



If you are in the need of prayer, please respond to the sermon and our Elders will lead the congregation in prayer for you. Or indicate your prayer request on an attendance card and we will pray for you this week.

Our Elders are available after each service to talk with you. Please don't leave with questions, concerns, or a heavy heart. Be Blessed!



From
Other Churches

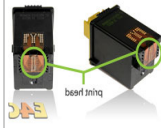
**Ladies' 2012
Lectureship Retreat**
The Hillcrest Area Group Coordinator is:
Sheba Morrison email: morr6294@msn.com or 404-213-2495

There will be a **Retreat Meeting** on Saturday, January 21, 2012 @ 11:00am at the Rock Springs Rd., COC, 6481 Rock Springs Road, Lithonia, GA 30038



Building Project Updates

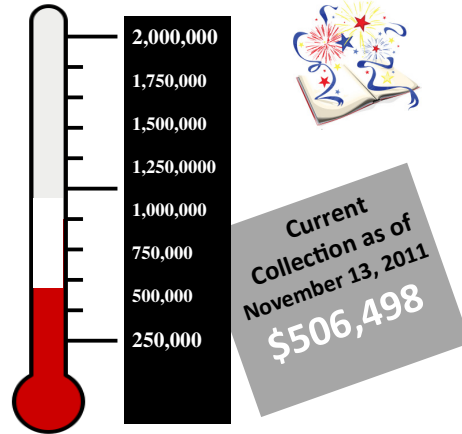
**Hillcrest Youth Ministry—
Recycle Inkjet.** The Youth Ministry will be **paid up to \$4 each for your cartridges with a print head.**



If it will fit in the palm of your hand—please bring it in. If we can't get paid for it—it will be disposed of properly. Just put it in a Ziploc bag or the original cartridge box and bring it to the Recycle Center in the Family Life Center.

With your help we have contributed \$308.25 to the building project so far.

Please continue to bring your cartridges.



**DO NOT FORGET...
"POWER SUNDAY"
January 1, 2012**

A TIME OF COLLECTIVE GIVING

Employment Posting Board
Job Hotline Email Address:
hccjobposting@gmail.com



The Hillcrest Youth recycling campaign has expanded. We are collecting Capri Sun packages. Collection site is in the main building downstairs. Please look for the poster and recycling container. Contacts: Greg White and Lisa Glover



Pledge Amount Breakdown

	Frequency	1,000	2,500	5,000	8,000	10,000	12,000	15,000	20,000	25,000
Weekly		9.96	24.04	48.08	76.92	96.15	115.38	144.23	192.31	240.38
Bi Weekly		19.23	48.08	96.15	153.85	192.31	230.77	288.46	384.62	480.77
Monthly		41.67	104.17	208.33	333.33	416.67	500	625	833.33	1041.67
Quarterly		125	312.50	625	1000	1250	1500	1875	2500	3125
Semi-Annually		250	625	1250	2000	2500	3000	3750	5000	6250
Annually		500	1250	2500	4000	5000	6000	7500	10,000	12,500

