

HILLTOP CHAPEL JULY 2026 BULLETIN



JULY SPECIAL EVENTS

July 1-5	IBF Conference Location: Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, IN All are encouraged to attend.
July 11	Malayalam Meeting Location: Hilltop Chapel Time: 6:30 p.m.
July 18	Church Picnic Location: Downsview Dells Park, North York Time: 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

JULY SERMONS

DATE	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN
July 5	Lijo George	Vins Samuel
July 12	Philip Boom	Vins Samuel
July 19	Vins Samuel	Joseph Samuel
July 26	Mathew Sebastian	Joseph Samuel

THE MAN ON THE GROUND

I once looked up high
At shapeless clouds
Empty space and countless layers
I threw a penny up there
To the “man in the sky”
Wanted to know what his name
was

I waited for it to fall like my words
My unaccomplished sound
On ears that could not hear
I looked back at the ground
But He caught my penny, drew it
near
And spared words for a moment
While He Himself came down

And there He was
The man from the sky
Kneeling on the ground
Stress turned to sweat
Sweat into red
droplets of anguish
His only crown
Dripping down
His mouth that could speak
Pouring sorrows out
Hands that could feel
Where sharp iron would sting
Nose that could smell
His own sweet offering

The face of a King
Who knew the highest heavens
In the dark now, suffering
And not long before
Knowing He'd be lifted up
He sat with friends and raised His
cup
“This is My blood”
Yes this is His love

I saw His walking feet
That knew the surfaces of seas
Counting steps to Calvary

“Our God is in heaven and He'll do
as He pleases”
But it pleased Him to be crushed
To know grief
To lay His life down... for me

Eyes opened
Heart broken
I looked up at Him there where the
guilty stand
This righteous Man
He kept my penny and, instead,
gave me His hand.
(Luke 22, Psalm 115, and Isaiah
53:10)

-Linda Godley

HILLTOP RETREAT 2026

The Hilltop Family Retreat 2026, held from June 19–21 at the Valley of the Mother of God, was a wonderful weekend of learning, fellowship, and encouragement. Centred on the theme Living Together in a Fragmented World, we spent time reflecting on how we can live faithfully as God's people in a world that often feels divided.

This was our first retreat at the Valley of the Mother of God, and the peaceful setting provided a refreshing environment for families to connect, children to play together, and friendships to deepen. There was something special about stepping away from the routines of daily life and simply enjoying time together as a church family.

We were blessed to have two guest speakers. Brother Phil Chambers from Alabama opened the retreat on Friday evening and spent time with the youth and young adults on Saturday, leading thoughtful and encouraging discussions on what it means to abide in Christ and live a life purposed to glorify Him in all things. Brother Jerry George Mathew, who travelled from India with his family, led the adults through studies in Habakkuk and Daniel. Through Habakkuk, we were reminded that even when we do not understand what God is doing, we can still choose faith, joy, and trust in Him. Through Daniel, we were challenged by the example of a man who remained faithful to God while living in a culture that often opposed his convictions. Later, Jerry met with the youth and young adults, leading engaging discussions on faith, ethics, vocation, and Christian witness. A Q&A session brought everyone together and provided an opportunity to explore some of the questions and challenges raised throughout the day.

As always, some of the best moments happened between the sessions. Shared meals, conversations, laughter, games, and time spent together reminded us how much we value the fellowship God has given us. We also celebrated Father's Day during the retreat, making the weekend especially meaningful for many families.

Sunday morning was a particular highlight. For the first time in decades, our congregation in Etobicoke did not gather at its usual location. Instead, everyone came together at the retreat centre for worship. Seeing more than 200 people gathered at the centre - children, youth, young adults, parents, and seniors - was a wonderful reminder of God's goodness. Worshipping together as an assembly was a fitting conclusion to a weekend focused on living and growing together in Christ.

The retreat left many encouraged, not only by the excellent teaching but also by the opportunity to spend meaningful time together as a church family. Our sincere thanks to Phil and Jerry for serving us so faithfully, to every family who attended, and to the organizers and volunteers whose hard work behind the scenes made the weekend possible. Above all, we thank the Lord for His faithfulness, His provision, and the joy of belonging to His family. We thank God for a blessed weekend and for the many lessons learned, friendships strengthened, and memories made that will remain with us until we gather again for our next retreat.





Looking unto Jesus,
the author and finisher of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before Him
endured the cross, despising the shame,
and has sat down at the right hand of the
throne of God

Hebrews 12:2

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday: Worship - 9:30 a.m./ Family Bible Hour - 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday: 8:00 p.m. at West Hill Gospel Hall

Reminder: All midweek meetings are currently on hold due to the summer holidays and will resume in mid-September

For **all other prayer requests**, please refer to the message sent by Bro. Silas Jacob on WhatsApp/email.

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