

# The Herald

## ***AWANA Awards Celebration Wednesday, May 9 at 6:15 pm***

You may not realize it, but our AWANA ministry has doubled in size just since September! These children have worked incredibly hard during this year of AWANA, and we want to celebrate their hard work and accomplishments! On Wednesday, May 9 at 6:15 pm, all age groups will join our AWANA children in the sanctuary for a great time led by the incredibly funny entertainer Keith Coast. This night is open to the entire community. It will be a great opportunity to invite friends and family members to a very funny time they will not forget! Even if you don't have children or grandchildren involved in AWANA, this is still a great chance for you to support these children and celebrate with them. See you there!



## ***Country Gospel Concert on Sunday, April 29 at 4:00 pm!***

If you enjoy traditional, Country Gospel music then you absolutely will not want to miss our upcoming free concert on Sunday, April 29 at 4:00 pm featuring Dennis Garner. Don't miss this chance to invite your friends to hear some great Country Gospel music!



## ***Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions***

While the Easter season may be over, we cannot forget the gift we were given through the cross and the empty tomb. We also cannot forget that many people have never heard of the amazing love of God. When you give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, every penny you give helps put missionaries on the ground and provides them with the necessary supplies to reach North America with the love of Jesus. *What would God have you give?*

**HHBC Goal - \$3,000**

**Received - \$1,375**

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## ***The Seasons Are Changing***

by Pastor Jason

I love to fish for trout. Every year, our family embarks on an annual trip to Colorado. Every year, my father and I compete over who will catch the biggest fish. I can easily daydream myself away to wading in the rivers with all of my fishing gear. I can see the water. I watch the movement of the water looking for that one fish. The one large fish that will force my father to again admit that I have caught the biggest fish. I have already begun reading fishing reports and studying the water levels in the rivers we will fish. After all, catching that one big fish requires some work.

I wonder what would happen if we invested the same passion and work in our calling to be fishers of men? Honestly, I don't completely know the answer, but I believe that our hearts are most like God's heart when we are devoted to introducing others to Jesus. As I have looked through this edition of the Herald, I am staggered by the number of opportunities we have to help others encounter Christ. We are all called to be fishers of men. You can fish for men by inviting someone to the gospel music concert, helping in VBS, serving as a greeter, giving generously to the church, or building new relationships so that you can share the gospel. So let's do the hard work. Let's fish with intensity and passion. Let's focus on those who need to know Jesus. Because when we do, it is only then that we truly experience the peace and joy that Christ promised us. Let's fish!

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### ***Divine Compassion - A Study of Jonah***



We all know about the big fish, but the story is about much more. In Jonah, we encounter a prophet who was only concerned about himself, his people, and what he thought was right. He gave little thought to the thousands of people who did not know God or the fact that God might be concerned about them. Yet, in spite of this very flawed prophet we see God pour out His love, mercy, and grace upon the great city of Ninevah and even upon His not-so-perfect prophet. You see, the story of Jonah is not really about a big fish. The story of Jonah is all about divine compassion. ***Join us for this study of Jonah on Wednesday Evenings beginning Wednesday, May 16 at 6:15 pm .***

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## ***Vacation Bible School Is Less Than Two Months Away!***



The Amazing Wonders Aviation Adventure is less than two months away! On June 25-29, Highland Hills will transform as we help children encounter God like never before as we tour some of the world's most marvelous natural wonders and learn to trust and recognize God as they explore His awesome power. Quite simply, VBS

is one of our greatest opportunities to reach the children and families in our community with the love of Jesus Christ! You do not want to miss out on this incredible week!

There is nothing as much fun or rewarding as VBS, and there are few things that require as much work as VBS. It is time to begin the cutting, crafting, and decorating work. We have included some of the really important dates for this year's VBS. You will notice that the workdays are scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays, but if this doesn't fit your schedule just let us know and we will work out an alternative time for you to help us get everything prepared for VBS. If you are interested in joining the VBS team but haven't signed up yet, don't worry! Just see our VBS director Sheri Hardy or Richard Stephens to get signed up.

### **VBS Coordination Meeting**

Tuesday, May 1 at 6:30 pm

### **Workdays Every Tuesday and Thursday in May**

Beginning May 8 at 6:30 pm

### **Saturday, June 23**

VBS Community Kick-Off Event

### **Sunday, July 1**

VBS Celebration in Morning Worship

VBS Celebration Cookout after Morning Worship

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## ***Greeters Ministry Welcomes Russell and Kaylyn Robertson!***

We are so excited to announce that our Greeters Ministry is now being led by Russell and Kaylyn Robertson! Russell and Kaylyn have been attending Highland Hills for nearly a year now and joined the church not long after their wedding last September. If you don't know them, Russell and Kaylyn are a joy to be around, and they both love Highland Hills.



