

The Echo

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From the Pastor's Desk

This month marks the longest amount of time I have ever lived anywhere in my entire life. Earlier this year I wondered if I would start to feel "claustrophobic," but as the time has come, I have to say I feel peaceful. In these newsletter articles, I ordinarily try to lift up something happening in the church or give you something to think about that will challenge you to grow as disciples, but I hope, for this month, you might excuse this moment of personal reflection.

For most of my entire life, everywhere I lived seemed to have an expiration date attached. Between my father's military career and my own educational or ministry pursuits, I have moved 19 times in the last 33 years. And now, coming up on 4 years at Hillside this fall, I feel settled with no "expiration date" on the horizon. So much of my life has been spent either settling-in or packing-up, that it comes as a strange, yet welcome, feeling to simply enjoy this moment of relative calm in my life, especially because, for the first time in 30 years, I'm no longer in school.

So what, you ask, am I going to be doing with my newfound peace and calm? Well, since you asked, I'm going to continue working on losing weight, improving my health, and investing in those things that, I hope, will help you to grow as disciples.

To that end, it is my fervent hope that each person at Hillside will demonstrate what it is to be transformed by the grace of God in Jesus Christ. And of course you can give yourself a test to see whether your life has been re-oriented: do you desire to know God more because you are continually amazed by his unfailing love for you despite how broken and sinful you are, or do you think that you basically know who God is already? Do you love being lord of your own life, seeking after your own comfort zone or are you always on the lookout for ways you can let God's will be done through you?

The answer to these questions will either lead us to basically keep doing the same things we've always done or strive to grow, be radically transformed, and serve in new and risky ways. This fall, I hope to challenge *each* of you to be a part of some kind of discipleship or study group AND be plugged in to some kind of outward service for others. These are the most basic actions that should be common to all believers of every age and what, I hope, we will spend our time working on together.

Thank you for being the family and friends in the place I call home.

In Christ,

Pastor Sean

Fantastic Learning Opportunity:

Elmarie & Scott Parker, missionaries we support from Lebanon (who also work in Syria and Iraq), will be giving a presentation at Hillside the evening of Sunday, Aug 9 at 7pm. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come welcome them and hear about what God is doing in a very difficult region.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

We like to highlight a service opportunity each month to encourage Jesus' disciples the opportunity to work for His Kingdom when the need is known. This month, we encourage everyone to turn out for:

Serving Dinner at the Good Shepherd Center

Volunteers will be meeting at 10 N Water St at 4pm on Mon, Aug 7, to serve meals as part of our support of the local food pantry. Drivers are also needed to take meals to those who cannot come.

For more information, call Pat Herrick at 724-588-9518.

Children in Worship Training

Following worship on Sunday, August 13th, Dr. Andrea Hall will lead a brief training session for those who lead Children in Worship and those interested in learning how we can help children connect with God on their level. She will be showing how to use the Godly Play baskets. There will be a lunch provided, and all are welcome. Please RSVP to Jill Redfoot at: 588-9528.



SEPTEMBER

ECHO DEADLINE:

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

Hometown Heroes

Please continue to pray for these loved ones who are serving our country. Keep them, their families, our country, and our world situation in your constant prayers.

HANNAH BATTLES
RAYMOND PELSH
JASON COATS
JOSH PIPP
PATRICK DANGROW
MICHAEL PSCHIRER
KENNETH BUCKLEY

JUSTIN SMITH
CRAIG TRUMBULL JR.
KRISTOPHER HIRSCH-
MANN
DAVID TURNER
JON LEXINGTON
BRIAN GEARHART

Recipe Corner

Strawberry Spinach Pasta Salad with Orange Poppy Seed Dressing

- 8 oz. penne pasta, cooked
- 2 cups packed fresh baby spinach leaves
- 1 cup sliced strawberries
- 1 cup pineapple chunks
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup dried cranberries
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup salted cashews

Dressing:

- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup extra virgin olive oil
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup apple cider vinegar
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup plain Greek yogurt
- 1 TBL Dijon mustard
- 3 TBL honey
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup orange juice
- 2 teaspoons poppy seeds

Combine all dressing ingredients in a jar and shake well.

Combine pasta, spinach, strawberries, pineapple, cranberries, and cashews in a large bowl.

Toss with dressing

Cover and chill at least one hour.

Promo Videos

Every group, committee, and organization in the church is encouraged to speak with the Communication & Technology committee about making a brief promotional video to highlight what your group does, and why others should consider joining you. We hope to make the videos this summer in advance of our fall kickoff. Please sign-up for a slot from 4-6 on Sat, Aug 19th, or 9-12 on Sun, Aug 20.

August Good Shepherd
Item: Personal Care Items/
School Supplies

AUGUST

		2-4 Knitting		7 E.R.	5 Neighbor to Neighbor Cookout 7 Summer Movie: Collateral Beauty	
		1	2	3	4	5
10 Worship 7 The Parkers, Missionaries from Lebanon, to speak	5-Serve Dinner @ Good Shepherd 6:30 Membership Mtg.	2-4 Knitting 6 Trustees		7 E.R.	7 Summer Movie: Doctor Strange	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10 Worship—Communion 11 Children in Worship Training	7 Worship Mtg.	2-4 Knitting 6:30 Session		7 E.R. 5 Faith Night at PNC Park	7 Summer Movie: Hidden Figures	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
10 Worship Echo Articles Due		2-4 Knitting		7 E.R.		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
10 Worship	6:30 Christian Ed Mtg.			Find up-to-the-minute updates at www.hillsidepresby.com/calendar where you can find details and even add items to your personal calendar.		
27	28	29	30	31		

AUGUST

Birthdays

8/1 Grace Ann Greenfield
8/2 Lelani Kiser
8/6 Anissa Daugherty
8/7 Roy Battles
Jeff Williamson
8/8 Nicole Stubbs
8/9 Brooke Kiser
8/11 Nancy Herrick
8/12 Emily Titus
8/13 Erica Barr
8/15 Onnaless Patterson



8/18 Brian Stubbs
Scott Hodge
8/20 Paul Smith
8/22 Bryan Shannon
8/23 Michael Golden
8/25 Steve Pinney
8/27 Evan Gruver
8/29 Dick Miller
Sonny Shannon
Ron Sicignano
8/31 Pat Hillman

Anniversaries

8/2 Dick & Martha Miller (55 Years)
8/7 Roy & Pat Battles
8/11 Dennis & Lelani Kiser
8/12 Tom & Gay McKenzie
8/16 Aaron & Stephanie Zane
8/23 Ron & Eva Sicignano
8/27 Jim & Shirley Hammerschmidt
8/31 John & Donna Scott





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