



The Shepherd's Messenger

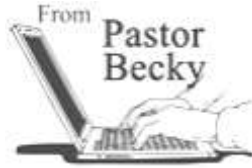


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KNOWING JESUS AS THE GOOD SHEPHERD & SHARING THE RISEN CHRIST WITH ALL.

Hear, Believe, and Obey



“And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.” Hebrews 11:6

One of my favorite passages of Scripture is Hebrews 11 because it tells us about the “heroes of faith”—the people throughout the Bible who did amazing works for God. I have read Hebrews 11 many times, but one day I noticed a pattern. All the heroes listed in that chapter **heard** God, **believed** God, and **obeyed** God. Noah heard God tell him to build an ark, he believed God, obeyed Him, and saved his household. Moses followed the same pattern when God told him to take the children of Israel out of Egypt. And when Joshua heard, believed, and obeyed God’s instruction to march around Jericho seven times and shout, the walls came tumbling down.

Many people who grew up in church remember being told to hear and obey. But they are leaving a step out. We may hear God, but if we don’t believe what we’ve heard, we won’t obey. Biblical faith is believing what God says no matter what people, our feelings, or our circumstances tell us.

The good news is we can follow the pattern outlined in Hebrews 11 today! We can hear God every day because He has sent the Holy Spirit to speak to us, guide us into all truth (John 16:13), and tell us what God wants us to do. And there is more good news! If we hear and believe Him, He gives us the power to obey Him—to do what He told us to do—even if it seems impossible.

Acts 1:8 says, **“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”** The Holy Spirit gives us power not only to witness to other people about Jesus but also to do what He says. When we obey God and He shows up to do signs, wonders, and miracles through our lives, it makes us want to follow Jesus even more and become even greater disciples.

I don’t know about you, but I would have wanted to be one of those heroes of faith. What if God was writing a faith chapter today in the books He keeps in heaven? Would you make it in? What do you think it would take to become a hero of faith?

Follow the examples of Jesus’ disciples and the heroes of faith, and hear, believe, and obey God every day. When you become a follower, you have the power to change the world for Jesus Christ!

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

Others to keep in prayer:

- Craig Buckley
- Sandy Burdick
- Frank Calcagno
- Hazel Cornell
- Randy Crane
- Gary Enderle
- Family & friends of Al Goodliff
- Donna Hart
- Judy Heron
- Tommy Johnson
- Kevin Kranock
- Ann Meehan
- Sandi Meyers
- Helen Middaugh
- Keith Pierce
- Derwood Say
- Randy Snyder
- Christina Torrey
- JoAnn Viglietta
- Clint Wilder
- Doris Kellogg Wyant



- 6 - Julie Hawks
- 7 - Dylan Cornell
- 15 - Eric Young
- 19 - Kevin Kranock

Statistics Needed: \$1,944

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
5/3	37	7	\$2,326.00
		Gil's Hills	\$ 150.00
5/10	31	6	\$1,912.00
5/17	43	7	\$2,581.00
5/24	40	6	\$1,380.00

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!



Al Goodliff, Cuba
Methodist Church member,
passed away on May 9, 2026
at Buffalo General Hospital
after a short illness. Funeral
Services were held on May
15, 2026 at Mark F. Rinker
Funeral Home. Pastor Becky
officiated.

June
Helping
Hands



Power Point:
Rob Cornell

Pianist:
Holly Scoville

Altar Guild:
Claire Morris

We wish to thank everyone for all of their support, prayers, & cards throughout Al's illness & passing.

We, also, appreciated all of the wonderful food that you brought to the house.

Each act of kindness meant so much!

God Bless you ALL -

The Goodliff Family

John Wesley Quotes

- ◆ I have never known more than fifteen minutes of anxiety or fear. Whenever I feel fearful emotions overtaking me, I just close my eyes and thank God that He is still on the throne reigning over everything and I take comfort in His control over the affairs of my life.
- ◆ What one generation tolerates, the next generation will embrace.



Tuesday, June 2, 2026

Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm
Management Team 6:45 pm



We're Proud of You!

High School Graduates:

Madelyn Sortore, daughter of Oakley & Erin Sortore, granddaughter of Sylvia Clement, graduate of Friendship Central will be attending Roberts Wesleyan with major of nursing.

Sarah Goodliff, daughter of Scott & Kandyce Goodliff of Yorktown, Virginia, and granddaughter of Al & Marilyn Goodliff, will graduate from Tabb High School on June 11th. She will be attending Longwood University in Farmville, Virginia in the fall, majoring in Kinesiology.

College Graduate:

Austin Clement, son of Derek Clement & Vanessa Bowen, grandson of Sylvia Clement, graduated from RIT with a degree in Cyber Security.

Puzzle!

A Father's Love

Directions: Match the biblical children to their father, using the clues by the father's name. Then write the corresponding letter on the lines to complete the Bible verse below.