With the spiritual gifts of hospitality and service as well as experience and collegiate training in the hospitality industry, God has richly prepared them for this incredibly important ministry. Over the next several months you will see numerous changes and additions to our greeters ministry so this is a perfect time to join Russell and Kaylyn on this new adventure in their lives and this new time at Highland Hills!

## ***Upward Sports Season Coming To a Close***

As we enter the final month of Upward Soccer, the 2011-2012 Upward Sports season is coming to a close. It has been an unbelievable year for Upward Sports. In the fall, our flag football and cheerleading included 225 children! This winter our basketball and cheerleading totaled an incredible 650 children! Our current soccer season has 318 children participating! These numbers are impressive and exciting, but there is another number that is far more important. ***You see, during the 2011-2012 Upward Sports***

***season 63 people have committed their lives to following Jesus Christ - and we still have a full month remaining!***

God is doing some almost unbelievable things through our Upward Sports Ministry. If you have not yet taken advantage of the opportunity to check out some of our games, why not join us for a part of a Saturday? Our final games are scheduled for Saturday, May 19, and we would love to see you there!



**The staff invites you to join them as they continue their study of the book, *Comeback Churches* by Ed Stetzer and Mike Dodson.**

## ***Church-Wide Workday Coming***



It is hard to believe but summer is almost here! Over the next several months we will have lots of people from the community visiting Highland Hills for everything from Vacation Bible School to a gospel music concert to family movie nights. We want our facility looking as nice as possible and functioning as well as possible. ***We have several projects to complete at our next Church-Wide Workday on Saturday, May 19 at 9:00 am, and we desperately need your help to get them done.*** So if you like to paint, clean, replace lightbulbs, or maybe even do some work outside we could certainly use your hands. See Jerry Burnett, Cecil Herod, or Ben Butler for more information!

## ***Enjoy a Hamburger While Supporting Upward Sports!***

Through a unique community partnership with Johnnie's Charcoal Broiler on Northwest Expressway, you can enjoy a great meal while helping support our Upward Sports Ministry! On the fourth Thursday of every month, simply go to Johnnies, order your meal, and let them know that you are there to support Highland Hills Baptist Church. Later a percentage of the price of

your meal will be donated back to our Upward Sports Ministry. Eating a great burger while supporting ministry - what could be better than that! We look forward to seeing you at Johnnie's on Thursday, May 24!



## ***Basketball Open Gym Continues To Grow!***

***Thursday Nights at 7:30 pm!***

Men and ladies, if you enjoy basketball then Thursday nights are for you! This is a great time of fun and fellowship! We are currently averaging around 15 people each each week with only three of us from HHBC!



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***Don't forget these regular weekly activities!***

**Sunday:**

Library Opens	9:00 am
Sunday School ( <i>Small Group Bible Study</i> )	9:30 am
Pastor's Prayer Partners	10:30 am
Sunday Morning Worship	10:45 am
Children's Church ( <i>Dismissed from Sanctuary</i> )	11:00 am
Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal	4:00 pm
Sunday Evening Worship	5:00 pm
Children's Choir Rehearsal	5:00 pm
Youth ENGAGE Discipleship ( <i>Dismissed from Sanctuary</i> )	5:30 pm

**Monday:**

Upward Soccer Practice	6:00 pm
Financial Peace University	6:30 pm

**Tuesday:**

Staff Meeting	10:00 am
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**Wednesday:**

Library Opens	9:00 am
Wednesday Evening Worship and Prayer	6:15 pm
Adult Choir Rehearsal	6:15 pm
Youth 180 Degrees	6:15 pm
AWANA	6:15 pm

**Thursday:**

Upward Soccer Practice	6:00 pm
Men's Basketball Open Gym	7:30 pm

**Saturday:**

Upward Soccer Games	9:00 am
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***Articles for the June edition of The Herald are due by  
Wednesday, May 16.***

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***Mark Your Calendars for These Upcoming Events!*****Saturday, April 28**