Prayer Requests

- ▶ **Ray Crawford:** will have surgery on Mon. Dec. 19th (3330 Flat Stone Court, Conyers, GA 30094)
- ▶ **Dawn Campbell:** for repentance of sin ; also for traveling grace to/from Florida for 2 weeks
- ▶ **Barbara Rucker:** her daughter-in-law, Mariam Royal is doing well after surgery—she is in the VA hospital; also for traveling grace during the Christmas holidays
- ▶ **Willie/Becky Davis:** Becky will have surgery on December 29th; also for Willie's father, Bobby Davis, who has cancer
- ▶ **Albert Lewis:** going to the Mayo clinic in Jacksonville, FL for medical tests
- ▶ **Jay Fuller:** for his friend, Christopher Randolph, whose mother passed on Saturday, December 10th
- ▶ **Antoneth Johnson:** for her son, Dwight McKayne, who is paralyzed and is on oxygen in a New York hospital
- ▶ **Kris Ballou:** for his grandfather, Leon Moore, who is in ICU— that his health will improve
- ▶ **Tina Carter:** for traveling grace to and from the UK; also thankful to God and everyone who prayed when her company was laying off this time last year—the company has had its best year; also thankful for the prayers for her son Stedman, as he graduated on Saturday, December 10th
- ▶ **Amanda Foster:** thankful for family and friends; also that she will do well on her finals
- ▶ **Rickie Clements:** thankful, his grandmother is still doing well; also his oldest daughter, Amaris Clements will graduate from Georgia State
- ▶ **Barbara McKeown:** for a friend, Exa Moore, of Grand Rapids, MI, who has cancer
- ▶ **Greg White:** for the Lewis, Nettles families, Decatur community, and Decatur High School students in the loss of 2 young people on the same day—one due to a car wreck and the other a drowning
- ▶ **Jerome Mond:** a new convert, asking that the congregation do not forget about him— he is currently in the Macon Rescue Mission at 774 Hazel Street, Macon, GA 31201
- ▶ **Ernest Kelly:** home after a hospital stay and experiencing dizziness (3941 River Forge, Ellenwood, GA 30294)
- ▶ **Sylvester Hester:** recovering well after surgery (3040 Birchton St., Alpharetta, GA 30022)
- ▶ **John Talley:** recovering well after surgery (3020 Brighton Ct., Conyers, GA 30094)
- ▶ **Dee Webb:** recovering well after surgery (1720 Broadwell Oaks Dr., Alpharetta, GA 30004)
- ▶ **Continued prayers for those who are sick, shut-in, and serving in the military**

Sympathy

Heartfelt condolences are extended to ...

Rosetta Tillman and the Jackson family in the loss of her cousin, Victoria Jackson. The funeral was held on Saturday, December 17th. (Rosetta Tillman 1658 Glen Arm Dr., Lithonia, GA 30058)

Thank You

To my Hillcrest Family....On behalf of my family and myself, we would like to thank you all so very much for your phone calls, cards, the beautiful floral arrangement and your visits during the loss of my brother and my brother-in-law. We are asking that you keep us in your prayers as we go through this difficult time. May God bless you all in a very great way.

Sis. Jo-Ann Rogers & the Stone & Murden Families

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Hillcrest Family...Thank you for the love, support, the nature and admonition that you've shown to our family in our absence as well as our presence. I want you to know that it doesn't go unnoticed. And you're still SUPER-CALI-FRAGIL-LISTICS- EX-PE-ALLA-GLORIUS!!! May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. And to Bro. Barclay and the leadership—don't take down the sign outside, cause there's a whole lot of love going on inside. In Christian Love,
Percy & Priscilla Curry

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To Bro. Barclay & Hillcrest Volunteers... Thank you so very much for volunteering at our Thanksgiving Luncheon on November 11th. With your assistance we were able to feed over nine hundred people in under three hours. Please note that your involvement in our school leaves an impressionable and positive footprint on the boys and girls here at Canby Lane Elementary School. On Behalf of our students, parents, faculty and staff, thank you for your selfless service and dedication to our school. Please know that you all are welcome anytime and always appreciated. We look forward to sustaining and partnership and watching it flourish. **Anita Stokes-Brown, Ed.D Principal**



**Hillcrest Youth
Ministry**

Youth Ministry Announcements

Thank you for your participation in the Youth Ministry Recycling Campaign. Please continue to bring us your ink jet cartridges and capri sun packages.

The **Youth Recognition Program** will resume on Sun, Jan. 22nd. The program is held on the 4th Sunday after 5pm service and recognizes youth (all ages) for their academic, community and bible class achievements.



Teachers are needed for the upcoming quarter (Dec—Feb) in Children’s Bible Hour, K/ Pre-K and Elementary Education areas. Please contact Greg Morrison, Steve Gill or Michael Baker to volunteer.



Ladies Bible Class/Luncheon will be Saturday, January 7, 2012 at 10am-12pm
Facilitator: Ann Smith.

Topic: “Moving Into a Deeper Level of Faith and Commitment”

Please be reminded to bring a covered dish as well as be available to stay and help putting everything back in order after lunch.



We will have one **combined service** on Christmas Day, Dec.25th. And again one service on New Year’s Day, Jan. 1, 2012. Sunday School at 9:00am both days. We will not have a New Year’s Eve celebration this year.



