

# The Hill Country Connection

## May 2024

### Hill Country Christian Church

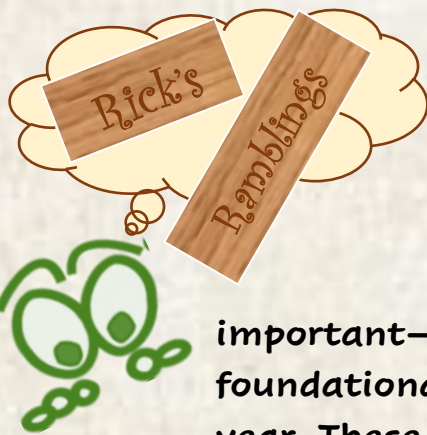
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Do you remember Vacation Bible School as a kid? I do. And I absolutely loved it. Marching in at the beginning. Saying the pledges to the American flag, Christian flag, and the Bible. Hearing exciting Bible stories and making crafts to take home.

These memories are important. These experiences are important—not just for me but for all children. They are the foundational bricks of faith development and built upon year after year. These early impressions are critically important to how a child will feel about God, faith, Jesus, the church, and Christians later in life. It's an important part of our "spiritual upbringing."

Perhaps you had a similar experience and equally remarkable memories. We're not alone. VBS is a shared experience for most Americans. In fact, a 2018 study found that six out of ten Americans attended VBS as a child. (Is there anything these days that nearly two-thirds of the entire American adult population have in common, except maybe drinking water?)

VBS isn't just about fun and games (and crafts and snacks). Its primary purpose is to lead people to experience the life-transforming power of the gospel. When viewed through the lens of the gospel, VBS takes on a renewed purpose. If you can volunteer, I strongly encourage you to find a place to serve in our VBS this summer. It is one hundred percent kingdom work!

And we have an exciting and extremely creative theme and curriculum this year: "Hometown Nazareth: Where Jesus Was a Kid," recreating a marketplace in Nazareth and giving the kids "shekels" each day to spend in different places. It all happens June 2-5 (that's a Sunday through Wednesday) from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. each evening. This is an "All Hands-on Deck" kind of ministry opportunity.

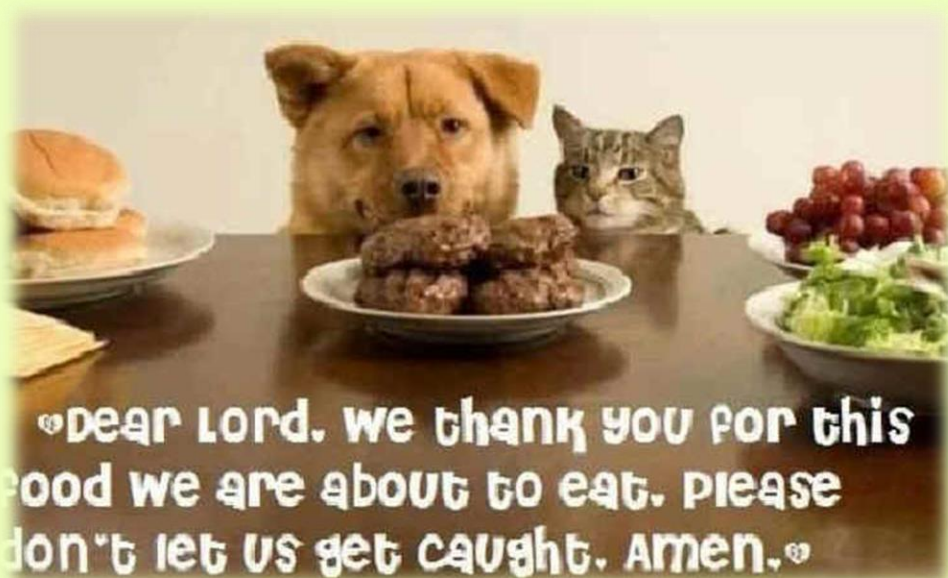
**We need everyone involved. And that is one of the other benefits of Bible School. It deepens friendships and relationships among the adults who participate.**

