

Hillcrest Encouragement

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EVERY TRIBE, EVERY TONGUE, EVERY NATION WELCOME

And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation."

Revelation 5:9

We had not been in Africa for 24 hours. The main team and I had just arrived in Namwianga the night before and now it was Sunday morning. We had the opportunity to visit some of the area village churches, and I had chosen to go with a group to the Tumango Church of Christ. At breakfast, Odies gave me the heads up to be prepared to preach if and when I was called upon to do so. As we made the half-hour walk to the church, I began to prepare a message in my mind. When we arrived we were welcomed with kindness and hospitality. The singing at the church (all the singing in Zambia was amazing) was wonderful. Even though most of the worship was in Tonga, we worshipped with one heart. It was my first time to preach with a translator. Although it was new for me, I felt the joy of the Spirit working to aid us in our weakness. Never have I more fully experienced the unity of diversity that God created in Jesus. Our common love for Christ was more than enough to bridge the gaps that differing tribe, language, and nation created.

Men, women, and children continued to trickle into the assembly throughout our time of worship. While I was preaching, people were still coming inside filling up every little space in the church. When there was no more room inside, I could see the people gathering outside around the windows - leaning in and listening as we shared the Word of God. It was awesome to behold. At the close of the service as we exited the building, a line was formed and each person was greeted one by one. I can still see all of their beautiful faces. I will never forget that day and the overwhelming sense of God's love.

I long to see such a colorful array of God's people again. I am so thankful that the Spirit of God is not black or white, male or female, Zambian or American, but he is a God for all people. I hear the "new song" being sung in heaven, and I want to see it more fully embraced among his people here on earth. May God help us to embrace his mission. I want to invite you to make visitors and outsiders feel as welcome at Hillcrest as we felt that day in Tumango. Loving people who are different than you will change your life.

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

August 13, 2017

Worship Leader	Dik Pittman
Hymn # 3	Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah
Welcome	Jack Hardcastle
Hymn # 398	Surely the Presence of the Lord
Hymn: # 64	I Worship You, Almighty God

Hope and a Future

OT Reading: Jeremiah 29:11-13; Ruth 1:1-5	Cliff Barbarick
NT Reading: 1 Timothy 5:5	Cliff Barbarick
Prayer	Josh Snead

Songs of Praise

Hymn	Firm Foundation
Hymn: # 71	As the Deer
Hymn: # 379	If That Isn't Love

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

Communion Meditation	Patrick Garcia
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Offering

Hymn	In Christ Alone
Hymn: # 538	My Hope is Built on Nothing Less
<i>(Parents may escort children to TLC during this song.)</i>	

"Hope for the Heartbroken"

Message	Nathan Burrow
Hymn: # 660	People Need the Lord

Responses

Family News	Yancey House
Hymn: # 752	God Bless You, Go With God
Elder Blessing	Duwain Houston

Hillcrest Family News

Today's Speakers

A.M. - Nathan Burrow

P.M. - Service in the chapel at 6 p.m. (led by Elders)

Sympathy

Sympathy to Don and Sheila Hilton on the loss of Sheila's mother, Charlotte Booker, on the 6th.

New Births

Congratulations to Steve and Kim Conley on the birth of a granddaughter, Vivian Leona Foree on Aug. 6. Parents are Michael and Marci Foree. Great grandparents are Ray Blackwell and Bootsie Conley.

Baptisms

- Congratulations to Emma Fewkes on Aug. 3. She is the granddaughter of John & Jacque Fewkes.
- Congratulations to Emma Beth Walker on Aug. 6. She is the daughter of Justin & Jennifer Walker.

New Members

Welcome to new members Glenn & Glenda Rogers.

Promotion Sunday - August 20 - Children going into kindergarten through 5th grade will go to their new classrooms for this coming school year. Children who are four or who will be turning four this fall will go to the Pre-K classroom.

Prayer for Beginning of School - August 28, 8:45 a.m.

Join us for a prayer time in the chapel for all of the students and teachers for the school year. Write the name of students, teachers and administrators that you would like to pray for on an encouragement card and place it in the collection plate.

