

The Hill Country Connection

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Hill Country Christian Church

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When I came to talk to the Pastor Search Committee for Hill Country in February of 2020, little did we know that Covid-19 was going to ravage our nation just a couple of weeks later. We still felt from both sides—both mine and theirs—that God was in this. I had just gone through a particularly painful time in my life, and the church was struggling both financially and maintaining enough people connected to the church to warrant continuing as a church family. In the midst of that time of ambiguity, we both decided to “plunge in” by faith and trust God for the outcome. And He has been “faithful and true”—as He always is. We both needed and helped each other to heal and find hope.

I want you to know, in these past six years, I have never for one second regretted that decision or even had a desire to be anywhere else. But just like God, time is “no respecter of persons.” We all age. Since I was 65 when I came to be your pastor, I told the committee that I would make a commitment to be their pastor for at least five years—age 70—and if I were in reasonably good health, I would remain until age 72. Guess what? I turn 72 this year. Not only that, as I have been praying and reflecting on God’s will for my life and the future of Hill Country, beginning last fall I had an inner impression prompted by the Holy Spirit that my time as pastor at Hill Country was coming to a close.

And so, I am announcing my plans to retire as your pastor. My intention is to be moved to the Central Texas area by the end of June and

for my final Sunday in the pulpit as your pastor to be July 12th. Very soon Jack Banowsky, our Church Moderator of our Church Board, will be sharing with you the next steps for finding and securing the next pastor for Hill Country. The comforting thought is that God already knows who that person is. So, pray for the Pastor Search Committee which will be announced soon as they seek God's will in selecting your next pastor.

Let me reiterate. No one has hurt my feelings. I am not leaving because I am unhappy with anybody or anything. I am getting older, and I want to spend special time with family and friends while I still have reasonably good health. And most importantly, I genuinely believe that this is God's will for both my life and the future of Hill Country Christian Church.

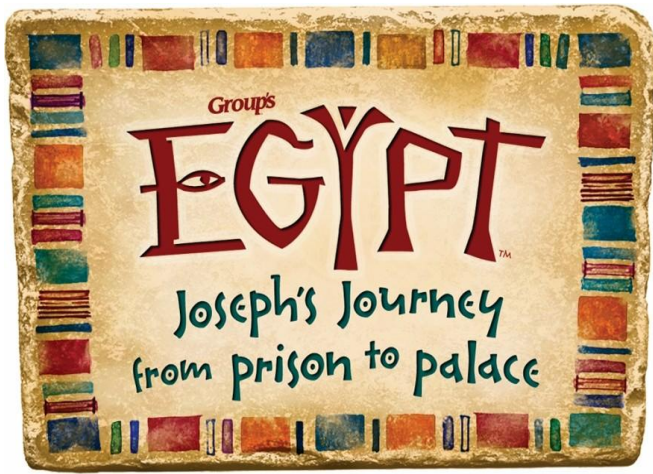
So, know that I love you. I will always cherish the time God has allowed me to be your pastor. And I will be praying for you during this important time of transition to new leadership here at Hill Country. Let's enjoy these final two months together. Grace, peace, and God's richest blessings to all of you.

Love,
Rick



M O T H E R ' S D A Y P R A Y E R

DEAR LORD, WE THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF MOTHERHOOD. TODAY, WE CELEBRATE THE LOVING SACRIFICE OF MOTHERS, BOTH BIOLOGICAL AND SPIRITUAL, WHO NURTURE AND GUIDE US IN YOUR WAYS. BLESS THEM WITH JOY, STRENGTH, AND LOVE TO CONTINUE THEIR SELFLESS DEVOTION. MAY THEY FEEL DEEPLY APPRECIATED AND HONORED NOT JUST TODAY, BUT EVERY DAY. AMEN.



VBS is Coming Soon!

June 7th through June 10th

Help is Needed - Volunteer Now!!

