



On the Path

“Loving, Serving,
and Revealing
Jesus”

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From the Senior Pastor...

By Senior Pastor Dan Todd

I am currently reading a book called “Whole: Restoring What is broken in Me, You and the Entire World.” The basic idea is that we are all broken. Being broken means we have sin and pain in our lives and these two things are pretty hard to overcome. Thankfully, we have an awesome God who says we can do all things through Christ who gives us strength.

Our Church is on a journey to reach broken people and work with them so they can find healing and wholeness in their life. As I look at our church and the staff, leaders and people God has given us, I think God is using us to help the broken. We have leaders in the medical field. We have prayer warriors and those trained in spiritual warfare. We have counselors and those trained in care giving. But even if you don’t have one of these specific gifts or talents, I believe you are still called by God to help the hurting. I want everyone in our church to see how they can help broken people find wholeness. Sometimes, you have to connect some dots to see the impact but committee members, ushers, and greeters should see how their role is helping people change their lives from mourning to dancing. God has called you to help this broken community. You may find ways to do that outside of the Church or you may find it through the Church (I am hoping you find it in both). As you look at our programs and sermon series for the fall, you should see a strong

connection in our desire to help broken people. Healing Journey, Small Groups, a support group for Parents of Adult Children, Love and Logic parenting class and a fall sermon series packaged around some Beatles tunes are some of the ways we will live out that calling. These are all part of our vision to help the lost and the broken.

During this year, we will be looking at ways to develop hearts for the hurting. If we are going to minister to people, it needs to be out of a genuine concern for them. We need to have our hearts break for the things that break Jesus’s heart. We may need to shed a few tears and

plead some emotional prayers before it is all said and done. But the end goal is so worth the process.

Recently, we had our living room window replaced. It had a crack that made its way from one end to the other. It was just a matter of time before it would need to be addressed. We all have cracks in our lives that need to be addressed sooner or later. Is God calling you to set some things aside so you can address some cracks in your life? Or is God calling you to help minister to others, letting God use what was (or maybe still is) partially broken in you, to fix what is broken in someone else.



Senior Saints Picnic

PASTOR DAN TODD is shown with **Steve Howes, Jim Joseph, Dick Keener, and Gene Froebel** at the Senior Saints picnic held at **Carolyn Smith’s** home in August.

From the Desk of Pastor Nila . . .

By Assistant Pastor Nila McIntyre

Over the past several month, I have been hearing the theme – What will be your legacy? We have our own legacy, and Hillside will be known for something. Watching and listening to John McClain’s funeral reminded me of this once more. Is the basis of our moral compass the values of Jesus Christ? Can people see Christ in us? What will people say about us at our funeral? If we get to heaven, and there are several words used to describe us – what would they be? We shape that. We have control over that. Although we can’t change what happens to us, we can decide how we respond to our circumstances.

Pastor Andrew’s recent blog (and if you haven’t read it, it is worth the read) is on time, and what we do with it. We can just go along with the flow of life, or we can plot where we are going, being deliberate about it. Take that extra time to spend with God, being still and listening for his guidance. We can go to Him with problems, rather than trying to figure them out ourselves, and then going to Him when we can’t figure it out. When do we go to him?

Did we use our gifts in the Church body to support others or just come fill a pew on Sunday mornings? As Pastor Dan asks, how are you doing with the 1-1-1 challenge? Attending worship one hour per week, serving one hour per week, and spending one hour per week being fed in Sunday School classes, or small groups. That’s in addition to the 5-5-3 challenge of reading the Bible five times per week, praying five times a week, and having three meaningful conversations about God, church, beliefs, etc.

“The desperate need today is not for a greater number of intelligent people, or gifted people, but for deep people” (Richard Foster).

We need a deeper relationship with God, we need to worship, we need to serve, and we need to be fed. And we need to be obedient to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Small groups, and Sunday School classes are available to help us in these areas, and there are plenty of areas

of need to serve in the church and in the community. What will be your legacy?

GriefShare

If you have experienced a major loss through the death of a loved one, this group can assist in the process of healing. GriefShare is a 13-week program where you can share your journey through grief with others who have experienced similar losses. You’ll learn to understand your grief experience, while exploring ways to grow emotionally and spiritually through the process.

This group covers a variety of topics related to loss including: Living with Grief • The Journey of Grief • The Effects of Grief • When Your Spouse Dies • Your Family and Grief • Why? • God’s Prescription for Grief • Stuck in Grief • Top Twenty Lessons of Grief • Heaven. GriefShare will be held on Thursdays. The cost will be \$15 for materials.

