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published monthly and exists  
to inform and connect  
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feature articles, and report  
church news.*

## The Habit of Rejoicing!

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 delights in joy! He designed joy!

So why do so many people struggle to find happiness?

Answer, because they are searching in the wrong places. The world teaches us that happiness comes from gaining more - more success, more possessions, more attention. But the apostle Paul turns that idea on its head. **True joy isn't found in focusing on ourselves, but in blessing others.**

Jesus said, "***It is more blessed to give than to receive.***"

The word blessed can be translated as *deeply, fully happy*. In other words, Jesus was teaching that the happiest people are those who live generously, people who help, serve, and lift up others.

They help bless others.

If habits are small, consistent choices that create big change, than one of the most powerful habits we can build is the habit of blessing others. When we encourage, serve, welcome, forgive, show patience, and love, we bring joy into someone else's life, and joy grows in us as well.

Make the habit of rejoicing a part of your life as you embrace the habit of blessing others.

**Happy are the helpers!**

***Pastor Tim***

# Hillcrest Happenings

**Blythe Ann Memorial**  
*Sat Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 3:30 pm*

**Soup-er Bowl Party**  
*Sun Feb 8<sup>th</sup> 6 pm*

**Vision Team Meeting**  
*Thurs Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 6:15 pm*

## Remembering Blythe Ann Cooper

We will be honoring Blythe Ann's life on **February 7<sup>th</sup> with a visitation from 1-3 pm and a service at 3:30 pm** here, at Hillcrest.



If you'd like to volunteer to set-up on February 6<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm please arrive at that time.

A Meal Train has been set up for the family and the link is on our Facebook page.

Although, her absence will be felt profoundly, we rejoice in the legacy she leaves behind, the lives she touched, and the joy she now knows her eternal home.

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## Soup-Er Bowl Party

Ready for some football?

Come join your Hillcrest Family on February 8<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm for food, fun, and football!

Wear your team gear to church, bring your favorite Super Bowl snacks to share, and plan on enjoying the Chili Cook-Off!

Please sign up on the sheet by the Coffee Bar if you are planning to bring food or participate in the Chili Cook-Off and avoid snacks with shellfish.

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**Calling All the Wonderful Women in Our Lives!** We're inviting every mother, daughter, grandma, aunt, and sister to join us for a special gathering filled with love, laughter, and connection. This is a time to honor, cherish, and create new memories together.

**SAVE *the* DATE!**  
All Daughter's Banquet  
**Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 6 – 8 p.m.**  
@ Der Dutchman in Plain City  
Girls of ALL ages welcomed.  
Invite your family and friends!  
MORE DETAILS TO COME

## Save The Date

***What***

All Daughters  
Banquet

***Where***

Der Dutchman

***When***

May 8<sup>th</sup>

6 pm - 8 pm

Anticipated cost: \$25/adult & \$15/child 10 and younger