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

BIRTHDAYS

Colton Martinez - 03
Jenny Sawyer - 03
Ashley Seagroves - 14
Ann Underwood - 18
Paula Reed - 21
Melody Rodriguez - 24
Jesse Davila - 30
David Lopez - 30

ANNIVERSARIES

Bill & Roxanna Brockmeier - 02
Jack & Carol Banowsky - 04
Guy & Donna Heath - 21
David & Sue-Lynn Lopez - 23
Esteban & Jesse Davila - 29



This month has 5 Sundays so you know what that means -- our 5th Sunday Potluck and some of the best food ever! This time the church will provide fried chicken and we are asking for everyone to bring an appetizer, salad, side, or dessert to compliment the chicken.



Congratulations to Kendall Martinez and Chance Martinez who are our graduates this year. Kendall is the daughter of Jerilyn and Jason Martinez and Chance, the son of Christina and Chad Martinez and both are grandchildren of Orlando and Tani Martinez.

We wish them all the best for whatever plans they have for their futures.

LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO
SERVE & PROTECT!

Dear Lord bless our soldiers

PROTECTORS of our land.

Servants called to battle
When our Country takes a stand.

Please give them the

STRENGTH & COURAGE

And hearts that will forgive.

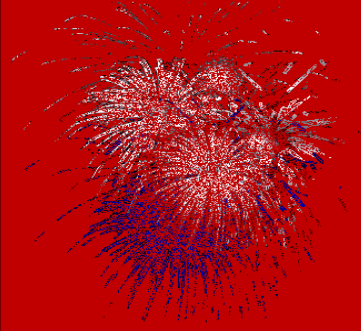
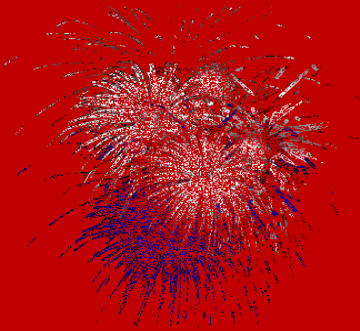
With **PEACE** and understanding
In a world for all to live.

Our Country's **PRAYERS** are with

Them, no matter where they roam.

Please listen when they are lonely

And return them **SAFELY** home.



**K9
PRAYER**

I will lay down my life for you and expect nothing but love in return. I protect all officers with my life, and would gladly take a bullet in their place. I am sent in to find lost children and fugitives on the run. I find drugs and weapons and even bombs. I am the first sent in and often the last to leave. I am the nose and ears of the officers. I protect and serve them. I would die for any and all officers. I only ask for your love and care.

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

JOHN 15:13





SPA DAY



HIM? NO, HE DOESN'T WANT A COOKIE

HE SAYS I CAN HAVE TWO



I taught Luna to sit. She was SO thrilled with the praise she got, that now, every time I turn around this is what I see. My heart!!!



Buys dog \$80 dog bed.

Dog decides to sleep in a laundry basket.



THERE WAS A SPIDER...

RD



SMILE! IT'S SPRING!



WELCOME TO MY HOUSE . RULES

- * I live here, you... don't.
- * If you don't want dog hair on your clothes, stay off the furniture.
- * My parents like me a lot better than most people.
- * To you, I'm just a dog. To my parents, I'm an adopted child who is short, furry, has 4 legs and barks.

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 PODOCOS WILL STEAL YOUR HEART.



May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:30 am – Bible Study 10:30 am – Worship Service	4	5	6 10:30 am – Pastor’s Bible Class **No Class Today**	7	8	9 8:30 am – Men’s Breakfast
10 9:30 am – Bible Study 10:30 am – Worship Service Mother’s Day	11	12	13 10:30 am – Pastor’s Bible Class	14	15 	16 10:00 am – CWF Meeting & Luncheon
17 9:30 am – Bible Study 10:30 am – Worship Service	18	19 	20 10:30 am – Pastor’s Bible Class	21	22	23
24 9:30 am – Bible Study 10:30 am – Worship Service	25 Memorial Day Church Office Holiday	26	27 10:30 am – Pastor’s Bible Class	28 6:00 pm – General Board Meeting	29	30

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POTLUCK

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HOW ARE WE DOING?
 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE:
 MARCH - 57
 OFFERINGS:
 MARCH - \$15,966.00