If you are interested, You can email me at asstpastor@hillsidewc.net or mark it on your communication card or call the church office and leave a message. Feel free to invite those you know who are going through grief to attend. And

you might consider coming with them for several sessions to help support them. This group will start later this fall -- look for it, or contact me (Pastor Nila).

Prayer Retreat

Our Annual Prayer Retreat will be held in the Spring 2019. A lot of planning goes into the prayer retreat, everything from prayer, meals, activities, topics, speakers, and times of worship. If you would like to assist in the planning, please contact Nila. The more hands, the easier the work. We need to locate a place, choose a theme, and plan for it. Please see me or email me at asstpastor@hillsidewc.net or mark it on your communication card or call the church office at 716-372-5677.



More from the Senior Saints picnic . . . IN TOP PHOTO are Jamie Wyant, Corlee Fidurko, and Sue Anthony. IN BOTTOM PHOTO from back are Chuck and Marcella Smith, Betty and Eric Lundberg, Pauline Glenn, and Sandra Froebel.



**'Forever Middle of the Roaders'
Also Enjoy Annual Picnic**

Hillside's 'Forever Middle of the Roaders' are pictured at Carolyn Smith's residence for their annual picnic.

Carolyn Smith Visits East Asia as Part of Humanitarian Effort

Hillside's Carolyn Smith completed a three-week humanitarian operation in East Asia this summer. She lent assistance and education to foster children and orphans as well as their caregivers, teachers and families attending specialized schools. She also offered her professional advice to several parents at a disabilities retreat.

It was a busy and exhausting three weeks for Carolyn and those working with her. While in East Asia, Carolyn worked with foster children in their homes, at a clinic, or at two specialized schools. She also worked with orphans in two orphanages in two different cities. "The difference between the two orphanages was heartbreaking," she said. "In one, they provided ONLY for basic

human needs: food, shelter, and clothing. Toddlers were kept in their cribs at all times and children were not allowed to run, play, or interact with each other."

She explained, "The children I worked with fell into three major categories: autistic, developmentally disabled/Downs Syndrome, and cerebral palsy."

"I (also) worked with and trained teachers at the two specialized schools to help them work with these children (see photo at left) and worked with and had question and answer session with the parents of the students."

In addition, she spent a day at a private non-disabled school (children with disabilities are not allowed in regular schools) to practice English with the students. She also participated in a full-day, "disabled retreat," which included five



NEW SERMON SERIES on *The Gospel of John* (Paul, George and Ringo) begins on Sunday, September 23. The Beatles sang a lot about love and peace, but they also sang about pain and brokenness. Join us as we compare the words of the Beatles with the four gospels.

- Sept. 23 - *Yesterday* (Regret)
- Sept. 30 - *HELP!* (Depression)
- Oct. 7 - *Eleanor Rigby* (Loneliness)
- Oct. 14 - *Let It Be* (Trouble)

A matter of the heart

By Assistant Pastor Andrew Fidurko

Connection relieves loneliness. It seems easy to say and write, but it is hard to put into action. All people -- though at times (they) deny it -- deal with loneliness. People want others in their lives to feel the joys and the hurts together; to know that someone is there for you and cares. One thing I believe Hillside Wesleyan Church does well and is improving on is caring. This type of caring contains only the love that God can give, and I pray that those in our congregation strive to have that kind of love and compassion; for us to practice the ability to not gossip and tear others down. And the ability to see the good and potential in others in neighborly love.

How is this kind of love developed? First, it is through the love of God inside of us helping us and guiding us. Secondly, it is through the courageous action of taking one step forward into another's person's life. I am talking about our families, yes, because this love starts in the home. However, as Christians, we are called to show our neighbors love as well. You could create these interconnections yourself if you want, which is great. But this fall, we will have many opportunities to help others connect with each other as well: small groups, Sunday worship, Sunday School Classes, Parenting and Family classes, Healing Journey, and Grief Share to name a few. By no means should people feel they need to attend all of these classes and events, but one would be outstanding. It would help you and others in taking that chance for connection.

I personally love the one-on-one connection with others, being the introvert that I am. If you need that kind of connection too, please talk to me or one of our other pastors or leaders. I believe right now is a great time to embrace these opportunities to meet new people or strengthen old connections at Hillside. Through our connection and fellowship with each other, we help to strengthen our faith and relationship with God.

"You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing

You say I am strong when I think I am weak

You say I am held when I am falling short

When I don't belong, oh You say that I am Yours"

- Lauren Daigle

Hillside Wesleyan Church



Numerous performers took the stage for Hillside's Talent Night held Friday, June 22.



