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This sermon teaches that fasting is a powerful spiritual tool “one of the big guns” meant to add sincerity, fervency, and desperation to our prayers, especially when facing burdens too heavy for ordinary efforts. Biblically, fasting expresses mourning over sin, deepens closeness to God, brings spiritual power, and seeks deliverance, but it becomes ineffective when done for show, without thought, with unrepentant sin, or with a judgmental spirit. The greater problem, the preacher argues, is not insincere fasting but a lack of fasting altogether due to difficulty, subtle unbelief, or apathy toward spiritual concerns. True fasting must be humble, repentant, sincere, and private, functioning as a heartfelt declaration of need for God. Believers are urged to incorporate regular fasting into their lives, identify the heavy burdens that call for such spiritual urgency, and use fasting as a means to pursue genuine relationship, repentance, and God’s empowering presence.

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Ways to Connect:

- **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** – Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be Wednesday, December 24th at 6:30pm. Come celebrate the birth of Christ with us.
- **Wednesday Night Prayer Schedule** – Please note there will not be Wednesday night prayer meetings starting Wednesday, December 17th, but will resume on Wednesday, January 14th. If you have any questions, please see Bro. Spencer.
- **Mega Food Pantry** – Food pantry will be Thursday, December 18th. Pantry will be from 1-5pm. Volunteers, please arrive at noon. If you have any questions, please see Bro. Dave Wick or Bro. Aaron King.

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, or by scanning this QR code. Thank you!

Life-stage Adult Sunday School Classes

9:00 am	10:30 am
College and Career: Singles	Family Foundations: Couples 20's-30's
Homebuilders: Couples 30's-40's	Cornerstone: Couples 40's-50's
Ambassador's: Seniors	Berean Bible Study: Adults
Passionate for Christ: Ladies	Hearts for God: Ladies
Men for the Master: Men	Watchmen in Warfare: Men
	Teens: 7 th through 12 th grade



Ways to Grow:

- **Cantata Christmas Program** – Join us for this year's Christmas program, "Glorious Mystery!" We invite you to join us for the free Sunday evening presentation next Sunday, December 14th at 6:00pm during our regular service. This special night will feature the full program, followed by a time of fellowship with cookies, coffee, and hot chocolate for everyone. Bring your family, invite a friend, and come enjoy a wonderful evening as we celebrate the miracle of Christmas together. If you have tickets for Saturday night, in will call, you can pick them up after the services at the registration center.
- **New Years Eve Service** – Our New Years Eve Service, will be at our regular time on Wednesday, December 31st.

Grow in the Word

Memory Verse:

Isaiah 9:6 – For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

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:

- **Christmas Dinner Donations:** This year, we are partnering again with the Salvation Army to provide a turkey dinner for families who may otherwise go without during this special time. We are inviting you to donate \$20 to help fund the purchase of a turkey and other Christmas dinner essentials. Every gift, no matter the size, will make a meaningful impact in the lives of those who are struggling this Christmas season. To donate, please visit Give.hbcelpaso.com and select the fund "Salvation Army." The deadline for donations is Wednesday, December 10th, so we can ensure all meals are prepared and delivered in time for Christmas.

Serve Through Giving

Faith Promise Goal-to-Date.....\$257,720.00
Received-to-Date.....\$291,000.00

Offerings can be given through our website or app.

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Give tab

Hillcrest App
Information tab

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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