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DECLARATIONS

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Can we take a moment to celebrate? What are we celebrating? YOU! The Easter Offering this year exceeded all expectations. Over \$15,000 was given to support orphans in Ukraine as well as missions in North America.

Aerial Recovery Group is leading an effort to rescue and create safe shelter for Ukrainian orphans. 100% of our gifts to them will go directly to supporting this ongoing mission. In the month of May, we will continue to support Aerial Recovery Group in an effort led by our Hearts and Hammers leadership. Look for ways to give and serve below.

Our gifts for North American missions are going to the North American Mission Board (Annie Armstrong Offering). They are focused on the 366 million people who live in the US, Canada, and the US Territories. There are 350 languages spoken in just this part of the world. Out of these 366 million, there are 275 million who do not have a relationship with Jesus.

You are making a difference! Thank you for supporting our Easter Offering. May the LORD use these gifts as He continues to bless and keep these two vital ministry efforts. We did a good thing Independence Hill. THANK YOU!

Pastor Todd

Hearts & Hammers

UKRAINE MISSIONS

MAY 1st -- Hamburger & Hot Dog Lunch

MAY 15th - Hamburger & Hot Dog Lunch



MAY 25th -- Pack Meals @ Lifeline Charlotte

325 McGill Ave NW (Suite 175)

Concord, NC

Bus Leaving Church @ 5:15pm

Sign Up Online

The whole month of May we will continue to support Aerial Recovery Group. They are leading an effort to rescue and create safe shelter for Ukrainian orphans. Our Missions Team is committing \$1200. You are invited to give. Hearts & Hammers (an IHBC Ministry) is matching funds you contribute up to \$5000 to Aerial Recovery Group during the month of May. Please designate any gifts with AERIAL RECOVERY GROUP or UKRAINE.

MARK THESE DATES:

Sunday, May 1st -- Plan to stay for a hamburger and hot dog lunch after church. All proceeds going towards **Aerial Recovery Group**.

Sunday, May 15th -- Plan to stay for a hamburger and hot dog lunch after church. All proceeds going towards **Aerial Recovery Group**.

Wednesday, May 25th -- Packing Meals together at **Lifeline Charlotte Center**. Lifeline has been sending meals to Poland and Romania to feed refugees who have fled Ukraine.

325 McGill Ave NW (Suite 175) Concord, NC

Limited to the first 60 people who sign up

Bus will leave the church at 5:15pm

Kids 3 and up must attend with an adult

We'll plan to stop and get Pelican SnoBall afterward (on your own expense)

June 5th, we will announce the total money raised and the total meals prepared

CHURCH PICNIC LUNCH

Sunday
May 1st
May 15th

We are providing hot dogs,
hamburgers, chips, drinks...



Immediately after church. All money raised will go
to Aerial Recovery Group for Ukraine Mission

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Thank you to all who helped with the Caterpillar Ministry event on April 2nd. It was an excellent community event.

Your continued support of the Ukraine, especially the Hearts and Hammers sponsored event on May 25th, is greatly encouraged and appreciated.

Through your ongoing financial support, much needed diapers were provided to the Community Pregnancy Center of Lake Norman. From Mothers' Day to Fathers' Day, the pregnancy center holds their annual fundraising event. If you wish to donate, please see their website <https://lakenormancpc.org/>

Please continue to pray for ministry partners. In May, please be in prayer for the teachers of the IHBC Weekday Preschool and David Cox Road Elementary School. May is teacher appreciation month. What better way to appreciate their ministries than to bathe them in prayer.

**Giving blood doesn't require much time.
About an hour should do it.**

You can help save up to three lives in about an hour.
The need is ongoing but the supply is not.
Please give blood today.



Save the Date: **Independence Hill Baptist**

Sunday July, 24th , 2022
11am to 4pm

Please contact karennoegel@yahoo.com if you would like
to donate or volunteer for this event.



American Red Cross

Visit redcrossblood.org or call **1-800-RED CROSS** to schedule an appointment to donate blood.

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Let's get active again!

We will begin meeting on the first Thursday of each month (except July & August) from 2:00 - 4:00pm in the Family Life Center gym. First meeting will be **MAY 5**. Refreshments available. We will have a list of possible day trips, places or activities for you to choose from but also welcome any other suggestions. We will then play bingo.



WOMEN TO WOMEN
Standing Together
Ecclesiastes 4: 9-12

Mother's Day is just around the corner and the children of Huntington Green are excited to be able to shop for their mother! Area churches have donated items and set up a "store" for their shopping.

