



Hilltop Happenings

Keeping In Touch With Our Hilltop Families

Notes from the Director:

April already?!? Wow! I think this year has flown by quickly! We've had a wonderful year. New friendships have been formed, lasting memories have been made, and I pray that a strong spiritual foundation has been built in the hearts and minds of our little ones this year!

Isn't it just mind boggling when you stop to think that Hilltop has been in ministry for 32 years?? To me, it is. Think about that...think of the hundreds—thousands—of children that have passed through our classrooms over these years.

Just recently, I pulled out some of the old class photo albums which we have at Hilltop. These are class pictures from the 80's and 90's. It is so

enjoyable to see little 3 year olds in those pictures and to know that they are now married, and raising a 3 year old of their own. Thanks to the Lord's great faithfulness, Hilltop truly is building a lasting legacy.

In this edition of Hilltop Happenings, I've tried to include some fun stories that I've heard this past year. Stories about how Hilltop has influenced a child or a family. I hope you enjoy these stories, and if you have some of your own, please share them with us. They are truly the most encouraging words we hear!

All for His Glory,
Miss Becky



If you know of a friend or family member that would be interested in Hilltop for the 2011-2012 school year, please have them call the school office at 533-8956.

Hilltop Christian Nursery School

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Cute Kid Quips

Lucy, 4, was at home talking to her mom, Sue, about one of our Bible verses. Lucy got to the part of the verse where it says, "His love endures forever," and Sue asked her if she knew what endures meant. Lucy said, "Yes, it means God loves you inside a building and outside the building."

In Miss Jenn & Miss Michele's class, they were discussing the story of the Good Samaritan, and then Miss Jenn went on to talk about how much Jesus loves each one of us and wants us to love one another. Miss Jenn was giving an example of how special Jesus is, and Caleb, 4, piped up with, "Man, I like that guy!" Too cutel



1 Corinthians 9:24

In our last newsletter, we encouraged all of you to memorize 1 Corinthians 9:24 along with us! Our goal was to have 100 people say the verse by the end of this school year. We are happy to report that WE HAVE REACHED OUR GOAL!! At the time of this writing, we have over 130 people that have said it, and we still have classes working on it. Thank you for your support of this fun activity! Hilltop is going to be celebrating the achievement in April with a fun surprise for each child at Hilltop!

Do the Right Thing Awards

I opened the Patriot News recently and was so excited to see some of our former Hilltopper's being recognized for "Doing the Right Thing." Elijah Elhajj, a first grader at South Hanover Elementary, and Cassidy Burton, a second-grader at Conewago Elementary School were awarded the "Do the Right Thing Award" for November. Abbey Lennox, a second-grader at South Hanover Elementary School received the award in December. Way to go! We are so proud of all of you!

If you have a story like this about your child, PLEASE send it in.



Hilltop Staff Members



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

Front row (l to r): Michele Fanella, 1; Jenn Fasick, 4, Pam Ward, 13; Colleen Moll, 15; Beth Oyler, 5; Lois Chocklette, 10; Jody Seavers (kneeling), 12; Judy Kostoff, 15; Vicky Kretz, 8

Top row (l to r): Robin McQuillen, 8; Becky Chocklette 12; Christine Lamb, 1

Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC)

We wanted to take this time to give a large thank you to an area business that has donated funds to Hilltop this year as part of Pennsylvania's Pre-K Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC). Longenecker's Hatchery of Elizabethtown donated \$10,000!!!! If you deal with this local business, please thank them for their support of Hilltop!!!!

The Pre-K EITC program provides financial assistance through scholarships to families in need that are currently enrolled in early education programs. Many of the families that have received assistance from these donations would not otherwise be able to afford preschool education for their children.

This program is such a "win-win" situation!! The company that donates the funds is able to receive up to a 100% tax credit for the amount donated, and Hilltop receives the funds it needs to be able to support families in the community.

Many local businesses would be able to be a part of this very simple process!! If the business is paying any of the following taxes: Corporate Net Income Tax, Capital Stock Franchise Tax, Bank and Trust Company Shares Tax, Title Insurance Companies Shares Tax, Insurance Premiums Tax, or Mutual Thrift Institutions Tax, their business can qualify. In many cases, the same amount that a business is paying in taxes can be sent to us at Hilltop!!!

