

## The Beacon



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



September 5 at 5:30 p.m. Please bring a covered dish to share in the Social Hall.

Mission Georgia Offering Goal: \$1000





Please sign the chart in the Social Hall to pray for students/schools as they begin the new school year.



The Scholarship Committee will accept applications for financial assistance with post-secondary education from The Sharon T. Noegel Scholarship Fund between August 11 and September 11, 2019. Application forms may be picked up in the church office and turned in to Harold Baker or the office.

### Lhurch & **B**vlaws

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

Constitution At Church Conference on Wednesday, Sept. 11th, we will be discussing a motion to change the constitution and bylaws for church conference. We will vote on the motion below on Sunday, Sept. 15th:

The motion is to move Church conference from each month to each odd month for a total of six scheduled conferences per year.

The following is the Article in the Constitution and Bylaws with the change added in bold type.

Article X

Meetings

Section 1. The regular meeting of the Church for business shall be held on the Wednesday night following the second Sunday of each **odd** month.



#### Dear Church Family,

The Joneses are in full swing with all our kids in school! Can you remember walking into your new classroom for the first time? For some of you, you were full of excitement. For others of you, you were full of anxiety. Whether you were excited or anxious, if you saw a friend in that class it made the experience better. On Sunday mornings, some people walk into our church building for the first time. Some may be excited and others may be anxious. But what will make their experience better is if they encounter a friendly face. What will make their experience even better than that is to get know some of the people that are members of our church family. The two best ways for you to get to know those who worship at The Hill are to join a Community Group and join a Sunday School Class.

The purpose of a Community Group is to help you get to know people and to help people get to know you. The Community Groups will meet on the 4th Sunday of the month and will gather for a meal or some activity. The main purpose is to get together and build relationships. Throughout the month of August you have had the opportunity to sign up to be in a Community Group. It's not too late to sign up but I would encourage to do it in the next week or so. You can fill out a Community Group Card or you can sign up on our website. We will be publishing the Community Group list soon. Then the groups will begin to plan their first gathering for Sunday, September 22nd. This is a great opportunity for you to meet new people as well as invite others to meet those who worship at The Hill.

If you haven't joined a Sunday School Class then I want to encourage you to join one this Sunday. I'm starting a new study beginning on Sunday, September 8th. We will be going through a study called *The Reason for God*. It's a six week video based study that will address six questions

people tend to ask about Christianity. The six questions are:

- 1. Isn't the Bible a Myth?
- 2. How Can You Say There Is Only One Way to God?
- 3. What Gives You the Right to Tell Me How to Live My Life?
- 4. Why Does God Allow Suffering?
- 5. Why Is the Church Responsible for So Much Injustice?
- 6. How Can God Be Full of Love and Wrath at the Same Time?

I'm looking forward to diving into this study with you all! If you're not in a Sunday School class or if this topic interests you then join us on Sunday, September 8th at 9:45am in Room 216.

I want to challenge you to participate in these two ways of connecting to those who worship here at The Hill!

In Christ,

Paster Ron Jones





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September 8

5:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Please bring a covered dish. Theme: Soup & Sandwich

#### **Gifting....Where are we?**

"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all persons" I Corinthians 12: 4-6. Please think with me a few minutes on this scripture verse as it applies to The Hill Baptist Church and our music ministry.

There are some of our congregation who are naturally gifted with musical talents and enjoy using them for God's glory. There are others who really enjoy singing in the congregation and listening to our choir of talented folks. We all have musical gifts that are demonstrated in many ways which are all necessary for worship. Even our children learn hymns and scriptural songs during Sunday School and Children's Church.

We have three talented young ladies from Augusta University who bless us through their time, talent and commitment. If you haven't met these ladies, let me encourage you to speak to them and get to know them as they sing with our choir and fellowship with us on Wednesday night suppers and Sunday morning worship. These ladies are pursuing degrees in the health science/medical fields which takes more than average gifts of time and talent. We are blessed by their gifts.

There are those in our congregation who have committed to fund these students and share their monetary gifts to bolster our musical worship each and every week. Your gifts can be used in this endeavor as well. Our Musical Worship fund allows anyone to contribute up and above their regular tithes and offerings. All monies are used for our student singers and other guest musicians we have from time to time in worship. Think of your monetary gifts as a huge "thank you" to each person who shares their musical talent with The Hill Baptist Church.

God has given you and I the past three years of music ministry and Christian fellowship. Seems like yesterday that I received a phone call from Fred Gunter inquiring as to my availability to come and speak with the music committee. Being familiar with Hill Baptist through my directing here briefly back in the late 1970's and having worked with Connie Blanchard and Jan Sutton, I quickly felt God's call to explore His leading. What a joy to have worked alongside the choir, the pastor, and each member of the congregation for the past three years. As we begin this fourth year, let's resolve and commit to seeking God's leadership and guidance for our music ministry's part in our church and its worship!

The question has been asked several times, "how can the choir grow?" My answer is this. God will provide. Several additional members of the congregation have joined the choir in the past three years. As a matter of fact, exactly three! Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Our congregation must grow so all our ministry efforts will flourish. So, I reference you back to the opening scripture passage. We must all use our gifts through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Read your Bible, pray, and tell others what a loving group of gifted believers we are! God will bless our efforts each and every day!

In Christ's service, Floyd Montgomery Director of Music Ministry



Fall Homecoming 2019 October 23 - October 25



Attention: Senior Adults

If you are interested in going to homecoming, please provide your name before it's too late! Please contact me to make your reservations as soon as possible!

Rev. Fred Gunter, Minister of Senior Adults

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#### On Call

#### Minister on Call

Rev. Ron Jones 706-945-7619

If you cannot reach the minister on call, please call the deacon of the week.

#### **Deacons on Call**

September 1

Steve Mullins

September 8

**Todd Matthews** 

September 15

Ed Stalnaker

September 22

Adam Diehl

September 29

Roy Jones

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Director of Children's Ministry:

Director of Music: Floyd Montgomery Administrative Assistant: Jocelyn Owens

Pianist: Jan Sutton

Associate Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Fred Gunter

#### Memorial & Honorarium Gifts

The church appreciates these donations:

#### Memory

Frances B. Ellis

That have been received since the previous issue of the Beacon. The names of donors have been provided to the family contact for the deceased person or to the honoree.

# Fellowship Club

To the family of Frances B. Ellis

#### September 17 - 11 a.m.

#### Program:

Bill Kirby, The Augusta Chronicle

#### Menu:

Spaghetti w/ Meat Balls Macaroni & Cheese Tossed Salad, Rolls Dessert Tea, Coffee, Lemonade

#### **Prayer List**

Harold Baker	Edwin Blanchard	Matthew Bruner
Jaydean Cook	Donald & Sarah Dickert	DJ Chandler
Elizabeth Doggette	Nita Gibson	John Harris
Ruth Harris	Emily Herrin	Emma Jones
Carter Loftis	Davis & Ruth Lewis	Tootsie Martin
Bengovan McNeace	Jimmy Mills	Margaret Rice
Jackie Robinson	Helen Story	Patricia Henderson
Ricky Thompson	Cynthia Usry	Carolyn Atkins

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