



The Beacon



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Mission Statement: "Our mission is to love God, love people, and make disciples of Jesus Christ."

Sunday Morning Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.

To watch a video of the latest Sunday morning worship service, go to www.facebook.com/thehillbaptistchurch/ or www.thehillbaptist.com and click on "Online Service" which is located on the top right of the page. The service will be posted each Sunday.

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

We have classes for all ages! There is one class for children (2nd Floor), one for the youth (3rd Floor) and two for adults. The Sunshine Class will meet in the Social Hall. The Jones Class will meet in Room 206. Truellen will post a video that will be played for the children during Sunday School and made available online.

Wednesday Night Bible Study and Prayer at 6:30 p.m.

Adults will meet in the Social Hall. Youth will meet in the youth room on the 3rd floor of the Sanctuary Building. Children will meet on the 2nd floor in the Children's area.



Thursday, January 7 at 6:30 p.m.
Cook-Noegel WMU Group
Room 206.

Sunday, January 10

11:00 a.m. Deacon Ordination Service

3:00 p.m. Financial Management Board Mtg.

4:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting



Saturday, January 16
10:00 a.m.
at The First Baptist Church
(outside, near the
baseball field)



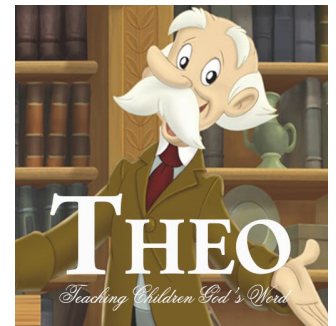
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY, JANUARY 4



New Children's Ministry Program

Beginning Wednesday, January 13th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. we will be offering

something new for your children! They will gather on the second floor in the children's ministry area. They will learn about God in fun and engaging ways. We will be using the Theo cartoon series which is very engaging. We will



also be incorporating Scripture memory into our times together. We will be using iPads to access a wonderful app that uses a game format to help the children memorize Bible verses. The kids will love it! I hope you will bring your children and invite your friends to bring their children as well! You are welcome to



drop your children off or stay for the adult Bible study that will meet in the Social Hall. If you have any questions please talk with Pastor Ron.



Dear Church Family,

I don't think any of us were sad to see 2020 come to a close. The year wasn't all bad but it was one of those years that you would not want to repeat. I know many of you are hoping that 2021 will be a better year. Although I can't predict the future, I do believe this new year is full of promise because I know that God is at work. As we move into the new year, I want to share with you four parts of our vision for what we are trusting God to do in and through The Hill Baptist Church in 2021.

Our vision is that by the end of 2021, we want to be a church that is experiencing revitalization through:

- **the measurable personal growth of our members,**
- **numerical growth in our worship services,**
- **the creation of an effective online presence, and**
- **the updating of the Sanctuary and Social Hall.**

First, we want to see measurable personal growth of our members. We know there are many areas that are difficult to measure but we've chosen a handful that can be measured. We know that spiritual growth involves prayer, Bible intake, serving in the Church, giving, and missions.

As we begin 2021, I want to help you grow in these areas in the following ways:

- **Prayer** - Develop a regular pattern of prayer.
- **Bible Intake** - Read the Bible more this year than you did last year.
- **Serving in the Church** - Discover your gift(s) and begin serving in the Church.
- **Giving** - Increase your financial giving to the mission of The Hill Baptist Church.
- **Missions** - Serve our City & World through words (sharing the gospel) & works (tangible expressions of love).

We will be providing opportunities throughout the year to help you grow in these areas.

Here are two specific Next Steps for the month of January.

- **Bible Intake** - Participate in the Proverbs Challenge - Each day during the month of January read a Proverb. January has 31 days and there are 31 Proverbs.
- **Missions** - During the month of January bring in canned food and nonperishable food items for our Little Free Pantry.

Second, we want to see numerical growth in our worship services. We are currently averaging around **55 people** in our Sunday morning worship service. By the end of 2021 we want to be averaging **100 people**. In order to see that happen we will need to be praying and working together to reach out to our community.

Third, we want to see the creation of an effective online presence. We are in the process of installing a new camera and equipment that will enable us to livestream our services. We have a few others ideas as well. One thing you can do throughout the year that will help us reach more people online is share our content. **Share our posts and our videos** on your Facebook page and on your Instagram account.

