

Hillcrest Encouragement

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STILL LEARNING

Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. 4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7 in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.
Ephesians 2:3b-7

I'm still learning what it means to be saved. I remember the day quite vividly even though it has been nearly 25 years since I surrendered to the saving message of Jesus Christ. I was only a boy, not quite a teenager. I felt a deep conviction in my heart as I began to grow in understanding the implications of Jesus death for my sins. I longed to know him more, and that journey continues still today. I'm no longer the boy who came seeking Christ that day, but I've become a man who is still searching to better know and understand this salvation and the love that God has for all humanity.

Easter reminds us that the work of salvation was completed on the cross of Calvary 2,000 years ago. No amount of good or evil I do can add or take away from what Jesus has already accomplished. I could never pay the debt for my sins. There is only one who could ever make such a worthy sacrifice. God's love and justice were secured in Jesus' death and resurrection. Even though I have heard, read, and preached the gospel of Jesus for many years, it continues to shape and move me. This grace and salvation captivate me. My heart still longs for more of Jesus.

There are so many false saviors and false messages of life. Our eyes and hearts can be easily distracted and prone to wandering, but nothing compares to this story of good news. I've not found a joy that comes close. There is nothing as real, nothing that touches the soul of a person. When we look at the Jesus story we see truth. It is a story of joy and sorrow, death and life. The divine drama of God unfolds to reveal who we are and where we belong. Above all, it teaches us that God loves us beyond what we can ever fully comprehend. He cares for us and is willing even to die in order to rescue and redeem us. Sin and death cannot separate us from His love. We are never too far from His outstretched arms.

This is not a mere intellectual understanding. We are able to feel and experience His presence by His Spirit. In His body, the church, I have seen Him and felt His loving arms. It is an experience that passes understanding. My prayer this Easter is that saints and sinners alike would be awakened to the truth of Christ anew. Be refreshed in the knowing that Jesus is risen and alive, and He is coming again.

Nathan Burrow

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

Nursery.....	2-24 mo.
Age 2	Room 100
Age 3	Room 106
Age 4	Room 107
Pre-K.....	Room 110
K.....	Room 118
Gr 1.....	Room 121
Gr 2.....	Room 117
Gr 3.....	Room 120
Gr 4.....	Room 213
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
Soulful Filling (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 16, 2017

Worship Leader Odies Wright
Hymn: #77 Glorify Thy Name*
Welcome Justin Hatfield
Hymn: #464 Because He Lives
Hymn: #465 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Death is Defeated

Isaiah 25:6-9 Dan Cox
Mark 16:1-8 Shane Price
Prayer Robert Kern

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

Hymn: #345 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
Hymn: #346 He Lives
Hymn: #344 Low in the Grave He Lay
Communion Meditation Justin Walker
Hymn Worthy Is the Lamb

Offering

Prayer Justin Walker
Hymn: #316 Jesus Paid It All
Kids Bible Time Nathan Burrow

"This Is Not the End"

Hymn In Christ Alone
(Parents may escort children to TLC during this song.)
Message Nathan Burrow
Hymn Wonderful, Merciful, Savior

Responses

Family News Kyle McAlister
Hymn: #710 The Lord Bless You and Keep You
Elder Blessing Jack Stewart
(Children's Song of the Month)*

Hillcrest Family News

Today's Speakers

A.M. - Nathan Burrow
P.M. - Dan Cox - Chapel at 6 p.m.

Sympathy

- Sympathy to Don & Esther Batts on the loss of her mother, Rachel Quincenira.
- Sympathy to Jerry & Carla Early on the loss of her mother, Sue Porter.

New Members

- Walt & Ronica Worgull & Dylan
- Theron Guild

Congratulations

Congratulations to Joyce Sutphen on the birth of a new great-grandbaby, Farren Avery.

Hillcrest Softball - Tomorrow, 8 p.m., Field 2

Tomorrow's game is against Beltway Baptist Church.

Get to Know Nathan

There will be no Open Door meeting this Tuesday. Nathan will resume meeting next week.

A Community Singing - April 21, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Come join us as we sing new and old hymns, have delightful conversation, and enjoy snacks that are shared among the participants. During the first hour or so, we will learn four new songs, take a break, and then return for a time of singing familiar hymns. Near the end of our time of singing, we will review the new songs. After our singing time, we will enjoy snacks, games, and conversations. Join us. Please RSVP to our church office (691-4200). Babysitting is available.

Hilltoppers Luncheon - Tues., April 25

"Being Mortal," Marian Rowe will be sharing information about "End of Life Decisions."

Baby Shower - April 30, 2:30 p.m.

Honoring Tyler & Elizabeth Burton and their soon to arrive baby at the home of Dave & Laura Copeland (1451 Tanglewood Rd.) Everyone is invited. Bring your entire family, children too. Selections: Amazon.com and Little Giant Kids.

Cajun Fest Loaves & Fishes Fellowship - May 3, 5:30 p.m.

