



Hilltop Happenings

Keeping In Touch With Our Hilltop Families

Notes from the Director:

April already?!? How did that happen? It seems like just yesterday when we were anxiously awaiting the start of a new year. Now we are almost at the time of the year when we need to say goodbye to many of you.

What a WONDERFUL year we've had. The Lord has been so good to us. Lately, three verses continually recur in my mind, and they are "Lamentations 3:22-24

"Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."

He IS a loving, compassionate, and faithful God. I have watched as He's provided Hilltop with financial blessings, wonderful families, an EXCELLENT staff, and countless other examples of His goodness to us. May we NEVER become complacent in thanking Him for who He is and how He faithfully provides for us.

To the many of you that were with us this year -- Thank You!! Thank you for a wonderful year! We hope you have a fun, safe summer.

All for His Glory,
Miss Becky



If you know of a friend or family member that would be interested in Hilltop for the 2010-2011 school year. Please have them call the school office at 533-8956.

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Don't Miss:

- ☺ Cute Kid Quips
- ☺ All-School Hot Dog Lunch on May 5th & 6th at 11:45 a.m.
- ☺ Prayer Requests

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Cute Kid Quips

Piper, 4, was at home with her mom, Dani, and she was singing a song about Jesus washing our sins away. Dani asked her where she learned such a nice song, and Piper told her at Hilltop. Piper started to sing it again, and Dani talked about Jesus washing our sins away, and Piper said, "It's not sins...He washed our silverware!"

Miss Jenn's 4-year-old class was talking about Thanksgiving and the Pilgrims. She had a map out and was showing the children how far the pilgrims traveled from England to America. When she pointed to where they landed in America, Corbin, 4, piped in with, "No, I think it was western Ohio."

Connor, 3, lost his grandmother after a long battle with cancer earlier this year. Shortly after her passing, he was at home talking with his mom, Tami, about his "Nonna" and asking her where Nonna went. Tami explained that Nonna was now living in Heaven with God. Connor said, "Oh, I know God. He lives at my school!"

Lisa, one of our Hilltop moms this year, shared with me that her daughter, Jaiden, was very excited about Western Day, and that she couldn't wait until her daddy came home from work to tell him all about it. When he walked in the door, Jaiden said, "Daddy, we had so much fun at Restroom Day."

Meet The Hilltop Staff

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce you to this year's staff. We have the BEST staff. Truly, we do! What a special group of ladies they are.

We took the picture below at this year's Association of Christian School International (ACSI) Early Education Conference in Willow Valley, Lancaster. We joined over 900 other participants for the event, and what a great time we have coming together to learn new ideas, to be refreshed, and to spend time connecting with other Early Education professionals from the entire northeast region of the United States.

This Early Education Conference is just one of the many ways that our staff continues to grow professionally. Do you know that each of our staff members completes over 10 continuing education hours each year? That only includes the hours completed at Hilltop. Many of the ladies are taking additional classes on their own time. They are truly dedicated ladies...to the Lord...to their families...to Hilltop...to the Early Childhood field...to the community...and to the families and children in their care. We are truly blessed to have each and every one of them at Hilltop with us.

I've listed a few prayer requests on Page 3 of this newsletter. Would you please add our staff to your prayer list?



Hilltop Staff Members



Years of Service at Hilltop are listed after each staff member's name.

Front row (l to r): Jenn Fasick, 3; Beth Oyler, 4
Middle Row (l to r): Judy Kostoff, 14; Dani Taylor, 1;
Jody Seavers, 11; Robin McQuillen (sitting), 7;
Lois Chocklette (sitting), 9; Becky Chocklette, 11;
Kathie Hedrick, 2; Pam Ward, 12
Back Row (l to r): Bonnie Valentine, 8; Kim Houser, 9;
Vicky Kretz, 7; Colleen Moll, 14

John 3:16

In our last newsletter, we encouraged all of you to memorize John 3:16 along with us! Our goal was to have 316 people say the verse by the end of this school year. We are happy to report that at the time of this writing, we have 240 people that have said it. That includes every child at Hilltop. It has been great to hear stories all year long of how families are working together to learn this important verse.

I'd like to introduce you to one of those families...the Jessep Family (see picture at right). Mike and Wendy have two children, Benjamin and Hannah. Benjamin is a 1st grader at Hershey Christian School, and Hannah is in our 4-year-old program at Hilltop. Benjamin also attended Hilltop a few years ago.

