

# HILLTOP HERALD

Mission Hill Baptist Church

October 1, 2025

## *Academy Students Share Joy Through Song at Local Nursing Home*



In a heartwarming display of compassion and community spirit, students from our academy recently took a break from their usual classroom routine to bring smiles and encouragement to the residents of our local nursing home.

A group of enthusiastic children made the short trip with their teachers to spend time singing for the elderly residents. Their voices filled the

halls with uplifting hymns and cheerful melodies, creating a joyful atmosphere that touched everyone present.

This special outing not only allowed the children to practice kindness and outreach, but it also reminded all involved of the power of simple acts of love. As a church family, we are proud of our academy students for being the hands and feet of Jesus in our community.



## **WHAT'S HAPPENING?**

Missouri Regional  
Jr. Convention  
*October 2nd-3rd*

Fellowship Breakfast  
*October 5th*

Adults Night Out  
*October 10th*

Taste of Palmyra  
*October 20th*

Chilli Cookoff  
*October 31st*

## *Birthdays*

Jake – 10/4  
Rick – 10/6  
Elijah – 10/15  
Betty – 10/22  
Shuan – 10/26  
Deannie – 10/31  
Mattias – 10/31

## **BIBLE TRIVIA**

*Which apostle is  
known for doubting the  
resurrection of Jesus  
until he saw Him?*

*Answer can be found on page 3*

## *Anniversaries*

Jeremy & Jen – 10/11  
Dan & Deannie – 10/20  
David & Cindy – 10/24

# *Parsonage Renovations Underway*

We are excited to share that renovations on the Mission Hill Baptist Church parsonage are well underway—and the transformation is nothing short of a blessing from above! A while back, it became clear that the parsonage was in need of some long-overdue updates. From the siding and flooring to kitchen repairs and structural wear, the house required attention, love, and a few skilled hands. Enter Campers on a Mission, a group of Christ-centered, mission-minded volunteers from across the state of Missouri who generously give their time, labor, and hearts to churches and ministries in need. Last month, they brought their tools, their



RVs, and most importantly, their servant spirits, to assist us in this exciting project.

While Campers on a Mission have taken the lead, they haven't worked alone. Many members of our own congregation have come alongside them—providing meals, helping with cleanup, and even jumping in with a paintbrush or broom. It's been a beautiful example of the body of Christ working together, each doing their part for a greater purpose.

A well-maintained parsonage is more than just a building—it's a home. It's a place of rest and

refuge for those who serve our church full-time. By investing in this renovation, we are not just upgrading a house—we're sowing into the future of ministry here at Mission Hill Baptist Church. We are incredibly thankful to Campers on a Mission for their willingness to bless us with their time and talent. Their work has left a lasting impact—not just on the building, but on our hearts as well. Please continue to pray for the safety and strength of all involved, and stay tuned for updates as we move toward the completion of this project.



“And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men.”

– Colossians 3:23 (KJV)

## 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 Shadrick-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  
Dave 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

### 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)

## Trusting God in Times of Trial

*"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."*  
— Proverbs 3:5-6 (KJV)

The book of Proverbs speaks to the heart of every believer, reminding us to trust in the Lord fully and without reservation. In a world filled with uncertainty, where every turn seems to bring challenges and difficulties, we are often tempted to rely on our own understanding, to lean on our own wisdom and resources. Yet the Word of God calls us to a higher standard—one of complete dependence upon Him.

When we face trials, whether in our personal lives, our work, or our relationships, it is easy to become overwhelmed by the weight of our own thoughts and feelings. We may seek solutions within ourselves or turn to others for guidance, but the Bible encourages us to first turn to the Lord. In trusting Him, we submit our understanding to His greater wisdom, and we acknowledge that His ways are higher than ours (Isaiah 55:9).

To "trust with all thine heart" is not a passive action but a deliberate choice to believe in God's sovereignty, even when our circumstances seem bleak. It means surrendering our need to control every outcome and placing our confidence in the One who is faithful, who has proven Himself trustworthy throughout the ages.

The promise that follows this instruction is profound: "He shall direct thy paths." When we choose to trust God and acknowledge Him in every area of our lives, we can rest in the assurance that He will guide us. We need not worry about the next step, for He will lead us on the right path, even when the road ahead seems unclear. God's direction may not always be immediate or in the way we expect, but He is faithful to guide us in His perfect timing.

Today, ask yourself: What areas of my life am I holding back from trusting God completely? Is there something I am trying to control rather than surrender to His will? Whether it is a decision about a career, a relationship, or a personal struggle, take a moment to lay it before the Lord. Acknowledge that He is sovereign over all things, and choose to trust Him to direct your path.