The **Black History Month Planning Committee** needs about 75 volunteers to help create a memorable event for Feb., 2012. There are several different areas in which to serve. Please see the display table in the FLC this Sunday.

Hillcrest Happenings



Re-Taking of Hillcrest Ladies Photo.

The 2012 Ladies Retreat would like to give a big “Welcome to Atlanta” from all the local congregations. We are asking **ALL Hillcrest Ladies** to come prepared to take a group picture next Sunday, December 25th immediately after the 10:00am worship service in the Old Sanctuary. Please wear bright colors.



Becky Davis has been selected to be the general session opening speaker for the 2012 Ladies Lectureship Retreat on **Friday morning, April 13, 2012 @ 9:00am.** She will also conduct a workshop on **Saturday, April 14, 2012 in the early afternoon.** The exact time is forthcoming
Lectureship Theme: Christian Women: Stepping up to the Throne. 1 Peter 2:9. If you have not registered please see Sheba Morrison.



Hillcrest Ladies

We are in need of **DOOR PRIZES** for the 2012 Country Club Ladies Church of Christ Retreat. If you have any unwanted - new items that you would like to donate—please give your items to **Sheila McDaniel or Jerilyn Wilson** beginning today through April 4, 2012



Ladies: We are also in need of purse sized items such as: lotion, hand sanitizers, perfumes, small books, souvenirs from various vendors, etc. to put in the **GOODIE/GIFT BAGS.** A box is located in the FLC for your contributions. Please see the following for more information. **Wilma Byrd, Janie Neal, Elizabeth Calhoun.**

From the Minister’s Desk



Celebratory Fires

History records an interesting footnote. It was during the dark winter of 1864. At Petersburg, Virginia, the Confederate army of Robert E. Lee faced the Union divisions of General Ulysses S. Grant.

The war was now three and a half years old and the glorious charge had long since given way to the muck and mud of trench warfare. Late one evening one of Lee’s generals, Major General George Pickett, received word that his wife had given birth to a beautiful baby boy.

Up and down the line the Southerners began building huge bonfires in celebration of the event. These fires did not go unnoticed in the Northern camps and soon a nervous Grant sent out a reconnaissance patrol to see what was going on.

The scouts returned with the message that Pickett had had a son, and these were celebratory fires. It happened that Grant and Pickett had been contemporaries at West Point and knew one another well, so to honor the occasion Grant, too, ordered that bonfires should be built.

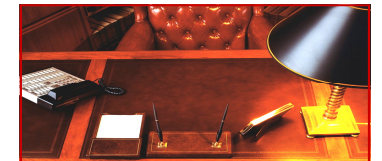
What a peculiar night it was. For miles on both sides of the lines fires burned. No shots were fired. There is no yelling back and forth—no war fought—only light, celebrating the birth of a child.

It didn’t last forever. Soon the fires burned down and once again the darkness took over—the darkness of the night and the darkness of war.

The good news of the birth of Christ is that in the midst of a great darkness there came a light, and the darkness was not able to overcome it! It was not just a temporary flicker. It was an eternal flame. We need to remember that.

There are times, in the events of the world and in the events of our own personal lives that we feel that the light of the world will be snuffed out, but the Christmas story affirms that whatever happens, *the light still shines.*

Richard L. Barclay, Minister



**Order of Worship
December 18, 2011**

Order of Worship	7:45 AM	11:00 AM	5:00 PM
Call to Worship	James Webb	Theotus Bulter	Seon Jones
Songs	Robert Cook	Quinon Ludy	Lloyd Rucker
Prayer	James Eskridge	Rickie Clements	David McFalls
Scripture	Ernest Leary	Michael Durham	Wallace Webster
Sermon		Richard L. Barclay	
Announcements	Larry Jordan	John McBryde, Jr.	John McBryde, Jr.
Offering/Communion Benediction	Carlwell Head	J.R. Carey	George Adams

*Please do not enter or exit service during these times. Please follow Ushers directions for seating.
CDs of the sermon are available for purchase.