9:00 am - Church-Wide Work Day

**Sunday, April 29**4:00 pm - Gospel Music Concert *featuring Dennis Garner***Tuesday, May 1**

6:30 pm - VBS Coordination Meeting

**Wednesday, May 2 - Falls Creek T-Shirt Sizes Due!****Thursday, May 3 - National Day of Prayer****Sunday, May 6**

8:00 am - Men's Fellowship Breakfast

3:45 pm - Deacons Meeting

**Tuesday, May 8**

10:00 am - Women's Missionary Union Meeting

11:30 am - Senior Adult Lunch at Timber Lodge Steakhouse

**Wednesday, May 9**

6:15 pm - AWANA Awards Celebration for all ages

**Sunday, May 13 - Happy Mother's Day! No Evening Activities****Saturday, May 19**

9:00 am - Church-Wide Workday

**Sunday, May 20**

10:45 am - Graduate Recognition in Morning Worship

3:30 pm - Church Council Meeting

5:00 pm - Monthly Business Meeting

**Monday, May 21**

6:00 pm - Upward Awards Celebration at Quail Springs BC

**Tuesday, May 22**

9:00 am - Stuff Newsletters

10:00 am - Senior Adult Fun and Fellowship

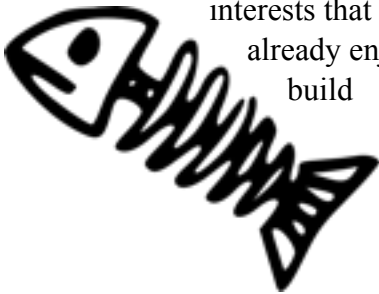
**Thursday, May 24 - Johnnie's Charcoal Broiler Day!****Sunday, May 27 - No Evening Activities - Memorial Day Weekend****Monday, May 28 - Memorial Day - Church Office Closed****Tuesday, May 29 - Last Day to Register for Falls Creek!****Wednesday, May 30**

6:15 pm - Falls Creek Parent Meeting

***Are You Ready to Build Relationships?***

by Richard Stephens

In April we held our first FISH information meeting. No, we did not eat any fish, but we did discuss the act of building relationships in our community, neighborhoods, schools, etc. Jesus called us to be fishers of men and that is the concept of FISH. Our students are in the planning stages of building meeting groups in their homes and schools. The program is very simple. Ask a couple of people to your home and use your hobbies and interests that you already enjoy to build



relationships. Enjoying yourself while building long-term relationships sounds pretty easy, huh? The best part is that while you are building this relationship you have a chance to share your faith. I gave those in our meeting some exciting statistics. Imagine that one student invites two friends to come to their home meeting and later to church. Later these two new students also create home groups. And the process continues on and on. In a year's time, each student could have a part in reaching fourteen students for Christ! While our students are leading this process, I encourage all adults to be a part of this as well. The only question I have this month is, "*Are you ready to build new relationships?*"

*"I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ."*

*Philemon 6*

**Have you joined the outreach team yet? We have opportunities for everyone to participate regardless of schedules or comfort levels by writing letters, making phone calls, or making personal visits!**

***See Richard Stephens for more information!***

***On the Youth Wall******Falls Creek Is Just Around the Corner!!!******June 4-8, 2012******Cost: \$125***

Falls Creek is a month away! We are working feverishly to get everything lined up. Parent packets are currently available at the Welcome Center and a Food Donation list will be available by May 8. As always we covet your prayers and financial scholarships are always appreciated.

***Wednesday, May 2 - T-Shirt Sizes Due***

As we seek to be good stewards of our resources, we need your help by signing up early so that we can have an accurate t-shirt count for sponsors and students.

***Sunday, May 20 - Parent and Sponsor Meeting***

This meeting is extremely important so that we can be certain that everyone understands everything that is going on at Falls Creek. Parents, you are required to attend one of the two Parent and Sponsor Meetings before your child can join us at Falls Creek.

***Tuesday, May 29 - Last Day to Register***

We don't like setting deadlines either, but this is less than one week before we leave and we must be able to finalize purchases such as food.

***Wednesday, May 30 - Parent and Sponsor Meeting***

This is a repeat of the meeting on May 20 so if you attended that one you can skip this one, but if you missed the meeting on May 20 this is a second chance.

***Monday, June 4 - Payments are due!***

Yes, you can pay early, and we would appreciate it if you do. But again, we do have to set a deadline sometime.

We encourage everyone to join us in prayer for Falls Creek. At the Welcome Center you will find a Prayer Guide for Falls Creek. God impacts thousands of lives each year at Falls Creek, including many of our own students. So please join us in prayer and ask God to begin working even now in the lives of the speakers, musicians, students, and sponsors.

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## ***Children's Camp at Tulakogee is Coming Soon!***

Parents, you don't want your children to miss out on Children's Camp 2012. We will be returning to Tulakogee this year for KMAK 2012! We will be leaving Sunday afternoon, July 15 and returning Thursday evening, July 19. We are finalizing some details in our parent packets, but we wanted to give you a few very important dates and information to add to your calendar.