The Jessep's took the John 3:16 challenge seriously. Every member of their family said it, and then Hannah worked hard to get other members of their family to say it. We've been able to add their grandparents, aunts, and uncles to our John 3:16 board. It has been great to see!

I don't know about you, but stories like this truly warm my heart. Think of the impact that could be



The Jessep Family: Front row (l to r): Hannah, 5, Benjamin, 7
Second Row (l to r): Mike and Wendy

made for generations to come if each family looked to the Jesseps as an example and took just a few minutes from their busy day to work on memorizing just a few, short, simple—yet life-changing—verses.

We'd like to encourage your family to do this! There is still time to learn John 3:16 together. As soon as you know it, let me know. We want to add your name to our "worlds" at our entrance. We still need 76 people to say it to reach our goal, and I truly believe we can still make it to 316 people!! With your help we can reach our goal!!!

"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you." Psalm 119:11



For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16



Legacy Family

When you've been around for 31 years you start to build a long-lasting *legacy*. That is what is happening at Hilltop. We currently have quite a few families with us that are now in their second generation at Hilltop. I have a special name for these multi-generation families...I call them a "Legacy Family." I'd like to introduce you to one of our Legacy Families. Jessica Heagy attended Hilltop as a child. Now Jessica has her daughter, Janiyah, with us in our 3-year-old program this year. I asked Jessica to write a few words about what Hilltop means to her. You'll find her note to me in the following paragraphs.

"I remember walking Janiyah into Hilltop for her very first day of preschool. Janiyah was so excited, but it was me who had the "jitters." 19 years had passed since my first day of preschool at Hilltop. Oh, how I cried and cried when my mom dropped me off that first day. Kathy Foltz told my mom to go, that I would be just fine. And after about a week I loved it at Hilltop. Now my daughter gets to spend her first impressionable school year at Hilltop being taught the same values that I learned 19 years ago. Life lessons that will stay with her through all of her life. I am so glad that Janiyah will experience the wonderful opportunities that I did at Hilltop.

Thank you Hilltop Christian Nursery School for the memories that are being handed down from generation to generation and for instilling God's love in those of us that have needed it the most." Jessica Heagy

A 1991-1992 class picture of Jessica (under red arrow) as a 3-year-old at Hilltop.



Jessica and Janiyah today.



Prayer Requests

Thank you to the many of you that are praying for us! Please keep it up, it means so much to us! And by the way, we LOVE it when you let us know that you're praying for us. It is such an encouragement to us! In your prayers for us, could you specifically pray for these things:

- Pray that we would "finish strong" as we bring this school year to a close, and that the seeds that we plant here at Hilltop will stay with the children long after they leave our school.
- Pray for the health and safety of our children and staff.
- Pray for the children and families that the Lord is leading our way as we are getting ready for next year.
- Pray for our staff over the summer. Pray that the Lord would use the time to refresh our minds and bodies. A picture of this year's staff is on Page 2 to help you remember us in prayer. Thank you!

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

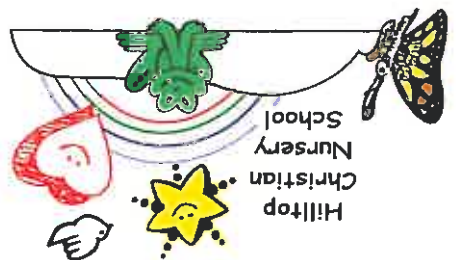
Philippians 1:3-6

Don't forget Hilltop's All-School Hot Dog Lunch on Wednesday and/or Thursday, May 5th & 6th (weather permitting) at 11:45 in the Hilltop Parking Lot. We look forward to seeing you all there!!! Call Hilltop at 533-8956 with any questions.

HILLTOP'S ALL-SCHOOL HOT DOG LUNCH!!!

Join us on Wednesday and/or Thursday, May 5th and 6th (weather permitting), for our all-school hot dog lunch!!! You can purchase a hot dog meal for \$2.00. The meal includes a hot dog, a bag of chips, a drink, and a cookie. All proceeds benefit Hilltop's scholarship fund and large equipment purchases for the nursery school. Lunch will be served at 11:45 a.m. Bring your entire family!!! This is a great time to meet other Hilltop families. Please call Becky Chocklette, at 533-8956, with any questions! See you there!

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