

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a letter to give testimony of the ability of Lil Smith and her leadership in our church and in my ministry area. I am the preschool and Children's Pastor of Hilldale Baptist church. In my time of in this position I have come to know and respect the leadership of Lil Smith. Lil currently leads in my 9am Sunday School hour and had the responsibility of but not limited to recruitment of new teachers, training of new teachers, finding subs when leadership is unable to be present.

Hilldale is a church that loves to do things for its community and city of Clarksville. Some of those events that I am in charge of are our Father Daughter Banquet, Vacation Bible School and Spring & Fall Festival. Planning these events is very time consuming and stressful. However, when you can depend on the leadership style of a Lil Smith, these events are less of a struggle.

Our Father Daughter Banquet last February was new to Hilldale and was intended to reach our children ages 6-11 and their fathers. When it came to planning the event and the food and décor there was only one choice as to who could plan and pull off such an event. Lil was able to sit down and hear the ideas of what I would like the night to be like and with that information she was able to help create one of the best atmospheres we could have ever hoped for. Lil, planned a dinner that children and adults would like, she decorated the large room in an eloquent and yet very child friendly way. The hit of the evening was the dessert table with a flowing chocolate fountain. Children and their dad's could not get enough of the sweet desserts. If it were not for Lil and her creative and innovative ways of decorating and cooking, this event would have been just another children's event at Hilldale.

One of the largest outreach events that Hilldale Baptist does is our Vacation Bible School week. During this week we will have 400 children and adults on campus from 9-12. One of the highlights of each day is snacks. Children of all ages look forward to see what wonderful thing "Ms. Lil" has created that day for them to eat. Enlargely because each year our Vacation Bible School theme changes each year and I have given Lil the task of creating snacks that would match the theme for the week and to complicate the task even more I also request that it be "peanut" free. Over the past two years Lil has surpassed my expectations every day. Lil takes my challenges each time and turns them into positive things. Things that you can really sink your teeth into; at the same time that she is coming up with creative ways to feed hundreds she is also finding ways to cut cost. Lil is very good about coming in under budget and saving the church resources to use in other areas so that we could bring glory to God.

Our Spring & Fall Festivals are annual events that our church family and community look forward to each year. Once again Lil is called upon to organize and orchestrate food for the masses. During these events timing is a huge concern and I call upon Lil to see that we can feed folks in the shortest amount of time as possible.

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