



The Shepherd's Messenger



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KNOWING JESUS AS THE GOOD SHEPHERD & SHARING THE RISEN CHRIST WITH ALL.



He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin,
 He sets the pris'ner free;
 His blood can make the foulest clean;
 His blood availed for me.
 — **O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

In just about a week, we will begin the season of Lent. This is a solemn time for us Christians. It is not necessarily a time to focus upon ourselves. Practices of self-denial are good for Christians to engage in, especially during the season of Lent, but that does not mean our focus is upon ourselves. I would actually propose Lent is a time to take the focus OFF of ourselves and place it where it truly belongs: Christ.

For forty days we enter a period of repentance, a turning away from our sins, and a re-focusing upon the One who takes those sins away. We especially focus upon the price it took for Jesus to take our sins away. Jesus' own life was given on a cross for each and every one of our sins.

The stanza at the top of this article reflects something I think all Christians struggle with. We know and believe our sins are forgiven because of the work of Christ on the cross, but we still feel sorry for our sins. Our sins still bother us. We still remember our sins. So, what should we do when we are still sorry for sins, they still bother us, and we still remember them? The answer is simple, we are to take our attention off of ourselves and fix our eyes on Jesus. As the hymn stanza above says, "He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin . . . His blood availed for me."

We all know Jesus died on a cross to forgive sins. Even a child knows this. In fact, it is so simple we adults can easily forget what we are to do when the "pow'r of canceled sin" rears its head and bothers us. Instead of looking at yourself and your sins, look to Christ. Every time you are bothered by present or past sins, look at what Jesus did for you on the cross so that you can be certain without a shadow of a doubt that your sins really are forgiven; He died for them, every single one of them. Believe me when I say this, you truly are forgiven of all of your sins – every single one of them. You are forgiven, just look at what Jesus did to give you that forgiveness!

Blessings,

Pastor Becky

PLEASE PRAY FOR:
Our World Situation
Gil's Hills Ministries



- 2 - Gary Enderle
- 4 - Claire Morris
- 12 - Helen Middaugh
- 14 - Peggy Pearce
- 19 - Derwood Say
- 21 - Rachel Holden
- 23 - Rob Cornell
- 25 - Todd Young

Statistics		Needed: \$1,934	
Date	Worship	SS	Offering
2/2	45	13	\$3,243.00
			Gil's Hills \$ 100.00
2/9	30	7	\$ 829.00
2/16	28	4	\$1,941.00
2/23	37	9	\$1,976.00
			Gil's Hills \$ 292.00

Others to keep in prayer:

- Craig Buckley
- Sandy Burdick
- Frank Calcagno
- Hazel Cornell
- David Edwards
- Don Hall
- Kim Hall
- Donna Hart
- Ruth Holden
- Bob Huddleston
- Katie Kellogg
- Kevin Kranock
- Ann Meehan
- Sandi Meyers
- Helen Middaugh
- Mark Middaugh
- Justin Murphy
- Keith Pierce
- Derwood Say
- JoAnn Viglietta
- Clint Wilder
- Doris Kellogg Wyant

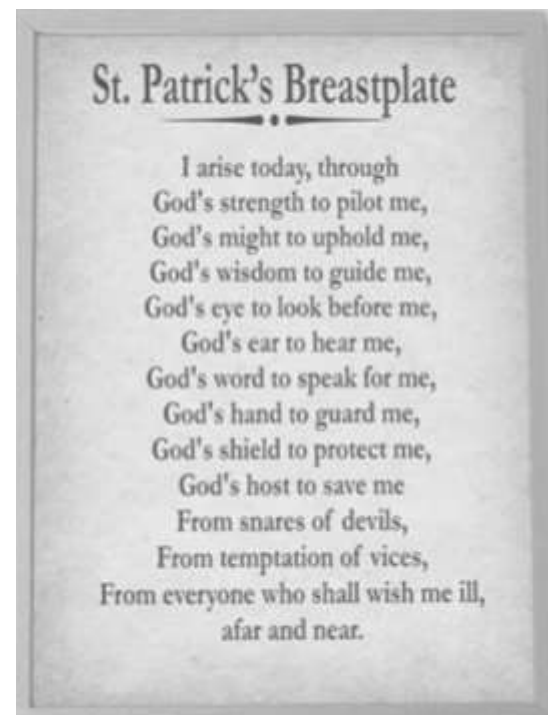


Please keep our prayer list up to date.

If someone should be added or removed from the prayer list, please submit their name in writing.
Thank you!

