

## Sermon Notes

### This Morning's Sermon Summary

This sermon argues that while online services can deliver biblical truth, they cannot replace the vital role of physically assembling with other believers, because God designed the church community itself to preserve and strengthen faith, love, and good works (Hebrews 10:24–25). Scripture shows that God blesses those who gather, that the church is the pillar of truth, and that believers need one another to encourage holiness, stir up love, and motivate good works through positive, godly influence. Drawing from the early church and passages like Ecclesiastes 4, the message emphasizes that Christians naturally weaken in faith, love, and service when isolated, but are sustained by the warmth, accountability, and encouragement of the assembly. While the sermon clearly exempts those with legitimate health risks, it urges others—especially those comfortable going elsewhere in public—to recognize the spiritual danger of prolonged absence and to return to in-person church, recommitting themselves and their families to consistent attendance as an essential part of spiritual growth.

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## *Ways to Connect:*

- **Special Music** – Mark Gray will be here next Sunday, January 11th. He will be singing in the morning and evening services.
- **Teen Café** – We will have Teen Café after the evening service on Sunday, January 18th. Come support our teens that will be going to camp.

## Connect with Christ and His Church

### Visitor Card Online Form

If this is your first time at Hillcrest, and you haven't filled out a visitor card, you can do so at [hillcrestbaptist.cc/visitor](https://hillcrestbaptist.cc/visitor), or by scanning this QR code. Thank you!



## Life-stage Adult Sunday School Classes

9:00 am

College and Career: Singles  
Homebuilders: Couples 30's-40's  
Ambassador's: Seniors  
Passionate for Christ: Ladies  
Men for the Master: Men

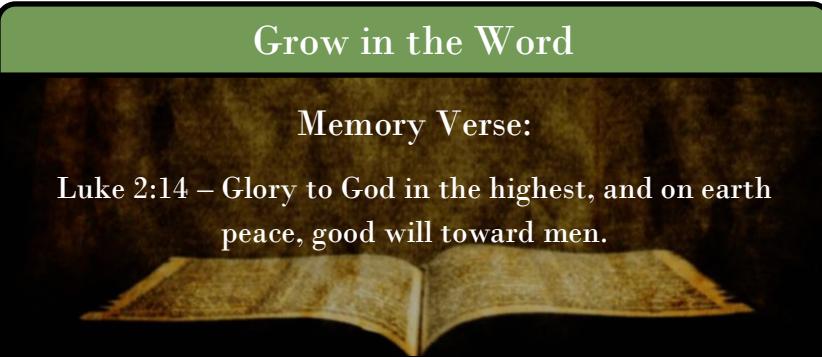
10:30 am

Family Foundations: Couples 20's-30's  
Cornerstone: Couples 40's-50's  
Berean Bible Study: Adults  
Hearts for God: Ladies  
Watchmen in Warfare: Men  
Teens: 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade



## *Ways to Grow:*

- **Giving Statements** – To ensure everyone receives their giving statement, please take a moment to make sure your information is up to date. You can do so by going online at <https://hillcrestbaptist.cc/update>.
- **Small Groups** – Our Small Groups Bible Study will begin Monday, January 26th. Please sign up if you're interested. Childcare will be provided. The Monday morning ladies Bible study is doing the same study as the evening Small Groups.



## Worship Services

- Sunday Morning.....9:00 am
- Sunday Morning.....10:30 am
- Sunday Spanish Service.....10:30 am
- Sunday Evening.....6:00 pm
- Wednesday Evening.....6:30 pm

## Bible Studies

- Wednesday Discipleship.....6:30 pm



## *Ways to Serve:*

- **Prayer Schedule** – Don't forget our Wednesday evening prayer meetings will resume Wednesday, January 14th. If you have any questions, please reach out to Bro. Phil Spencer.
- **Mega Food Pantry** – Our next Mega Food Pantry will be January 15th from 1-5 pm. Workers, please arrive at noon. If you have any questions, please see Bro. Wick or Bro. Austin.

## Serve Through Giving

**Faith Promise** Goal-to-Date.....\$283,492.00  
Received-to-Date.....\$311,530.00



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our website or app.

[hbcelpaso.com](https://hbcelpaso.com)  
Give tab

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## Visitation Meeting

- Saturday Morning.....9:30 am
- Prayer Meeting
- Sunday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast.....7:30 am
- Tuesday Prayer Time.....12:15 pm
- Wednesday Prayer Time.....5:30 pm
- Wednesday Night Missions.....Each Wednesday night

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