

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 → 2 Peter
pastoral prayer
hymn
the message of the Word:

Feb 2 "The Productive Promises of God"

Feb 9 "Applying Diligence in the Faith (1)"

Feb 16 "Applying Diligence in the Faith (2)"
the Lord's Supper · after the message

Feb 23 "Applying Diligence in the Faith (3)"

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 2** evening communion service
- Sat 8** men's fellowship breakfast · 7:00 a.m.
men's Bible study · 7:30-8:30 a.m.
Matthew 5:23-26
- Mon 17** · elders' meeting
- Sun 16** morning communion service
→ **Mar 14** men's fellowship · Matthew 5:27-28

Coming Events

- Spring Bible Conference · April 19-22, 2020
Tim Huggins · Grace Bible Chapel, Japan
40th Family Camp · August 24-28, 2020
Eagle Fern Camp · Will Custis & Gary Custis

Spring Bible Conference

Tim Huggins is the pastor of Grace Bible Chapel in Nagasaki, Japan. He has served the Lord as pastor for the past twenty-six years – faithfully preaching and teaching the Word of God. We are thankful that Tim and his wife Machiko will be with us for our Spring Bible Conference – to be held at Trinity Bible Church April 19th – 22nd.

The Theme: **The Pursuit of Pious Living**

- ① Sunday April 19th 11:00 AM
"Piety: Its Starting Blocks"
- ② Sunday April 19th 6:00 PM
"Piety: Defined and Demonstrated"
- ③ Monday April 20th 7:30 PM
"Piety: Reestablishing the Basics Mid-Pursuit"
- ④ Tuesday April 21st 7:30 PM
"Piety: When Comfort is Pursued Instead"
- ⑤ Wednesday April 22nd 7:30 PM
"Piety: The Maintenance of"

Prayer Requests

elders

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 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

- ① the authority of Scripture · ① *sola Scriptura*
 the Bible is the inerrant Word of God
"by Scripture alone" · the Bible is the absolute
 authority for faith, life and godliness
- ② 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
- ③ the salvation of God · *the doctrines of grace*
 - ② *sola gratia* · *"by grace alone"* · no human merit
 - ③ *sola fide* · *"by faith alone"* · no human works
 - ④ *solus Christus* · *"through Christ alone"* ·
 no other Savior
 - ⑤ *solī Deo gloria* · *"glory to God alone"* ·
 no human boasting
- ④ the ordinances of the church
 believer's baptism · the Lord's Supper
- ⑤ 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

The Lord leads and guides us as we live the Christian life. Sometimes the way is easy, and sometimes the way is difficult. But, the Lord is always faithful to encourage us as we walk with Him. How does the Lord encourage us as we live by faith? When the Apostle Paul was in serious trouble, the Lord stood at his side and said, *"Take courage; for as you have solemnly witnessed to My cause at Jerusalem, so you must witness at Rome also"* (Acts 23:11). This appearance must have been a great encouragement to Paul. We would all love to have the Lord appear to encourage us in the way He has set before us. However, none of us has seen the Lord in this way because we live by faith, not by sight. We don't expect the Lord to appear when we are alone to speak kind words that we can actually hear with our ears. Seeing and hearing the Lord was a special privilege given to the Apostle Paul. Even so, the Lord indeed encourages our hearts. He speaks to us in His Word – the Bible. Here we have His promises to His people in writing. And since the Lord cannot lie, He can only be faithful to every word that comes forth from Him. Our encouragement comes by reading the Word of God and resting in His truth. Then the Holy Spirit takes the promises of God and encourages and comforts our hearts – giving us assurance and great peace. In this way the suffering saints can be at peace in the worst of circumstances – just like Paul. And, it is Paul who wrote by the Spirit of God, *"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created things, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Romans 8:38-39). It is the Word of God that comforts and encourages God's people – whether spoken by Christ in person or revealed by Christ in His Word. The God who speaks great promises is the God who keeps His word. Our faith and trust is always in the Word of God and the God of the Word. And, as we live by faith in all the circumstances of life, the Holy Spirit will impress God's truth upon our hearts so we can experience His comforting presence.