



Highland Hills
Baptist Church

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Experience God, Engage People, and Expand the Kingdom

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The Herald

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Happy
Mother's Day

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Greeter Schedule

May 4

Front Door Before Sunday School: Ada Cotter
Front Door After Sunday School: Helen & Tommy Foster

May 11

Front Door Before Sunday School: Ada Cotter
Front Door After Sunday School: Vicki Meacham

May 18

Front Door Before Sunday School: Norlyn Lietzkie
Front Door After Sunday School: Ada Cotter

May 25

Front Door Before Sunday School: Ada Cotter
Front Door After Sunday School: Betty Hudson

If you would like to help with our greeter ministry
please contact Ada Cotter

Upcoming Pastor's Prayer Partners

May 4

Herma Langwell, Bettye Nowell, Eddie Bobo

May 11

Linda Bailey, Bea Reid, Jack Botkin

May 18

Bobbie Clark, Diane Frazier, Ben Butler

May 25

Joyce Shelby, Charles Ivins, Tom Foster

If you would like to participate please contact

A Note From Our Pastor

Hello Highland Hills Baptist Church!! Thank you for the warm welcome as we resume ministry with you in Oklahoma City. God works in our lives for His purpose because, in God's infinite wisdom He has brought our families back together, and for that, I am very grateful. Beth and I are excited to be a part of what God is doing in the life of His church. We are praying for you and know you are praying for us during our transition to OKC.

Here is a quick update: I'm here getting re-acclimated, Beth will join us in June full time and Anna is seeking Summer work. We have prayed and put the sale of our home in Broken Arrow in God's hands, but we would also appreciate your prayers for our home to sell soon.

A very good description of the attitude we should strive for was written by Paul in Philippians 2:5-11. Paul says clearly and powerfully, "Make your own attitude that of Christ Jesus." What did Jesus do? Jesus "did not consider equality with God as something to be used for His own advantage." He emptied Himself by assuming the form of a slave." "He humbled Himself." And He became "obedient to the point of death, even to death on the cross" This is the template Christ wants us to follow. We are to be unifiers and servants striving to have the mind of Christ.

I encourage you to invite your friends, family and neighbors to join with us at HHBC as we serve the community. Come participate in worship on Sunday Mornings, and we are studying Colossians on Wednesday evenings following our prayer time. Did someone say fun, yes, we are having fun as we love one another in Jesus! Come Experience God, Engage people and Expand the Kingdom!

Giving God the Glory, Greg



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Senior News

Triple "L"
Will be meeting at HHBC
TUESDAY, May 27 for Fun
Food and Games at 10:30
Lunch served at 11:30

Triple L Sub-Committee:

A Pledge

On this Mother's Day, I urge you to join me in the following pledge: "I promise to...
Listen to my children
Communicate with my children
Teach my children right from wrong and be a good role model for them
Spend time with and pay attention to my children
Educate my children in mind, body and soul
Work to provide a stable family life for my children
Pray for and see God in my children and all children
Vote for my children to ensure them equal opportunity
Speak out for my children's needs and join in a movement to see that no child is left behind in our nation"



Sunday School Report for May

Although we did not reach our high attendance goal of 85 on April 6th, we have had an average of 66 this month. I appreciate all of our teachers and class members who reach out to those members who are absent each week. We continue to have an attendance that is about 58% of our enrollment present.

Prospects are needed for each of our classes, especially in the children's group. Everyone that you come in contact with during the week should be invited to come to Sunday School with you the following Sunday. The Southern Baptist Convention will have an emphasis on starting new groups beginning in September.

Four of our seven teachers attended the "Transforming Sunday School Conference" on May 29. It was inspirational to all of us and encouraging to our work being on target here at HHBC.

The Bible Study each Sunday should lead to Spiritual Transformation:

- ◆ **Control - God's word is the authority to guide the life of each learner.**
- ◆ **Content - Search the Scriptures to know the truth.**
- ◆ **Concept - Holy Spirit will be teaching you in your life situations.**
- ◆ **Context - God is teaching you about thinking, feeling and living each day.**
- ◆ **Conviction - Integrate into your life the leadings of the Holy Spirit.**
- ◆ **Conduct - Love, trust, and obey the Lord in what you think and value the way you live.**

So be transformed to live each day as if it was Sunday every day.

