

THE HBC

BODYBUILDER

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THE PRE-THANKSGIVING EDITION



DON'T FORGET

Sunday is our "I'm thankful because" worship service.

Come ready to share 1 to 5 things you're thankful for.

Like a shorter sermon with smaller words from Jeff!

And send Jeff an email to let him know you have something.

"Give thanks in every circumstance" (1 Thess 5:18) means EVEN giving thanks for a very large thank-you card list.

The following is from the elders and was read to the congregation Sunday, November 12, 2017:

Last Sunday was a difficult day for all of us here at Hillside. It was distressing, awkward, and often times confusing.

Your leadership team would like nothing more than to help each of us who are wounded, confused, or hurting.

Where wounds need to be bound and healed, as leaders we want to come alongside of you with compassion and grace.

Where confusion exists, we will strive to bring clarity.

Where pain and hurts are evident, we hope to sit with you in order to listen and cry with you.

The leadership team of Hillside knows we are weak and frail.

We recognize that healing for our body will take some time.

We are trusting the Lord will provide direction for us in the coming months and so, we humbly appeal to each of you for patience and ask for your prayers.

One small part of the process of this healing involves how we handle our worship services.

We want you to know that for the coming months there will be a team of preachers for Sunday morning.

Already we've heard from Mike Pitkin for the last month. Mike brings us to the word and reminds us of its intensity and power.

Today we will hear from Pastor Matt. Matt is still a valued member of our leadership team and will also be part of the preaching and teaching rotation.

Jeff will begin with Thanksgiving and preach through our Advent season, but beginning on December 31st, you will also hear from Ben Roberts, an elder in training, and Rob Grunden as part of our rotation of speakers.

It's our hope and prayer that in the coming months as the body of Hillside hears the voice of God as proclaimed in the Scriptures, you will also hear the different voices of the leadership team.

You'll hear our good sermons; you'll hear our mediocre sermons.

*But together, **we will hear the voice of God**, and together, let's seek healing, grace, and love for one another in light of all that has happened.*



Max thinks he is practicing peacemaking.

A note from the editor.

Peacemaking is the responsibility of every follower of Jesus. The holiday season can be a rich time of reconciling with family members and fellow Christians. With respect to what has taken place in our body, if you have been hurt by things that were said during the previous business meeting, let me remind us all of Jesus' words in Matthew 18:15:

If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.

As hard as it may seem, it is the *offended believer's responsibility* to go make things right.

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