

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:

Mar 1 "The Value of Increasing Faith"

Mar 8 "The Never Stumbling Way"

Mar 15 "The Needful Reminder of Truth"
the Lord's Supper · after the message

Mar 22 "The Human Witness of Truth"

Mar 29 "The Divine Witness of Truth"
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 1 evening communion service
Sat 7 men's fellowship breakfast · 7:00 a.m.
men's Bible study · 7:30-8:30 a.m.
Matthew 5:27-28
Mon 9 · elders' meeting
Sun 15 morning communion service ... and ...
... the potluck and the annual meeting
→ **Apr 11** men's fellowship · Matthew 5:29-30

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

Annual Meeting

This year's annual meeting will be held on Sunday, March 15th. After the morning service, we will meet downstairs for a potluck meal. Families are encouraged to bring a main dish and a salad or dessert. After our meal and fellowship time, we will have a brief annual meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to inform all the people of the church's finances for the previous year, and to reveal plans for the coming year. Improvements planned for the building will be presented. It is an important meeting to attend. The Lord has provided for His church and our annual meeting provides opportunity to express our thanksgiving to God for all that He is doing in our midst. Plan now to attend this meeting.

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

- 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 life of faith includes receiving, submitting, trusting, depending, obeying ... and waiting. Waiting is a great challenge. Habakkuk was a waiting prophet in Judah. Israel had already been taken captive by the Assyrians in 722 BC, and now Judah awaited the coming judgment of God. The book of Habbakuk deals with the anxious prophet. As he was confronted with the ongoing wickedness in Judah, he was perplexed. He wondered when the Lord would bring the promised judgment. And so, his book reveals a "conversation" with God. First, Habakkuk complained to God. Second, the LORD answered with the promise of Babylonian captivity. Third, Habakkuk stated his objections about the ways of the LORD. And fourth, the LORD admonished and exhorted the prophet with the statement, *"Behold the proud, his soul is not upright in him; but the just shall live by his faith"* (2:4). The LORD also pronounced five "woes" upon the Babylonians because He was going to judge the wicked. Finally, the rebuked prophet submitted to the will of God and professed his faith in the Lord in a final prayer. All of this is important for us to observe. Everyone who lives by faith is waiting on the LORD. We are waiting for His return, His work of holiness in our lives, and His provision to meet our many needs. The life of faith involves a life of prayer. And, the life of prayer involves a life of waiting upon God. This is the reason the LORD told Habakkuk that the just shall live by faith. This faith must always look to God for His provision with an attitude of submission to the will and word of God. We must know the LORD so that we are absolutely confident in His promises. What He promises He will provide! He is the God of infinite faithfulness to His word. He will never fail to provide for His people as we wait upon Him. The present Christian life provides opportunity for us to live looking to the Lord. He has revealed His nature and proclaimed His word so that we will confidently wait for the LORD's provision in our lives. So be encouraged in your faith to wait upon the LORD God Almighty in prayer. Be full of faith in the presence of the impossible things of this life knowing that all things are possible with Him. Live by faith!