

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, October 15th, 2023

Two Observations

1. There is no prohibition for women serving as deacons in the apostle Paul's teaching on deacons.
2. The original word that was translated as "wives" in vs. 11 is better translated as "women."

The Qualifications

- 1) Self-mastery
 - ❖ Dignified – *worthy of respect; harmonious*
 - ❖ Not double-tongued – *they can be taken at their word; they do what they say*
 - ❖ Not addicted to much wine – *they manifest self-control and abstinence if necessary*
 - ❖ Not greedy for dishonest gain – *they display a life of contentment based on understanding everything belongs to God*
- 2) Sound doctrine
 - ❖ They must know, hold and live the faith.
- 3) A satisfactory examination
 - ❖ Blameless – without accusation
- 4) A stable home life
 - ❖ Their spiritual priority is the home.

Two Commitments

- We must hold our elders accountable to giving away potentially distracting ministry to deacons in order to pursue the roles Jesus has given them.
- We must hold our deacons accountable to maintain a posture of serving the needs of the body so that the elders can pray, teach and lead.

Hillcrest Kids Meet & Greet: Join us at the coffee bar anytime between 9:30 am and 11 am on Sunday, October 22nd. Donuts will be served as we welcome the newest Hillcrest Kids ministries leaders, Suzie Bauman, Nursery and Pre-K Coordinator and Jessica Sander, Elementary Coordinator. Arrangements will be made so all children's Sunday school teachers and caregivers will have the opportunity to enjoy this time of fellowship as well. Let us all take this time to encourage and thank these new leaders and all the volunteers who serve in the Sunday School, Children's Church, and Nursery. We truly have the best team of teachers, helpers and caregivers. They are dedicated to our children and our church family, and their love for raising up Christ followers is evident in their commitment to the ministry.

The Annual Thanksgiving Banquet is Sunday, November 5th! Join us for a special service at 5 pm followed by a turkey dinner at 6:15 pm. Dinner is provided. Childcare is available during the service for 0-6 years old. Please **RSVP for childcare** hillcrestefc.org/childcarersvp as soon as possible so we know how many childcare helpers are needed.

Operation Christmas Child delivers great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes. Each box packed full of quality toys, school supplies, and personal care items becomes a tangible expression of God's immense love for the child. For many, it is their first gift ever! Delivered by our local church partners, shoebox gifts provide an opportunity to present the Gospel to boys and girls in a clear, child-friendly way. **National Collection week for Operation Christmas Child is November 13th-20th. Hillcrest Church is the local area collection site for OCC shoeboxes. Stay tuned for specific collection site hours.**

Baptism: Talk to one of the pastors if you would like to be baptized during either of the morning services on Sunday, November 19th.

Ways to Give: Offering collection boxes are located by the sanctuary doors. You can also give online at hillcrestefc.org/give or on the Hillcrest Church app.