it, go," or "When it's convenient, go." He said, "Go ye therefore." It was a divine directive meant for every believer—not just preachers, not just missionaries, but all disciples of Christ. Jesus calls you to go. You Are the Messenger. Sometimes we think, "I'm not qualified. I don't know enough Scripture. I'm not bold enough." But when Jesus sent His disciples, He promised something powerful: "Lo, I am with you alway." You don't go in your strength—you go in His. You don't speak with your wisdom—you speak with His Word. The same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead now dwells in you (Romans 8:11). That means when you step out in faith to minister, heaven moves with you.

### What Does It Mean to Minister?

To minister doesn't always mean preaching a sermon. Sometimes it's:

A kind word to a hurting heart.

A meal delivered in Jesus' name.

A Bible verse shared on your lunch break.

A prayer offered for a co-worker or neighbor.

The Lord uses ordinary moments to do eternal work.

### Your Mission Field is Right in Front of You

You don't need to travel across the world to find someone who needs Jesus. Souls are everywhere—at your job, in your school, at the grocery store, across the street. Ask the Lord to open your eyes and see the harvest around you.

*"Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." — John 4:35*

### Prayer

Heavenly Father, give me eyes to see the lost around me. Give me boldness to speak, compassion to care, and faith to step out. Use me to bring light into dark places and truth to those who are searching. Thank You for being with me always. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### Challenge:

Look for one person to encourage, share the Gospel with, or pray for. Step out in faith—you never know how God might use your obedience

## Taste and See Miriam's Millionaire Cake

1 can crushed pineapple	1 box yellow cake mix, dry
1 can cherry pie filling	1 c. coconut
1 c. nuts, chopped	1½ sticks butter

Put in 9 x 13 baking dish in this order: pineapple, cherry pie filling, dry cake mix, coconut and nuts. Slice butter on top of cake. Bake for about 40 minutes (until bubbly and brown). Refrigerate; serve with whipped cream or ice cream.

– Miriam Inlow

## BIBLE TRIVIA ANSWER

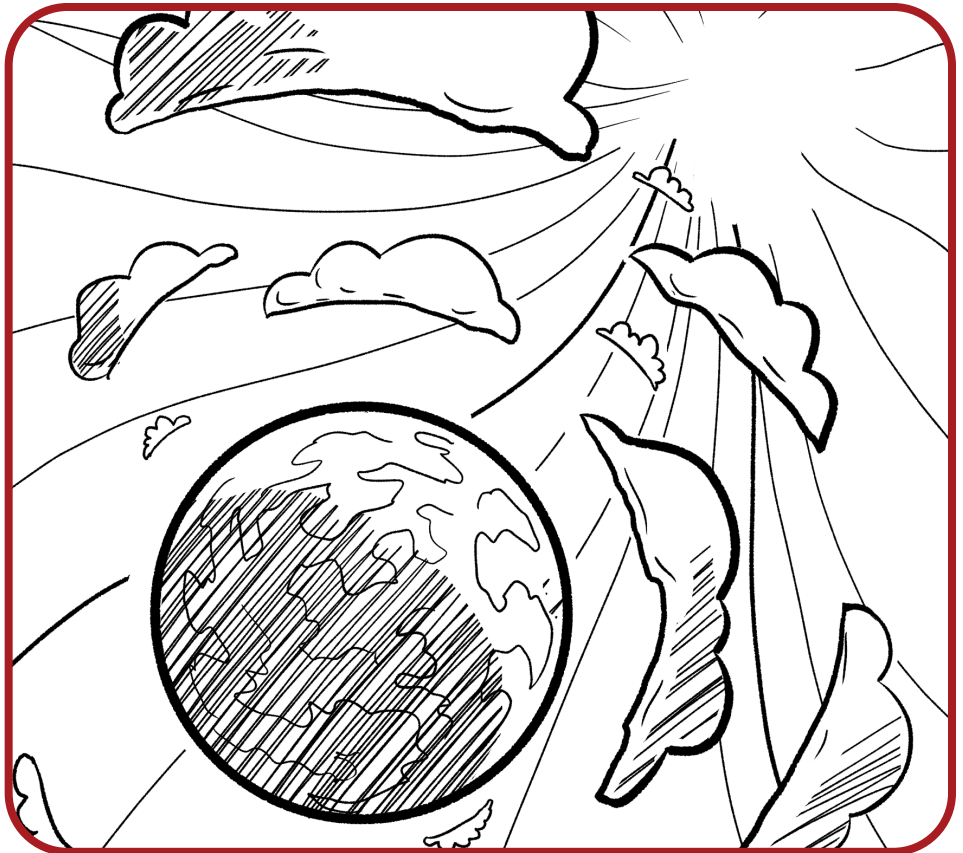
### Psalms 119

# KINGDOM KIDS DEVOTIONAL

*Read and memorize Genesis 1:1*

## YOUR VIEW OF THE WORD

Have you ever tried on a pair of glasses that did not belong to you? Things look very different, don't they? Like looking through different glasses, every person looks at the world in a certain way. We call this a worldview. The way we see our world affects how we live and the choices we make. So what you believe is very important. Some people think the world happened for no reason—it just appeared out of nowhere in one big poof! Others are not sure how it came to be, and don't really know why they are here. The very first verse in the Bible gives us the correct glasses that fit perfectly, and through which everything looks crystal clear.



### When?

"In the beginning.." This takes us back to the very beginning—before anything was, the beginning of time! Close your eyes and be as quiet as you can for ten seconds. That's what it was like in the beginning. It was dark and empty.

### Who?

Look at the next word in this verse: "In the beginning, God..." It was dark and empty, and God was there. He was in the beginning before time even began! Have you ever wondered where He came from, or how He got there? Even though it's hard to understand, the Bible tells us He was just always there. In the beginning, there was God.

### What?

In the beginning, what did God do? He created the sky and the earth. Wow! So out of darkness and emptiness, He made the whole world! What a wise, creative, amazing God we have.

**PRAY TO JESUS:** Dear Jesus, thank You for creating the world we live in. You are so great and You are so amazing. My favorite part of Your creation is \_\_\_\_\_

Amen.

*Now that you understand this verse, you have a worldview! You know how we got here. And when you see a beautiful sunset, you know who painted it. As you begin memorizing your first verse this week, you are putting God's Word in your heart and mind. His Word—the Bible—is there for you, and it will never go away.*