**Linda Bailey
Sunday School Director**

Don't forget these regular weekly activities!

Sunday:

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| Library Opens | 9:00 am |
| Sunday School <i>Small Group Bible Study</i> | 9:30 am |
| Pastor's Prayer Partners | 10:30 am |
| Sunday Morning Worship | 10:45 am |
| Deacon's Meeting 1st Sunday of Month | 3:30 pm |
| Administrative Meeting, 1st Wed. of Month following Prayer Service | |
| Programs & Ministries, as called | |
| Sunday Evening Discipleship Classes | 5:00 pm |

Wednesday:

May Calendar

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| <u>May 9 & 10</u> | Putnam City North Band Garage Sale | |
| <u>May 11</u> | Mother's Day | |
| <u>May 13</u> | Women's Ministry/WMU | 10:00 am |
| <u>May 21</u> | Sunday School Teachers Meeting | 7:00 pm |
| <u>May 27</u> | Triple L Will be meeting at HHBC for Food, Fun, Fellowship & Games | 10:30 am |

Experience God, Engage People, and Expand the Kingdom Member Encouragement and Outreach

- 1. Weekly visits (Go on your schedule)**
- 2. Letter/card writing**
- 3. Phone calls**
- 4. Member encouragement**
- 5. Special event outreach**
- 6. Invite friends, neighbors, etc. to Worship, Bible Study, Triple L...**
- 7. Most importantly prayer!**

BIG THINGS COME IN SMALL PACKAGES

We've all heard that old saying used in various situations and circumstances...usually something to do with gifts, presents, etc. But let's think about it. A building is only as good as it's foundation, a small part of the entire building structure. The reality of thinking small is happening daily in our lives-health, job, home, etc.-back to the basics.

It is also true in the Christian life and the work of the church. Paying attention to the small details must happen if we are going to see the results we desire on a larger scale in our lives as individuals and in the church as a whole.

Daily devotions, on going obedience and working on life relationships of accountability, encouragement and influence with "people," perfect and imperfect, inside and outside the church. The work is definitely not easy but you will find it meaningful, rewarding and vital.

The church must do good work at the smallest levels to accomplish what it needs to accomplish. The vital connection we must make to Jesus, His truth, His community, and His mission in the world is the key to our following or standing still in Kingdom work.

The truth is that all of these important things can be accomplished— and accomplished most successfully in the life of the church through Sunday School or Small Group Ministry. Good Sunday School work is very simply good small group work. And the opposite is also true-don't work at it and Sunday School will not be good.

Sunday School is not just about bringing Sunday School or small group back into the spotlight, focusing on vitalizing the learning ministry. It is about the people of God re-connecting their lives, and others to the vital work of the church by building

Music

Dr. Wes
Hall.....Director



Two New Bible Series Begin

Do you ever wish you could find more time to read or study the Bible as much as you would like to? Are there Books of the Bible, or Scripture passages that you think sound interesting or have questions about? Most of us would like to be able to spend more time studying God's Word.

Help is on the way.....Bro. Greg will be leading two new opportunities to study the Bible....

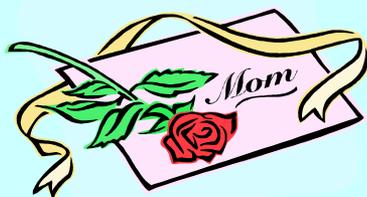
****Preaching a series of messages during the Sunday morning worship service entitled, **A Message from the Minor Prophets**

****Leading a study on Wednesday night Prayer service on the book of **Colossians**

Take advantage of these special times of Bible study



Thank you, Lord
For bringing my children
Into my life
Help me guide them and
teach them through example
To lead lives of wisdom
And strong , loving faith.
Please let them learn
To serve you always
In thought and deed
And remind me, Lord,
To always be there
For my family
As you are always
there for me.



