

PHBC CALENDAR

Wednesday, August 24 *re:DISCOVER*
 4:00 p.m. Library is Open
 5:15 p.m. Serving Line Opens
 6:00 p.m. Mustard Seed Ministry - Room 100
 Wednesday Youth - Rec Hall
 Bible Study - Hicks Hall
 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Room 310

7:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 27
 7:00 a.m. Hillcrest Farmers Market

Sunday, August 28
 8:30 a.m. Deacons Meeting - Room 328
 8:45 a.m. Library is Open
 9:30 a.m. Bible Study for all ages
 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Room 310
 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship and Lord's Supper

Monday, August 29
 2:00 p.m. Men of Faith Rehearsal - Room 310

Tuesday, August 30
 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting and Worship Planning - Pastor's Office

Wednesday, August 31 *re:DISCOVER*
 4:00 p.m. Library is Open
 5:15 p.m. Serving Line Opens
 6:00 p.m. Mustard Seed Ministry - Room 100
 Wednesday Youth - Rec Hall
 Bible Study - Hicks Hall
 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Room 310

7:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 1
 12-Noon AARP - Hicks Hall

Saturday, September 3
 7:00 a.m. Hillcrest Farmers Market

Sunday, September 4
 8:45 a.m. Library is Open
 9:30 a.m. Bible Study for all ages
 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Room 310
 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
 12-Noon First Sunday Lunch - Hicks Hall

Monday, September 5, Church Office Closed in observance of Labor Day

Tuesday, September 6
 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting and Worship Planning - Pastor's Office

Wednesday, September 7 *re:DISCOVER*
 4:00 p.m. Library is Open
 5:15 p.m. Serving Line Opens
 6:00 p.m. Young Musicians Choir - Room 100
 Angel Choir - Room 100
 Wednesday Youth - Rec Hall
 Bible Study - Hicks Hall
 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Room 310

7:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 8
 7:00 p.m. Reunion Swing Band Rehearsal - Hicks Hall

Congratulations to Marlin and Sue Cato Gennings on the birth of their great granddaughter, **Stella Harper Cato**. Proud parents are Lindsey and Byron Cato of Jonesboro.

WEEKLY TIDINGS
The Tidings will resume weekly beginning Tuesday, September 6. Look for it!

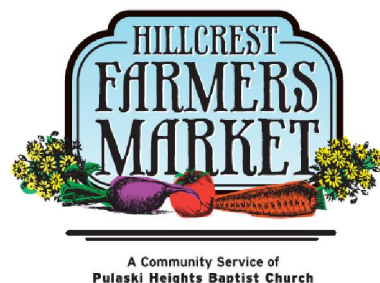
Sunday - August 21, 2011

Sunday School Attendance 135
 Worship Attendance 165

Our Year-To-Date Stewardship

YTD General Fund Expenses \$439,243
 YTD General Fund Receipts \$476,982
 Balance \$37,739
 August 21, 2011 Receipts \$4,835

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Each Saturday through September 7:00 a.m.

Wednesday, August 31
 Taco Salad with Chips, Salsa, Cheese Dip, Guacamole, Ground Beef, and Ice Cream

Wednesday, September 7
 Roast Pork, Turnip Greens, Boiled Potatoes, Salad Bar, Rolls, and Pie

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Publishing Schedule
Friday
 - *The Tidings* - *The Call* - *The Worship Guide*
 Information due by 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday
 - *The Tidings*
 Printed at 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday
 - *The Call*
 Printed at 2:00 p.m.
Thursday
 - *The Worship Guide*
 Printed at 10:00 a.m.
 - *The Sunday Call*
 Printed at 2:00 p.m.



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Tuesday, August 23, 2011

Sunday, September 4
 First Sunday Lunch
 12-Noon, Hicks Hall

Monday, September 5
 church office closed
 in observance of Labor Day



Sunday, September 11
 Woodland Hills Service
 3:00 p.m.