Community Speaker Series Coming in the Fall

As part of Hillcrest's effort to Connect to our Community, several individuals have been invited to speak about issues in our community and what churches can do to address them. The series will begin on Wednesday, Oct. 11, with Mayor Anthony Williams as our guest. Hope you will make plans to attend!

Bread for the Journey

If you have a son or grandson in grades Kindergarten - 5th grade that would like to help pass out Bread for the Journey, please contact Melody Kern at mak1@suddenlink.net or 325-725-3451.

Babysitters Needed for Ladies Bible Class

We are looking for a head sitter and two assistants to take care of children on Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. starting Aug. 29 to May 1 (excluding weeks that school is out for vacations). These are paid positions. Please contact Linda Huff at 575-390-8818.

Missions and Faith Sharing

Send the Light Mission Trips

Phil and Elaine Palmer have returned from a WBS Campaign through four countries in East Africa, focusing on Swahili and English speaking groups.

Phil and Paula Sullivan are working with refugees at the Omonia Church of Christ in Athens, Greece until August 19. They are teaching the Bible with Let's Start Talking.

Keri and Laurel Sanders were at Live Beyond "Heart for Children Mission" in Haiti until August 11.

Send the Light reports will be presented on Wednesday nights during September in Rms. 10-11. On Sept. 6, reports will be heard from the Mumena Mission Campaign in Zambia and the Let's Start Talking campaign for refugees in Athens, Greece.

Calendar of Events

Today	The Big Event
Today	Bible Class Fellowship
August 16	Reception for J. & Keri Sanders
August 17	ACS First Day of School
August 26	ESL Tea
August 28	Prayer Time for First Day of School
August 28	ACU & AISD First Day of School
August 29	Ladies Bible Class Begins
August 30	Divorce Care Class Begins
August 30	LAFF
September 4	Labor Day/Office Closed
September 5	Hilltoppers Luncheon
September 10	Bible Class Fellowship

Hillcrest Ministries

Children's Corner

Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #2)

Training & 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 - No Bible Hour tonight

Promotion Sunday - August 20 - Children going into kindergarten through 5th grade will go to their new classrooms for this coming school year. Children who are four or who will be turning four this fall will go to the Pre-K classroom.

HYG - Youth

BIG Event (Class of 2018) - Today

Wednesday - 7 p.m. - Class

Thanks to everyone that came to help us rip out carpet and paint on Friday. The movers will be here around 10 a.m. on Monday morning if anyone would like to come help. -- Lance and Taylor

HillcrestU

Movie night at the Hatfield house, 2434 Independence Blvd. Bring snacks to share.

Wednesday - 7 p.m. - Crazy Love series.

Mark Your Calendars

August 22 - ACU Move in Day - Come help freshmen move in and invite them to HillcrestU.

August 23 - Wildcat Week Block Party - Help me set up and man an information booth at this meet and greet event in downtown Abilene. We will have the opportunity to meet a lot of freshmen.

Adult Education Corner

Sunday Morning Adult Classes - Each adult class will pursue topics of their own choosing for the summer months. Ask your class chair for information about topics and teachers.

Wednesday Night Classes

- Rm 10/11 - Various men will be presenting individual lessons during the month of August.
- Rm 16 - Congregational Singing: Join Odies Wright for a time of worship in song!
- Rm 30 - ESL Class - Will resume August 30.
- Rm 51 - Class for Singles led by Glenn Tuttle
- Rm 52 - Divorce Care will resume August 30.
- Rm 212 - Class for Young Professionals
- Rm 219 - Women's Bible Class: Various speakers through the summer. Women of all ages are invited.

Family Ministry

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

You Make Me Crazy!

We all have relationships that drive us crazy, especially within our families. This series will help bring sanity to your relationships so you can do more than just co-exist with boy/girl friends, spouses, kids, siblings, co-workers, and even those crazy relatives you see once a year. Don't miss this chance to learn better ways to handle the crazy people in your life!

For the Record

Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening
A.M. Assembly..... 683	Chapel..... 52
Bible Class..... 651	
Membership..... 892	Wed 301
July Offering \$113,801	