

Hillcrest Encouragement

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Could I Have Had Something To Do With That?

As we sat around the camp fire listening to the sounds of the African bush, one of our **Send the Light** campaigners had a question that she wanted to ask. We had just finished a grueling schedule of teaching a youth Gospel meeting for the Kaonde tribe. Over several days from sun-up to sun-down, the young men taught the teen boys and the young ladies taught the teen girls. We taught about the God of creation and His Kingdom. We taught about sin entering the world. We shared the love of God and the promise of hope and safety through Jesus Christ. We explained the New Covenant. Then we counted the cost of following Jesus as an individual, as a church family, and as one standing before the throne of judgment. After the final lesson and an invitation to obey the Gospel was given, fourteen students put on their Lord in baptism.

What was our campaigner's question? Referring to those who had been baptized, she asked, "Could I have had something to do with that?" Let's let the Apostle Paul answer her question:

14 *But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?* **15** *And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"*

Romans 10:14-15

When we train and send our **Send the Light** participants to teach the Good News of Jesus Christ to a lost world, not only does the **Send the Light** campaigner have something to do with those who obey the Gospel, but the senders have something to do with those who obey the Gospel! According to Paul, our mutual participation has **everything to do** with whether or not someone has the opportunity to hear and respond to the Savior! Through **Send the Light**, Hillcrest, you have had "everything to do with it!"

Your missionary,

Brian Davis

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
Upward Bound (all ages)	Room 10
Y/O (all ages)	Room 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 12, 2015

Worship Leader..... Odies Wright
Hymn..... Lord I Lift Your Name On High
Hymn: #718..... We Shall Assemble
Welcome..... Neal Coates
Hymn: #501..... Though Your Sins Be As Scarlet

Send The Light

Isaiah 52:1-4, 6, 11-12..... John Fewkes
Philippians 2:1-13..... John Fewkes
Prayer..... Eugene Kiefer
Hymn: #221..... Jesus, Name Above All Names

The Lord's Supper

Hymn..... Beautiful Lamb of God
Communion Meditation..... Kilnam Cha
Hymn: #67..... For the Beauty of the Earth*

Offering

Prayer..... Kilnam Cha
Hymn: #650..... Send the Light

Look To the Horizon

Introduction..... Neal Coates
Message..... Brian Davis

Send the Light Offering

Special Contribution..... Brian Davis
Hymn: #635..... Freely, Freely
Hymn: #790..... Lord, Take Control

Responses

Hillcrest News..... Cam Hurst
Summer Mission Blessing..... Neal Coates
Hymn: #290..... Shine, Jesus, Shine
Family Blessing..... Phil Vardiman

* Children's Song of the Month

The Hillcrest family is led by the Holy Spirit to glorify God, proclaim the truth of Christ which transforms lives, and encourage one another toward faithful service and maturity.

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Hillcrest Family News

Today's Speakers

A.M. – Brain Davis
P.M. – Kevin Batten

Send The Light - Today

Each April, the Hillcrest family collects funds to support short-term mission work around the world. Today's Send the Light collection will help send 54 persons to 11 efforts in 9 countries. Our financial goal is to provide half of air travel and double support for directors and medical personnel. We also contribute toward medicine needed for Zambia Medical Mission. Please be praying for these efforts and consider how you can contribute.

Baptisms

- Brooke & Bodie Walker, grandchildren of Bill and Judy Walker
- Traci Kennen

New Great-Grandchildren

- Congratulations to Bucket and Sue Bailey on the birth of another great grandchild, Bryson Carl Bailey, born on April 5.
- Congratulations to LaVoris McKnight on the birth of her first great, great-granddaughter, Leighton Olivia Silvas, born April 9. Great, great uncle is Dan McKnight.

Sympathy

To Margaret Crawley on the loss of her brother.

Men's Softball – Monday, April 13

The Hillcrest softball team will play a double header at 8 p.m. against First Baptist Church and 9 p.m. against Oldham Lane at Nelson Park on field 2.

Tuesday Ladies Class – April 14, 10 a.m.

Combined Classes – Gail Brown

Labor for Your Neighbor – April 19

Labor for Your Neighbor flyers have been distributed through Meals on Wheels to the 01, 02 and 03 zip codes. In a little over a week, we have received over 40 calls from people unable to do the work themselves or afford to have someone else do it. Help is needed mowing, weed eating, trimming bushes & trees, hauling off stuff and washing a couple of windows. Please plan to help serve during Labor for Your Neighbor on the afternoon of Sunday, April 19. Work together with your family, huddle, or life group to do one or more jobs. Signup sheets with names, addresses, phone numbers and work needed done are on the tables at the side of the worship center. Call before you go, so they will know you are on your way. You will probably need to take your own tools. Be sure to pray with the recipient you have blessed with your labor. Childcare will be provided at the building for children 2nd grade and below, if you choose not to take them with you. Please sign up for babysitting or to help babysit on the clipboards at the designated table.

