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Love God and Serve Him Faithfully

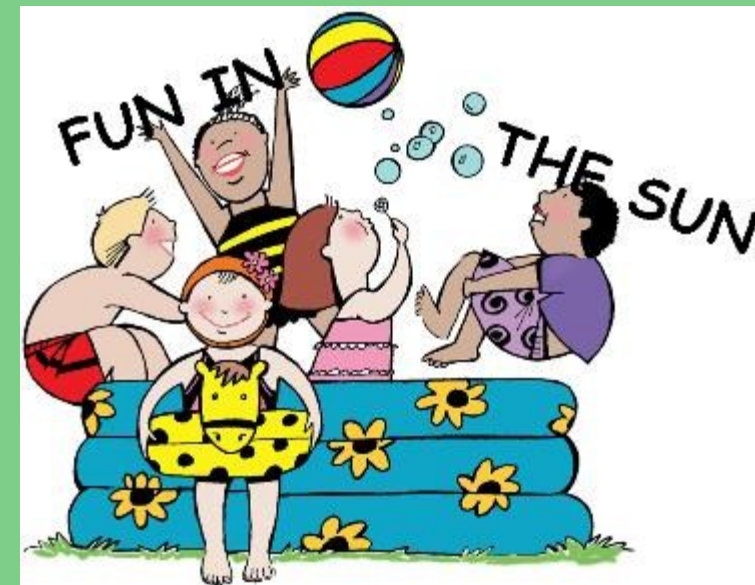
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VBS - 1st - 5th Grade

August 3rd
Water Games
at the Church



August 10th
Swimming at
the City Pool

From the Mess on the Desk of Van



The Dog Days of Summer are definitely the HOT days of summer! We also do things together during these days like growing tomatoes. No one has tomatoes from B'ville to Tulsa to Vinita. Except those guys who grow them on the back of the pickup and that one other guy—Bruce. (All of us say, "Yea" for Bruce—now tell us your secret!) My Sunday morning series entitled "Unleashed" has been a lot of fun for me. 3 More sermons I will preach this month to wrap it up. You talk about HOT! That season when the church sprang to life on the Day of Pentecost 2000 years ago was beyond warm. Hot is a more appropriate word. Our ancestors— the first to say Jesus is Lord and were then baptized in Jesus' Name; they rocked Jerusalem! It wasn't just 12 guru apostles that sat cross legged in the temple. It was thousands who claimed the name of Jesus as their resurrected Savior and boldly and unashamedly spoke about Jesus to everyone they came in contact with. Revival broke out faster than the religious elite could contain and the heat was on. Flogging couldn't shut them up (Acts 5:40). Next the Sanhedrin turned to persecution, jailing, and good old fashioned stoning (Acts 8:1-3 ; 7:59). The Jesus (Freak) Disciples were on fire— The heat of Persecution was applied, and the back of Christianity was broken. Salvation plan died. Hope was lost. Satan raised his hands in triumph. THINK AGAIN. We lost Ananias and Sapphire and Stephen but the hope and forgiveness and oneness people now have with God wasn't to be denied. When you taste true Thirst Quenching Life With God. No one wants to give it up. No one wants to go back to the Hot dog of Judaism or materialism when the Rib eye steak of Life in Christ is now theirs. So bring on the heat. The group Servant sang about a robber who said, "Give me your money or your life". The Christian replies, "You can have my money, but my life belongs to the Lord and I'm going to live forever".

Will this be my prayer and yours, "Unleash Me Lord— Unleash Your Spirit."?
May we be true disciples of Jesus— like our 1st Century Brethren. Amen! —Van



August 11th

BACK TO SCHOOL!



August 11th



August 17th



August 16th

MISSION MOMENTS

Dear friends at Hillside,

We are so thankful to be a part of a congregation that loves the Lord and supports His work around the world. We want to make you are aware of a couple opportunities coming up to help support God's work.

