

Hillcrest Encouragement

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Jesus On Monday – Living Faith in the Workplace: Part 1 Opportunities for Doing Good

In Galatians 6:9-10 the Apostle Paul writes, "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith." As an elementary school teacher and a follower of Christ, I try to emulate this teaching in my life. This presents a daily challenge.

A few years ago, I was sitting at my desk after dismissing my students at the end of the school day. I walked one of my students. She had walked half way home, turned around, and come back to the classroom. She sat down right next to me and asked if she could stay and read a library book for a little bit. After a while, I asked her if she wanted me to walk her out front to watch for her mother. She said no, that she was walking home. When I pressed the issue, she said that in the middle of the night, the police had come and taken her mother to jail. A friend of the family came over to watch her and got her ready for school, but she really didn't know who was at her house and who was going to take care of her, or what was going to happen to her mother. Can you imagine the confusion and anxiety she felt that day? School was her safe place, and her teachers were the people she counted on to be there and make her feel safe. Jesus uses us where we are and opens our eyes to the needs of others.

My faith in Christ encourages me to love the students that I encounter. When Shaun walks into my classroom angry and disheveled, or sits quietly wiping tears from his face, I may slip him an encouraging note or give him a friendly pat on the shoulder as I walk by his desk. A smile and a little humor may be just what Mia needs after her math paper blew away in the parking lot. My classroom is a safe haven for kids. I want them to feel loved and safe.

In Luke 18, Christ welcomes small children that were brought to him. He cherished their innocence, genuineness, and trust. I am so blessed to have chosen a vocation that allows me to be blessed by so many children over the years and share their lives from August through May. I hope and pray that all you students, parents and teachers out there have a productive, enjoyable school year.

Rick Riddle

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 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
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 August 16, 2015

Worship Leader..... Odies Wright
Hymn..... Light the Fire
Welcome..... Justin Hatfield

Songs of Praise

Hymn: #797..... Lord, We Come Before Thee Now
Hymn:..... We Will Worship the Lamb
Hymn:..... Here I Am To Worship

God Forgives Us and Makes Us Pure

Psalm 103:11-18..... Timothy Coates
1 John 1:5-2:2..... Timothy Coates
Prayer:..... Neal Coates
Hymn: #4..... To God Be the Glory

The Lord's Supper

Communion Meditation..... Don Hilton
Hymn..... Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Offering

Prayer..... Don Hilton
Hymn: #103..... He Has Made Me Glad*
Hymn: #112..... Wonderful Grace of Jesus

"A Charcoal Fire and the Smell of Redemption"

Message..... Phil Ware
Hymn..... Come to the Feast

Responses

Hillcrest News..... Chip Whitlock
Hymn..... Anywhere is Home
Family Blessing..... Odies Wright

(*Children's song of the month)

The Hillcrest family is led by the Holy Spirit to glorify God, proclaim the truth of Christ which transforms lives, and encourage one another toward faithful service and maturity.

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Hillcrest Family News

Today's Speakers

A.M. – Phil Ware
P.M. – Everett Ferguson

Bible Reading Schedule – August 16-22 Luke 8-14 – One chapter per day.

- What does Jesus want me to know?
- What does Jesus want me to feel?
- What does Jesus want me to do?

Sympathy

Our sympathy to the family of Billie Thornton.

New member pictures

If you have recently placed membership at Hillcrest or experienced a change in your family, please come to the side of the Worship Center and have your picture made today after worship.

Bread for the Journey

If you have a son or grandson in grades K-5 that would like to help with Bread for the Journey, please contact Melody Kern at 725-3451 or mak1@suddenlink.net. Bread for the Journey will begin on Sunday, August 23.

Bread for the Journey bakers needed

Are you willing to bake small loaves of bread once a month to bless our guests? Sign up at the side of the worship center to bake on one of the four teams. The signup sheets have the dates each team will bake for the fall. We will begin handing out bread next Sunday, August 23.

Prayer for Beginning of School – Aug. 24, 8:30 a.m.

Join us for a prayer time in the chapel for all 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 in the collection plate.

Hilltoppers Luncheon – Tues., Aug. 25, 11:30 a.m., Rm 12
Jesse Coates will share about his spring study abroad: "Jesse's Journey through Jordan." The menu will be chicken salad (with grapes and cashews), carrots, fruit salad, crackers, and chocolate/mocha ice box pie. Sign up in Bible class. If you would be willing to help prepare food Monday night at 7 p.m. or Tuesday morning beginning at 9 a.m., put a star by your name. The cost is \$3 per person. Hilltoppers are made up mostly of retirees, but anyone is welcome . . . especially University students . . . come support Jesse and eat for FREE.

Loaves & Fishes Fellowship – Sept. 2, 5:30-6:45 p.m.

The menu will be Parmesan Crusted Chicken, rice, green beans, salad bar, rolls and banana pudding. This ministry is funded through your generous donations in the box at the door. If you can help cook, serve or clean, sign up in Bible class.

Wedding Shower – Sunday, September 13, 2-3:30 p.m.

