

Hillcrest Encouragement

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Holy Spirit Hovering

A Paradise Flycatcher (a beautiful red and blue bird with a foot long swaddling red, orange tail) lives and flies by my little house every day. It is a glorious thing to behold, but in my same area during the rainy season live the inswa (thousands of flying termite insects.....the dead ones will fill up a large black garbage bag), and these fill up my floor, my sink, my cups and containers. So this plush Eden-like place has its inswa, mosquitoes, flies, and skinks (lizards). The pests and troubles are everywhere even around my waist and armpits where I recently received about fifty mosquito bites. I have incredible beauty and aggravations in the same space.

So I look at the battle of good and evil here at Namwianga. The Holy Spirit is working and victories are happening. For example, I see Rodgers meeting with over a hundred bicycle evangelists who share the Word with the small village churches near them in the Southern Province. All the little bush churches contributed 20k (\$3.50) to help send volunteer evangelists to two of the baby churches established during the Zambia Medical Mission 2014 to help them in their struggle to survive. So the battle for the Kingdom and eternity is on here in the bush in southern Zambia. I hear singing in the darkness. People sing about Jesus when walking the trails, The Twelve Disciples Group has been revived, the Merritt Friday night singings share the gospel, and I love to sing with Rodgers as we go along in the white land rover, "Great Day When I Was Born Again."

The physical does affect the spiritual at times, so I'm trying to remember Jesus words, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart I have overcome the world." I try to think of the Holy Spirit flowing, flying, hovering over this place as the Paradise bird does with its great beauty. It lifts my eyes to the heavens and the good and the victory, and I tend to forget the mosquitoes, inswa, and skinks.

And then to top it off, God sends me two women with babies on their backs in the pouring rain to comfort me. They had heard I had gotten many mosquito bites, and they walked thirty minutes one way to bring me a mosquito net to sleep under. People love and care and offer such priceless gifts to show the Holy Spirit working through them.

Blessings from the soggy 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 1Room 121
Age 3..... Room 106	Gr 2Room 117
Age 4..... Room 107	Gr 3Room 120
Pre-K..... Room 110	Gr 4Room 213
K..... Room 118	Gr 5Room 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 17, 2016

Worship Leader.....	Odies Wright
Hymn: #144.....	O Worship the King
Welcome.....	Justin Walker
Hymn: #535.....	The Glory-Land Way

The Power of Sharing Jesus' Story

Psalm 51:1-4, 103:6-12.....	Bill Binder
Romans 6:3-7.....	Bill Binder
Prayer.....	Eugene Kiefer
Elders' Blessing for Short Term Missions.....	Neal Coates

The Lord's Supper

Hymn: #376.....	He Paid a Debt
Communion Meditation.....	Ron Owens
Hymn: #361.....	Nailed to the Cross

Offering

Prayer.....	Ron Owens
Hymn: #764.....	Teach Me Lord to Wait*

Songs of Praise

Hymn.....	We Will Worship You
Hymn: #678.....	More About Jesus
Hymn: #376.....	He Paid a Debt
<i>(Parents may escort children ages 2-4 to TLC during this song)</i>	

Jesus' Story Becomes My Story: "United With Christ"

Message.....	Phil Ware
Hymn: #904.....	Have You Been to Jesus?

Responses

Preacher Search Prayer.....	Gary Varner/Robert Cole
Hillcrest News.....	Eddie Earles
Hymn: #853.....	When We All Get to Heaven
Family Blessing.....	Ray Ferguson

(*Children's Song of the Month)

Hillcrest Family News

Today's Speaker

A.M. – Phil Ware
P.M. – Coy Roper – Rm 10/11 at 6 p.m.

Sympathy

- Sympathy to JoAn Wilks on the loss of her brother and sister-in-law, Bob and Yvonne Roberts.
- Sympathy to Mark and Lillie Thomas on the loss of Mark's grandfather, George Lauterbach.
- Sympathy to Stan & Jessi Bailey on the loss of her father Rick Parmer. A memorial service is planned for Mon., April 25, 2 p.m. at Hillcrest.

