

# Hillcrest Encouragement

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Dear Lovers of Jesus,

In Zambia, to get protection from the flies, inswa, wasps, and skinks, I relax under my mosquito net even during the day. The net circle hoop has a point at the top that directs my eyes upward. I gaze up and see a tent over my entire body and it reminds me of a fog or mist from God to envelope and to tell me not to be afraid of the outside badness. I really do feel all wrapped up with God under my net.

Yesterday at the Kasisbi Church of Christ, I felt the same way of being surrounded, protected by God, and wrapped up with God. The ladies surrounded me on the women's side of the small church as I sat down on the wobbly bench. I felt encircled by the ladies in the small village church and the words on the ceiling logs beckoned my eyes upward, "Read the Bible the Pathway to Life" and "2014 Theme: Be Ambassadors of Christ." Many "snaps" of members working and eating together decorated the walls and surrounded me on three sides. Ba Shepherd's and Ba Leonard's words and songs from God penetrated me as I stepped into God's misty cloud. And wouldn't you know it? After the services, we went out for the traditional line hand shaking where every man, woman, and child shakes every hand and then the whole one hundred and forty-seven people surrounded us and sang and danced and clapped telling us how happy they were that we were there with them. God's words and his church's actions made me feel protected from the bad things on the outside just like my insect net protects me from the bad creatures on the outside. I really did feel all wrapped up, tied up and tangled up with God as the camp song goes.

Sometimes though I do have to venture out from the safety of my mosquito net, but I know I am protected and cared for when I am under it. The church Jesus died for and gave me gives a cloud of God to cover me and to show me how to be protected from evils.

Who wouldn't want protection and security in Jesus' family? Ephesians 3:10-11 shows that the church displays the multi-faceted wisdom of God to the authorities in the heavenly realms. The church.....the manifold wisdom of God.....my mosquito net.....my safety net. It's God's wisdom.

Blessings from the little house in the bush. Cindy Robinson

# Hillcrest Today

## Welcome Guests

We are glad you are here! Please fill out a Welcome Visitor card and place in the collection plate. Go by our Information Area on the right side of the Worship Center for materials that will better acquaint you with Hillcrest.

For your convenience, the staffed nursery for children 2 months to 24 months is available. Check-in is in the foyer. The parents' nursery & training area is available to parents and children. Enter at the back of the Worship Center.

### Bible Classes for All Ages

Baby Bunch in Nursery

Age 2..... Room 100	Gr 1 .....Room 121
Age 3..... Room 106	Gr 2 .....Room 117
Age 4..... Room 107	Gr 3 .....Room 120
Pre-K..... Room 110	Gr 4 .....Room 213
K..... Room 118	Gr 5 .....Room 209

### Young Adult Classes

Middle School.....	Room 204
High School.....	Room 200
University.....	Room 17

### Adult Classes

Sonrise (all ages) (8:00).....	Room 14
Y/O (all ages).....	Room 10/11
Welcome (all ages).....	Room 12
Families for Christ (all ages).....	Room 14
Common Ground (30s & 40s).....	Room 16
H.O.P.E. (all ages).....	Room 21
Travelers (all ages).....	Room 30
Christ in Action (all ages).....	Room 52
Young Professionals (20s).....	Room 212
F.U.N. (all ages).....	Room 219
Generations (all ages).....	Chapel

### Worship Times

Morning Worship.....	9 a.m.
Bible Classes.....	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....	6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Classes.....	7 p.m.

## Glorifying God

April 10, 2016

Worship Leader ..... Odies Wright  
Hymn ..... Awesome God  
Welcome ..... Robert Kern

## Here We Take Our Stand

Psalm 23:1-6..... Joe Cannon  
1 Corinthians 15:1-8..... James Wellborn  
Prayer ..... Charles Small

## Songs of Praise

Hymn: #123 ..... The Steadfast Love of the Lord  
Hymn ..... This One Thing

## The Lord's Supper

Hymn: #140 ..... Love Divine  
Communion Meditation..... Kevin Wellborn  
Hymn: #764 ..... Teach Me Lord to Wait\*

## Offering

Prayer ..... Kevin Wellborn  
Hymn: #180 ..... Jesus Is Lord  
Hymn ..... Firm Foundation  
*(Parents may escort children ages 2-4 to TLC during this song)*

## Jesus' Story Becomes My Story: "Here I Stand!"

Message ..... Phil Ware  
Hymn ..... Come to the Feast

## Responses

Send the Light Announcement..... Charlie Pruett  
Hillcrest News..... Greg Post  
Hymn ..... Holy Spirit  
Family Blessing ..... Ray Ferguson

(\*Children's Song of the Month)

# Hillcrest Family News

## Today's Speaker

A.M. – Phil Ware  
P.M. – Bob Pipes – Rm 10/11 at 6 p.m.

