

**Hickory Valley Baptist Church
Announcements – May 4, 2025**

Bible study on the Trinity

Sunday night

At 6:00 on Sunday night, Pastor David will begin a study of one of the most important subjects in the Bible, and one of the most difficult things to understand: the Trinity.

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.

Vacation Bible School

June 9 - 13

HVBC will host Vacation Bible School on June 9 - 13, from 5:45 to 8:00 each evening. Be thinking and praying about who you can invite. Workers are needed to help in a variety of areas. If you are interested, there is a sign-up sheet at the information center. For more details, please contact Pastor Frank.

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.

Prayer requests via e-mail

If you have a prayer request you would like to have e-mailed to our church family, please send it to Sherry Whitfield. If you would like to receive prayer requests, please provide Sherry with your email address.

Benevolence fund

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

Financial report

Copies of the HVBC financial report for the 2025 first quarter are available at the information center.



Mother's Day breakfast

The church will provide a special Mother's Day breakfast at 8:30 a.m. next Sunday.

If you plan to attend, please sign up at the information center. There will be no evening activities at the church that afternoon or evening.

Financial Report

Last week's tithes & offerings	\$11,298.70
Weekly operating budget	\$5,162.06
Year to date tithes & offerings	\$176,735.44
Year to date operating budget	\$87,755.02

sermon notes

The Ascension of Jesus to Heaven and the Promise of His Return Acts 1:1-11 May 4, 2025

introduction: Gen. Douglas MacArthur's declaration, "I shall return."

1. There are many infallible _____ proofs _____ that Jesus rose from the dead (Acts 1:3).
 - 1) Jesus' _____ empty tomb _____ (Matthew 28:1-6; Mark 15:1-7; Luke 24:1-7; John 20:1-2)
 - 2) Jesus' _____ appearances _____ after His resurrection (Acts 2:32; 1 Corinthians 15:5-8)
 - 3) the conversion of many Jews, including many _____ priests _____ (Acts 6:7)
 - 4) Jesus' transformed _____ disciples _____ (Acts 3:14-15; Acts 4:10; Acts 5:29-32; Acts 10:39-40)
 - 5) observance of the _____ first _____ day of the week (Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2), calling it "the Lord's day" (Revelation 1:10)
2. Depend on the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit in order to witness about Jesus (Acts 1:4-5, 8).
3. Trust God to accomplish His purpose in His _____ timing _____ (Acts 1:6-7).

interesting Scripture: John 6:15

4. Jesus' _____ ascended _____ back to heaven because He had completed everything He came to earth to do (Acts 1:9)
 - 1) Jesus _____ predicted _____ His ascension (John 7:33; John 14:2; John 16:5, 7, 10; John 20:17).
 - 2) Jesus' ascension was predicted in the _____ Old Testament _____ (Psalm 68:18, which is quoted and applied to Jesus in Ephesians 4:8).
 - 3) Jesus' ascension involved the removal of His _____ physical _____ presence from the earth, but not His spiritual presence. Jesus is always near (Matthew 28:19-20).
 - 4) Jesus' ascension was accompanied by His _____ exaltation _____ at the right hand of God the Father (Ephesians 1:20-22) and the beginning of His current work.

supporting Scripture: Romans 8:34 - Jesus' intercession

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5. Jesus will _____ return _____ in the same way He ascended (Acts 1:10-11).

1) Jesus will return in the _____ air _____ for all those who are saved, and will take them to the place He has prepared for them (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17).

2) Jesus will return to the _____ earth _____ and rule the world.

supporting Scriptures: Matthew 24:30
Zechariah 14:4, 9

personal application: Be a _____ witness _____ for Jesus, relying on the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit. Tell people that Jesus is the only Savior, and that they can be saved through personal faith in Him. And tell them that He is returning — and it could be very soon.