

The Hill Country Connection

May 2025

Hill Country Christian Church

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John Killinger's book, Lost in Wonder, Love, and Praise includes the following affirmation:

believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God,
who was born of the promise to a virgin named Mary.

I believe in the love Mary gave her Son
that caused her to follow him in his ministry
and stand by his cross as he died.

I believe in the love of all mothers,
and its importance in the lives of the children they bear.

It is stronger than steel, softer than down,
and more resilient than a green sapling on the hillside.

It closes wounds, melts disappointments,
and enables the weakest child to stand tall
and straight in the fields of adversity.

I believe that this love, even at its best,
is only a shadow of the love of God,
a dark reflection of all that we can expect of Him,
both in this life and the next.

And I believe that one of the most beautiful sights
in the world is a mother who lets this greater love
flow through her to her child,
blessing the world with the tenderness of her touch
and the tears of her joy.



Don't forget to honor your mothers and wives on May 11th! One way to do that would be to come to church with them to worship God together. God has blessed our church with some younger families and children/youth. So, for two Sundays in May (the 11th and 18th), I want to preach a couple of messages about "The Blessing of Children" and "Helping Children Grow." This is not just for parents, but for all of us as we strive to invest our lives in the next generation.

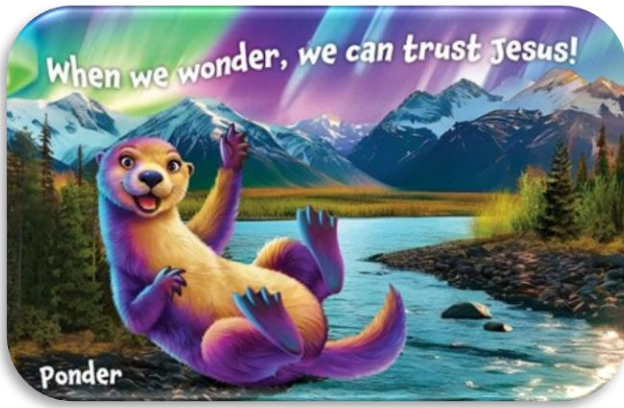
And one wonderful way to do that is by participating in this year's Vacation Bible School—"True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World." It all happens June 1st through June 4th (Sunday through Wednesday) in the evenings from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We have 18 volunteers so far, but we can always use more. If you can help out, please call the church office or write the words "VBS" on the back of your Connection Cards on Sunday and drop it in the offering plate. Betsy Morgan is doing a fantastic job leading us. We had an initial, short planning meeting on May 4th. Our longer planning periods will be on May 18th and May 25th after worship services. Keep your eyes and ears open for more information, and thanks for being a part of blessing the children in our church family and our community.

Blessings,
Pastor Rick

Mother's Day Prayer

Heavenly Father,
We lift up all mothers today and
thank them for their guidance and love.
We ask You to bless them
with Your own special love, today and always.
Amen.





VBS is Almost Here!!!

June 1st through June 4th

Help is Needed – Volunteer Now!!

**Contact Our VBS Director,
Betsy Morgan at 517-812-9836**



BIRTHDAYS

Colton Martinez – 3
Jenny Sawyer – 3
Ashley Seagroves – 14
Ann Underwood – 18
Paula Reed – 21
Melody Rodriguez – 24
Jesse Davila – 30
David Lopez – 30

ANNIVERSARIES

Jack & Carol Banowsky – 04
Barbara & Roderic McGill – 15
Guy & Donna Heath – 21
David & Sue-Lynn Lopez – 23
Esteban & Jesse Davila – 29



Prayers



Please continue prayers for Don Van Eynde and his wife, Dixie. Don is recovering from a broken leg and surgery and is in rehab, and also prayers for Ernie and Melanie Fishlock as Ernie remains in rehab at The Heights.

We also need prayers for Carla Chipman and her husband, David. Carla had surgery on Monday, was discharged that night, and is recovering at home.

Also prayers are needed for Joan Miller and her husband, Terry. Joan had surgery again last week and she is also at home recovering.

Please remember to keep these special people in your prayers.



Congratulations to Wyatt Martinez who is our graduate this year. Wyatt is the son of Jerilyn and Jason Martinez and grandson of Orlando and Tani Martinez.

We wish him all the best for whatever plans he has for his future.

MEMORIAL DAY BLESSINGS



REMEMBER AND HONOR

A VETERAN'S PRAYER

Dear Lord, I've served my country,
My love for her is strong.
I've stood behind "Old Glory" ...
When others thought her wrong.

I've joined in celebration
And raised a toast in cheer.
I've pledged her my allegiance
And sung her anthem dear.

I've wept for fallen comrades
Who proudly fought and died.
The freedoms they defended ...
I cherish deep inside.

I'm proud I'm an American.
For her strength and peace I pray.
There is no greater country ...
God Bless the USA!

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**Lord, we thank you for
all who have served and
sacrificed for freedom.**

JOHN 15:13

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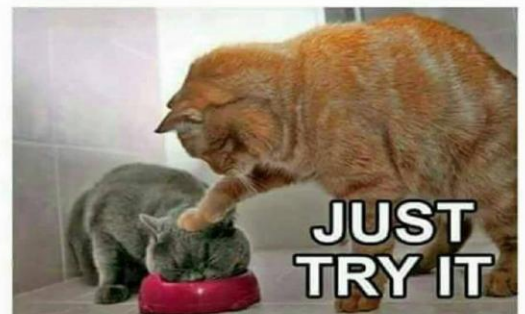
The Department of Home Security

We're pretty sure you have the wrong house,
but hey; come on in and let's talk about it.



"What do you mean I have to babysit!?
I don't know how to babysit! What do I do if it wakes up??"

**WHEN MY KIDS SAY THEY DON'T
LIKE THE DINNER I MADE**



May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
4 9:30 am – Bible Study 10:30 am – Worship Service Hamburger Luncheon & VBS Mtg	5	6	7 1:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Class **No Class Today**	8	9	10 8:30 am – Men's Breakfast
11 9:30 am – Bible Study 10:30 am – Worship Service Mother's Day	12	13	14 1:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Class	15	16 	17 10:00 am – CWF Meeting & Luncheon
18 9:30 am – Bible Study 10:30 am – Worship Service VBS Mtg	19	20 	21 1:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Class	22 7:00 pm – General Board Meeting	23	24
25 9:30 am – Bible Study 10:30 am – Worship Service VBS Meeting	26 Memorial Day Church Office Holiday	27	28 1:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Class	29	30	31

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"My winter fat is gone. Now I have spring rolls"