Fourth, we want to update the Sanctuary and the Social Hall. We were already working on this before the pandemic. But we had to hit the pause button while we adjusted to the new normal. However, in 2021 we want to move forward with these updates. Our Property Renewal Committee will develop a proposal for the updates that we need to make in order to make these spaces as effective as possible.

These are the four major parts of our vision for 2021. I believe that the only way we can accomplish this revitalization is by the power of God. It will require all of us to trust God and take steps of faith. Every one of you has a role to play in this work of seeing this vision become a reality. I'm asking you to commit yourselves to this work as we move into the new year. If God is for us then who can be against us? Let us move forward in faith and trust God to do great things!

In Christ,

Pastor Ron Jones





Where to start a New Year?

Yesterday seems like we just began our new millennium, remember Y2K? Then it seems like a short while since our music ministry began together here at The Hill Baptist Church, September 2016! Our musical and spiritual journey becomes new beginnings on the different levels of our lives. We must stop and remember that each year and even each new day is a new beginning in our journey with Christ. The question that we have to ask ourselves many times is, how to start our "New Year?"

John 1:1-3 sums up the answer we should review. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He (Jesus Christ) was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made".

Jesus Christ came to earth and our lives to give us our road map/instruction manual for eternal life! We have just celebrated Jesus' entrance into our world in the town of Bethlehem; in a manger; to parents named Joseph and Mary. Jesus' life began what we know as the gospel, good news to all persons! All we need to begin anew is faith and belief in the message of this gospel of Jesus Christ.

Salvation is the beginning and then comes discipleship. What does that encompass? Reading and knowing God's words from the Bible plus corporate and private worship. Worship is simply praising and glorifying God for the gifts we receive continually.

Our music ministry at The Hill Baptist church along with our worship services have gone through a metamorphosis the last nine months and will continue to evolve into what God provides. While we socially distance and are cautious about our personal hygiene practices, worship is still occurring! We have some new beginnings with a gifted pianist, Anita Barnes. When Jan Sutton retired, we all were anxious about who might make our piano resound with songs we all know and songs we might want to learn. God has provided us a new beginning with Anita!

Our choir ministry has been curtailed by members who have underlying health issues that make it impractical to come each week and sing in a group. God has given us a new beginning with a new repertoire of praise and worship songs. Our leadership for those choices have brought Bryan Waller and Travis Shaw to lend guitar accompaniment that compliments our piano and singing. During Advent, we have been blessed with other instrumentalists that have made our worship richer and fuller in quality of sound. Angela Shaw (Travis's wife) violinist; Dr. Robert Foster, flute and saxophone along with Travis playing his stand up bass. These new beginnings of music expression for worship have been a wonderful and tremendous blessing to our worship music and service.

My thoughts for 2021 are that we continue to pay heed to God's word, as stated in John 1: 1-3. What might that look and sound like? New and familiar hymns and spiritual songs that have strong theological text (message in words) along with singable and memorable melodies that reflect God's providence and grace for each person in worship. These ingredients will bring our worship to be appealing and worshipful to our in-person congregation and to our new electronic congregation. This new electronic congregation will be our church of this New Year and beyond. We must use God's blessings to share the gospel ministry through music and the spoken word in this new and exciting medium.

Each person that comes in contact with our worship at The Hill Baptist Church is a piece and part of our 2021 beginning. Let us resolve to read God's word each day; pray for God's leadership and discernment in our lives and then bring that enthusiasm to worship each week as we sing and hear God's word through the text and melodies of music.

A Happy and Blessed New Year!

Floyd Montgomery
Director of Music Ministry



If you have not yet created an account in the new church software, you will be receiving another email with a link, inviting you to create one. This will allow you to chat with members within different groups that you have joined, access a directory for members *who have opted in*, give online, access your contribution history and more. If your email has not been provided to the church office, please send an email to office@thehillbaptist.com.

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January 3
Roy Jones

January 10
Ed Stalnaker

January 17
Clay Bagby

January 24
Charles Kee

January 31
Richard Terzia

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The church appreciates these donations:

Memory

Thomas Gordon Bohler

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In Christian Sympathy to the family of:
Thomas Gordon Bohler

Fellowship Club

Canceled until further notice.

Prayer List

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| Richard Arnold | Carolyn Atkins | Edwin Blanchard |
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