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The
Lord's
Day

*"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"*

Acts 4:32-37

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned

lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. ³⁶There was a Levite from Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"). ³⁷He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.



ONE HEART, ONE WITNESS, ONE MISSION

Acts 4:32-37



KEY VERSE: “Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul... With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.”

— *Acts 4:32-33 (NRSVUE)*

SERMON THEME

The resurrection of Jesus creates a Spirit-filled church marked by unity, generous stewardship, powerful witness, and compassionate care for others.

I. ONE HEART — THE UNITY OF GOD’S PEOPLE (v. 32)

- The Holy Spirit unites believers in purpose, love, and mission.
- True Christian unity reflects the heart of Christ.
- **Supporting Scriptures:** John 17:20-23; Ephesians 4:1-6; Philippians 2:1-4.

II. ONE STEWARDSHIP — LIVING GENEROUSLY (vv. 32, 34-35)

- Everything we have belongs to God.
- The early church freely shared with those in need.
- Christian generosity flows from transformed hearts.
- **Supporting Scriptures:** Psalm 24:1; Matthew 6:19-21; 1 Timothy 6:17-19.

III. ONE MESSAGE — THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION (v. 33)

- The apostles boldly proclaimed the risen Christ.
- The resurrection remains the foundation of our faith and witness.
- **Supporting Scriptures:** Acts 1:8; Acts 2:22-36; 1 Corinthians 15:1-8.

IV. ONE COMPASSION — CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER (vv. 34–35)

- God’s people meet both spiritual and practical needs.
- Love for Christ is demonstrated through love for others.
- Supporting Scriptures: Deuteronomy 15:4–11; James 2:14–17; 1 John 3:16–18.

V. ONE EXAMPLE — THE GENEROSITY OF BARNABAS (vv. 36–37)

- Barnabas modeled joyful, sacrificial giving.
- His life reminds us that encouragement and generosity strengthen the Church.
- **Supporting Scriptures:** Acts 11:22–24; 2 Corinthians 9:6–8.

LIFE APPLICATION

As followers of Jesus, we are called to:

- Live in unity with one another.
- Steward God’s blessings faithfully.
- Boldly proclaim the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- Care for those in need.
- Encourage others through lives of generosity and service.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“A church centered on the risen Christ is united in heart, generous in spirit, powerful in witness, and compassionate in action.”

MEMORY VERSE

“With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.”—Acts 4:33

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, August 5

Praise Team Rehearsal 6:00 PM
(Come and join us if you want to serve in the Music Ministry)

SATURDAY, August 8

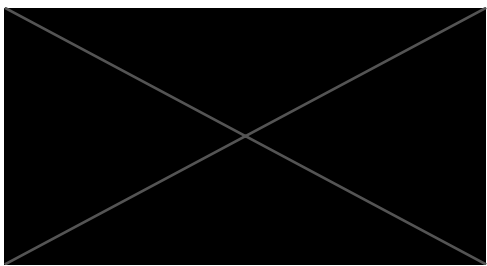
Christian Counseling & Prayer Support
(Please note that Shirley Cheney will not be available for in-person sessions for a time. Only phone or video and call to schedule)

SUNDAY, August 9

Sunday School Bible Study (All level) 9:45 AM

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 340ohillcrest@gmail.com



COUNTERS

Tom & Steve—AUGUST 2
Jose & Lynda—AUGUST 9
Tom & Sonja—AUGUST 16
Jose & John—AUGUST 23
Tom & Steve—AUGUST 30

CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADERS

THIS WEEK (8/2)
Tom Bishop
Brian Lawson

NEXT WEEK (8/9)
Lynda Bishop
Lisa Sanford