



The Hill Country Connection July 2025

Hill Country Christian Church

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Rick's

Ramblings



"We hired a prairie wagon. Near the top we had to leave the wagon and go the rest of the way on mules. I was very tired. But when I saw the view, I felt great joy. All the wonder of America seemed displayed there, with a sea-like expanse. It was then and there that the opening lines of the hymn gloated into my mind." That's how Katherine Lee Bates described being atop Pike's Peak as she began composing "America, the Beautiful," which was published by *The Congregationalist* on July 4, 1895. Whenever we sing it (which we will on Sunday) we

acknowledge that America's greatness is found in one simple fact: "God shed His grace on thee."

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain. . . .
America! America! God mend thine every flaw;
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years.
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears.
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

Come Sunday for a service of praise and worship. We will acknowledge and celebrate the liberty we enjoy in this great nation, but we will especially lift our hearts in praise because of the great freedom we have in Christ.



If you didn't get a "Spiritual Gifts Inventory" this past Sunday, please be sure to pick one up this Sunday. We all have been given a spiritual gift. Do you know what yours is? If not, a self-evaluation inventory can help you find your niche in the Body of Christ. You can also take a similar test online: www.giftstest/test. It's not the exact same test, but it will serve the same purpose, and it is self-scoring!

Hope you are having a great summer with family and friends. When you are in town, please come join us for worship. We are a family. So, you are greatly missed when you aren't there.

Peace and Grace,
Pastor Rick



Happy
FOURTH
OF JULY

WISHING YOU A GLORIOUS
INDEPENDENCE DAY FILLED WITH
GRATITUDE FOR THE LIBERTIES WE
ENJOY AND PRAYERS FOR CONTINUED
GUIDANCE FROM ABOVE. MAY GOD
BLESS OUR GREAT NATION.



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Please continue prayers for Don Van Eynde. He is at home but in considerable pain, so please pray for his recovery and keep Don and his wife, Dixie, in your thoughts and prayers.

Also continued prayers are needed for Ernie and Melanie Fishlock. Ernie's condition is unchanged as he remains at The Heights rehab facility.





Life Line Screening will be returning on Thursday, July 31st, to conduct their health screenings. The tests available are:

Carotid Artery Disease
Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA)
Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD)
Atrial Fibrillation (AFib)
Free Hypertension Screening

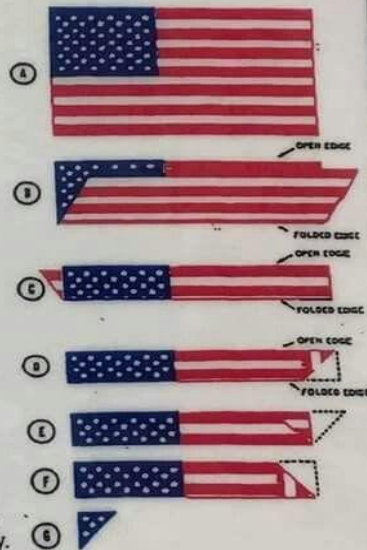
If any concerns are found in the results of your tests, you will be contacted immediately, and you'll receive a written report to give to your doctor on their findings. In past screenings, we can tell you that serious conditions were detected in two of our church members, both of which found themselves in surgery within days of the tests.

Your health is important - these screenings are being offered at a fraction of their normal cost and there are still a few openings. To register, call 888-814-0466, and use promo code HSCA001, or go to <https://www.llsa.social/hscs>.



★ Did You Ever Wonder Why Our Flag is Folded in a Triangle?

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| 1st Fold | To the symbol of life |
| 2nd Fold | The belief in Eternal life |
| 3rd Fold | In honor and remembrance of the veteran being commemorated |
| 4th Fold | For Divine Guidance |
| 5th Fold | In tribute to "our country" |
| 6th Fold | Our Pledge to the Flag |
| 7th Fold | Tribute to our Armed Forces |
| 8th Fold | In honor of the Mothers of veterans |
| 9th Fold | Tribute to Womanhood for their faith, love, loyalty, and devotion to veterans |
| 10th Fold | Tribute to the Fathers who gave their sons and daughters to the Armed Forces |
| 11th Fold | In the eyes of the Hebrew citizens, the seals of Kings David and Solomon |
| 12th Fold | In the eyes of Christian citizens, it represents the Emblem of Eternity. |



When the Flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, "In God We Trust."

Celebrate

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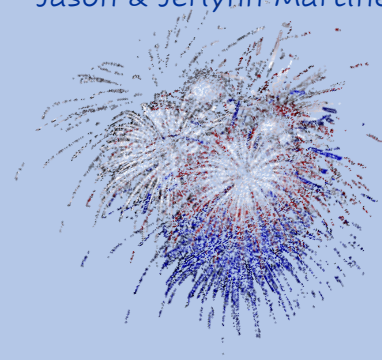


BIRTHDAYS

Jason Martinez – 04
Marsha Johnston – 06
Peaches Kelly – 13
Kent Cramer – 23
Sandy Walsh – 25
Darin McGrane – 25
Victoria Schwab – 25
George Phair – 27
Meagan Campbell – 28
Elva Sigala – 30
Sheryl Murray – 31

ANNIVERSARIES

Ati & Paulette Saenz – 03
Jason & Jerlynn Martinez – 23



"I Am Your Flag"

I am your flag.
I've been kicked, trampled, burned and shot full of holes.
I have fought battles, but I prefer the untroubled air of a world at peace.
I am your flag.
I represent the freedom of humanity, and I shall fly high,
thundering in silence for the whole world to hear.
My gentle rustling in the breeze sounds out the warning
to all whom would bury me forever.
For those who have perished for my right to freedom of flight.
For those who will die and indeed for those who will live,
I stand as a symbol of freedom loving people.
I've been carried into battle in far away lands
always for the cause of freedom.
I am blood stained, torn and many times wearied
and saddened by the thousands who've paid
the supreme sacrifice.
Do not let it all be for nothing.
Tell me the brave has died for a worthwhile cause.
Be proud of what I represent and display me for all to see.
Whether you call me "Old Glory," "Stars and Stripes" or
"Star Spangled Banner," I shall fly forever as a symbol
of your freedom as I did for your ancestors
and I shall for your heirs.

A Prayer for America

Father in Heaven,
We, the people, in the
land of the free and
the home of the brave,
desperately need You.
Oh that we would leave our ways
of seeking to be blessed
and instead seek to bless others.
We beg for Your guidance and wisdom
for our leaders.
We ask You to protect our land
from enemies, both within and without.
And we praise you for the freedom
we have through the blood of Your Son.
May Your plan be the desire of our nation.
Amen

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HAPPY 4TH
OF JULY

I WANT YOU



to remove this hat



July



2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
			1:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Class	OFFICE CLOSED		
6 9:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service	7 	8	9 1:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Class	10 	11	12 8:30 am – Men's Breakfast 9:30 am - Beds of Hope Bed Build
13 9:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service	14	15	16 1:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Class	17		19 10:00 am – CWF Meeting & Luncheon
20 9:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service	21 	22	23 1:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Class	24 7:00 pm – General Board Meeting	25	26
27 9:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service	28		30 1:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Class	31 LifeLine Screening		

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