

Hillcrest Encouragement

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Why Have You Forsaken Me?

Several years ago we had the opportunity of taking a group of ACU students for a semester in Oxford, England. The winter weather there can remain cold and cloudy for days at a time without ever warming up. One of the boys with us, being miserable with the cold, dark days, asked me, "Will it ever get warm again?"

It seemed to him that the sun had completely forsaken us. However, the faithful sun was still up in the sky, pouring out its warmth and brightness toward the earth as always. Yet, those warming rays never reached us at the ground level. There was something blocking the sunshine - it was those cold, dark clouds.

When Jesus was on the cross, there was something blocking the Father's love - that something was our sins. It seemed as if God had forsaken Him. Feeling the separation from God was even more agonizing to Jesus than the torture of the crucifixion. Yet we can be sure that God was still pouring out His love toward His beloved Son. Romans 8:38-39 assures us that absolutely nothing can separate us from God's love. If nothing can keep Him from loving us, His sinful, wayward children, then surely there is nothing that could possibly make God forsake His holy, sinless, righteous, and beloved Son.

We have probably all heard sermons about the pain and agony that Jesus suffered for us as He was beaten, mocked, nailed to the cross, and left to experience a slow agonizing death. However, the same physical pain and agony was felt by every other person ever crucified - including the men on either side of Jesus. What made His death different and caused Him the most pain was that He took upon himself the sins of all humanity. That pure, holy, sinless Son of the Most High God willingly experienced first-hand the horrors of the worst kinds of sin. He became sin that we might become the righteousness of God (2 Corinthians 5:21 NIV). He did it because of His great love for us!

In His agony Jesus quoted the first line of Psalm 22. Read the whole Psalm carefully and you will see that, although there are verses that describe being forsaken, there are other, more positive verses. And the Psalm ends on a note of triumph and praise, showing that God really does not forsake His own.

How wonderful and how comforting it is to know that God always loves us, even when we cannot feel that love because we have let our own sins come between us and our Lord. We can know that He is always there for us, loving us, caring for us, forgiving us when we turn back to Him. We praise Him for His steadfast love!

Nancy Ferguson

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 9, 2017

Worship Leader Josh Snead
Hymn: #23 Our God, He Is Alive
Welcome Charles Perkins

Salvation Has Come

Isaiah 53:1-5 Patrick Garcia
Mark 11:1-10 Patrick Garcia
Prayer David Merryman

Songs of Praise

Hymn: #62 I Exalt Thee
Hymn: #318 O Sacred Head

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

Hymn: #478 Nearer, Still Nearer
Communion Meditation Bob Pipes

Offering

Prayer Bob Pipes
Hymn: #528 I Know that My Redeemer Lives
Hymn: #332 Lead Me to Calvary
(Parents may escort children to TLC during this song.)

"Dying to Live"

Message..... Nathan Burrow
Hymn: #129 Amazing Grace

Responses

Family News Chip Whitlock
Hymn: #490 It Is Well with My Soul
Elder Blessing..... Charles Perkins

Hillcrest Family News

Today's Speakers

A.M. - Nathan Burrow
P.M. - Bob Pipes - Chapel at 6 p.m.

Labor for Your Neighbor - Today

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. Then you can do your work today 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.

Sympathy

Our Sympathy to the family of Ann Loyd

Congratulations

Congratulations to Kelly & Kathy Moore on the birth of a granddaughter, Everly Kristine Moore. Parents are Kyle & Beth Moore, great-grandparents are Joan Moore and Gene & Merlene Williams.

Hillcrest Softball - Tomorrow, 8 p.m., Field 1

Tomorrow's game is against Baker Heights Church of Christ.

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.

Come & Go Birthday Brunch - April 15, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Honoring Kay McGlothlin's 90th birthday in Rooms 10-12.

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.

For the Record	
Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening
A.M. Assembly..... 674	Chapel..... 41
Bible Class..... 633	
Membership..... 883	Wed 353
Mar. Offering..... \$96,281	

Hilltoppers Luncheon - Tues., April 25

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

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 next week 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.

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

Send The Light - Thank You

Thank you Hillcrest members for giving \$83,609.81 for our short-term mission trips this calendar year! We have surpassed the goal of \$82,050!

Calendar of Events

April 9.....	Labor for Your Neighbor
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 #2)

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.

Bible Hour - 6 p.m.

VBS - June 18-21, 2017

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

HYG - Youth

Tonight - 6 p.m. - Junior/Senior Night Out. RSVP with J or Keri. Meet at 3 p.m. at the Escape Room, then to J and Keri's house for food and fellowship. No Huddles for Juniors or Seniors (Junior/Senior Night Out). All other Huddles will meet unless informed otherwise.

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 - All LIFE groups meet at 5 p.m.

Lifemark #4

G1 - White - (2533 Lincoln)

G2 - Barnett - (1401 Roadrunner Ct)

G3 - Goodman - (702 Serrot)

G4 - Long - (1117 Pinot Dr)

Wednesday - 7 p.m. Share YOUR Story

Thursday

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

4-5:30 p.m. - REACH

Adult Education Corner

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

Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Class - April 11, 10 a.m.

V's & W's - Vine, Victorious, Worthy & Worship (Ps 27, 65, 141, 86, 121, 46, 131) - Teacher Jackie Vardiman.

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 will be opening any spots we have left soon to family members and non-Hillcrest people, so get your registration fees (15.00 per person) in as soon as possible. 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.