Honoring Jennifer Rasco, daughter of Kern and Christie Rasco, and Garrett Hoskins, son of JR and Carmen Foster, at the home of Neal and Cynthia Coates, 1726 Cedar Crest Drive. Selections: Target, Dillards, and Bed, Bath and Beyond. Selected colors are yellow and red for the kitchen, grey and yellow for the bathroom and grey and white for the bedroom.

Men's Softball

The season will start Monday, Sept. 14, and go through the first week of November. Games will be at 7, 8 or 9 p.m. on Monday nights. The first practice is tomorrow at 8 p.m. on Field 1 at Nelson Park. Contact Alan Clute for more info.

The Good Servant Program students will be collecting these six items for Jeremiah's Hope: blankets, quilts, new tarps, children's diapers, adult diapers and baby wipes. They will go in a container to Ukraine in mid-Sept., and will be distributed to congregations who are serving refugees affected by the war. Deadline for donating items is Sept. 2. Contact Alan Clute for more information.

Family Ministry

New Wednesday Night Series – 7 p.m. – Room 14/15

The Indestructible Marriage. What words describe your relationship? This series will help you to describe your marriage positively and build a lasting and thriving marriage, no matter what age you are. Marriage still works when you follow the right plan!

Faith At Home Weekend – August 29-30

We will have a Family Movie on Sat. night, showing the movie "Moms Night Out", a hilarious adventure story of a family in crisis. Popcorn and drinks will be provided.

We will have a special worship time Sun. morning, focusing on "God the Parent" with Jack Hardcastle speaking, followed by a special seminar in the MPR on "Parenting the Challenging Child" with Chris Bedard from Dallas. A lunch will follow for you and your children (as well as a Q and A with the speaker over the material he presented). You must sign up ahead of time so we can know a count for the food and setup. Call the office or sign up online.

Calendar of Events

August 23.....Promotion Sunday
August 24.....Prayer for Beginning of School
August 25.....Hilltoppers Luncheon
August 29-30.....Faith At Home Weekend
September 2 LAFF (Loaves & Fishes Fellowship)
September 13 Care Group

Hillcrest Ministries

Children's Corner

Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #3)

Training and Learning for Children: (Ages 2-4)

Parents may escort their children to the Children's Wing during the song before the sermon.

Bible Hour – 6 p.m. – Tonight from 6-7 p.m. Infants up to age 3 meet in the nursery. Children ages 4 through 5th grade will begin in the MPR.

Promotion Sunday – August 23 – Children going into PreK, Kindergarten, and 1st -5th grades will promote to their new classes.

HYG - Youth

Today – Incoming Seniors and parents are in Eastland for The Big Event.

Important Meeting – Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.

There will be an informational meeting detailing all of the major events for 2015-2016. This meeting is for ALL students and parents.

Wednesday – Class at 7 p.m.

Thursday – First Prayer Breakfast of the year. Chick-fil-A (North) at 7 a.m. Each week throughout the school year. Rides will be provided to Craig, ACS, ATEMS, and AHS.

Next Sunday – First Huddle of the year at 6 p.m.

HillcrestU - University

Tonight – 7:30 p.m.

Last movie night of the summer at the Hatfield house. (5333 CR 103 N) Bring drinks and snacks to share.

Tuesday – Move in day for ACU freshmen. Candlelight devo on ACU's campus at the Amphitheater. Come help us welcome the new students.

Wednesday – 7 p.m.

Wildcat Week on Cypress. Come help us meet ACU freshmen from 6:30-8:45 p.m. on Cypress by Paramount. Those of you who come will get a free HillcrestU Ministry shirt.

Next Sunday will be our Welcome Back Life group at the Hatfield house.

Adult Education Corner

Sunday Morning Adult Classes - The beginning of a new school year is just around the corner. Very soon teachers and children of all ages will be back in classrooms beginning a new year of learning activities. The same is true for the Bible Class program at Hillcrest. This summer classes have been pursuing topics of their own choosing; however, in September all adult classes will be engaged in a 4-week study entitled "Help for the Modern-day Pharisee." If you have not been attending Bible class, September will be a great time to begin!

August 30 Classes - During the Bible Class hour on August 30, the Family Ministry will be conducting a special seminar on "Parenting the Challenging Child" in the multi-purpose room. This class is open to everyone! Some Adult Classes will meet in their regular classrooms as usual. Class chairs will be providing you additional information on plans for your class during the next 2 weeks.

Wednesday Night Room 10/11 - Bill Brant continues his lessons on the prophet Ezekiel.

Wednesday Night Women's Bible Class - The Women's Class (Room 212) continues their in-depth study of 1 and 2 Thessalonians

Missions & Faith Sharing

Be on the lookout for Phil and Elaine Palmer. They have just returned from a mission trip to Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania where they organized World Bible School church planting seminars. Ask them how their trip went!

Peek into our new World Bible School room. Wednesday, Beth Pope and others were helping our young Mumena campaigners follow-up on their WBS students who they signed-up on their recent campaign to Zambia!

For the Record

Sunday Morning

A.M. Assembly..... 698
Classes..... 627
Membership..... 929
July Offering \$93,639

Sunday Evening

Auditorium Care Group
Wed Classes 390