Women's Ministry/WMU
Tuesday, May 13 at 10:00 A. M.
In the Parlor

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering total received to date \$1,436.38

SCHOOL DAYS, SCHOOL DAYS, DEAR OLD GOLDEN RULE DAYS

Do you remember your younger days in school, waiting for the bus on the corner without your mother being stressed out and looking over her shoulder to see if you were safe. Those really were the "good old days" for children and families. Our children today have to grow up in a world of violence, crime, broken homes, working mothers, TV Baby Sitters, etc.-no days playing with friends after school, or joining them to play a game of baseball or just swinging in the community park. At Highland Hills we can't make a difference in all children and families but we can touch some.

Approved by Women's Ministry/WMU, **Adopt a School** is the name we are giving to our latest project. Children are close to the heart of women of all ages. We have made contact with Harvest Hills Elementary School, the closest school to Highland Hills and therefore the logical place to start reaching young families.

There will be a Planning Meeting Wednesday, May 7. All women are invited, urged, pleaded with, etc. to attend and share their thoughts and ideas for ways we can make a difference in the lives of children and Parents. We will meet in the back of the Fellowship Hall at 5:00 pm. Please join us-We CAN make a difference by sharing God's love with children.

We are officially starting our **Adopt a School** project for the 2014-15 school year- However, the following volunteers helped us fill an immediate need- Monitoring Spring Testing-Ada Cotter, Charles Ivins, Gil Kettler, Herma Langwell, Bea Reid and Bob Ridenouer.

THANK YOU!!

May Birthdays

May 5 Bob Tidwell
May 13 Rebekah Olivares
May 16 Glenda Earp
May 19 Wanda Schnabel
May 24 Joann Whitake
May 24 Buz Wright

May 25 Emily Olivares
May 27 Vicki Meacham
May 29 Lee Wright
May 31 Amelia Giles
May 31 Sonya Uilrich

Serving at HHBC

HHBC Administrative Committee Officers 2013 - 2014

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| Roy Nowell | Chairman |
| Jerry Burnett | Vice Chair |
| Charlotte Hunter | Secretary |
| Chris Cox | Treasurer |
| Diane Frazier | |
| Betty Hudson | |
| Larry Steele | |
| Larry Biehler | |

Area "Point Persons:"

Audio Visual: Bob Ridenour
Benevolence: Ben Butler & Norlyn Lietzke
Bereavement: Helen Foster, Arlene Biehler, and Larri Miller
Decorations: Pat Burnett & Larri Miller
Greeters: Ada Cotter
Info-Technology: Eddie Bobo & Chris Cox
Library: Kathy Bobo & Pat Burnett
Nursery: _____

Triple L Sub-Committee:

**Roy & Bettye Nowell, Larri Miller,
 Gil & Genevie Kettler**

HHBC Program & Ministries Committee 2013 - 2014

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| Chairman | Joyce Shelby |
| Vice Chair | |
| Secretary | |
| <i>Nominated for</i> | |
| <i>Two Year Term:</i> | Arlene Biehler |
| <i>Three Year Term:</i> | Tom Foster |
| <u>Ministries Representatives:</u> | |
| Sunday School: | Linda Bailey |
| Discipleship Training: | Paul Suttles |
| Triple L: | Gil and Genevie Kettler |
| Women's Ministries & WMU: | Joyce Shelby |
| <i>Music Ministries:</i> | Charles Ivins |
| Youth Ministries | _____ |

Nominating Committee 2013 - 2014

Bobbie Clark
Larri Miller
Bill Bullock

Deacons:

Dale Lott, Chairman
Larry Biehler,
Eddie Bobo,
Jack Botkin,
Bill Bullock,
Ben Butler,
Jerry Burnett,
Roy Nowell,
Paul Suttles





A wonderful mother is a gift from God

She delights in your happiness

Encourages your dreams

Prays for you and always sees the best in you

She loves you no matter what