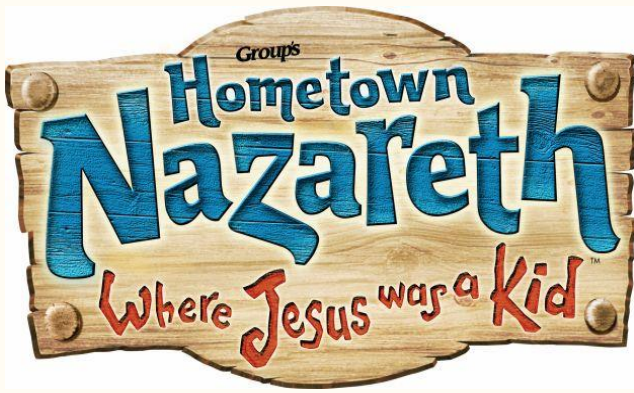
**Kids need to build healthy relationships with Christian adults outside their immediate family. They need to feel loved, valued, listened to, and safe as part of their healthy physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual development. The relationships formed at VBS can be a part of that. And that's a huge thing!**

**VBS is exciting stuff! Volunteer to participate. Send your kids. Invite your neighbors. You don't want to miss out on what God is going to do!**

**It's not too late! Call the church office, put it on your Connection Card when you come to worship on Sundays, or contact Pastor Rick ([rson@hillcountrychristianchurch.com](mailto:rson@hillcountrychristianchurch.com) or 903-521-5156) or Betsy Morgan, our VBS Director for 2024 ([ebmitchb@gmail.com](mailto:ebmitchb@gmail.com) or 517-812-9836) to volunteer for an encounter with God and with children who need to know He loves them. Thanks!**

**Blessings,  
Pastor Rick**





VBS is Almost Here!!!

June 2<sup>nd</sup> through June 5<sup>th</sup>

Help is Needed – Volunteer Now!!

Contact Our VBS Director,

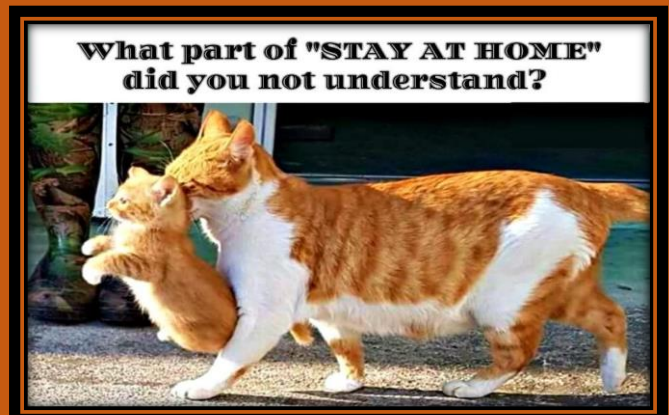
Betsy Morgan at 517-812-9836

### “SMOKIN TIM”



You do not want to miss this! Tim Bates, our resident master meat smoker, will be at it again on June 1<sup>st</sup>, and his results are nothing short of mouth watering. You can bring him whatever cut of meat you want, brisket, pork roasts, chicken, etc., and he will cook it to perfection. He will be at the church on Friday evening, the 31<sup>st</sup>, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. to accept your meat; he'll smoke it on Saturday, the 1<sup>st</sup>, and you can pick it up at church on

Sunday, the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Any donations given for his efforts will go to benefit the Provisions Food Bank. If you haven't done so already, give this a try - you will not be disappointed.



# celebrate!

## BIRTHDAYS

Colton Martinez - 3  
Ashley Seagroves - 14  
Ann Underwood - 18  
Paula Reed - 21  
Melody Rodriguez - 24  
Jesse Davila - 30

## ANNIVERSARIES

Jack & Carol Banowsky - 04  
Barbara & Roderic McGill - 15  
Guy & Donna Heath - 21  
Esteban & Jesse Davila - 29

**Reminder!!**

Remember that  
May 19<sup>th</sup> is  
**Pentecost** -  
please try to  
remember to  
wear **RED**.



# May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 1:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Class	2 	3	4
5 9:30 am – Bible Study 10:30 am – Worship Service Middle School Ministry meets after Worship	6	7	8 1:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Class	9	10	11 8:30 am – Men's Breakfast
12 9:30 am – Bible Study 10:30 am – Worship Service Mother's Day	13	14	15 1:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Class	16	17 	18 10:00 am – CWF Meeting & Luncheon
19 9:30 am – Bible Study 10:30 am – Worship Service Pentecost-Wear Red! Middle School Ministry Meets	20	21 	22 1:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Class	23 7:00 pm – General Board Meeting	24	25
26 9:30 am – Bible Study 10:30 am – Worship Service	27 Memorial Day	28	29 1:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Class	30	31 5:30 – 7:30 pm Bring Meat to Tim to Smoke	

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