

Hillcrest Bible Communiqué

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Sunday Services

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

"Studies in the later Epistles: Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon, 1 & 2 Peter"
children's class · youth class · adult class

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service

welcome · announcements
call to worship
hymn · prayer
Scripture → 1 Peter
pastoral prayer
hymn
the message of the Word:

Jan 5 "The Strategy for the Adversary"

Jan 12 "The Final Triumph"

Jan 19 "The True Grace of God"

the Lord's Supper · after the message

Jan 26 "The True Knowledge of God"

prayer
hymn · benediction · **Jude 24-25**

"Now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling, and present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever, Amen."

5:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service

singing of hymns · prayer
the message of the Word

The Lord's Supper is observed on the first Sunday evening service of the month.

Schedule of the Month

Tue the Bible institute · 7:00-8:45 p.m.
10th year · Sep 3, 2019 – May 26, 2020
Wed local group meetings · 7:00-8:30 p.m.
home Bible study and prayer meeting
Sun 5 evening communion service
Sat 11 men's fellowship breakfast · 7:00 a.m.
men's Bible study · 7:30-8:30 a.m.
Matthew 5:21-22
Jan 20 · elders' meeting
Sun 19 morning communion service
→ **Feb 8** men's fellowship · Matthew 5:23-26

Coming Events

Spring Bible Conference · April 24-28, 2020
Tim Huggins · Grace Bible Chapel, Japan
40th Family Camp · August 17-21, 2020
Eagle Fern Camp · Will Custis & Gary Custis

Quarterly Potluck

It's time for our first quarterly potluck of 2020. Please bring a main dish plus a salad or dessert on Sunday, January 19th for a shared meal right after the morning communion service. Singles may bring just one item to share. There will be no evening service that day. Plan now to attend this special time of fellowship.

Reading the Bible

The first of the year is a good time to be reminded of the importance of your daily Bible reading. Fellowship with the Lord in His Word is a vital part of the Christian life. Make sure you are spending time with your Savior every day. Time in the Word and prayer is most important in your walk with the Lord. And, remember to pray for the saints of HBC and the ongoing ministry of the church.

Prayer Requests

elders

Gary Custis 971-228-8070
 cell phone 503-334-6030
 Vern Isaac 503-502-8690
 Matthew Pierce 503-523-7700

deacons

David Haas 503-516-2791
 Tim Rhyne 503-730-2603

missionary

Tim and Machiko Huggins
 Grace Bible Chapel – Japan

ministries

the preaching and teaching of the Word
 the Bible Institute
 the CD and Internet ministry
 Trinity Bible Church · Will Custis, pastor
 Trinity Bible Hour · Sunday at 4:00 p.m.
 KPDQ FM 93.9 · Sunday morning services

Church Doctrine

- ❶ the authority of Scripture · ❶ *sola Scriptura*
 the Bible is the inerrant Word of God
 “by Scripture alone” · the Bible is the absolute
 authority for faith, life and godliness
- ❷ the sovereignty of God · *the triune God*
 almighty God is one essence in three persons
 the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
 God alone owns and rules His creation
- ❸ the salvation of God · *the doctrines of grace*
 - ❷ *sola gratia* · “by grace alone” · no human merit
 - ❸ *sola fide* · “by faith alone” · no human works
 - ❹ *solus Christus* · “through Christ alone” ·
 no other Savior
 - ❺ *solī Deo gloria* · “glory to God alone” ·
 no human boasting
- ❹ the ordinances of the church
 believer’s baptism · the Lord’s Supper
- ❺ the second coming of Jesus Christ
 pre-tribulational · pre-millennial coming
 the millennial reign of Christ upon the earth
 Jesus Christ · King of kings and Lord of lords

Message from the Pastor

Psalm 119 emphasizes the sufficiency of the Word of God. It utilizes the Hebrew alphabet to say that from “A” to “Z” – the truth of God is perfectly manifested for all mankind. It reveals the heart and mind of God for every contingency of life. No one knows what a day may bring, but the Word of God deals with all of the possibilities. The acrostic style of the Psalm is observed in Hebrew. The first eight verses all begin with the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet “Aleph”. Then, the next grouping of eight verses begins with the second letter – all the way through the Hebrew alphabet. In this way the Psalmist is declaring the eternal value of the Word of God. However, in Israel’s day, the Word of God was often neglected – even lost. In the days of King Josiah of Judah, the book of the law was found in the house of the LORD. Shaphan the scribe read the words of the book of the law in the presence of the King. When Josiah heard the words, he tore his clothes and immediately commanded, “Go, inquire of the LORD for me and the people and all Judah concerning the words of this book that has been found, for great is the wrath of the LORD that burns against us, because our fathers have not listened to the words of this book, to do according to all that is written concerning us” (2 Kings 22:13). The LORD answered the king and promised him peace and prosperity because he had heard the word of God. This Word that was sufficient for Judah and for King Josiah is sufficient for us as well. As the children of God, we live our lives by faith. This means that we believe and trust the Word of God – and the God of the Word. The day will come when we see the Lord and hear His voice. We all look forward to that great day. But now, we communicate with our God by hearing His Word and praying to Him. Psalm 119 reminds us that God has spoken all things that are necessary for us to know Him and how He would have us live. All wisdom related to every possible circumstance we might encounter in life is clearly revealed in Scripture, the all-sufficient Word of God. The Lord God has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness through the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. We must be diligent in hearing and obeying His Word.