



1 September 2024

The
Lord's
Day

HILLCREST

BAPTIST CHURCH

*"Hillcrest Baptist Church
exists to magnify Jesus by
declaring His glory,
sharing His salvation,
preparing His disciples,
bearing with one another
and caring for others"*

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Genesis 15:1-21

¹After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."

²But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

⁷And he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess." ⁸But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to

him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. ¹³Then the Lord said to Abram, "Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. ¹⁴But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. ¹⁵As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. ¹⁶And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete." . . .



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OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

TODAY, September 1

Ministry Council Meeting after morning worship

SATURDAY, September 7

Church Clean Up Day 8:00 AM–NOON

SUNDAY, September 8

Sunday School Bible Study (*All level*) 9:45 AM
Lord's Supper

SUNDAY, September 15

El Sobrante Stroll

SATURDAY, October 5

Sister Share 11:00 AM

SUNDAY, October 13

Business meeting and Potluck

Other Announcements

- ❖ If you would like to donate to God's work via the internet, please visit our church website at www.hillcrestbaptist.net and click on the "GIVE" button to access our secure online giving portal.
- ❖ You can also give via PayPal: Use 3400hillcrest@gmail.com



ABRAM'S FAITH AND GOD'S RESPONSE

Genesis 15:1-21



Hebrew Words:

Magen = protect or a shield

Yerash = possess or inherit

Emen / Emet = consider to be true, believe, trust (not belief in existence)

cHashav = think, consider, impute, from weave

Zadeq / Zadeqa = 'righteousness': right relationship and proper relational actions

Greek Words:

Pisteuo = believe, trust; *Pistis* = faith

Elogisthay = account, calculate, credit, consider through data

Dikaiosune / Edikaiois = 'righteousness': state or condition of (legal) acceptability (to God), justified

Genesis 11:26-25:11 – The Abraham Stories

A: 11:26–12:9 PROLOGUE: A Family Chosen—Obedience and Altars
Promise: Heirs and Land and Blessing; Expectation: to Bless Others

B: 12:10–13:18 FULFILLMENT IN JEOPARDY I:

Story 1: Sarai & Pharaoh—Descendants in Jeopardy

Story 2: Lot—Land in Jeopardy

C: 14:1–24 EVALUATING ABRAM I:

Story 3: Taking & Giving: Family, Land, Blessings

D: 15:1-18:15 SECURING HEIRS: Two Attempts

Story 1: 15:1-21 Abram's Attempt: Adoption

Story 2: 16:1-18:15

C: 18:16–19:38 EVALUATING ABRAHAM II:

B: 20:1–21:34 FULFILLMENT IN JEOPARDY II:

++: 22:1–19 FULFILLMENT IN JEOPARDY III: The Akedah

A: 22:20–25:11 EPILOGUE & BRIDGE: The Family Continues

OFFERING UPDATE

T&O FOR AUGUST 25: \$130
ON LINE T&Os FOR WEEK - \$0
T&Os NEEDED FOR YEAR - \$34,276
T&Os RECEIVED FOR YEAR - \$23,598
T&Os SHORT FOR YEAR - (\$10,678)
SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR AUGUST 25: 30

COUNTERS

Tom & Audrey—SEPTEMBER 1
Jose & Ester—SEPTEMBER 8
Tom & Steve—SEPTEMBER 15
Mitch & Audrey—SEPTEMBER 22
Tom & Ester—SEPTEMBER 29

PRESCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

THIS WEEK (9/1)	NEXT WEEK (9/8)
Lynda Bishop	Mitch & Cari Abbott
Brian Lawson	Lisa Sanford

QUIET TIME FOR PASTOR SEARCH CMTE. GUIDE

READ THE SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

- ❖ What does God's Word say?—*List the facts.*
- ❖ What does God's Word mean?—*Learn the lessons.*
- ❖ What does God's Word mean to me?—*Listen to His voice.*
- ❖ How will I respond to God's Word?—*Live it out!*

MONDAY, September 2

Study *Philippians 3:13-14*

TUESDAY, September 3

Study *Luke 9:23*

WEDNESDAY, September 4

Study *James 5:16*

THURSDAY, September 5

Study *Philippians 1:3-4*

FRIDAY, September 6

Study *Exodus 17:11-13*

SATURDAY, September 7

Study *Romans 1:9-10*

SUNDAY, September 8

Study *Ephesians 5:25; 6:4*