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Giving Thanks Is Good For Us *By Pastor Tim Lee*

James MacDonald wrote, "Gratitude is the attitude that sets the altitude for living. Thankfulness is the soil that faith grows in, and grateful hearts are a mark of God's people."

I could not agree more. A thankful heart sets us apart as God's special creation and elevates us to be more like Him. It also makes our life better. Here's how...

1. Being thankful helps us to see the world in a different way. Instead of being grumpy with what we don't have, we become grateful for what we do have.
2. Being thankful makes us appreciate the little things. We appreciate the everyday blessings we have.
3. Being thankful makes life better for those around you. When we are grateful for those in our lives, we show that to them and encourage them. They feel valued.
4. Being thankful focuses our hearts on the things that matter. God has a great plan for our lives and a future filled with hope and the promise of His faithfulness. Psalm 16:11 NLT says, "You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever." When we are thankful, we spend more time focusing on the things that truly matter.

Join me on Sunday, November 19th, as I share a special Thanksgiving message that unpacks these four truths of a thankful heart.

2024 Calendar Planning Meeting...

2024 is the year we will celebrate our 100-Year Building Anniversary! It will be an amazing year celebrating the many lives changed inside this building.

To help prepare for this year of celebration and growth, we need to pray and plan! I would like to invite all ministry volunteers and all who are interested to help us plan a 2024 year where we will shine the goodness of God. The year will include a Homecoming Sunday Celebration, VBS, Outreach Opportunities, Life Group Gatherings and many Family Outreach and Discipleship Events.

Food and baby-sitting Will Be Provided Saturday, November 11th from 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Please rsvp by contacting the office or signing up in the fellowship hall. With a clear vision and God-aligned plans, Hillcrest is entering an exciting time focused on shining the light of Jesus. We would love to have you and your family be a part of that. Please join us!



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Hillcrest Happenings

ABW Meeting
Saturday Nov. 4th at 9 am

Vision Team Meeting
Thursday Nov. 9th at 6:15

Calendar Planning Meeting
Saturday Nov. 11th 9:30 - 11 am

Prayer Meetings
Wednesdays
Nov. 8th & 22nd

The Passing of Cathy Wright Cathy was a faithful servant, friend, and member of Hillcrest. She is one of many families here at Hillcrest who leave a multigenerational impact. Cathy, born into Hillcrest, raised her daughter Molly here at Hillcrest, and enjoyed watching her grandkids grow in faith here. In many ways, Cathy was the face of Hillcrest. She served with a smile and was warm, welcoming and generous in many ways. We will deeply miss her. Please pray for her family.



Thanksgiving Meals for Families of W. Broad School

We are continuing our partnership with W. Broad Elementary to help build Thanksgiving meals for the families of the attending students. Items needed are boxes of instant potatoes

or bags of potatoes, canned sweet potatoes, marshmallows, canned green beans, cream of mushroom soup, fried onions, cans of corn, boxes of stuffing, cranberry sauce, rolls, pumpkin pies and of course, Turkey! We can also take gift card donations and monetary donations and Erica will buy the items needed.

Contact Erica in the office for questions!

ABW Meeting The women are having a meeting Saturday the 4th at 9 am to discuss the Christmas Cookie Sale and collect mens/boys items for the Stowe house. Our next meeting will be Saturday January 13th at 9 am!

October was a busy month with lots of fun activities! We had great weather for our annual Family Fun at the Farm!



Our 2nd annual outreach Trunk or Treat event was a great success! Thanks to the Outreach team and all the volunteers that helped make it happen!



Thanks to Sawyer and Tristan for taking the youth to a local corn maze! The middle school youth is meeting on Sundays from 4 - 5 pm at the warehouse if your middle school student would like to join. Check back soon for our next event!