Upcoming Events & Calendar of Events

Information supplied by
Janell Clingenpeel, Church Secretary

Fall Sunday School Classes Starting on September 9

Sermon Chat led by Pastor Dan -- Each week, we will delve into the current sermon series. Sometimes we will talk about the previous week's sermon. Other times the class will give input on future sermons. Whatever the topic, we will spend time in scripture, prayer, talk about our lives, share opinions and implement ways to put what we learn into action.

The Case for Faith led by Carolyn Smith and Bill Mills -- In his *The Case for Christ*, author Lee Strobel examined the claims of Christ, reaching the hard-won verdict Jesus is God's unique son. In *The Case for Faith*, Strobel turns his skills to the most persistent emotional objections to belief - the eight "heart barriers" to faith. This book/class is for those who may be feeling attracted to Jesus, but are faced with difficult questions. For Christians, it will deepen their convictions and give them fresh confidence in discussing Christianity with even their most skeptical friends.

Back to Basics - Connecting Foundational Beliefs to Life Changing Discipleship led by Mike Prutsman -- The Bible teaches the goal of a Christian life is to become like Jesus for our personal growth and for the sake of others. According to author and pastor Randy

Fraze, every believer needs to ask three big questions: What do I believe? What should I do? And who am I becoming? Becoming a disciple of Christ is much more than knowing about Jesus and our faith. It is taking what we know and allowing it, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to change us . . . what we do and who we are (becoming). This class will use Randy Fraze's study BELIEVE, Living the Story of the Bible to Become Like Jesus.

If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat led by Pastor Nila -- You're one step away from the adventure of your life. Deep within you lies the same faith and longing that sent Peter walking across the wind-swept Sea of Galilee toward Jesus. In what ways is the Lord telling you, as he did Peter, "Come"? Author John Ortberg invites you to consider the incredible potential awaiting you outside your comfort zone. Out on the risky waters of faith, Jesus is waiting to meet you. He will change you forever, deepening your character and your trust in God.

Children's Sunday School -- ages 2-PreK will meet in the Toddler Room upstairs. Another class for grades K-6 will be held downstairs.

Upcoming Small Groups and Support Groups

Healing Journey -- A restorative 29-week class -- cost is \$95.

Women's Group led by Nan Higgins to meet at Hillside Mondays starting on September 10, 6 p.m. To register, please contact Nan at 716-307-5593 or nankhiggins@yahoo.com

Men's Group hosted at Believer's Chapel West in Allegany on Thursdays starting on September 6, 6:30 p.m. To register, contact Dave Rishell at 716-397-4568 or drishellecpa@gmail.com

Setting Boundaries with your Adult Children Support Group -- A support group for struggling parents of adults, to bring hope and healing back into your life. Group at Hillside will be led by April Prutsman. There will be 12 meetings, 90 minutes each, starting Sunday on September 16 at 6 p.m. Registration is free, but group size is limited. Please contact April to register at 716-790-9005 or aprutsman5@msn.com

Small Group hosted by Carolyn Smith at her house (335 Prosser Rd, Portville) on Wednesdays, Sept. 19 - Oct. 24, 7-8:30 p.m.

Love and Logic Parenting Class at Hillside on Wednesdays, Sept. 19 - Oct. 24, 6-8 p.m. Six sessions designed to help parents equip kids with character, compassion, problem solving skills, and more! Childcare and homework help provided, ages infant - grade 5. To register for the class, call or text 716-790-9277 or email jknapp@rehabcenter.org (limited space available).

ATTENTION HILLSIDE, we need 10 childcare and homework help volunteers to make this an effective program hosted by Hillside. A preparatory meeting will take place on Sept. 12 for volunteers. Please contact Pastor Becky for more information and to volunteer: 716-790-2114, myhopeinhim@aol.com

Small Group led by Andrew Fidoruko at the church on Thursdays, Sept. 20 - Oct. 25, 6-8 p.m.