New Member/Updated Old Member Pictures - Today

Alan will be taking pictures at the side of the worship center today after worship. Come update yours for Hillcrest Connect

Labor for Your Neighbor – Today

There are a couple of small jobs at the side of the worship center. Go by and sign up if it is something that you are willing to do. In addition to these 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. If we are blessed with rain at 3:45 we will postpone the prayer walk until another day.

Baby Shower – Today, 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.

Men's Softball – April 18, 7 & 8 p.m. – Field 1

Double Header tomorrow against Baker Heights team F & Baker Heights team C. Come out and cheer us on.

Cajun Fest LAFF – This 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. Please sign up in Bible class if you can help set up tables on Tuesday, April 19, at 5:30, prep food at 12 or 3, help serve at 5, or help clean 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.

Men's Life Breakfast – Saturday April 23

Mark your calendar for the next MLB this 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." The menu will be biscuits & gravy, sausage, eggs, pancakes and fruit. Roy Rains will be in charge of cooking. If you can help, show up around 7 a.m. The middle school retreat will be in the building, so they will join us for breakfast.

Hilltoppers Luncheon – Tues., Apr. 26, 11:30 a.m. – Rm 12

Brian Davis will share an update on Dave & Irene Meikle in Zimbabwe. The menu will be Macaroni Grill Pasta Di Pollo Al Sugo Bianco (pasta with grilled chicken), roasted green beans with mushrooms, tossed salad, garlic bread and chocolate or lemon layered dessert. Please sign up in Bible class next Sunday. The cost is \$3 per person. Hilltoppers are made up mostly of retirees, but anyone is welcome.

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

We will be sending an email with details to everyone who has registered.

Christian Service Center Update

Limited services beginning Mon., May 2, at 949 Mesquite (Old Meals on Wheels bldg.). Item donations will be accepted starting tomorrow, at 904 Walnut. Current needs are sturdy storage tubs with lids-(18 gallon or larger), clothing (especially children's), towels, hand towels & washcloths, sheet sets (all sizes), children's books, small stuffed animals, hangers, paper bags w/handles. 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

European Refugees

The Missions Team followed up with the Bibles that Hillcrest members donated for refugees in February, and sent Mariana Long in March to Vienna and Athens. There she met with church of Christ leaders who are working with the refugees from North Africa and the Middle East, and explored ways that we could spread the Gospel there. You can see pictures of her trip on the Missions bulletin board or on her Facebook page.

Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening
A.M. Assembly 677	Rm 10/11 51
Classes 612	Bible Hour 23
Membership 900	
Mar. Offering \$99,374	Wed 353

Calendar of Events

April 17 Labor for Your Neighbor
April 20 Cajun Fest LAFF
April 23 Men's Life Breakfast
April 26 Hilltoppers Luncheon
April 29-May 1 Family Retreat at HEB Camp

Hillcrest Ministries

Children's Corner

Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #3)

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 5th 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 1st grade through 5th grade. Theme: Walk This Way. Registration will soon begin.

HYG – Youth

Today – PRAYER WALK! Meet at the building at 3:45 p.m. Huddles at 6 p.m.

Wednesday – 7 p.m. – Class

Thursday – Prayer Breakfast at 7 a.m.

TNT! Thursday Night Together – Middle School group from 6-7:30 p.m. High School group from 7:45-9:15 p.m.

Middle Sch. Retreat - Next weekend

Friday beginning at 6 p.m. through 8 p.m. Saturday. Sign up online today!!

Upcoming Events

Jr/Sr Night Out - May 6

Senior Sunday - May 15

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Today – 5 p.m. – Split Guys and Girls LIFE groups. Details in class!

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 – "Sharpen the Saw": (Proverbs 15:15b) Teacher, Elisa Jessup. Rm 10 – "Not Circumcision but a New Creation": (Gal. 6:11-18) Teacher, Margaret Cooper.

Wednesday Night Classes

- **Rm 10/11** – Hillcrest Singers will present their Spring performance.
- **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 (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.



www.hillcrestonline.com/members/search

Prayer Room for the Preacher Search – Living Room

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