

MISSIONS MONTH
“Back to the Basics of Mission”

Periodically, we need to go back to the basics and review some of the things Jesus said about the church being “on mission.” When we become believers in Christ, we are called to be part of the global agenda of spreading the gospel to the remote corners of the earth. More importantly we are called to be “on mission” to our friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc. Today’s teaching will show us how we can do that.

1. THE CHURCH IS A _____ COMMUNITY, John 20

- A. God sent Jesus into the world, John 17:18
- B. Jesus sent the apostles into the world, John 17:18, 21
- C. God & Jesus sent the Holy Spirit, John 16:7-10
- D. God sends all believers, John 20:20

2. THE CHURCH IS A _____ COMMUNITY, John 17:23

- A. Jesus prayed for unity among believers
- B. Jesus prayed that unity reveals his being sent
- C. Jesus prayed that unity reveals God’s love

3. THE CHURCH IS AN _____ COMMUNITY, Acts 1:8

- A. The Holy Spirit facilitates the mission
- B. The Holy Spirit lives in God’s people
- C. The Holy Spirit is sent like Jesus was sent, John 16:7-11

4. THE CHURCH IS A _____ COMMUNITY, Acts 1:8

- A. God’s people are to bear witness to the truth
- B. God’s people share their experience with Jesus
- C. God’s people bear witness to the resurrection, 4:2, 33

5. THE CHURCH IS AN _____ COMMUNITY, Acts 1:8

- A. Mission starts in the local church - Jerusalem
- B. Mission eliminates a fortress mentality
- C. Mission means our doors are open

6. THE CHURCH IS A _____ COMMUNITY, Acts 1:14

- A. God’s people must be prayed up
- B. God’s people must be totally dependent on him
- C. God’s people must be devoted to prayer, Col 4:2

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean for today's believer to be sent?
2. For what reason was the Holy Spirit sent to live in the hearts of God's people?
3. In what sense are believers witnesses for Jesus?
4. Why is prayer essential to the church?
5. What is your takeaway from this teaching?

Welcome To Hillcrest Church

*Love, Acceptance,
Forgiveness*

*and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all
Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

Acts 1:8

**April 21, 2024
Pastor Bruce Guckelberg, PhD**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK

Pastor Bruce will be teaching on the basics of the mission of the church.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM - 7PM

The life group on Thursday is moved to Tuesday in zoomland. However, this Tuesday's online session is canceled due to the district conference. Beginning Tuesday, April 30th, the topic of discussion will be CPR (Caring, Praying, Reaching Out). We will listen to an 8 minute podcast, then turn our attention to discussion questions and end the evening with prayer. Pastor Tim will be leading the sessions.

EAST INDIAN DINNER

Thanks to all who attended and contributed to missions. Special thanks to the crew who did the cooking.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE – APRIL 23-25

Will be held in Cameron Park at Foothills Alliance Church. Everyone is welcome to attend the open sessions. A schedule is at the SPOT

CPR+ TRAINING, NEXT SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH, 9AM – 4PM

Rick Mann will be offering a more intense training for all who wish to attend. CPR = Caring, Praying and Reaching Out. This is something that everyone can do because of its simplicity, yet it is highly effective. Write this down on your calendar. There will be a signup sheet at the SPOT so we know how much food to prepare. Childcare will be available, lunch is provided and there is no cost.

A FAMILY IN OUR CHURCH NEEDS HELP WITH A CAR AND FURNITURE

If you have any kitchen, bedroom, living room furniture, utensils, etc. See Kathy Brooks about details. If you know of a car that is reasonably priced see Jeff McAuliffe.

CHURCH STEWARDSHIP - MARCH

We have \$8,953 left to pay off the loan for the roof.

GIVING TO THE EAST INDIAN DINNER & MISSIONS

| YEAR | EID | YEAR'S TOTAL MISSIONS |
|------|----------|-----------------------|
| 2019 | \$8,333 | \$14,661 |
| 2020 | Covid | \$5,751 |
| 2021 | \$9,644 | \$18,234 |
| 2022 | \$11,560 | \$19,433 |
| 2023 | \$11,016 | \$19,674 |

What will we give in 2024?

PASTOR BRUCE'S SURGERY

Bruce is having surgery April 30th to repair his right rotator cuff, so he will be out for the month of May. Please keep him in prayer for a successful surgery and speedy recovery.