

Hillcrest Encouragement

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LOVE OVER HATE

“Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.”
Romans 12:9

Hating people who commit sin and hating sin are not the same thing. It can become very difficult to see the fine line that separates this. People who think differently than you are not your enemy. Other Christians are not your enemy. No person should be the object of your hate. That does not mean we are to have an attitude of apathy and indifference to sin. On the contrary, we need to see sin for what it is and the way that people are constantly tempted and controlled by it, beginning with ourselves. Are we any better than others when we overlook our own sin in order to attack others who are practicing sin? Of course not. The problem is the same. That is why Jesus prescribed and practiced love, grace, and humility when dealing with matters of sinful practice. What seemed to bother Jesus even more than those who were sinning against God were those who wanted to kill and harm rather than help those trapped in sin. Paul called it “zeal without knowledge” (Romans 10:2). He continues, “Since they did not know the righteousness of God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God’s righteousness” (Rm. 10:3). The things that we get impassioned about often do not echo the things that Jesus was impassioned about. Not intending to, we establish our own righteousness in the name of Jesus.

He had more than a few times during his ministry to respond to sinful behavior with hate and violence. He would have been justified in casting stones since he indeed had no sin. But, that was not the way he sought to establish His Kingdom and His Righteousness. He does not threaten and bully people into the Kingdom, he loves them in. He graciously forgives and takes responsibility for mankind’s sin by dying on the cross for them to be saved. He was able to see that sin was killing people. And so, he nailed sin to the cross and invited those who would receive his love to follow. Following Jesus’ way means that we trust his plan and his purpose to be better than our own. His way does not ask “would you kill for me” but, “would you die for me”? We die to who we are every time we surrender our anger, bitterness, and hatred to Christ’s triumphant love.

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	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
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 2, 2017

Worship Leader Odies Wright
Hymn: #77 Glorify Thy Name*
Welcome Terry Brown

Choose Mercy

Micah 7:18-19..... Trenton Carothers
Matthew 18:23-33..... Trenton Carothers
Prayer Dan Shake

Songs of Grace & Mercy

Hymn Mighty to Save
Hymn: #376 He Paid a Debt
Hymn: #39 Awesome Power

We Celebrate the Lord’s Supper

Hymn Here In This Place
Communion Meditation Cleddy Varner
Hymn: #792 My Eyes Are Dry

Offering

Prayer Cleddy Varner
Hymn: #361 Nailed to the Cross

Send The Light

Hymn: #122 The Love of God

“March to Forgiveness: Debt Forgiveness”

Hymn How Deep the Father’s Love for Us
(Parents may escort children to TLC during this song.)
Message..... Nathan Burrow
Hymn Come to Jesus

Responses

Family News Justin Walker
Hymn: #781 Thank You, Lord
Elder Blessing..... Jack Stewart
*(*Children’s Song of the Month)*

Hillcrest Family News

Today's Speakers

A.M. - Nathan Burrow

P.M. - Bible Class Fellowship - the Young Professionals class will lead the service in the chapel at 6 p.m.

Send The Light - Today

Each April, the Hillcrest family collects funds to support short-term mission work around the world. Send the Light will help send 65 people 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 the Zambia Medical Mission. Please be praying for these efforts and consider how you can contribute. In addition to the special contribution today, we have made online giving available this year at hillcrestonline.com/give.

Church-wide Picnic – Today, 12 noon

Plan to come to the picnic at Nelson Park today after Bible class. Bring blankets or chairs to sit on and finger foods to share. Plates, cups, napkins, forks and lemonade will be provided. We will enjoy a devotional together. In case of rain we will move to the MPR.

Wedding Shower - April 2, 2-4 p.m.

Honoring Kasey Morgan & Mac Leavell, son of Mark Leavell at 1517 Wildlife Trails Pkwy. Selections: Dillard's, Bed, Bath & Beyond, and Amazon.com.

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

Tomorrow's game is against First Baptist Church - Red.

Get to Know Nathan

If you haven't had a chance to meet or visit with Nathan, feel free to drop by the office any Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. His door will be open.

Hilltoppers Trip - Wed., April 5, 9:30 a.m.

Join us as we travel to Breckenridge Fine Arts Center to see our own JoAn Wilks' art exhibit. We will enjoy lunch at The Market Place Tearoom/Sandwich Shop with salad buffet. Cost is under \$10. We plan to return by 4 p.m. Contact JoAn or Alan Clute to sign up.

For the Record	
Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening
A.M. Assembly..... 648	Chapel.....47
Bible Class..... 619	
Membership..... 883	Wed.....353
Feb. Offering..... \$103,202	

Woman to Woman Event - This Thursday, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Ladies, are you ready to be revitalized, energized, spiritualized? Sign up for you and your children on the Woman to Woman table at the side of the auditorium or online at www.hillcrestonline.com. The program will take place in the Multiple Purpose Room (gym), so enter via the covered entrance near the chapel and remember to wear comfortable clothing. Childcare and your evening meal will be furnished. Watch today's Ministry Moment and check out the Bulletin Board in the long hall for more information.

Labor for Your Neighbor - Next Sunday, April 9

Could you or someone you know benefit from some free labor? Yardwork, hauling stuff off, helping spring clean around the house and other jobs would be considered. Sign up for a labor of love at the side of the auditorium starting today. Then you can do your work on Sunday, April 9 or any other time during Passion week leading up to Easter, April 16. If you are unable to do physical work, but still want to participate, how about going to visit a shut-in? Please contact Alan Clute if you or someone you know has a job that needs to be done.

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.

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	

Hillcrest Ministries

Children's Corner

Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #1)

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.

No Bible Hour

VBS - June 18-21, 2017

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

HYG – Youth

Tonight - 6 p.m. - Sophomore Huddles Meet; all other huddles don't meet tonight (enjoy time at the picnic with your family today)

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 - Today is Care Group Sunday and all LIFE groups are encouraged to attend the noon Hillcrest Picnic at Nelson Park!

Wednesday - 7 p.m. Share YOUR Story

Thursday

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

4-5:30 p.m. - REACH

Calendar of Events

April 2.....	Send the Light Sunday
April 2.....	Church-wide Picnic
April 6.....	Woman to Woman
April 9.....	Labor for Your Neighbor
April 25.....	Hilltoppers Luncheon
April 21.....	A Community Singing
April 28-30	HEB Family Retreat
May 3	CajunFest LAFF
May 21	HYG Senior Sunday

Adult Education Corner

Sunday Morning Adult Classes – Today our study of the "Grace of Forgiveness" concludes with a challenge - "How can we be more intentional in developing a forgiving attitude?" Next week we begin an 8 week study of Philippians.

Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Class - April 4, 10 a.m.

T's & U's - Teacher, Temple, Unchanging, Unashamed (Ps 25, 42, 102, 138) - Teacher Linda Huff.

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.

Missions and Faith Sharing

Container Arrival in Ukraine

Tony Morrow of the Our House ministry reports that their shipping container has arrived, and they will begin "Our Building Business" in earnest. This first shipping container will be transformed into a Model Home. The container also is part of a plan to help the ministry continue to move toward being self-supporting. Our House is a ministry that tells orphans about the saving news of Jesus and gives on the job training for future professions. The Morrows are former members at Hillcrest and have several supporters here. Their ministry is overseen by the Central congregation in Amarillo.