September 11-17
 Family Promise
 (formerly Interfaith Hospitality Network)

Monday, September 12
 Church Council
 5:30 p.m. (brown bag supper), Hicks Hall

Friday, September 16 - Saturday, September 24
 Young at Heart Glorieta Trip

Sunday, September 18
 Finance Committee Meeting
 8:30 a.m., Room 328

Sunday, September 25
 Deacons Meeting
 8:30 a.m., Room 328



Wednesday, September 28
 S.S. Teachers/Outreach Team Meeting
 5:45 p.m., Atrium



Dr. Randy L. Hyde

There has been some consideration of late , around these parts, to the story of Joseph. It is truly fascinating stuff. I remember how, as a boy, it captured my imagination. Well, it has done it all over again, and I hope it has done the same for you. In my studies, I came across a sermon by Barbara Brown Taylor, in her book Gospel Medicine. I was so taken with some of her thoughts that I read a portion of the sermon to our assembled Wednesday night group a week or so ago. If you're not familiar with Joseph's story, I encourage you to knock the dust off your Bible and take a look at Genesis 37 through 50. It will be worth your time and effort. To understand more fully what Taylor is saying, a knowledge of the narrative would be helpful. This is what she says...

All by itself, the human situation looks pretty bleak. We do terrible things to each other. Our fear and our greed make monsters out of us. Nations that are not at war with other nations are at war within themselves, and the battle goes on inside each one of us. We really are in great jeopardy, and if that is all we know then we are doomed to despair, because there is no way out for us, not under our own steam. But jumping from that to absolute certainty about God's plan is not the answer, not all by itself. Because all by itself, that conviction ignores human suffering. It turns into a kind of religious romanticism that sees only what it wants to see and discounts the rest of human experience. Mortal pain and doubt have no place in this scheme, except as failures of faith. All that counts is the coming victory. Everything else is illusion.

Can you imagine someone leaning down over the edge of the pit while the brothers are busy bargaining with the slave traders and yelling, "Don't worry, Joseph, everything will turn out just fine in the end"?

It would be a miserable denial of God – the God who does not live way up above us somewhere, pulling the strings and calling the shots, but the God who lives right here in the midst of us, giving us our freedom and holding the divine breath while we make our choices. Sometimes they are very good and sometimes they are very bad.

Either way, God does not leave. God is committed to us and to working through us, which is what divine providence is all about. Contrary to what most of us have been taught, it is not about God's will overriding our own. It is more like a dance, that totally mysterious dance that takes place between God's freedom and our freedom, between God's will and our own. In this dance, it is not God's job to keep bad things from happening. They do happen. Brothers turn against brothers. People are bought and sold. Famine devastates the land. God's job is not to prevent things from happening. God's job is to stay present in them and to keep on being God, creating whole worlds out of total chaos, breathing life into piles of dust, taking the unfathomable wreckage of our lives and making something fine out of them in spite of us. Because that is who God is.

Sometimes it is obvious and sometimes it is not. Sometimes the work of God's hand is so evident that you can see it a mile away and sometimes you have to dust for fingerprints. Sometimes the voice seems to come straight from heaven and sometimes it comes through the voices of strangers and friends. When Joseph wanted to hear God, he listened to his life – all of it – and what he learned he told his brothers before he died. "God will visit you," he told them. And he was right.

If nothing else, I hope that Joseph's story has encouraged us to "listen to our life." If we will, God might indeed pay us a visit.

Our Worship, Sunday, August 28, 2011

Solo - Melanie Martin	Acolyte - Jaylynn Hall
"My Shepherd Is the Lord" The Sanctuary Choir	Deacons of the Week - Bob Leckie David Martin
Children's Sermon Leann Broadway	Greeters of the Week - Paul Bruns, James Smalley, Deborah Beard, and Margaret Kelly
Lord's Supper Meditation: "Dying Well" Psalm 26:1-8; Matthew 16:21-28 Dr. Randy L. Hyde	



PHBC is the Sunday night place to be! The annual **Golden Scoop & Golden Spatula** awards will be presented for the best homemade ice cream and the best dessert. This may just be your year. Bring your ice cream or dessert to Hicks Hall Sunday, August 28, at 5:30, to be entered in the competition. There will be judging and eating (my favorite part!) of all those sweets! There will also be some fun! We will be playing The Singing Bee. Be thinking about the words to your favorite hymns. You might just be asked to sing a line or two!

