



## Hillcrest Herald January 2026

### Rejoice!

Philippians 4:4 NKJV, *"Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!"*

Maybe it is the weather, or the full moon, or our lack of sleep. May it is the constant, never ending barrage of political forecasts and subsequent conversations. Or maybe it is the mind numbing video reels we watch with wide-eyes that seem to bring fog over the clear. Whatever it is, it seems we have lost our way with this simple longing and calling to rejoice.

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I know of no greater need in our world today than the need for joy. I would add to that the ability to rejoice. To look at life with all its ups and downs and to have an attitude of rejoicing. The Christian's life should be defined by joy, not because life is without pain, but because our ultimate security is in Christ.

G.K. Chesterton said, *"Joy is the gigantic secret of the Christian."*

Well, I want to let that secret out. Throughout this year of 2026, I am going to call our attention to the command to rejoice in the Lord. To embrace the good news that the angels proclaimed when they announced the arrival of the Messiah. They declared that day a day of good news and great joy!

Scripture has more than 2,700 passages that contain words like joy, happiness, gladness, merriment, pleasure, celebration, cheer, laughter, delight, jubilation, feasting, blessing, and exultation.

God is into joy. He created joy! Our joy is our job as followers of Jesus.

To rejoice is a determined decision to praise God in all things. Join Hillcrest in 2026 as we learn the source of our Joy. Joy in helping others, joy in adversity, and the nature and command to rejoice.

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**Pastor Tim**

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# Hillcrest Happenings

## Vision Team Meeting

Thurs Jan 8<sup>th</sup> 6:15 pm

## Vision Team Meeting

Sat Jan 10<sup>th</sup> 9 am

## Hillcrest Family Christmas Party and Small Group Celebrations

We do life together and especially over the Christmas Season. With so many opportunities to meet, eat, and fellowship we hope everyone has been able to participate in at least one event. Below is just a small glimpse into those special times.



Small groups at large! An Olive Garden Christmas Group meeting.

## Hillcrest Kids Go to The Movies!

This Christmas production was an amazing collaboration and commitment from all of the Hillcrest Kids and their leaders. Special huge thanks the Holleys and the Mahones, who devoted the time and skills to making this production and amazing experience for the kids and the community!



## Advent Families

Thank you to our families who took the time to help us celebrate Advent this year!



The Corbett Family



The Hutton Family



The Brewer Family



The Connett Family

**The Christmas Cookie Sale** raised \$765 (currently) for Jordan's Crossing. A HUGE thank you to all of the bakers and the buyers!