Join us on May 3, in the MPR for shrimp, sausage, wienies, corn on the cob, and potatoes, and then wash it all down with a Cajun Cone! Being seated at tables begins at 5:30 p.m. Please sign up in Bible class if you can help set up tables on Tues., May 2, at 5:30, prep food on Wed., May 3, at 12 or 3 p.m., help serve at 5 p.m., or help clean starting at 6:30 p.m.. This church-wide meal is funded by your donations. Hillcrest Singers will present their spring performance in Rm 10/11 afterward.

Bridal Shower - May 7, 2-3:30 p.m.

Honoring Sierra Ware at the home of Linda Varner (13 Hilliard Cir.) Selections: Dillard's and Bed, Bath, and Beyond.

Senior Sunday - May 21

Hillcrest will be celebrating our High School graduates soon. We will be placing bins in the hallway across from the MPR beginning the month of May so that you can have the chance to give a gift to our graduating Seniors. Graduating High School Seniors:

Carisa Brawley	Thomas Light
Ashlynn Brooks	Colin Longoria
Dylan Cox	Jade Martinez
Molly Earles	Allen Price
Tatum Hines	Kaleb Watson
Kendall Houston	

Missions and Faith Sharing

Vienna News

This past Sunday, Neal Coates visited the congregation of refugees in Vienna in which Gerhard Krassnig and Reggy Hiller work. 60 persons were in attendance, from countries including Kenya, Armenia, Nigeria, Afghanistan, Serbia, Austria, and Sierra Leone. One man was baptized.

Today, on Easter Sunday, a second church plant is beginning in southern Vienna near a refugee center in a region called Traiskirchen.

For the Record

Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening
A.M. Assembly 725	Chapel 63
Bible Class 682	
Membership 897	Wed 329
Mar. Offering \$96,281	

Calendar of Events

April 21	A Community Singing
April 25	Hilltoppers Luncheon
April 28-30	HEB Family Retreat
May 3	CajunFest LAFF
May 7	Bible Class Fellowship
May 21	HYG Senior Sunday
May 24	Mesos Pylona

Hillcrest Ministries

Children's Corner

Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #3)

Training and Learning for Children (Children's Church): (Ages 2-4) Parents may escort their child to the Children's Wing during the song before the sermon.

Egg Hunt Today

If your children are participating in the Easter Egg Hunt today, take them to the MPR after Bible Class. After the eggs are hidden, instructions will be given.

Bible Hour - 6 p.m.

VBS - June 18-21, 2017

Register online at www.hillcrestonline.com/events/vbs/

HYG - Youth

Tonight - 6 p.m. - No Huddles. Happy Easter!

Wednesday - 7 p.m. - Bible Class in the youth room.

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

Save the Date - MS Retreat - May 5-6 (Camp Butman)

Sign up for LCU summer camps through youth newsletter or www.hillcrestonline.com/ministries/youth/

Encounter (June 11-17) for those entering 9th grade - graduating seniors

Camp Champion (June 28-July 3) for those entering 6th-8th grade

Hillcrest - U

Today - 5 p.m. - All groups meet at Heff's. Afterward we have a special surprise!

Wednesday - 7 p.m. Share YOUR Story

Thursday

11 a.m. - HillcrestU Prayer Chapel - Jacob's Dream

4-5:30 p.m. - REACH

Mark your calendars!

April 30 - Sponsor Appreciation Dinner! Hillcrest, 6 p.m.

May 7 - Graduation Celebration! 5 p.m. at the home of Neal and Cynthia Coates!

Adult Education Corner

Sunday Morning Adult Classes - Today we continue the 8-week study of the book of Philippians.

Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Class - April 18, 10 a.m.
X's Y's & Z's - Greek word for Christ, Yearn's, & Zeal (Ps 118, 73, 143, 61, 84, 78) - Teacher Paula Leverett.

Wednesday Night Classes

- Rm 10/11 - Houston Heflin continues his series on the Gospel of Mark.
- Rm 16 - Congregational Singing: Join Odies Wright for a time of worship in song!
- Rm 30 - ESL Class
- Rm 51 - Class for Singles led by Glenn Tuttle
- Rm 52 - Divorce Care will resume in the fall.
- Rm 212 - Class for Young Professionals
- Rm 219 - Women's Bible Class: Daring Faith by Randy Harris and Greg Taylor. Women of all ages are invited.

Family Ministry

Wednesday Night Class - 7 p.m., Rm 14/15

It Starts at Home: Learn to Confidently Teach Your Kids about God

In these busy, hectic days we take our kids to sports practices, games, music lessons, school tutoring and other activities to give our children the best opportunities for success. But what if we're missing the chance to teach them what matters most? In these six sessions, we will explore biblical and tangible ways that parents - couples, single parents, blended families and grandparents - can build a legacy of faith for their children.

HEB Retreat Nearing Capacity!

We are getting close to full on the HEB retreat! IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID, YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED YET. We only have a few spots left. We look forward to having a great weekend, so don't miss out!

If you would like to see pictures and video of the camp, go to their new website at foundationcamps.org.