Join us as we participate with Caterpillar Ministries to walk these sweet children through the "store", selecting gifts, making cards, and wrapping up their treasures for Mother's Day giving.

We need approx. 10 volunteers.

Contact Phyllis Stallings if you can help. (704) 578-0561 or Phyllis.Stallings@yahoo.com

Date: Friday, May 6th

Time: 4:30-7:30pm

Location: El Buen Samaritan

12215 Gibraltar Drive

In the Huntington Green neighborhood, corner of Gibraltar and Ithaca



Mark your calendar and register now for the Fearless 22 Women's Conference! Our IHBC Women's Ministry team is partnering with Pastor Patrice Schaffer from Grace Church Charlotte (that meets at IHBC) and the FEARLESS Crew, for 2 life-changing days at IHBC!

Together, our FEARLESS Crew is pulling our hair back, pulling up our bootstraps, and preparing to pivot. *Pivot means to turn or a central moment.* Sis, we are in diverse places that have caused us to question many things about our environment, careers, relationships, God, and even ourselves.

Now is the time to prepare to pivot from our past, pivot from disappointments, pivot from setbacks, pivot in our relationships, and shift our perspective of ourselves. Honey, we're pivoting because, after 2 years of a pandemic, our circumstances have most definitely changed! YET, everything YOU need in this season is already in your hand, you just need to PIVOT!

Designed with you in mind, the FEARLESS Women's Conference is our safe space for soul-care and personal growth, offering words to ignite fire and music to inspire.

Let this moment of sisterhood jumpstart your motivation to PIVOT now!
All the details on this glorious 2-day event, FAQ's and registration at the link below.

#FEARLESS 22

<https://www.patriceschaffer.com/fearless.html>



Huntersville Rehab

13835 Boren St.

SUNDAYS

MAY 8

JUNE 12

JULY 10

1:20-2:00pm

candy.hayes@hotmail.com

We are expanding our BIBLE STUDY GROUPS reach to the Huntersville Rehab Center

13835 Boren St
Huntersville, NC
(in the business park near Lowes Food)

We've been invited by Huntersville Rehab to provide a brief monthly service on a Sunday from 1:30-2:00pm. Candy Hayes is our Team Leader and Frank Meyers and Edward Winter would like to add you to their team.

Contact Candy to let her know that you are interested. There is some paperwork to complete for all volunteers. That paperwork is printed and on the table in front of Carol Wilburn's office

Questions?

candy.hayes@hotmail.com or the church office 704.596.2124

COLLIDE

We will continue our normal schedule with a one exception.

Sundays 9:00-9:45am

Wednesdays 6:30-8:00pm (Dinner provided)

May 25th the church will be a part of a meal packing project.

The youth will be included in this. This is our youth event for the night.

You need a parent with you and the bus will leave the parking lot from the church at 5:15pm.

Keep your eyes peeled for our caterpillar mission project details - coming soon!

BIBLE STUDY CONNECTIONS

COFFEE & DONUTS



Builder's & Believers

+

Youth Group

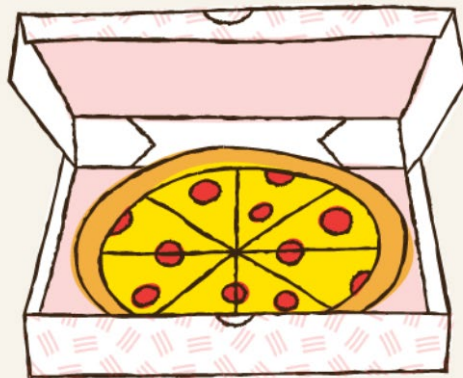
Sunday, May 22

8:50-9:15am

Room 504

HELP!

matt@independencehill.org



PROVIDE A MEAL FOR

YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Wednesdays @ 6:30pm

7 Large Pizzas + Water Bottles + Cookies



- **V.B.S. ALERT!!!** Vacation Bible School will be here before you know it!!! This year, our V.B.S. will take place from Sunday, June 26th to Wednesday, June 29th. This year's theme is called "Making Waves: What You Do Today Can Change the World around You". Be on the lookout for more specifics soon, such as locations, times, and preregistration. Our goal is to have classes for all ages 5th grade and below, but to do this, we will need your help! There will be a **V.B.S. interest meeting** at the church directly following lunch on **Sunday, May 15th**. This will be an opportunity for you to claim what position you would like to serve in, obtain curriculum, ask questions, and more! If you are interested in V.B.S. in any way, this meeting is for YOU! The better turn out we have, the more we will be able to provide for the children, and the greater our impact for families in our community!
- As you already know, the church will be packing meals on **Wednesday, May 25th** as a part of its **Ukraine missions project**. Therefore, there will be no Team Building Activities for the children that evening. Instead, we encourage families to take advantage of this opportunity to take part in the missions project *together*. So, while we will not have our regularly scheduled meal or Bible study, we do still invite the children to participate *with* their families.

