

# UNIVERSITY HILLS

## Newsletter



### From Our Children's Ministry Director...

*Children's Ministry Leaders from Babies to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade!* I am thankful for your service, leadership and commitment to continue to grow the kids in their faith and walk with the Lord. You're invited to lunch this Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, in the Fellowship Hall from 12:00-1:00 p.m. Let's come together as one in the Children's Ministry department for encouragement, prayer, fellowship, and a time for open questions. Looking forward to seeing you there!

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*Hello Parents!* Do you have a baby or child in the Children's Ministry? I would love to come together as one and meet with all of you for fellowship, encouragement, and a time for open questions. Let's meet at church on March 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for one hour. Childcare will be provided. Looking forward to serving and working with you and your child!

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*Hey Kids!* Chocolate, eggs, jelly beans, that's not all that Easter means! There is another message too...Jesus died for me and you! You are egg-stra special to Jesus!

Come hop on over to church on April 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for our fun celebration of Jesus because HE has risen!! We will have an egg hunt, snacks, games, treats, and a special Easter Lesson! Don't forget your Easter basket! See you there!!

*Amy Washburn*

# PIZZA!



## Acteen Lunch

Guest Speaker: Eden Still  
Eden will talk about her experiences as a  
Centrifuge Camp Counselor

When: March 24<sup>th</sup>  
Time: After Church Service



## Be a Bill's Backpack Blessings Buddy!

Your contribution of \$250 a year, payable weekly, monthly, or as one donation, will feed a homeless child at Newell Elementary or Grier Elementary each weekend for the remainder of this school year and the fall semester of next year.

Won't you consider helping us meet the basic needs of these children? Someone from the Bill's Backpack Blessing Team will be at a table in the Gathering Area after worship on Sunday to get you connected. You can also contact Chris Lee at [chrislee@universityhills.org](mailto:chrislee@universityhills.org).



Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C.  
APRIL 5-6, 2019

### SPEAKERS



IF YOU HAVE LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER, THEN  
EVERYONE WILL KNOW THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES.

JOHN 13:35 (GNT)

## Known By Love 2019 Missions Conference

April 5-6  
at Hickory Grove Baptist Church

Register by March 29 at 800-395-5102 ext. 5596 or  
[baptistsonmission.org](http://baptistsonmission.org).

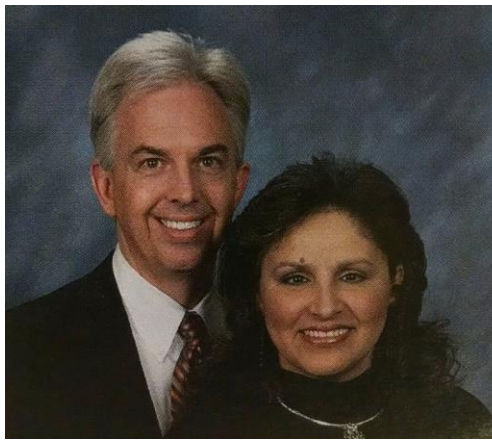
### WORSHIP



Grammy and Dove award  
winning artist. Worship leader  
LAURA STORY at Perimeter  
Church in Atlanta.

Conference includes worship, general sessions, breakout  
sessions, missions fair exhibits, missions testimonies, volunteer  
supper and more! • **Registration Deadline: March 29, 2019**

REGISTER: ☎ 800-395-5102, ext. 5596 📄 [baptistsonmission.org](http://baptistsonmission.org)



## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY MIKE TONEY!**

Next week will mark the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mike Toney's service as a member of the ministerial staff of University Hills Baptist Church.

God blessed this church family in a mighty way when he sent Mike and Tammy to us in 1989.

We love and appreciate them for the many ways they serve their Lord and Savior at UHBC.

With his roots in the NC mountains, Michael Gene Toney was born in Norfolk, VA, where his father was serving in the United States Army. His father's military service took the family to various other locations including Kentucky, Alaska, California, Maryland, Georgia, and finally back to North Carolina. Mike graduated from East Henderson High School in Hendersonville, NC with the Class of 1979. He then went to Dayton, TN, where he attended the William Jennings Bryan College, graduating in 1983 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Church Music. Upon completion of his studies at Bryan, he entered Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, TX. In 1986 he earned his Master of Arts degree in Religious Education. While in Fort Worth, he was active in the choir and Singles Ministry of Southcliff Baptist Church where he met a young woman, also active in the same groups, Tomasita "Tammy" Luna, a native of Hale County, TX. Their friendship grew into love and they were united in Holy Matrimony at Southcliff on December 10, 1988.

