

GIVING UP FOR LENT

"GIVE UP IGNORANCE"

EPHESIANS 5:8 - 17

LEAD PASTOR BEN WALLS

Evening Service

TRADITIONAL SERVICE

"THE THRONE"

REVELATION 4

TROY D. OGLE

ADMINISTRATIVE AND MINISTRY ASSOCIATE



We're Glad You're Here...

If you are visiting with us, be sure to stop by the Welcome Center following our service ...we would love to meet you and give you a welcome gift! 🎁

LOOKING TO GET CONNECTED?

Meet and connect with others in our wonderful church family by joining or visiting a Sunday ABF group, 2 x 2, weekly Bible study or class. You can also connect with others through serving in our many exciting ministries. Contact the church office or fill out the Connection Registry in our church pews.

ONLINE GIVING

Did you know that you can give online using our Pushpay program? It's quick and easy! Go to hilltopnaz.org and click on the "giving" tab. You can also pay with the Pushpay App... just search for Hilltop Church of the Nazarene. **Please contact Scott Grosz, Treasurer at 248-914-3575 or slgrosz@comcast.net in advance for any direct stock transfers for giving credit.**

He-Brews Café

Stop in & see what's brewing in the Café!

Sunday Mornings 10:10 AM -10:30 AM

Serving complimentary coffee and freshly baked pastries.

After Hours Care

If you or a family member is in need of a hospital visit or prayer with a pastor, and it is after hours, please contact Rev. Troy Ogle at 248-767-3046.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

HILLTOP TOP THREE:

MARCH IS FAITH PROMISE MONTH

"WHAT IS FAITH PROMISE?"

A Faith Promise is a FAITH commitment between you and God to give above and beyond your tithe to the local church. Faith Promise funds allow us to provide for local needs as well as those identified by the World Evangelism Fund. This year we're looking to partner with a local school to help at-risk kids with food for the weekend, reading and mentoring. We're also working at teaming up with a non-profit organization to help pay off medical debt. Pledge cards can be found in the church pews.

HOST-A-HUNT

APRIL 4 OR 11 | NUMEROUS TIME SLOTS AVAILABLE

Join in on the fun and sign up to host an Easter egg hunt in your community! This is a terrific outreach opportunity and a fun way to invite people to our Easter Sunday service as well. You provide the location, and we'll provide the invitations, the candy, and maybe even a large white bunny! Sign up at the Children's Table in the Atrium this morning! Contact Elizabeth Schleicher at eschleic@hilltopnaz.org.

WE HAVE THE BEST FAMILY GAME NIGHT!

SATURDAY, MARCH 21 | 6:30 PM

We're already getting into that competitive spirit. Other places may have Family Game Night, but no one does it like Hilltop! Join us this coming Saturday night for an evening of family-friendly fun and competition! We'll have games and activities like bunco, euchre, a video game tournament, "yard" games and more! Bring along your neighbors, friends and co-workers and get ready to prove you're the boss of board games!

FOCUS ON FAITH PROMISE:

Friday and Mary Ganda are assigned to the West Africa Field with the Church of the Nazarene. Prior to this assignment they served on the East Africa field and in the Horn of Africa. Friday has served as a pastor for five years, as district superintendent for six years, as mission coordinator of Kenya for two years, and as JESUS film coordinator for East and French Fields for two years. The vision of Friday and Mary is to reach the unreached, nurture them, and identify and train leaders. **We ask that you prayerfully consider giving to Faith Promise, as your pledge will go to defray some of the costs of the Ganda's ministry needs: pastoral training center construction in Mwanza Tanzania, the purchase of a missionary ministry vehicle, and furnishings for the pastoral training center.**

DO GOOD OPPORTUNITIES:

SHARE YOUR STORY WITH US!

As we prepare to celebrate our centennial anniversary in May, we are asking members and former members of the church to send us a short video sharing stories of how you have seen God move in your life through this church. Your story will encourage others. In your video you can: *share what you love about this church, *share how you have seen God move in your life or in the church, *share how DFC / Hilltop or a specific ministry of the church has impacted your life, *or share a favorite memory about the church. If you have questions, or need help producing a video, please email us at centennial@hilltopnaz.org and we'll get in touch with you! All videos **MUST** be in by April 15.

HOP TO IT! CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED

Can you help our egg hunt hosts fill hundreds of Easter eggs by providing bags of individually wrapped candy? Please look for the donation bins at the Children's Table in the Atrium.

NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW

EASTER LILY ORDERS

TODAY - SUNDAY, APRIL 5 | \$20

Honor a loved one with a beautiful Easter lily. Orders will be through Sunday, April 5. These beautiful plants are \$20 each and order envelopes can be found at the Connect Table. Please place orders and payment either in the offering plate or the boxes in the rear of the Sanctuary. Plants will be available to take home following our Easter Sunday service on April 12.