The **Young Adult/Seekers class** is taking on a new project that I am really excited about. They are going to be painting the Dayschool. Over the next few months, each room in the Dayschool will have a new, creative look! Thanks to Whitney Broadway and Sandy Thomas for leading this effort. The teachers are really excited about it, too. They are full of ideas themselves! If you would like to be a part of this ministry, you are always welcome to participate. You don't have to be a member of the Young Adult/Seekers class. They would love the additional hands. If you can't scrape or paint, consider a financial donation for paint or painting supplies. Any and all assistance is appreciated. The first day of painting will be Saturday, September 3. Let us know if you can come and help.

You have a wonderful ministry in the Dayschool. We have about 80 children that spend the day with us on a regular basis. That means there are that many parents and family members coming through our doors every day. We provide a wonderful, much needed service to the community. I hope you know you are always welcome to visit in the Dayschool. Come by and see us!

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Blessings,
Leann

Expression of sympathy to Paul and Linda Bruns in the death of Paul's father, Fred, in Kansas City, and also to Andrea Garrett in the death of her aunt, Marlene Yofredo.



Baby Dedication Sunday, August 14
Matthew, Pearson, Holly, and Jaina Beard



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| 2 - Linda Leopoulos | 14 - Don Shipley |
| 3 - Thomas Gill | 14 - Pat Munns |
| 4 - Karen Browning | 15 - Fran Flener |
| 5 - Milly Temple | 17 - Chris Smith |
| 7 - Haddon Brown | 19 - Sandra Ward |
| 7 - Carolyn Staley | 25 - Lowell Bentley |
| 8 - Ann Johnston | 25 - Jay Lane |
| 9 - Ellen Ingram | 26 - Wayne Shank |
| 10 - Beth Dixon | 26 - Julie Warmouth |
| 11 - John Ragsdale | 28 - Bronson Melton |
| 14 - Jerry Staley | 30 - Paige Lee |

CHOIR SCHEDULE

Fall Choir Schedule begins Wednesday, September 7

Sunday

10:30 am Sanctuary Choir rehearsal
4:00 pm SonPower Choir (Jr. & Sr. High)
5:00 pm Hosanna Ringers (Adult Handbells)

Monday

2:00 pm Men of Faith

Wednesday

6:00 pm Young Musicians Choir/Tone Chimes (Elementary School)
6:00 pm Angel Choir (Preschool)
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir (Adult Choir)

Thursday

7:00 pm Reunion Swing Band Rehearsal

Saturday

2:00 pm Arkansas Dulcimer Society (Second Saturday each month)

Our Worship Sunday, September 4, 2011

Solo Rev. Jim Munns "Arise, My Soul" The Sanctuary Choir "Rules of Engagement" Psalm 149:1-9; Matthew 18:15-20 Dr. Randy L. Hyde	Acolyte - Michael Hall Deacons of the Week - Rhys Rogers and Don E. Johnston Greeters of the Week - Kay and Darrel Coleman Linda and Charles Hogue Mattie Rogers
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EXCITED! THRILLED! WOW!! Those are some of the sentiments expressed by our children's Sunday School teachers at seeing so many children in Sunday School to start the fall! We are thrilled that families are making the commitment to their children's lives to give them the gift of a solid education in their faith. You will never regret it!

Thank you, teachers, for sending cards and emails, and making all the contacts to let our families know how we hope to see them back in Sunday School and church. God is indeed blessing us!

COME ON BACK! If you haven't gotten back to Sunday School and worship this fall, do it now! Good habits are so hard to start, and the new school year is a perfect time to make that schedule commitment for Sunday mornings at PHBC.

HELENA says "thank you" for the school supplies you provided for back to school. We worked together with Second Baptist Church, Little Rock to collect supplies for needy kids in the Delta. Thank you for your donations!

Our FARMERS MARKET publicity certainly got a boost with the feature article in the religion section August 13 of the Arkansas Democrat Gazette, complete with three photos. We met several folks at the market who came because they read about the market and came to shop the same morning. It's posted on our 1st floor bulletin board. We've also added jasmine rice and new baked goods vendors. Come see us through September. Stay and visit, greet shoppers, and enjoy the morning.

The Fall is shaping up with new studies and opportunities for you. Be in prayer for our planning and outreach, please. Thanks to Beci Austin for working with our children on Wednesday evenings this month. We are blessed to have your gifts!

See you in Sunday School!
Carolyn