

The Hill Country Connection

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Hill Country Christian Church

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If you were here for Palm Sunday, then you will remember the sermon I preached about the Philippian jailer in Acts 16 who was about to commit suicide amid a crisis. The Apostle Paul stops him from self-harm, and the jailer asks, "What must I do to be saved?" As I stated then, that is the question everyone is asking, just maybe not using those exact words. I came across this more current take on the same dynamic and wanted to share it with you.

You never know how much some people might need just one small expression of kindness to keep them going. Tim Sanders, leadership coach and former Chief Solutions Officer at Yahoo! urges managers and supervisors to let their subordinates know how much they appreciate them, by showing them love and kindness. He often tells the story of a young manager named Steve, who was challenged by one of Sander's radio interviews.

Steve resolved to visit each of his employees, all six of whom he had not seen face to face in over six months even though they worked in the same building and on the same floor. Steve wanted to tell each of them how much he appreciated them and name one thing they did excellently.

After the visit from Steve, one of his software engineers, Lenny, presented him with an Xbox gaming console. Steve was taken aback, as he knew Lenny had taken pay cuts over the last year. But he was more surprised to learn that the money had come from the sale of a nine-millimeter pistol—a pistol Lenny had bought months earlier with the intention of killing himself. Lenny told him of his mother's death the previous year, and of his ensuing loneliness and depression:

"I started a routine every night after work: eating a bowl of Ramen noodles, listening to Nirvana, and getting the gun out. It took almost a month to get the courage to put the bullets in the gun. It took another couple of months to get used to the feeling of the barrel of the gun on the top of my teeth. For the last few weeks, I was putting ever so slight pressure on the trigger, and I was getting so close, Steve—so close.

"Last week, you freaked me out. You came into my cubicle, put your arm around me, and told me you appreciated me because I turn in all my projects early, and that helps you sleep at night. You also said that I have a great sense of humor over email and that you are glad I came into your life.

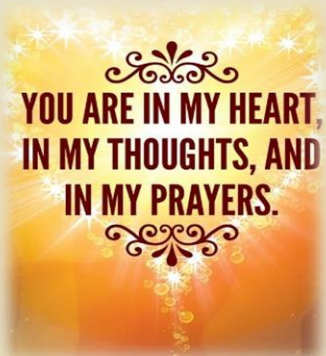
"That night I went home, ate Ramen, and listened to Nirvana—and when I got the gun out, it scared me silly for the first time. All I could think about was what you said—that you were glad I came into your life.

"The next day I went back to the pawnshop and sold the gun. I remembered that you had said you wanted an Xbox more than anything, but with a new baby at home could not afford it. So, for my life, you get this game box. Thanks, boss."

"Sometimes, people just need people," Sanders writes. "They need encouragement. They need kindness. You have no idea how lonely and sad some people might be. Love them everywhere—wherever you find them." You never know what people are facing and how much difference one act of kindness can make.

Blessings,

Pastor Rick

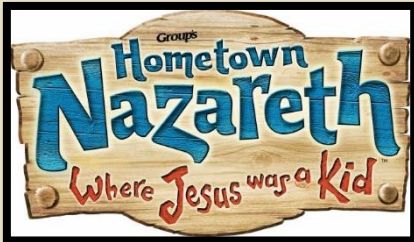


Please continue to pray for Sandy Leininger and Melody Rodriguez as both are recuperating from major surgery and will be in physical therapy for a while. Pray that they continue to heal successfully and regain their strength and health quickly, and please remember their loved ones in your prayers as well.



Family Movie Night

There is a Family Movie Night scheduled for Saturday, April 13th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. The title of the movie is "A Smile as Big as the Moon" and we are providing popcorn, hot dogs, and sodas, so come join us for some fun and good company.



VBS is Almost Here!!!

VBS this year is from June 2nd through June 5th, Sunday through Wednesday, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Check-in starts at 5:00, meals will be served from 5:30 to 6:00, and bible school will be from 6:00 to 8:00. All children are welcome so please spread the word to your neighbors and friends. Also, we need as many volunteers as possible to make this event special for the kids. Please contact Betsy Morgan, (517) 812-9836, if you would like to help.



Middle School Ministry

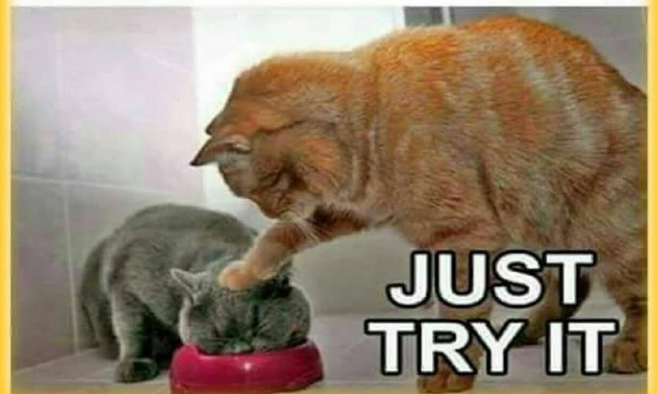
The Middle School Ministry will be meeting twice this month, Sunday, April 7th and Sunday, April 21st, immediately following the worship service. Lunch will be provided during the meeting and 1:30 p.m. is pick-up time. Please mark your calendars!



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.

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



JUST
TRY IT

celebrate!

Birthdays

Carol Banowsky - 01
Sophie Vinson - 10
Ron Lutz - 12
Charlie Bates - 13

Andy French - 16
Linda Garcia - 17
Francie Posey - 18

They should make an alarm clock that sounds like a dog ready to vomit. Nothing makes me jump out of bed faster..

adogslove.com



WELCOME
spring



Today is a good day



to be amazing.



SMILE! IT'S SPRING!



Buys dog \$80 dog bed.



Dog decides to sleep in a laundry basket.








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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 	3 1:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Class	4 	5	6
7 9:30 am – Bible Study 10:30 am – Worship Service Middle School Ministry & Education Committee Meet after Worship	8	9	10 1:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Class **No Class Today**	11	12	13 8:30 am – Men's Breakfast 5:00 – 8:00 pm – Family Movie Night
14 9:30 am – Bible Study 10:30 am – Worship Service	15	16	17 1:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Class	18	19 	20 10:00 am – CWF Meeting & Luncheon
21 9:30 am – Bible Study 10:30 am – Worship Service	22	23 	24 1:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Class **No Class Today**	25 7:00 pm – General Board Meeting	26	27
28 9:30 am – Bible Study 10:30 am – Worship Service	29	30				

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