BREAKFAST - THE BEST MEAL OF THE DAY....

SUNDAY, MARCH 29 | 9:00 AM

...Especially when you're eating with your Hilltop family! Join us for breakfast on Sunday, March 29 for a delicious way to start your day. No need to RSVP, just come hungry!

CELEBRATION OF HYMNS

SUNDAY, APRIL 5 | PALM SUNDAY | 6:00 PM

We celebrate the beginning of Holy Week with a special time of worship. We will be singing some of your favorite hymns such as "The Old Rugged Cross" and "I Want to be Like Jesus." This will be an awesome evening of worship, and we look forward to seeing you there!

KINGDOM POLITICS

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS | 6:30 PM | ROOM 300

The followers of Christ actually live in two worlds - the Kingdom of God and this world. How are we, as citizens of heaven - first and foremost - to navigate our geo-political, humanistic, and consumer-driven world? Let's talk about it. Join Pastor Ben and Troy on Wednesday evenings.

WOMEN IN THE WORD

CLASS BEGINS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18 | 6:30 PM

This video and discussion-based Bible study by Francis Chan takes us through the Book of James verse-by-verse, challenging followers of Christ to move beyond a private, intellectual knowledge of God and His Word, to a vibrant faith that impacts every square inch of life. Sign up at the Women's Table this morning to be a part of this study. Contact Cheryl Ogle at caogle@att.net for more information.

TUESDAY EVENING LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

CLASS BEGINS TUESDAY, MARCH 24 | 6:30 PM | ROOM 201

If you are weary, worn out and exhausted, then the concept of Sabbath will change your life! Join us as we study Priscilla Shirer's "Breathe: Making Room for Sabbath." Sign up at the Women's Table in the Atrium this morning. Materials fee \$15. Contact Linda Boulton at lboulton@mi.rr.com for more information.

EARLY CHILDHOOD & CHILDRENS' NEWS

MARCH MADNESS - KIDVENTURE STYLE

We won't be spending the month chasing basketball greatness, but we will be offering some awesome prizes at the end of the month! Parents, encourage your children to earn their Kidventure tickets every Sunday morning during the month of March (by bringing a friend, bringing their Bible, learning a Bible verse, etc.). They will have the opportunity to either cash their tickets in at the end of the morning for a prize. **OR** they can save them to be entered into an awesome month-end drawing where they can try to win a GIANT stuffed animal, a HUGE gift bag stuffed full of fun goodies, or other spectacular prizes!

SWAP DAY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1 | 6:30 PM

It may be April Fool's Day, but we're not joking around here! We're having a swap day, where you can trade homemade items, or those things you may not want or need, for items that someone else has made, or no longer wants or needs! Bring in a collection of baked goods, homemade scrunchies, baseball cards, gently-used action figures, etc. It's going to be fun, and you'll come home with some new-to-you items!

YOUTH NEWS

"DOUBT IT"

MERGE | WEDNESDAY NIGHTS | 6:30 PM

In this series we are talking about having questions and doubting our faith. Questions like "Does God really love me?" and "If God is so good, why does he let people go through hard things?". These are difficult questions and we want our students to know that it is okay to have these questions. Having questions is normal and doesn't mean you lack faith. We also want our students to know that God can handle their questions and still loves them.... even when they doubt. This series runs through this Wednesday, March 18.

LEADERS' STORIES

MERGE | BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25TH

Our leaders will be taking turns sharing their stories. We are hoping to let the students see our own journey with God and realize that we were once in their shoes. We have struggled and questioned God, we aren't perfect, but we have received the grace that God has for all and it changed our lives.

MIDNIGHT MADNESS - SAVE THE DATE!

FRIDAY, MARCH 27 | 6:00 PM - 1:00 AM

All youth (grades 6 - 12) are invited to tour the town and enjoy some fun at local hot spots. We'll meet at the church at 6:00 pm and enjoy "first dinner" before we hit the road. Then it's off to laser tag, a trampoline park, and whirlyball. We'll come back to Hilltop, enjoy "second dinner" (because two dinners is ALWAYS better than just one!), some more games, and end the festivities at 1:00 am. Don't miss out on all the **MADNESS!** Your signed waiver and payment of \$30 will guarantee your spot.