## New Member/Updated Old Member Pictures - Today

Alan will be taking pictures at the side of the worship center today after worship.

## Men's Softball – April 11, 7 p.m. – Field 2

Our game is tomorrow against Wylie Methodist. Come out and cheer us on.

## A Hillcrest Singing – April 15, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

This will be a time for learning a few new songs and reviewing songs learned in the past. Babysitting is provided. Bring a snack to share. Stay for games and conversation afterwards. RSVP to your email invitation or call the office to let us know you are coming.

## Labor for Your Neighbor – April 17

Next Sunday, April 17 we will strive to Connect to our Community, through our Labor for Your Neighbor. So far we have only had 1 job turned in. If you know of someone who could use some house or yard work done or something hauled off, please call Alan Clute. If you are a Hillcrest Single Senior and you could use some help with a project, call and get your name on the list. In addition to those jobs, we will prayer walk the Hillcrest neighborhood, meeting our neighbors and preparing a foundation for the HYG Ground Zero Mission Effort in June. Meet at the building at 3:45 p.m.

## Baby Shower – April 17, 2 p.m.

Honoring Amanda (Musick) Armstrong, daughter of Phillip & Janet Jergins, Niece of Mark Leavell at #2 Lamar Circle. Selections at Amazon.com & Target.

## Cajun Fest LAFF – Wed., April 20, 5:30 p.m.

Has it really been 5 years since we last did Cajun Fest? Join us on Wednesday, April 20 in the MPR for shrimp, sausage, wienies, corn on the cob, potatoes and then wash it all down with a Cajun Cone! Being seated at tables begins at 5:30 p.m. If you can help set up tables on Tuesday, April 19 at 5:30, prep food at 12 or 3, help serve at 5, help clear starting at 6:30. This church-wide meal is funded by your donations. Hillcrest Singers will present their spring performance in Rm 10/11 afterward. Please sign up in Bible class.

## Men's Life Breakfast – Saturday April 23

Mark your calendar for the next MLB on Saturday, April 23 at 8 a.m. Jay Sanders will be sharing, "Are you willing to die for a prayerful relationship with God? The story of Daniel."

## HEB Church Wide Retreat – Grace Wins! April 29 – May 1

We are near capacity as of 4/8/16, but we often have people drop out. We will place you on a wait list, so please go ahead and sign up. Sign up online at hillcrestonline.com/heb.

## Children's Items Needed

The Children's Ministry welcomes any of the following donated items for this summer's programs: swimming pool noodles, toilet paper rolls, 2-liter plastic bottles (empty, clean, with lid). Bins for drop off are in the hall that leads to the Chapel.

**Bible Bowl** – Thank you to all who helped with the score keeping, computer tallying, setting up and taking down, and cooking for last Saturday's Bible Bowl meet! It was an important time to encourage our children to study God's word. Their next meet is April 23 in Andrews, Texas. Please pray that all of the children participating will do well and will have a safe trip.

## Prayer Room for the Preacher Search – Living Room

Open during office hours and anytime on Sunday and on Wednesday nights.

## Christian Service Center Update

Limited services Beginning Mon., May 2, at 949 Mesquite (Old Meals on Wheels bldg.). Item donations will be accepted starting Mon., April 18, at 904 Walnut. To make monetary donations go to www.cscabilene.org and click on Donate Fire Relief Fund or send to P.O. Box 2957, 79604.

## Missions and Faith Sharing

### Send the Light Goal Passed!!

Thank you Hillcrest members for your generous giving for short-term missions! The Send the Light goal of \$64,175 was passed in yesterday's special contribution, and \$70,422 has been given! This will provide half of airfare for 43 persons on mission trips to 16 countries this year. The Missions Team designated beforehand that extra funds this year would go to needed medicines during the Zambia Medical Mission. If you would still like to contribute, drop your donation by the church office. Thanks you!

Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening
A.M. Assembly .....674	Rm 10/11 ..... Care Group
Classes.....697	
Membership.....900	Wed.....388
Mar. Offering .....\$99,374	
Send The Light.....\$70,422	

## Calendar of Events

April 15 (New Date).....	A Hillcrest Singing
April 17 .....	Labor for Your Neighbor
April 20 .....	Cajun Fest LAFF
April 23 .....	Men's Life Breakfast
April 29-May 1 .....	Family Retreat at HEB Camp

# Hillcrest Ministries

## Children's Corner

### Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #2)

### Training and Learning for Children: (Ages 2-4)

Parents may escort their child to the Children's Wing during the song before the sermon.

**Bible Bowl Practice** – Meets today. All of Ruth Review. Next Bible Bowl competition: Andrews, Texas April 23.

**Bible Hour** – Bible Hour is tonight! Ages 2-3 will begin in the playroom beside the 3's classroom and ages 4 up to 5th grade will begin in the puppet room and end in the MPR.

**VBS:** June 19-22, Ages 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Theme: SCAR FORCE. To register online at Hillcrest's website, go to "Events" or to the Children's Ministry drop down section to find the form.

**VIP Camp:** July 17-20, Children who have completed 1<sup>st</sup> grade through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Theme: Walk This Way. Registration will soon begin.

## HYG – Youth

**Today** – Our High School group will be returning from a retreat in Eastland at 11:45 this morning. Huddles tonight at 6! Bring a friend!

**Wednesday – 7 p.m.** – Class

**Thursday** – Prayer Breakfast at 7 a.m.

**TNT! Thursday Night Together** – The high school and middle school groups will be switching times for this week. The high school group will meet from 6:00-7:30. Middle school will meet from 7:45-9:15.

**Middle Sch. Retreat - April 22-23**, Sign up online \$30. It will be located at the Hillcrest building.

**Seniors** – Please turn in your pictures for your Senior Sunday slideshow by April 20th. Contact Taylor for more information.

## Hillcrest - U

**Today – 5 p.m.** – LIFE Groups

G1 & G2 - White's Home

G3 & G4 – TBA

**Wednesday:** Come Share YOUR Story at 7 p.m.

**Thursday:** Small group chapel, 11 a.m. at Jacob's Dream

**Thursday:** REACH at 4 - 5:30 p.m., Canterbury Crossing Apts.

### Mark Your Calendar

April 24 – Sponsor Appreciation Dinner

May 1 – Graduate Celebration

## Adult Education Corner

**Sunday Morning Adult Classes** – The "Neighboring" series continues today with a lesson on the parable of the sheep and goats.

### Tuesday Women's Bible Study – April 12 – 10 a.m.

Rm 30 – "Synergize": (Eccl 4:12, Phil. 1:27) Teacher, Carol Vinzant. Rm 10 – "Doing Good to All": (Gal. 6:1-10) Teacher, Gail Brown.

### Wednesday Night Classes

- **Rm 10/11** – Steve Wages series on "God's Design for Human Intimacy: Giving Spiritual Meaning to Human Sexuality." The class examines God's design for human sexuality as cast in holiness including how sexuality becomes a place of spiritual warfare. Steve says that "churches have historically been woefully silent on the subject of human sexuality to the point of neglect and when they have decided to speak up have often presented a negative message which fails to honor God's design." This class seeks to provide a clear understanding of God's intent for human intimacy to be spiritually meaningful while recognizing how Satan seeks to spoil the good gift of the garden.
- **Rm 12** – Hillcrest 101: For new members or anyone interested in becoming a member of Hillcrest.
- **Rm 30 – ESL Class:** Meets every week
- **Rm 16 – Congregational Singing:** Join Odies Wright for a time of Worship in song!
- **Rm 219 – Women's Bible Class:** "Living Stones" by Casandra Martin. Women of all ages are invited.

## Family Ministry

**Wednesdays – Rm 14/15 – 7 p.m.**

### Relationship 101 – Begins April 6th, 7 p.m. (8-week series)

With Jack and Susan Hardcastle. Want to take your relationship to the next level? Whether you are seriously dating, engaged, or feel like you have been married forever, this class will help you understand each other in ways you never thought possible. There is no charge for the class, and it does qualify for the marriage license discount as well. You must preregister online or call 325-691-4200.



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