Annual HEB Spring Retreat – May 1-3

The Hillcrest Spring Retreat at HEB Camp will be May 1st - 3rd. Experience the new Headwaters campsite. Families stay together in individual casitas which sleep 6 or 10 or hotel-like rooms that sleep 4. Enjoy singing Friday night. Be encouraged and inspired during a morning and evening session focused on the theme "Breathe". The cost is \$15 a person and includes 3 meals Saturday and breakfast Sunday! Register online at hillcrestonline.com. Request your choice of accommodations and pay online. You will receive a confirmation email with links to a packing list, map & directions, and a permission release form in case you are taking children or youth from outside your family.

Senior Sunday – May 17

Below is a list of Hillcrest students in the 2015 graduating class. In the hallway across from the MPR, tables are currently set up with the names and pictures of our graduates. You are invited to place gifts or cards in buckets underneath the tables. This is just one way that the Hillcrest family chooses to honor our graduating students and celebrate this milestone in their life.

Martha Coates	Clay Meyer
Tida Dam	Kimberly Oliver
Baylee Hancock	Jessica Price
Adam Holland	Ben Riddle
Molly Holland	Sara Roibal
Jessica Ivey	Colton Rosseau
Macy McClung	Carly Smith
Miranda McClung	Catherine Swedlund
Bailey McCorkle	Rylee Ware
Darby McGee	Annelise White
Rachel McMillan	

Children's Ministry Need

Please begin collecting empty paper towel rolls for VBS and empty cereal boxes (not the tiny size) for VIP Camp. A designated bin is in the hall for your convenience.

Calendar of Events

April 12	Send the Light Sunday
April 19	Labor For Your Neighbor
May 1-3	Annual Retreat at HEB Camp
May 3.....	Care Group
May 17.....	Senior Sunday
June 21-24	VBS
July 19-22	VIP Camp

Hillcrest Ministries

Children's Corner

Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #2)

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

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

Bible Hour - Tonight from 6-7 p.m. Infants up to age 3 meet in the nursery. Children ages 4-5th grade will begin in the MPR.

HYG - Youth

Today - Important meeting for Junior parents immediately following class in the Youth Room (#200). Teen Leadership Committee meeting at 4:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. Huddles at 6 p.m.

Wednesday - Tutoring at 6:15 p.m.
Class at 7 p.m.

Thursday - Prayer Breakfast at 7 a.m. at Chick-fil-A North.

Friday - South-side Prayer Breakfast at 7 a.m. at Chick-fil-A South (on Southwest Dr.).

Sign up for HYG summer events - Sign up online at hillcrestonline.com or through links in HYG newsletters.

HillcrestU - University

Tonight – Life Groups at 5:30 p.m.

G1 and G3 - White Home (2541 John C Stevens)
G2 and G4 - Harrison Home (1997B FM 89)

Tuesday

Bible study at 8 p.m. Location TBA.

Wednesday

Lift at 7 p.m. Experiencing the Psalms.

Thursday

Small group chapel this week at 11 a.m. at Jacob's Dream.

Upcoming Events

- April 26 - Sponsor Appreciation Dinner
- May 3 - Graduate Celebration

For the Record

Sunday Morning

A.M. Assembly 868
Bible Class 758
Membership 956

Offering..... \$25,304
Weekly Budget..... \$25,000

Sunday Evening

Auditorium.....Care Group

Wednesday Evening

Classes 333

Adult Education Corner

Sunday Morning Bible Classes: This morning we begin a study of the "signs" of Jesus in the gospel of John. While each of the gospel writers describes numerous miracles performed by Jesus, John chooses to call them "signs" instead of "miracles". Come explore why he uses this term. Next week we explore "turning of water into wine" from John 2.

Wednesday Night Classes: During April the speaker for the large adult lecture class will be Steve Austin. His topic is "Following Jesus" and will place an emphasis on the geography and culture of Israel. Also remember that there is a class for women and a class for everyone that focuses on prayer, scripture reading, reflection and faith sharing.

Family Ministry

Sunday - Single and Parenting - 6 p.m. – Room 14-15

Darrin Cox & Summer Anders facilitate this group.

Wednesday - 7 p.m. - Room 14-15 – Begins April 8

Family/Group Bible Study on Baptism. If your kids are at "that age" and beginning to ask about baptism, or you have friends you would like to study with about becoming a Christian, but don't know how, or you would like to study about baptism in a small group, this class is for you. Each week families or small groups will go through a guided study on what baptism is and why it is so important, in a relaxed atmosphere. Please RSVP to the office at 691-4200.

Divorce Care – Wednesday – 7 p.m. – Room 52

If you or someone you know could benefit from this support group, please plan to attend. Facilitated by Russell & Cene' Gould.

Missions and Faith Sharing

From Cindy Robinson in Zambia:

Even though we've had extreme sadness this past week and a half (Rodger's brother passing, a Haven baby passing, Fortune passing, Mildred passing and then Mildred's cousin getting killed in an auto accident on the way home from the funeral) (and dreary rainy weather to compound our sadness), we've had a bright light on Wednesday when we distributed the rest of the Bibles to the sixteen congregations around Nampango. Everyone was so happy to receive the Bibles especially the women. To show their thank yous, they gave four chickens, a half fifty kg bag of maize, 25 kwacha, a bag of ground nuts, and a sack of dried berries with large seeds. We told them we would take their thank yous (to God) to the Haven, and Jason at Eric's House was glad to receive the thank yous. Blessings from the sad little house with a bright light in the bush.