From 1987 until 1989, Mike served as Minister of Music and Youth at the New Home Baptist Church in Lakeland, FL. Mike and Tammy became friends with Charles Warren Pearson, Jr. while at Southcliff Church. Warren grew up in our congregation when we were known as Enderly Park Baptist Church (brother of the late Cindy Mills). He was (and is) Minister of Music at the Fort Worth church and knew of UHBC's search for a Music Minister at that time. Warren requested a copy of Mike's resume and presented the resume to the search committee at UHBC.

After several months of waiting and prayer, Mike and Tammy made an unannounced visit to University Hills in December of 1988 while on their honeymoon, en route to their home in Florida. Following the morning service they met the members of the Search Committee in an unplanned meeting. While driving away from the church to return to Florida, Mike remembers they both felt a strong calling from God to answer UHBC's call.

**The rest is history!** Mike and Tammy began serving here March 19, 1989.

His title then was Minister of Music and Youth. When a Minister to Students was added to the staff in 1997, his title became Minister of Music. It has now been changed to Pastor for Worship and Music.

Mike furthered his education at the Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies in Jacksonville, FL and upon completion and approval of his thesis, "Worship Renewal through a Greater Understanding of Divine Revelation," in

March 2016, the degree of Doctor of Worship Studies was conferred and Mike graduated on June 12, 2016.

When Mike first responded to the Committee that approached him for this job, he said "True worship is offered to God for His sake, for His pleasure, for His glory."

Thank you Mike and Tammy for 30 years of following God's call with us.

### **CONNECT GROUP Leaders of the Week**

*Adult B: Ryan & Shannon Lawrence*

*Adult Connect Group Director: Mike Roberts*

We are so grateful for these Connect Group Leaders! Pray that the Lord continue to use them to grow Gospel centered community in their Connect Groups and to multiply Connect Groups by raising up and sending out new leaders.

*Do you want to experience a Connect Group? Jump in any Sunday at 9:15 a.m.!*

*Check out [universityhills.org](http://universityhills.org) for a complete list of Connect Groups.*

## ALTAR FLOWERS 2019

The 2019 Flower Calendar is posted on the bulletin board across from the church office. If you have a date that you would like to provide the flowers for our Sunday worship service, contact Avery Phillips at 704-773-2908 (phone or text) to reserve your requested date. Dates available for the coming year are:

March 31  
April 21  
June 2, 23  
July 7, 21  
August 4, 25  
September 1, 15  
October 6, 20  
November 17, 24  
December 15, 29

The traditional Mother's Day Roses will be placed in the service on May 12<sup>th</sup> and Father Day Roses on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Poinsettias will grace our worship service on December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

# This Week at University Hills

### Sunday, March 17

8:30 a.m. Prayer Time (Prayer Room)  
9:15 a.m. Connect Groups  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
11:45 a.m. Church Library Open  
12:00 p.m. Children's Ministry Leaders' Meeting  
2:30 p.m. Bible Drills  
3:15 p.m. Student Handbells  
4:30 p.m. Student Choir Rehearsal  
5:30 p.m. Ignite Band Practice

### Monday, March 18

7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study – *Seamless*

### Tuesday, March 19

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study – *God of Creation*  
12:00 p.m. Spice of Life Luncheon  
7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study – *God of Creation*

### Wednesday, March 20

4:00 p.m. Senior Adult Choir Rehearsal  
5:00 p.m. Church Family Dinner: Chicken Salad Croissants  
**Call by 10:00 AM Tuesday to Reserve or Cancel Meals**  
6:00 p.m. English as a Second Language Class  
6:00 p.m. Mission Friends (Preschool), Children in Action (K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
6:15 p.m. Midweek Worship (Fellowship Hall)  
6:15 p.m. Ignite Student Worship (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade, Student Center)  
6:15 p.m. Church Library Open  
6:20 p.m. Adult Handbells  
7:15 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, March 21

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast at Tryon House

### Friday, March 22

6:00 p.m. Spice of Life Game Night

If you have any announcements you would like to be put in the newsletter, please email them to [kristinhutchinson@universityhills.org](mailto:kristinhutchinson@universityhills.org) **no later than Wednesday.**

### ETC Workers March 17

Pam Hall, Allison Riley, Eric Locklear,  
Christy Duncan, Dan/Kindra Taplin