

Sunday Evening

Order of Worship

Speaker: Steve Kirby

Song Leader: Terry Ellis

Welcome and Announcements.....Robert Graves

Hymn #870 "Beyond This Land of Parting"

Hymn #968 "Oh, They Tell Me of a Home"

Hymn #875 "Home of the Soul"

Opening Prayer.....Furman Muzzall

Hymn #517 "Heaven Came Down"

Scripture Reading [1 John 3:1-3].....Mark Arrington

Sermon "Child of God—O What a Standing!"

Invitation Hymn #957 "This World Is Not My Home"

The Lord's Supper is prepared for those unable to attend an earlier service. You are dismissed during the closing song to go to the chapel where you will be served. One of the ushers will be glad to assist you.

Hymn #881 "Mansion over the Hilltop"

Closing Prayer.....Dan Nolan

Care Groups: Hilldale Church of Christ will be starting a **Care Group Ministry** in early 2018. We need at least **10 Group Leaders** to lead the groups for the 2018 Calendar year. If you are interested and/or would like more information, please see Andrew Hale. His phone number is 931-624-1302 or you can email him at andrew.hale@fbitn.com.

To the Members of Hilldale Church of Christ,

We would like to say thank you for helping our students and their families with the Holiday Food Boxes. Because of your love and generosity, many of our students will enjoy a holiday dinner.

The staff of Norman Smith Elementary School

(Many of the students and their families sent handwritten thank you notes. They are posted in the hallway across from the library.)

A Christmas List - By Taylor Bryan

For Christmas this year I'd like a gift - That will last the whole year through.

It's really very simple... I want to love and be loved by you.

It calls not for fancy paper, Nor ribbon, nor a bright red bow,

Only for arms to hold me - On days when I'm feeling low.

It calls not for any money - Though it's far more precious than gold,

It requires only a shoulder to lean on - While I am growing old.

It cannot be placed with the other gifts - Under our Christmas Tree,

But it can be taken into my heart - Where it will live eternally.

WELCOME

TO

Hilldale Church of Christ

We're Glad You Are Here!

"Exalt the LORD our God, and worship... for He is holy." (Ps. 99:5)

SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY

Bible School 9:00 a.m.

Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

December 17, 2017

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Speaker: Steve Kirby

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Welcome and Announcements.....Robert Graves

Call to Worship.....Tim Fulton

Hymn #446 "Hear, O Israel"

Hymn #376 "He Paid a Debt"

Opening Prayer.....Larry Allison

Hymn #155 "Highest Place"

Lord's Supper

Hymn #66 "Doxology"

Offering

Hymn #354 "I Gave My Life for Thee"

Scripture Reading [Matthew 20:25-28].....Mark Arrington

Sermon "Giving The Gift That Money Can't Buy"

Invitation Hymn #666 "I Am Thine, O Lord"

Hymn #309 "In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified"

Closing Prayer.....Chase Daniel

Sunday Morning's Sermon

Sermon: "Giving the Gift that Money Can't Buy" [Matt. 20:25-28]

- * "Christmas" = Is a time of "Gift Giving." [*Of course some gifts are appreciated more than others.*]
- * The "Gift that Money Can't Buy" is the "Gift" of S_____.
- * Ralph Waldo Emerson (American Poet): "*The only [true] gift is a portion of T*_____."

A. What Kind of "Giver" Am I, Anyway?

1. (2 Cor. 9:7) - "...God loves a C_____ giver." [Is there any other kind of true giver?]
 - a.) True - "One can give without loving, but no one can love without G_____."
 - b.) Acts 20:35 (Jesus taught) - "...it is M_____ B_____ T_____ G_____ than to receive."
2. No one ever becomes a true giver until he/she first G_____ U_____ S_____.
 - a.) 2 Cor. 8:1-5 - The Macedonians "*first gave T*_____."
 - b.) (Lk. 12:15-21; Lk. 18:18-23) - A Selfish Person is N_____ naturally a T_____ G_____.
 - c.) (Lk. 10:29-37) - It takes a Self-L_____ person to be a true giver in anything.
 - d.) J_____ was/is the S_____ Self-L_____ person (Jn. 10:17-18; 15:13; Mt. 20:27-28).

B. HOW [In What Practical Ways] Can We Truly Give of Ourselves?

1. We obviously must give ourselves P_____ [i.e. - Personal S_____].
2. We can give ourselves in P_____ [i.e. - I_____ P_____].
3. We can give ourselves in P_____ [i.e. - T_____ the G_____].

Announcements

WELCOME to The Hilldale Church of Christ! Please sign the appropriate attendance card and place it in the collection plate.

Attention Parents: **Attended nurseries** are available in Rooms E-209 and E-210 for children under 3 years old. We also have a **cry room** available in the rear of the auditorium. **Baby changing stations** are available in the Women's and Men's restrooms off the vestibule.

SICK and/or PRAYERS REQUESTED

Wanda Givens, Joann Gilbert's sister, is in room 4120 at Tennova Medical Center.

Sondra Rasor is home from the hospital.

Buddy Littrell is home and doing better. He is in therapy 3 times a week and will be for the next month.

Gus Stranch, Trey & Lisa Daniel's 10 year old nephew, is at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital. His counts look good but they may have to increase the chemo dose because of one of his latest test results.

TODAY—Progressive Dinner - 6th—12th Grade: At 4:30 PM the bus will leave the church building. We will have appetizers at the Goodson's house. We will then sit together at worship and leave after worship to travel to the Hale's home for our main course and then over to the Hall's for dessert. Make sure to bring a wrapped gift with you for Dirty Santa. Please do not spend more than \$5 on the gift and **DO NOT BRING** \$5 worth of candy or any gag gifts.

Lads 2 Leaders: TODAY all PreK through 5th grade will meet for practice as normal from 4:30-5:50 PM. The 6th—12th grade will not meet for practice this time. Please remember to be memorizing your speeches at home and keeping up with your good Samaritan logs.

Evangelism University (EU) is January 12-14 is for 9th—12th Grade The **deadline** to sign up for EU is **TODAY** and there is no registration cost. You will need money for several meals.

Monday, December 18 — The Well — Anyone Welcome: We will leave at 4:15 pm, serve at 5:00 pm, and eat dinner at Cookout on Wilma Rudolph Blvd. at 6:00 pm.

Tuesday, December 19 — Caroling - Anyone Welcome: Meet at 5:00 to go caroling and help deliver stockings the ladies class made. This event is congregation wide. Everyone is invited! We will be back at the building by 6:30 so that any females can go to the ornament exchange.

All Hilldale Ladies: Please mark your calendar for the **Annual Holiday Ornament Exchange** on **Tuesday, December 19** at 6:30 PM in the vestibule at Hilldale. Please bring your favorite finger food to share and a wrapped Christmas ornament to exchange. Beverages will be provided.

Thursday, December 21 — 6th—12th Grade: Our **annual shopping trip** will kick off at 9:30 AM. We will leave the building and travel to McKay's Used Book Store for about 30 minutes. We will then travel to Opry Mills Mall for lunch and shopping. Please bring some lunch money and any spending money you may need. We will be home before dinner time.

If you would like to **prepare communion** for one month during 2018, please sign the sheet posted on the bulletin board at the vestibule entrance.

Ladies, if you would like to **help with the cleaning of the baptismal garments** for one month during 2018, please sign the sheet posted on the bulletin board at the vestibule entrance.