

**Hickory Valley Baptist Church
Announcements – May 11, 2025**

Happy Mother's Day

There is a gift for all mothers who are present today. There will be no activities at the church this afternoon or evening; if possible, find a special way to honor your mother.

Mid-week fellowship

Wednesday

A nominally-priced lunch will be served at 12 noon, followed by sharing of Scriptures, singing, a brief devotion, and spending time individually in prayer.

VBS workers meeting

Sunday, May 18

There will be a meeting after the morning service next Sunday, May 18, for all who have committed to help with VBS (June 9-13) and anyone else interested in helping. Lunch will be provided.

Free copies of "Our Daily Bread"

Free copies of the "Our Daily Bread" devotional guide for June, July and August are available in the lobby.

Gospel tracts and invitations to HVBC

In the lobby, there is an assortment of gospel tracts, including some in Spanish and some designed to reach Jewish people. There are also business card-sized invitations to HVBC. Consider making it your personal goal to give out at least one tract and one invitation each day.

Benevolence fund

Donations to help those in need may be placed in the benevolence box in the lobby.

Greeting card ministry

In the lobby, there is a display with a variety of greeting cards available for \$1 each. Every card has a Scripture verse and an encouraging thought.



**Joseph Habedank
in concert
Sunday night,
June 8.**

Joseph is a six-time winner of the Singing News Fan Award for favorite gospel music soloist and a three-time winner of the Dove Award for album of the year.

He has a powerful testimony of being delivered from drug addiction by the Lord.

Admission is free; a love offering will be taken.

For more information, go to josephhabedank.com.

Financial Report

Last week's tithes & offerings	\$6,669.50
Weekly operating budget	\$5,162.06
Year to date tithes & offerings	\$183,404.94
Year to date operating budget	\$92,917.08

sermon notes

The Oldest Mother Who Ever Give Birth Genesis chapters 11-21 May 11, 2025 — Mother's Day

introduction: Examples of women in their 60s and 70s who gave birth to a child — but all by artificial insemination or the result of fertility treatments, not natural conception.

1. Trust God to keep His _____ promises _____ and take care of you in His way and in His timing (Genesis 11:29-30; Genesis 12:1-7; Genesis 15:1-6).

In Genesis 12:1-3, God gave Abram three important promises:

- 1) a _____ national _____ blessing (Genesis 12:2a)
- 2) a _____ personal _____ blessing (Genesis 12:2b-13a)
- 3) a _____ worldwide _____ blessing (Genesis 12:3b)

supporting Scripture: Galatians 3:8; Hebrews 2:9;
1 Timothy 2:5-6; Isaiah 26:3

Perhaps the clearest example of how people were ____ saved ____ in Old Testament times is Genesis 15:6 — saved through faith in the Lord.

supporting Scriptures: Romans 4:2-3; Romans 10:9-10, 13

2. There can be long-lasting _____ consequences _____ of a single foolish decision or sinful action (Genesis 16:1-4, 15-16).

supporting Scripture: 1 John 1:9

God promises to forgive our sins when we confess them, but He does not promise to remove the consequences.

3. Keep trusting God when your situation seems ____ impossible ____ (Genesis 17:17-21; Genesis 18:10-15; Genesis 21:1-7).

supporting Scripture: Hebrews 11:11; Matthew 19:26