**Sunday, May 13 - Parent Packets Available**

**Monday, June 4 - T-Shirt Sizes Due**

Yes, we know this date is early but it is required by the camp.

**Sunday, July 1 - Last Day to Register**

**Sunday, July 15 - Payments are due!**

**Cost: \$140**

*See Richard Stephens for more information!*

## ***Family Movie Nights Taking a Brief Break***

Our first two Family Movie Nights have been a great success! Our first Family Movie Night had 17 people come to enjoy the movie *Courageous* together. In April, 32 people came together to enjoy the movie *A Dolphin Tale*. We are so excited about what God is doing through these movie nights, but overflowing calendars have led us to take a brief break from our monthly Family Movie Nights. Don't worry though, the June edition of the Herald will have information for a Family Movie Night in July as well as dates for our monthly Family Movie Nights for the remainder of 2012. There are few things that are as much fun as enjoying a good movie with good friends so hang tight more movie nights are on the way. Also, if you have a movie that you would like to recommend for a Family Movie Night just contact the church office. We don't guarantee that we can fulfill everyone's recommendations, but we are always looking for great ideas!



***Greeters Ministry Schedule*** led by Russell and Kaylyn Robertson

**April 29**

9:00 am Front Door: Jean Rowland

10:25 am Front Door: John & Diane Frazier Back Door: Kaylee Davis

**May 6**

9:00 am Front Door: Russell and Kaylyn Robertson

10:25 am Front Door: Ada Cotter Back Door: Melanie Hughes

**May 13**

9:00 am Front Door: Russell and Kaylyn Robertson

10:25 am Front Door: Don & Betty Hudson Back Door: Kaylee Davis

**May 20**

9:00 am Front Door: Russell and Kaylyn Robertson

10:25 am Front Door: Don & Betty Hudson Back Door: Clint McDonald

**May 27**

9:00 am Front Door: Russell and Kaylyn Robertson

10:25 am Front Door: Norlyn Lietzke Back Door: Jean Rowland

***Pastor's Prayer Partners*** led by Herma Langwell

**April 29:** Bobbi Clark, Ada Cotter, Jim Augenstein

**May 6:** Joyce Shelby, Arlene Biehler, Larry Biehler

**May 13:** Jerry Burnett, Larri Miller, Eddie Bobo

**May 20:** Bill Bullock, Norlyn Lietzke, Jack Botkin

**May 27:** Herma Langwell, Ada Cotter, Ben Butler

***Nursery Ministry Schedule*** led by Jennifer Stephens

**April 29:** Lynn Steel and Flor Cox

**May 6:** Kaylyn Robertson and Clint McDonald

**May 13:** Sandra Hughes and Melanie Hughes

**May 20:** Helen Herod and Zandra Morris

**May 27:** Sheri Hardy and Kaylee Davis

***May Highlights in the HHBC Library***

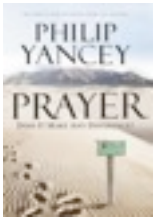
***The Ambition by Lee Strobel***

After reaching millions with his “Case” series, Strobel launches himself into fiction with this incredible legal thriller. You will be thrown into a captivating world that connects a disillusioned pastor with a corrupt judge, a cynical reporter, and a gambling addict on a desperate quest for redemption.



***Prayer by Phillip Yancey***

In theory, prayer is the essential human act, a priceless point of contact between us and the God of the universe. In practice, prayer is often frustrating, confusing, and fraught with mystery. Join Yancey in his exploration of the mysterious intersection where God and humans meet.



***Celebrating May Birthdays!!!***

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| 5-4  | Jim Augenstein                         | 5-19 | Adrienne Ingram,<br>Wanda Schnabel |
| 5-5  | Bob Tidwell                            | 5-20 | L.B. Earp, Logan O’Neal            |
| 5-13 | Bertha Augenstein,<br>Rebecca Olivares | 5-24 | JoAnn Whitaker                     |
| 5-15 | Sheri Hardy                            | 5-25 | Emily Olivares                     |
| 5-16 | Glenda Earp                            | 5-26 | Caden Stephens                     |
|      |  | 5-31 | Amelia Giles, Sonya Ullrich        |

***March Attendance and Giving Information***

<b>Sunday School</b>		<b>Sunday Morning Worship</b>	
April 1	84	April 1	92
April 8	92	April 8	156
April 15	88	April 15	82
April 22	85	April 22	89
April 29	NA	April 29	NA
<b>April Avg.</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>April Avg.</b>	<b>105</b>

**April Budget Giving MTD**  
\$17,568.10

**April Weekly Giving Avg.**  
\$4,392.03