Thank you for continuing to support the children's ministry at IHBC! Please know that I am available to you and your families as Children's Director and that I am more than willing to meet with you and your families should you so desire. My office is at the very back of the children's wing ("Blue Jay Room"). I am at the church on Sunday mornings and practically all day most Wednesdays, but I am willing to schedule meetings at any time. Feel free to contact me with questions, ideas, concerns, or all the above!

- In truth and love, Matt
matt@independencehill.org

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PROGRAMS

Sunday Mornings

- ***Sunday School provided for children ages birth - 5th grade (9:00-9:45 a.m.)***
- ***Nursery provided for children 3 years old and under during the 10:00 a.m. worship service***

Wednesday Evenings

- ***Meal, games, and Bible study provided for children ages kindergarten - 5th grade (6:30-7:30 p.m.)***

Find out more and/or join our team at <https://www.independencehill.org/i-kids>

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK



Independence Hill Weekday Preschool
May 2nd - May 6th

We have 12 Teachers + 1 Assistant Director + 1 Director

You are invited to write a card, give a gift card, or somehow SHOW APPRECIATION to our wonderful teachers during May 2-6th

IHWPS 10220 Independence Hill Road Huntersville, NC 28078

TWO'S TEACHERS

Melissa Nereim
Regina Latini
Lori Hines
Jessica Mullins

THREE'S TEACHERS

Nancy Carter
Amanda Goodman
Betsy Lloyd
Mary Logan Dail
Sherry Gullledge (sub)

FOUR'S TEACHERS

Paula De Hart
Robin Coble
Julie Dail
Allison Ray

DIRECTORS

Rebekah Heilman
Jenny Thompson



May 2 - Bible Study at the Church - 7:00pm
May 9 - Bible Study at the Church - 7:00pm
May 16 - Bible Study at the Church - 7:00pm
May 23 - Wing night at East Coast Wings NL at 6:00pm
May 30 - Memorial Day - No Men's Frat

Prayer List

Congratulations

Congratulations to Wayne & Kathy Auten on the birth of their grandson, Davis Nash Auten, on April 23, 2022. He is the son of Chad & Jessica and little brother of Tyler.

Church Family

Cancer patients – Ann Eudy, Chris Cook, Silas Davis, Susie Davis, Betty Fox, Dinah Hollifield, Mary Locklear, Jay McGraw

Expecting – Brittany Presnell

Ongoing Health concerns – Karen Bonner, Harold & Linda Covington, Junie Davis, Linette Davis, Eddie Davis, Rick Davis, Jeff Eudy, Carter Marlin, Helena & Roger Maynard, Cora McGee, Donna Seaford, C.N. Taylor, Betty Tedder, Jackie Williams

Recovering – Bob Barlett, Belinda Myers, Cecil Riddle

Nicaragua; Caterpillar Ministries; David Cox Road Elementary; Jonahville AME Zion; Grace Church; people in the midst of conflicts worldwide; Christians under persecution; our schools and teachers; law enforcement & first responders, healthcare workers; our churches; IHWP; victims of natural disasters, violence & illness; families under financial/mental/emotional duress; the unemployed; students & recent graduates; those affected by Covid, the Ukrainian people, Aerial Recovery teams.

Our Country *Pray for the safety of our armed forces, for the families of those lost in combat and for all elected officials.*

FINANCIALS:

March	Actual	Budget
Revenues	\$43,231	\$52,171
Expenses	<u>\$54,230</u>	<u>\$52,171</u>
	(\$11,000)	\$ -
Year-to-Date		
Revenues	\$280,660	\$313,024
Expense	<u>\$262,772</u>	<u>\$313,024</u>
	\$17,888	\$ -

DESIGNATED FUND GIVING

\$	900	Building Fund
\$	25	Sunshine SS Class Fund
\$	5	Nancy Jane Davis SS Fund
\$	800	Cemetery Fund
\$	1,910	Special Offering (Easter)
\$	125	North American Missions/Annie Armstrong
\$	70	St. Peter's Soup Kitchen
\$	70	Children's Ministry
\$	2,353	Youth Ministry
\$	55	Prayer Shawl
\$	800	Weekday Preschool Fund
\$	250	Nicaragua Missions
\$	100	Food Pantry
\$	125	Missions Fund

A donation was made to the **General Fund** in memory of **Claudia Edmiston** by William & Carolyn Slawter.

