

The Hill Country Connection Easter 2026

Hill Country Christian Church

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This coming Sunday begins Holy Week. As we think about Palm Sunday, consider this: When we read the gospels, we see the progression of Jesus' ministry and popularity come to a climax with his triumphal entry. People are laying down their

coats and palm branches—a sort of rolling out the red-carpet tradition—while praising him. The city is stirred up. The Pharisees exclaim, “Look, the world has gone after him” (Jn. 12:19). Many believe. Mission accomplished. Credits roll.

But we know the story doesn't end there. God has a much bigger ending planned. It's hard to believe that within a week Jesus would be tried and crucified—the crowds would turn against him and demand a detestable criminal be released instead of Jesus. What happened? What made the crowds so fickle?

The man the crowds followed healed the sick and performed miracles. It seemed he had the favor of the world on him. But shortly after arriving in Jerusalem, Jesus became more and more a source of controversy. He overturned tables in the temple and drove people out with a whip; he spoke in confusing parables and talked about dying. The people began to doubt, and the Pharisees fueled it with their own darkened hearts. Their promised king wasn't supposed to die; he was supposed to conquer the Roman Empire and be, well, a king. They had an idea of what God was going to do and how he was going to do it, and Jesus didn't meet their expectations.

We all have the tendency to put God inside a box. We predict how he's going to move in certain situations, and it can challenge the very core of our beliefs when he doesn't meet our expectations. Our struggle might be confined to just one aspect of our faith, like finances or a troublesome relationship. We can believe God in some ways but not others. Robert Robinson wrote in his famous hymn *Come Thou Fount*, “Prone to wander,

Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above." The question is, will we be faithful when God doesn't show up the way we want him to? If you struggle with these same questions, I strongly encourage you to see the new movie, "I Can Only Imagine 2." It is a continuation of the story of the band Mercy Me and the circumstances behind the writing of their second most popular song, "Even If." You won't be disappointed.

For this Sunday, don't forget two things—both involving children: 1. We want all children—and youth—who are present to process down the middle aisle with palm fronds at the very beginning of the service. 2. Our annual Easter egg hunt will be held immediately after the worship service this Sunday. All children, 5th graders and younger, are welcome to participate. Invite other families with children to join us.

Speaking of Holy Week, on Thursday, April 2nd, we will experience Maundy Thursday by observing a Seder Meal—the same meal Jesus observed with his disciples when he initiated the Lord's Supper. A very Jewish meal that Jesus infused with meaning that points directly to Him. If you have signed up to attend, remember that there is a potluck meal after the observance of the Seder. So please bring a dish to share with others.

Pastor Rick



Please continue prayers for Melanie Fishlock. She is back in rehab at The Heights so please pray that she will recover her strength quickly. Also please pray for Carla Chipman who has been fighting an infection in the hospital over the last few days from her surgery. She got to go home yesterday so let's all pray that she is getting some rest - something in short supply in a hospital.





Palm Sunday Service and Easter Egg Hunt



This Sunday, March 29th, which is Palm Sunday, the service will open with a Palm Procession with all of our children in the church (all ages). Immediately following Worship there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children, 5th graders and under. This is open to all so feel free to bring your family, friends, and neighbors for a great time for the kids!

SEDER MEAL

On Thursday, April 2nd at 6:30 p.m., we will observe the Seder Meal of the Passover—the same meal Jesus ate with His disciples when He instituted the Lord's Supper—beautiful decorations and a meaningful time together explaining the significance of this meal. There will be a Potluck dinner afterwards, so all those attending are asked to bring something for the Potluck meal.



Another family game night is planned for Saturday, April 18th, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. There will be snacks, rootbeer floats and a casual dinner offered but plans have not been finalized so more information to come. For now, mark your calendars and invite some friends - all are welcome.



VBS is Almost Here!!!

VBS this year is from June 7th through June 10th, Sunday through Wednesday, from 5:00 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, ages kindergarten through grade 5, 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.



Hill Country Christian Church joined by Bulverde Chapel will be having two Easter Services on Sunday, April 5th

Sunrise Service - 8:30 a.m.

Peaches Kelly will be singing for us and you don't want to miss her.

A Potluck Breakfast to follow the Service, about 9:15 a.m. - if you plan to attend, please bring a favorite breakfast dish to share.

Second Easter Service after breakfast starting at 10:30 a.m.

Peaches Kelly will be singing at this service as well.

Remember that the Potluck and Easter Services are open to everyone so feel free to invite guests.



March Birthdays

Donna Heath - 11
Melanie Fishlock - 16
Joan Miller - 17
Paul Moore - 26
Michelle Hubert - 27

March Anniversaries

Gordon & Darlene McAnninch - 01
Chad & Cristina Martines - 25
Tomas & Elva Sigala - 31

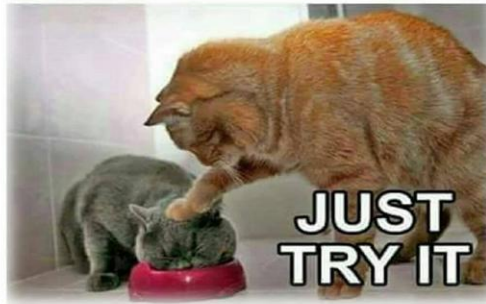
April Birthdays

Jack Banowsky - 01
Gordon McAninch - 04
Benjamin Hubert - 07
Sophie Vinson - 10
Ron Lutz - 12
Charlie Bates - 13
Andy French - 16
Lnda Garcia - 17
Francie Posey - 18
Dan Sawyer - 22





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



JUST TRY IT



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

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			**No Pastors Bible Class Today**	2 6:30 p.m. - Seder Dinner & Potluck	3	4
5 8:30 am - Sunrise Service 9:15 am - Potluck Breakfast 10:30 am - Main Easter Service	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	13 	14	15 1:30 pm - Pastor's Bible Class	16	17 	18 10:00 am - CWF Meeting & Luncheon 5:00 pm - Family Game Night
19 9:30 am - Bible Study 10:30 am - Worship Service	20	21	22	23	24	25
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HOW ARE WE DOING?

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE:

JANUARY - 61

FEBRUARY - 64

OFFERINGS:

JANUARY - \$11,229.00

FEBRUARY - 14,508.00