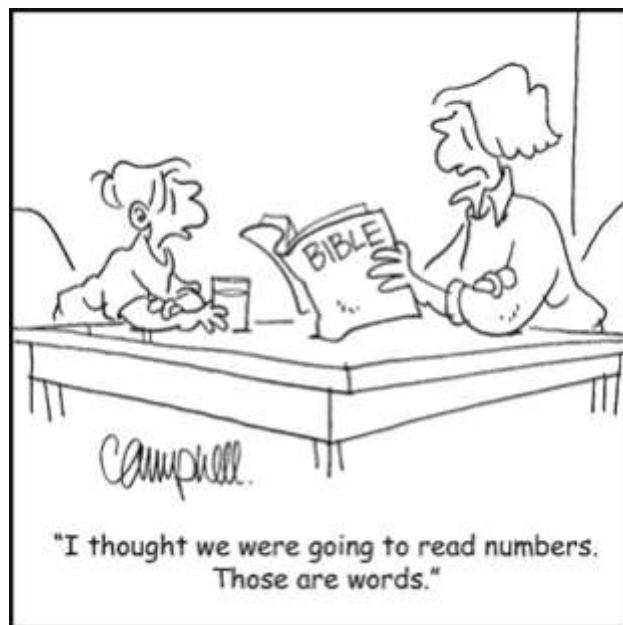
- Shem, Ham & Japheth = M John the Baptist = N
Solomon = O Jacob & Esau = A
Jonathan = I Cain, Abel & Seth = O
Jesus = C Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar,
Rachel & Leah = S Zebulun, Joseph, Benjamin, Dan, Gad,
Isaac & Ishmael = P Naphtali, Asher & Dinah = S

- God: "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."
Adam: God gave him another son because the older killed the younger.
Noah: His sons were blessed and told to multiply and replenish the earth.
Abraham: God promised he would be a father of many nations. The Jews and Arabs descend from these two sons.
Isaac: His older son sold his birthright, and his younger son tricked Isaac and received the blessings for the firstborn.
Laban: He had two daughters; the older was tender-eyed and the younger was very beautiful. Both married Jacob.
Jacob: Two wives and two handmaids gave him 12 sons and a daughter.
Saul: His son was David's best friend.
David: He had many children, but one was known for his wisdom, for having many wives and for building God's temple.
Zechariah: His son, a cousin of Jesus, was born to be a messenger of repentance.

As a father has _____ on his children, so the LORD has _____ on those who fear him. Psalm 103:13, NIV



Answer: compassion



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 May 2026 Newsletter)

We are excited to say that because of God's goodness, things will be returning to more normal here "Between the Hills!" God has been faithful and good in bringing the ministry through a season outside normal operations as we have been without insurance for the last 4 months. Even so, in that time, God has used the leadership to minister to families, revealing Himself in mighty ways. Also, He provided the contacts and resources necessary to complete the electrical and other work needed to acquire insurance.

Now, we shout praises to Him, as beginning May 1st the insurance is officially in effect, and we can move forward with preparations for the normal summer camp programming! Also, throughout May and June we will be setting up some special events to include movie nights, hiking adventures, a skating event at Funland Skate Center and more. Be sure to reach out if you have any questions about upcoming events. It will be good to once again share the Gospel of Jesus with the youth of Allegany County through friendship and service.

I want to say thank you to those of you who have been praying for the ministry, especially during this challenging season these past four months. We believe your prayers and support play a large part in what God has done and is doing through this ministry, and without them we could not return to doing what we do!!!

Blessings,

Scott M. Szalay
Executive Director



Pastor Becky's letter continued from the front page.

Prayer

Father, thank You for sending the Holy Spirit so He might guide me into all truth. Today, I choose to hear what You are saying, believe You, and obey You so I might be transformed into the image of Jesus Christ and become one of His followers. Please give me the grace and power to do Your will. In Jesus' name, Amen.

See You Sunday (and bring a friend!)

Pastor Becky

Gil's Hills Amazon Wish List

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



**SUNDAY
WORSHIP
SERVICE
11:00 AM**

All are welcome!



June 2026

**Sunday School is at
9:30 am for Adults
and 11:00 for
children**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	2 Prayer Group 10:00 a Trustees Meeting 6:00 p Management Team 6:45 p	3	4	5	6 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
7 Food Pantry Collect Communion Sunday School Adults: 9:30 am Children: 11:00 am	8 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	9 Prayer Group 10:00 am	10	11	12	13 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
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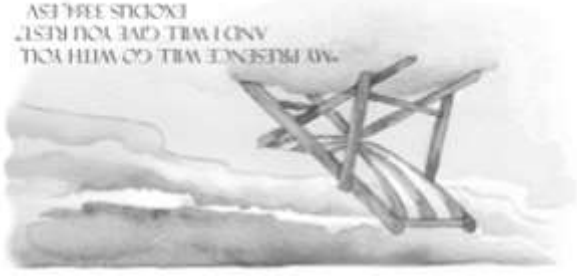
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