Sermon Notes: _____

Servers for December 25, 2011

Worship Service—12/25/11

(Coordinator: Ken Neal 678-344-9871)

Order of Worship	No 7:45 AM	10:00 AM	No 5:00 PM
Call to Worship		Wallace Webster	
Songs		Robert Cook	
Prayer		Angelo Pearson	
Scripture		Carlwell Head	
Sermon		Richard L. Barclay	
Announcements		Donald Perry	
Offering/Communion Benediction		Jerry Spencer	

Ushers December 18 and 25 C/D

Team C (Coordinator: Johnny Davis 6-598-2490)

Team D (Coordinator: Allen Brooks 7-484-9554)

7:45 AM	J. Webb	D. Holmes	A. Lewis	W. Davis / H. Thomas
11:00 AM	B. Simmons	C. Jordan	G. Morrison, Jr.	G. Anderson

December Greeters (Coordinator: Tina Carter 678-640-7600)

7:45 AM M. Baskerville J. Davis D. Stanford J. Matthews T. Sorrell
11:00 AM K. Ingram A. Bryant C. Hardy W. Hardy

Lord's Supper (Coordinator: Judith Smith 4-289-3367)

7:45 AM Janice Evans **11:00 AM** Demetria Stanford
11:00 AM/5:00PM

New Members Committee (Coordinator: Seon Jones 7-354-0751)

12/18/11 7:45 AM B. Hampton **11:00 AM** R. Kendrick
12/25/11 10:00 G. Adams E. Sorrell



VAN MINISTRY
Sun 12/25
Ryan Giddens
(770) 846-7550

Sun 01/01/2012
Keenan Neal
(678) 596-5319

To schedule transportation service to and from Church, please call the driver at least

12/11 ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS

Sunday

7:45AM.....	266
10:00AM.....	314
11:00AM.....	269
5:00PM.....	210
Wed. 12/14	147
Thurs. 12/15	24
Weekly Total	1,230

Regular Contribution

\$15,995.83

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\$1,808.10

Other-

Total Collections

\$17,803.93

NEW MEMBERS YTD

Baptisms

32

Placed Membership

36

Worship Schedule

SUNDAY 7:45 AM Worship
 10:00 AM Bible Study (Nursery through Adult Classes)
 11:00 AM Worship
 5:00 PM Worship

WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM Bible School (Nursery - Adult Classes)

THURSDAY 10:00AM Bible Study

Please visit our website for additional program, services and events.

www.hillcrestcoc.net

Job Hotline Email Address: hcocjobposting@gmail.com

Celebrate with Us This Weeks December Anniversaries

- 22 Gene & Cynthia Rowe
- 23 Larry & Vivian Blackstock;
Kenneth & Janie Neal
- 24 Jimmie & Rosa Geathers;
Darryl & Mary Johnson;
Ralph & Yevette Williams
- 27 Ricky & Leslie Shephard
- 28 Robert & Chiquita Manning

Hillcrest Church of Christ

Sunday, December 18, 2011

We're Glad You're Here

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Building on Things
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G. C. Smothers, Sr.	404-508-4734	gcsmothers@bellsouth.net
Otis Tillman	678-518-9977	otillman@hillcrestcoc.net

This Weeks December Birthdays

- 22 Michaela Durham;
Mary Freeman;
Crishania Wright
- 23 Kenneth Neal;
Robert Ware
- 24 John Correll;
Sharon Durham;
Sabrina Holmes;
Amber Jones;
Alicia Noel;
Regina Norris;
Noreen Phillips
- 25 Trynni Baldwin;
Juliette Walker
- 28 Sherrad Childers

Richard L. Barclay, Senior Minister

Greg White, Youth Minister

Elders

Larry Jordan
 John McBryde, Jr.
 Willie McGrady
 Kenneth Neal
 Donald Perry
 G. C. Smothers, Sr.
 Otis Tillman

Deacons

Michael Baker
 Theotus Butler
 Thad T. Dean, Jr.
 David W. Giddens
 Steve Gill
 Sylvester Hester
 Darryl Johnson

Seon Jones
 Gregory Morrison
 Tony Noel
 Craig Smith, Sr.
 Robert Smith
 James Webb
 Greg White



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