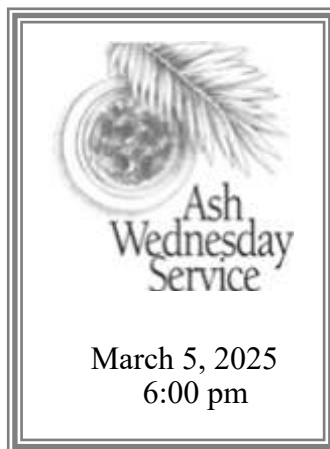


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Sunday Worship Services are streamed live at 11:00 am on our website, www.cubamc.org

Also on our Facebook Page



March 5, 2025
6:00 pm

March Helping Hands



Power Point:
Rob Cornell

Pianist:
Holly Scoville

Altar Guild:
Linda Murphy



Videos of Services are posted on our YouTube Channel






Puzzle!



Fill in the blanks with the tiny creatures mentioned in each verse (all NIV). Then search for those words in the puzzle below.

- Proverbs 6:6 -----
- Psalm 78:45 -----
- Matthew 23:24 -----
- Judges 14:8b -----
- Acts 12:23 -----
- Leviticus 11:22 -----
- Leviticus 11:22 -----
- Deuteronomy 7:20 -----
- Exodus 16:20 -----
- 1 Samuel 24:14 -----
- Isaiah 50:9 -----
- Isaiah 59:5 -----
- Leviticus 11:22  -----
- Leviticus 11:22 -----



Answers: ant, flies, gnat, bees, grasshopper, hornet, maggot, flea, moth, spider, katydid, cricket

OATMEAL WAFFLES

Fran Young

- 1 ½ cup flour
- 1 TBS. baking powder
- 2 TBS. brown sugar
- 1 ½ cups milk
- 1 cup oatmeal
- ½ tsp. cinnamon
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- 6 TBS. melted butter



Mix wet and dry ingredients separately. Then add together until well blended. Pour on lightly greased waffle iron.



We take an offering for Gil's Hills Ministry on the last Sunday of each month.



“What’s Happening Between the Hills” (from the Gil’s Hills February 2025 Newsletter)

We’ve had an exciting start to the new year. In January we held 7 clubs with mostly attended by between 10-15 kids. The beautiful winter weather has allowed us to spend a lot of time outside sledding before heading in to eat and dig into God’s word. The older boys club has begun to dig into Revelation. We are taking it slow and spending a bit of time discussing what we have read. With the remaining three clubs, we have been focusing a bit more on outreach and have spent most of the time focused on scriptures regarding salvation in Romans and Gospels. In all the clubs, the kids remain very attentive and seem to be captivated by all that God is doing.

February will be an exciting time as we expect to see God’s provision through all the maple syrup activities that take place between the hills. That’s right! We are getting ready to tap the trees and soon will be gathering that sweet nectar the God pours out through His creation each year. Many of the kids will be able to participate in the various stages of the process from, clean and prep to tapping and selecting the sap. Once we have gathered enough sap, the kids will be invited to participate as we fire the evaporator. This will offer opportunities to split wood, stock the Arch, as well as skim the syrup as it boils. And last, but not least, they will be able to enjoy the spoils of their labor as we consume the syrup over pancakes and sausage at the club dinners.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. Remember, without you we could not do what we do!!!

Blessings,

Scott M. Szalay
Executive Director

Frequently needed items at Gil’s Hills:

Ditaliano Bread	American cheese
Chicken Noodle Soup	Mac n Cheese
Pudding Cups	Ranch Dressing
Canned Peaches	Ketchup
Nacho Cheese Sauce	Hot Dogs
Mini Chocolate Chips	Oreos
Taco Seasoning	Tator Tots
Chicken Nuggets	Tomato soup
Pancake Mix (not bisquick or gluten free)	Syrup
Little Debbie Snacks	Taco Sauce
Breakfast Sausage	Butter
Paper Bowls	Salsa
Salsa	Dill Relish
Tostitos/Doritos	Spaghetti Sauce
Mayo (no miracle whip)	

Gil’s Hills Amazon Wish List

Please check out this CR Code for a direct link to our Amazon Wish List of items needed ranging from office supplies to summer camp equipment!



Gift Cards to Tops or Giant


**SUNDAY
WORSHIP
SERVICE
11:00 AM**

All are welcome!



2025

**Sunday School is at
9:30 am for both
Adults and Children.**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Kung Fu 6:00 - 8:00 am
2 GMW Food Pantry Collection Communion Sunday School 9:30a	3 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	4 Prayer Group 10:00 am	5  ASH WEDNESDAY Service 6:00 pm	6	7	8 Kung Fu 6:00 - 8:00 am
9 Sunday School 9:30 am	10 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	11 Prayer Group 10:00 am	12	13	14	15 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
16 Sunday School 9:30 am	17 March Newsletter Deadline - Noon	18 Prayer Group 10:00 am	19	20	21	22 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
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