A donation was made to the **Easter Offering** in memory of **Mary Bruce Austin** by Lane & Donna Seaford.

March

Average Sunday School Attendance	95
Average 10:00 am Worship Attendance	112



May Birthdays

5/03 – Gerry Benfield
5/05 – Vickie Meyers
5/07 – Isaac Small, Larry Southworth
5/08 – Molly Benfield
5/09 – Verna van der Zel
5/11 – Brandon Kelley, Ryan Zalewa
5/13 – Nyalla Caspa, John Dixon
5/14 – Joey Fortner
5/16 – Darlene Bell
5/18 – Dottie Johnson, Jeff Miller, Scott Stewart
5/19 – Marie Matthews, Clayton Presnell
5/20 – Lori Haddox, Erin Young
5/21 – Jayce Phillips
5/22 – Wayne Auten, Tanya Marlin
5/23 – Harold Covington
5/25 – Christine Hathcock
5/28 – Sadie Kleban
5/29 – Robin Coble
5/30 – Inger Laws
5/31 – Ellis Murray

May Anniversaries

5/03 – Rick & Susie Davis
5/04 – Bill & Denise Washburn
5/11 – Phil & Belinda Myers
5/16 – Craig & Jona Ashford
5/18 – Mark & Marie Matthews
5/20 – Butch & Karen Bonner, John & Robin Coble, Bill & Kathy Peltz
5/25 – Spencer & Laura Kendall
5/30 – Jake & Brittany Presnell
5/31 – Austin & Emily Trotter

May 2022

Independence Hill Baptist Church

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Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
1	11:15am Hearts & Hammers Ukraine Missions Lunch Fundraiser	2	7:00pm Men's Fraternity until 8:30pm	3		4	7:00am Together in Prayer 3:00pm Prayer Team Meets 6:30pm Collide Student Ministry until 8:00pm 6:30pm Worship Team Rehearsal 6:30pm K-5 th in gym until 7:30pm	5	National Day of Prayer 2:00pm J.O.Y. Group until 4:00pm (gym)	6	4:30pm Caterpillar Mother's Day Shopping Event until 7:30pm	7	
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8	Mother's Day	9	7:00pm Men's Fraternity until 8:30pm	10	10:00am Prayer Shawl until noon 6:30pm Missions Team Meeting	11	7:00am Together in Prayer 3:00pm Prayer Team Meets 6:30pm Collide Student Ministry until 8:00pm 6:30pm K-5 th in gym until 7:30pm	12		13		14	
15	11:15am Hearts & Hammers Ukraine Missions Lunch Fundraiser 12:15pm VBS Interest Meeting	16	7:00pm Men's Fraternity until 8:30pm	17	6:00pm Ironman Ministry until 8:30pm (Youth Bldg)	18	7:00am Together in Prayer 3:00pm Prayer Team Meets 6:30pm Collide Student Ministry until 8:00pm 6:30pm Worship Team Rehearsal 6:30pm K-5 th in gym until 7:30pm	19	7:00pm IHBC Prayer Night	20		21	Celebration of Life for Russell Adams (offsite)
22	4:00pm Deacon Meeting 5:00pm Team Huddle	23	6:00pm Men's Fraternity Wing Night	24	10:00am Prayer Shawl until noon	25	7:00am Together in Prayer 3:00pm Prayer Team Meets 6:00pm Pack Meals at Lifeline CL.T until 7:15pm	26		27		28	
29		30	Memorial Day Church Office Closed	31	10:00am Prayer Shawl until noon	<div><div><div>SUNDAYS</div><div>10:00am Worship (Worship Center)</div><div>Check the IHBC Group Facebook page for devotions, announcements and Zoom classes/ streaming worship services as well as the latest information on in-person worship. Worship may also be viewed on IHBC's Youtube Channel.</div></div><div><div>CLASSES</div><div>Sunshine 9:00am Sundays in the Chapel Nancy Jane Davis 1:00pm Wednesdays in Room 504 C.P. Kelley 9:00am Sundays in Chris' office Sonseekers 9:00am Sundays in Room 504B Builders & Believers 9:00am Sundays in Room 504A Good News 9:00am Sundays in Old Choir Room Young Adults 9:00am Sundays in Old Library Collide 9:00am Sundays in Youth Building Children 9:00am Sundays in Children's Wing Real Talk Midweek 10:00am Wednesdays in Old Choir Room</div></div></div>							