From HWC Budget Report (for 6/1/17 thru 8/31/18)

	Received To Date	Spent To Date	Balance
General Fund	\$ 31,654.47	\$ 29,338.74	\$ 2,317.80
Interest & Dividends	\$ 2.07		
Missions Fund	\$ 2,164.00	\$ 1,976.86	\$ 187.14
Designated Giving	\$ 8,917.42	\$ 2,522.47	\$ 6,394.95
FISCAL YTD TOTALS	\$ 42,737.96	\$ 33,838.07	\$ 8,899.89
Excess Money	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Carry-Over from prior years	\$ -	\$ 234.67	\$ (234.67)

Comm. Bank - Checking \$ 6,994.74
Comm. Bank - Money Market \$ 17,935.32

Community Bank Balances \$ 24,930.06
Cumulative Balance to Date \$ (884.64)

	General Fund	Missions Fund	Interest & Dividends	Building Fund - Parking Lot	Designated Giving
Total Receipts Needed	\$ 136,874.00	\$ 9,510.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Receipts Needed Monthly	\$ 11,406.17	\$ 792.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Actual Monthly Receipts:					
June-18	\$ 10,282.02	\$ 893.00	\$ 0.57	\$ 340.74	\$ 2,001.00
July-18	\$ 13,757.75	\$ 605.00	\$ 0.73	\$ 427.02	\$ 3,331.76
August-18	\$ 7,614.70	\$ 666.00	\$ 0.77	\$ 136.91	\$ 2,680.00
September-18					
October-18					
November-18					
December-18					
January-19					
February-19					
March-19					
April-19					
May-19					
Total Monthly Receipts	\$ 31,654.47	\$ 2,164.00	\$ 2.07	\$ 904.67	\$ 8,012.75
Total Income	\$ 42,737.96				

Hillside Treasurer Marilyn Jacoby also reported, "We ended up with \$12,531.75 for the boiler fund (that's with all monies that came in . . . and the match). Praise God!" And 'thank you' to all of God's people who contributed and prayed for this need.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

September 4 – Leah Graves
September 5 – Jim Kayes
September 11 – Jerry Anderson
September 17 – Jeremy Meerdink
September 21 – Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Meerdink (1996)
September 22 – Janell Clingenpeel and Rex Marvin
September 30 – Chuck Smith
October 5 - Laura Howard
October 9 - Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Anderson (1982)
October 10 - Gale Marvin
October 15 - Janet Faulkner
October 15 - Mr. and Mrs. Justin Shumaker (2011)
October 17 - Atlas Austin
November 3 - Charlene Rounds
November 4 - Alexa Steighner
November 6 - Marilyn Jacoby
November 7 - Alan Coats
November 18 - Sue Anthony
November 21 - Michael Clingenpeel
November 25 - Merle Willis
November 27 - Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kayes (1992)
November 30 - Jill Finch



Upcoming Events

9/8 - Men's Breakfast at The Spot 2 Be (840 S. Union St.), 8:30 a.m.
9/9 - Fall Sunday School Classes begin; Youth Group restarts, 6-8 p.m.
9/10 - *Healing Journey* begins at Hillside, 6-8 p.m.
9/11 - COAT meeting, 6 p.m.
9/12 - *Love and Logic* volunteer planning meeting, 6 p.m.
9/16 - Director's Meeting after worship.
9/16 - Adult Children Support Group begins, 6-7:30 p.m., meets over 12 Sunday evenings.
9/18 - Mission's Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Lundberg's home.
9/19 - *Love and Logic* parenting class begins.
9/19 - Carolyn Smith's Small Group begins.
9/20 - Pastor Andrew's Small Group begins.
9/22 - Women's Mugs & Muffins, 9 a.m. Secret Sister and theme reveal!
9/23 - **New Sermon Series** on *The Gospel of John* (Paul, George and Ringo) begins. The Beatles sang a lot about love and peace, but they also sang about pain and brokenness. Join us over next four Sundays as we compare the words of the Beatles with the four gospels.
9/23 - Post-summer Potluck after worship.
9/25 - LBA Meeting, 6 p.m.
10/1 - Start packing your shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Collection begins in November.
10/7 - Start bringing in your candy for the Harvest Festival: barrel will be in the church foyer.
10/9 - COAT meeting, 6:30 p.m.
10/13 - Men's Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
10/16 - Mission's Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Lundberg's home.
10/23 - LBA Meeting, 6 p.m.
10/28 - Harvest Festival Set Up after church.
10/30 - Harvest Festival - we will need volunteers!
11/4 - Daylight Savings ends.
11/10 - Men's Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
11/13 - COAT meeting, 6:30 p.m.
11/17 - Women's Ministry scarf and hat making (no-sew to sewing) for those in need at Food Pantry as winter begins. Event runs 10 a.m. until afternoon, bring a lunch.
11/22 - Thanksgiving.

Carolyn Smith -- From Page 3

or six question and answer sessions with about 10 families attending each session (*see photo below*). In addition, she provided physical therapy at the orphanages and at the schools (*see photo at right*).



Carolyn also brought supplies ranging from PediaSure and toothbrushes to pectin for making jelly and vanilla for baking (*see photo at left*).

Despite extreme heat and humidity (and no AC, except for hotel), she's planning to return in two years.