

The Hill Country Connection June 2026

Hill Country Christian Church

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It's Summertime!!



Rick's Ramblings

The month of June is here. Every year when June arrives, I can't help remembering the song from the musical *Carousel*, "June Is Bustin' Out All Over." That really dates me! Things usually turn a vibrant green, and it is hard to beat the taste of Fredericksburg peaches. It is also a bustling time in our church life! Once again, this summer we engaged our community with Vacation Bible School which was from Sunday June 7th to the 10th, from 5:00 to 8:00 each evening.

We headed to Egypt to join Joseph in his journey from prison to palace. It is such a great story in the book of Genesis, and with the help of many people, we brought that story to life! If I begin thanking specific individuals, I know I will inadvertently leave someone off the list. But I do want to say a special thank you to Betsy Morgan and Marilyn Shackelford for leading out in this effort to reach children and families with the good news of God's love and care. This was their third straight year (or is it their fourth?—you'll have to ask them) to lead VBS, and they do an outstanding job! But seriously, big appreciation to everyone who "stepped up to the plate" and gave much time and energy to make this a reality.

We have another four weeks together before I head for the horizon of retirement. Although I am excited about the future (both mine and the

church's), I will greatly miss all of you. I will wait for next month's newsletter to write that particular article. In the meantime, I am taking these last few Sundays to remind us (both you and me) of what God has spoken to our hearts these past six years. I encourage you to come and worship with your church family as often as you possibly can. You are missed—and you are missing out on something special—whenever you are away.



Please continue prayers for Smitty and Karen Smith. Smitty has been discharged from Methodist Stone Oak Hospital and is now in their rehab facility. Please pray for his quick recovery. Also continued prayers for Jody and Carla Prather. Jody is out of rehab and is continuing his recovery at home. We pray for a quick recovery for Jody as well.



Celebrate

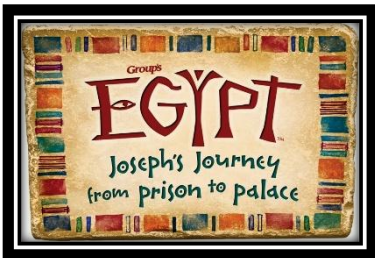
Birthdays

Kate Davila - 03
Andrew McGill - 04
Terry Schwab - 04
Judy French - 04
Bill Brockmeier - 06
Juan Ramirez - 10
Tani Martinez - 12
Tim Bates - 13
Noel Garcia - 13
Karen Smith - 16

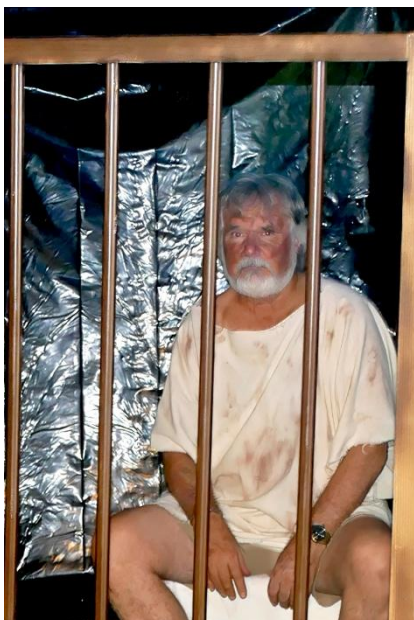
Anniversary

Joan & Terry Miller - 03
Jay Gifford & Burney Martin - 24



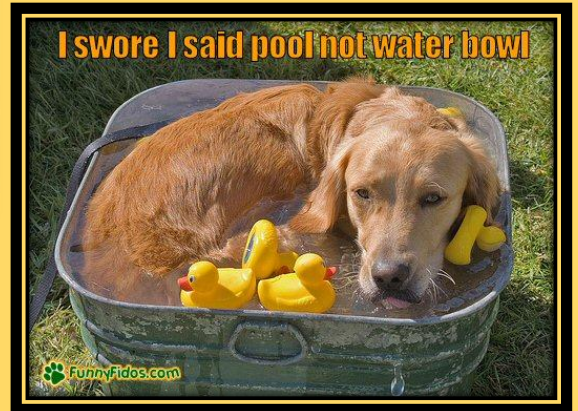


We had a lot of fun with VBS this year and I think the children did too. There was great participation on their part and there's just something a little special about getting a goodbye hug at the end. A special thank you to Betsy Morgan and Marilyn Shackelford for once again pulling off miracles to get this year's VBS off the ground and to each of their wonderful volunteers who worked hard to make it great! Here are some pics.....





Me....
During the Summer



June



2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4		6
7 9:30 am – Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service VBS	8 VBS	9 VBS	10 10:00 am – No Pastor’s Bible Class VBS	11 	12	13 8:30 am – Men’s Breakfast
14 9:30 am – Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service	15 	16	17 10:00 am – Pastor’s Bible Class	18	19 Juneteenth	20 10:00 am – CWF Meeting & Luncheon
21 9:30 am – Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service	22	23 	24 10:00 am – Pastor’s Bible Class	25 6:00 pm – General Board Meeting	26	27
28 9:30 am – Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service	29 	30	<p style="text-align: center;">HOW ARE WE DOING?</p> <p>AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: May - 62</p> <p>OFFERINGS: May - \$18,312.00</p>			

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