On August 28, 2011, Jeff Snell from Ozark Christian College will be coming to give the congregation an update on the "One Leader at a Time" campaign. A couple of years ago Rusty Hedger came and told about this special campaign to increase the funds for scholarships and to provide a technology upgrade to the campus. At the time Hillside took up a generous offering for this campaign and committed to doing one offering a year during the three-year campaign. This particular Sunday will give us an opportunity to take up another generous offering for this very special need.

September 11, 2011, marks the tenth anniversary of the terrorists' attack on New York City and Washington D.C. The Orchard Group, one of the missions that Hillside supports, is a church planting group located in New York City. They are asking their supporters to take up a special offering on 9/11 to be given to help them in their continuing effort to evangelize the east coast, as well as other parts of the U.S. It is interesting to note that in the ten years since the attacks, 12 churches have been started in the New York City area, 24 churches in the northeast U.S., and over 2,000 baptisms have occurred. God is using this tragedy to increase His kingdom. The board had approved taking up an offering for The Orchard Group on September 9, 2011, as well.

Since these two special offerings are close together, we want to let you know now so that you can prepare spiritually and financially to take part in these opportunities to give to others as God has given to you.

Thank you for your generosity and your love for the Lord. May God continue to bless you as you serve Him.

In Christ,
The Missions Committee



From the Desk
of
Larry Osborn

This summer has been a good time for our Fun in the Sun. I am very thankful for all the people involved each week. Many of our students have expressed how much they have enjoyed each experience and the opportunity to be a part of Fun in the Sun.



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Camp is also a highlight for many students. We have had approximately 30 students from Hillside attend camp. I was glad to have the honor to be the Dean of Junior High 2 Camp. I had a great staff and some awesome campers as well. As we get ready for school to start in a few weeks, I am excited about the momentum that has been building over the summer. I hope that you have been praying for our students as they experience God and that they will have a solid foundation

Coed Church League Softball 2011 Schedule	
Aug 2 - 6:30	Field 2
Hillside vs. First Church of God	
Aug 2 - 8:30	Field 1
Hillside vs. Faith One	
Aug 9 - 7:30	Field 1
Living Word vs. Hillside	
Aug 9 - 8:30	Field 1
Trinity Full Gospel vs. Hillside	
Aug 16-7:30	Field 1
First Church of God vs. Hillside	
Aug 16-8:30	Field 2
Hillside vs. Cornerstone	



All the ladies of the church are invited to attend a Display Bridal Shower on Sunday, August 14 from 1:30-3:00 pm honoring Miss Johnna Pierce. Johnna is the daughter of Jenifer and John Pierce and bride-elect of Jay Warden. She is registered at Kohl's and Wal-mart.

Thanks.
Judi K.



Notes of Thanks

Dear Hillside Christian Church Family,
The Allen family would like to thank you for all of your thoughts and prayers during our difficult time.

We also would like to thank you for the beautiful ficus plant you sent in memory of our mother. Brenda will enjoy it as she heals.

You all made us feel so very welcome and comfortable. God's Blessing,
Cindy Allen Reimus & Family

Dear Hillside Family,
Thank you so much for the flowers and prayers while I was in the hospital. I don't know what I would do without my church family. Thank you.

Love,
Virginia Stipe

Words cannot express all that is in my heart and my family's hearts for Hillside Christian and all the prayers you have offered for our daughter Carmen.

Please pray for my husband Joe Michael also on this Father's Day. His heart is so heavy not being able to be with Carmen as she fights this cancer.

Thank you from the Crisp Family

Van, Larry and Crew,

Just to say how much I appreciated the Patriotic theme for Sunday services. Maybe we don't show our patriotism as much as we should.

Praise God,
Nancalene

Dear Hillside Family,

Thank you for the many acts of kindness and concern shown to us during Ralph's recent illness. All the prayers, calls, cards and visits were deeply appreciated.

A special thank you to Van, Jr., and Charlie. What a privilege to be a part of this loving family.

Love and God Bless you,
Eula

Dear Hillside family,

Thank you so much for all the phone calls, cards, thoughts and prayers. I want to especially thank Nancy & Heather for stepping in and helping out during my recovery.

Thank you so much!
Laurinda