If you know of any local business or business owner that may be interested in this program, please have them contact, Becky Chocklette, Director. We'd love to talk with them, and show them how easy it is to be a part of this wonderful program.

Do you know of an area business that would like to do a lot of good with the money they are paying in taxes?? Encourage them to be a part of the Pre-K EITC program for Hilltop!!

Did you know that Hilltop is accredited through the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)? Hilltop was first accredited in the spring of 2000, then we received renewals in 2003 and 2006. This year, Hilltop's staff and administration has undergone an extensive re-accreditation process, which includes two parts... a comprehensive self-study and a visit from ACSI's national accreditation team. That team will be here in early April. Would you please pray for us—our staff, parents, children, and leadership, as we go through this process? We want to do all we can to keep moving Hilltop forward!!

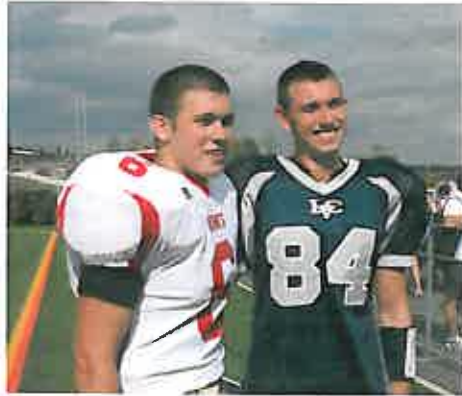
ALL FOR HIS GLORY!!!!

Hilltop Lays the Foundation for Lifelong Friendships

A few months ago, I was at a football game, and I had the opportunity to catch up with two former Hilltop families...the Ray's and the Miller's. Holly and Janice, the moms of the group, shared this neat story with me...enjoy!

"Hilltop Christian Nursery School has been a great influence to our family. We have 3 children and they all began their spiritual roots at Hilltop!"

Our first son, Ben, began at Hilltop 16 years ago (he's now 19). I remember not knowing anyone when we went there that first day! The staff and teachers were so welcoming and they made us feel like one of the family. Over the first few weeks of attending the school, I met another mom who's first son was attending as well. Janice Miller and I hit it off and from that point we followed each other as all of our children attended Hilltop together—7 kids in all!



As it would turn out, our sons would go on to attend Middle and High school together. They would also play football at the JV and Varsity level at Lower Dauphin. Ben and Joey have remained great friends and are now in college. They now have the opportunity to compete against one another in football at the college level. What a great day it was for us as parents to sit in the stands as we watched our sons play football. There were a few occasions when we witnessed the boys go out of their way on the field just to hit one another even though they were on opposite sides of the field! Janice and I sat there together and said, "And to think this all began when they were 3 years old at Hilltop on that little playground roughing each other up."

From Holly Ray

Janice also shared about how special the relationship is between Holly and herself.

"When I met Holly over 15 years ago at Hilltop, I knew immediately that she was special. Little did I know that our friendship would mean so much more when our kids grew up, and with all the twists and turns in life, we would again be talking about and helping each other. Everything happens for a reason, and I know God led us to Hilltop for my kids, but He also led me there for the life-long friendship with Holly."

From Janice Miller

Pictured at Top (l to r): Ben Ray, playing for King's College, and Joey Miller, playing for Lebanon Valley College

Pictured Below (l to r —next to arrows) Ben Ray and Joey Miller in 1996-1997 class pictures at Hilltop!



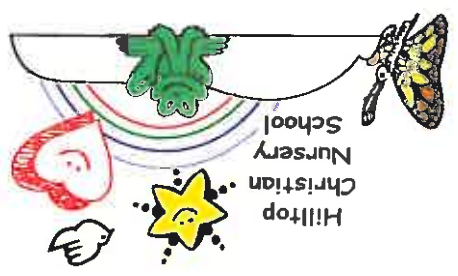
Join us on Friday evening, April 15th at 7:00 p.m. for a Spring Family Fun Event. We will be showing the new VeggieTale video 'Twas the Night Before Easter. Light refreshments will be served. There is no charge for the event; however, a free-will offering will be taken. The proceeds will go towards Hilltop's scholarship fund and/or large equipment purchases for Hilltop. Please call Hilltop at 533-8956 with any questions.

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

Join us on Wednesday and/or Thursday, May 4th and 5th (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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