### Prayer

Heavenly Father, I come before Thee with a heart of faith, trusting in Thy promises and Thy goodness. Forgive me for the times I have leaned on my own understanding instead of fully trusting in Thy will. Help me to acknowledge Thee in all my ways and to rely on Thy wisdom, not my own. Direct my paths, Lord, and give me the peace that comes from knowing Thou art in control. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## O Taste and See Sarah's Baked Potato Soup

15 potatoes (peeled & cubed)  
1lg. onion (diced)  
1 (16oz) tub of sour cream  
1/2 c. powdered milk  
1 lb. bacon, cooked crisp & crumbled  
1 can cream of chicken soup  
1 (12oz) pkg grated cheese  
salt & pepper to taste

Place potatoes in water just to cover. Boil until potatoes are almost soft. Leave the water, don't drain. Add crumbled bacon and onions; salt & pepper. In separate bowl, combine sour cream and cream of chicken soup, and powdered milk. Blend well until all lumps are gone. Pour over Potato mixture and heat slowly over medium heat. Add more salt and pepper if necessary. Serve with grated cheese and green onion sprinkled over the top.

— Sarah Edmunds

## BIBLE TRIVIA ANSWER

Thomas

# KINGDOM KIDS DEVOTIONAL

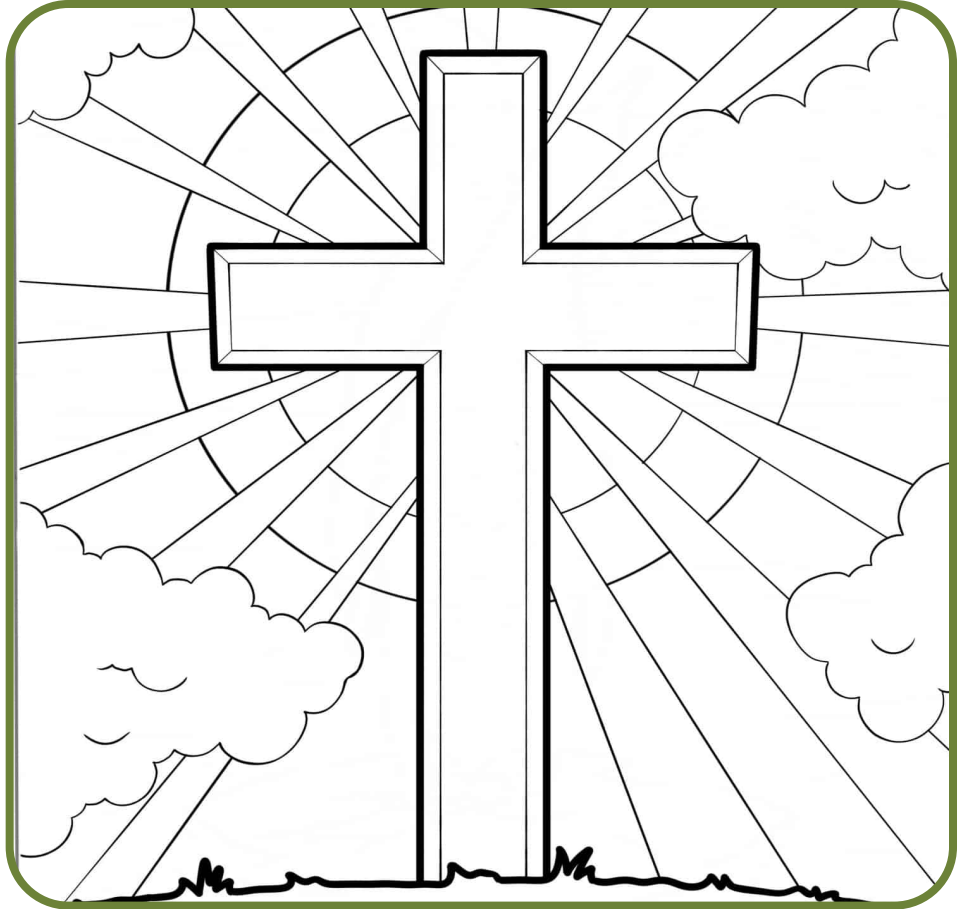
*Read and memorize John 3:16*

## WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

This month's verse is the most famous verse in the Bible. It is sometimes called the gospel, or the good news. God gave His only Son, Jesus, so that those of us who believe in Him could live forever with Him one day in heaven. Now that is good news!

### Why?

The first part of the verse tells us exactly why God gave His Son. "For God so loved the world..." How did it because He loves us! Do you know the best part about His love? It never ends. No matter what you do or where you go, God will never stop loving you. God loves the world so much.



### What?

The second phrase in this verse tells us what God did. "He gave his only begotten Son." That means that God has one Son, and He let Him die on a cross—for you and for me, to save us from our sins. You would have to love someone a whole lot to give up your own son, right? And Jesus, God's Son, chose to follow and obey His Father and died on a cross.

### Who?

The next part of the verse says, "that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." That means that if you believe in God, and if you believe that Jesus died for you, God has promised you life forever in heaven! God loves you so much that He gave His only Son, and if you believe in Him, you will never be lost and you will have eternal life! And that is the gospel.

Dear God, thank you for loving me. Thank you for giving Your only Son for me and for your promise of heaven. I believe in You!

Amen.

*God's Word is for me and to me, it is in me and working through me, and just like His love, it goes on and on forever!*