JOIN OUR WEEKLY PROGRAMMING

MONDAY

M.O.P.S. | 9:30 AM | ROOM 118

TUESDAY

W.O.W. | 9:25 AM | ORCHARD ROOM

MEN'S BASKETBALL | 8:00 PM | KIDVENTURE

WEDNESDAY | 6:30 PM

KINGDOM POLITICS, WOMEN IN THE WORD,

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEN'S GROUP, CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMS, ESL (ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE)

THURSDAY

MEN OF PURPOSE BIBLE STUDY | 6:00 AM | CONFERENCE ROOM

ENGAGE | 7:00 PM | CONFERENCE ROOM

SUNDAY ABF GROUPS

9:15 AM - Adult Bible Fellowship Groups

Legacy Builders ORCHARD ROOM led by **Joyce Engelmamm**

Mariners ROOM 120/122 led by **Rev. Troy Ogle**

Voyagers ROOM 300 led by **Diana Istavan**

Connections Atrium and Cafe' led by **Mark and Jackie Childs | 9:30 AM**

COLLEGE & YOUNG ADULT NEWS

ENGAGE - THURSDAYS | 7:00 - 9:00 PM | ROOM 304 | CONFERENCE ROOM

Engage is for college and young adults who are looking for a place to discuss scripture, process it together, and learn how to apply it to life with others your age. We look forward to welcoming you into our community!

What was the big idea?

How does this apply to my life?

What are my next steps?



Hilltop's 2 x 2 is calling all members to team up with one to three other Christians for a weekly gathering around a spiritual conversation offered by Hilltop. Whether you meet over coffee, for lunch, or simply on the phone, tackling our weekly challenge with one to three other Christians will transform your life.

Read: Exodus 17:1-7

Question(s): While the Israelite community was being led by God 'from place to place' who did they look to when circumstances looked dire? How does that relate to us, especially in a political season?

Question(s): What was the question the Israelites were asking that put God to the test? How can we do the same? What characteristics describe the Israelites in this situation and how can those same characteristics reveal where our trust lies?

Challenge: Examine yourself, share with each other what you find yourself grumbling and or quarreling over right now. Give each other permission to process root issues leading to negative attitudes and dissensions. Pray for each other and ask God to help you trust Him in those areas.

This Week Ahead

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - THURSDAY, 9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

SUNDAY, 15TH	FAITH PROMISE MONTH BIBLES & BAGELS SPECIAL NEEDS PUZZLE ROOM ABF CLASSES LITTLE TRIKES CONNECTIONS CLASS (ATRIUM/CAFE') KBF KIDS WORSHIP SERVICE LITTLE TRIKES KIDVENTURE SPECIAL NEEDS PUZZLE ROOM TRADITIONAL SERVICE
MONDAY, 16TH	MOPS (ROOM 118) MEN'S BSF
TUESDAY, 17TH	W.O.W. BIBLE STUDY STARTING AGAIN WIDOW / WIDOWERS SUPPORT GROUP (BRIGHTMOOR CHURCH) MEN'S BASKETBALL
WEDNESDAY, 18TH	LITTLE TRIKES KIDVENTURE LIVE! MERGE SPECIAL NEEDS PUZZLE ROOM KINGDOM POLITICS (ROOM 300) ESL (ATRIUM) WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEN'S GROUP (ROOM 120) WOMEN IN THE WORD (CONFERENCE ROOM) WORSHIP & PRAISE BAND
THURSDAY, 19TH	MEN OF PURPOSE (CONFERENCE ROOM) WOMEN'S BSF ENGAGE (CONFERENCE ROOM/ROOM 304)
FRIDAY, 20TH	CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED
SATURDAY, 21ST	FAMILY GAME NIGHT
SUNDAY, 22ND	FAITH PROMISE MONTH BIBLES & BAGELS SPECIAL NEEDS PUZZLE ROOM ABF CLASSES LITTLE TRIKES CONNECTIONS CLASS (ATRIUM/CAFE') KBF KIDS WORSHIP SERVICE YOUTH SERVICE LITTLE TRIKES KIDVENTURE SPECIAL NEEDS PUZZLE ROOM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

MISSIONS

MISSIONARY PRAYER EMPHASIS

During the month of March, we pray for David and Shelley Webb. The Webbs served their first year in Guatemala in 2006 and then lived the following eleven years in Costa Rica where they also ministered in Nicaragua and Panama. Shelley served with the Nazarene Seminary of the Americas (SENDAS) in institutional development and the CALL Spanish language school. David was the Coordinator of Ministries for the country of Costa Rica after serving in that same role in Nicaragua. Prior to their assignment, David served as Associate Pastor in Woodlawn, Tennessee. Shelley served as a worship leader, Sunday School teacher and NMI president while working with local universities in administration and counseling in the states of Louisiana, Tennessee and Kansas. In 2018, the Webbs were assigned to Mexico to work with Partnerships. They also assist the Mexican church in developing Work and Witness within Mexico and beyond.

March 2020 Tithes & Offerings

Week 1 - \$35,513.07	Week 3 - \$	Total: \$ 54,373.13
Week 2 - \$18,860.06	Week 4 - \$	

Average weekly giving for March is \$ 27.1 k. Average giving needed for expenses is \$18 k/week.

Go to hilltopnaz.org and click on the "giving" tab to give online. **Now accepting direct stock and RMD (Required Minimum Distribution) transfers.**



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