

Hillcrest Encouragement

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Examining Your Default Face

As a sports junkie and also someone who gets to sit at the scorer's table to run the shot clock during ACU basketball games, I enjoy watching the faces and body language of players and coaches. As a former assistant coach, it was my job to run subs in and out of the games and I relied heavily on what I read in the faces and body language of my players to guide my decisions. Think of the messages that can be conveyed: fatigue, confidence, stress, defeat, disappointment, leadership, passion, determination. It was an easy selection when comparing someone who looked confident and eager vs a player who seemed hesitant or overwhelmed.

Recently, I was reading my student's internship journal and was struck by something he experienced while working at Action Zone, a workout community. Under the supervision of Coach Bennie Wylie whose resume includes head strength and conditioning coach at major universities, training elite athletes such as Emmitt Smith (Dallas Cowboys) and completing a Navy Seals program, Coach Wylie sets the bar high for clients and interns alike. My student was analyzed through video feedback and was told he needed to watch his "DEFAULT FACE" along with improving overall demeanor (voice, dress and presence).

So how is your everyday "Default Face?" Does it change when trouble comes your way or when you are stressed? Does it translate to someone who is bothered, disinterested, or fearful or one that exudes compassion, peacefulness, and joy? Would you consider yourself approachable? How about we pretend to have an HD lens and glimpse into the faces of some of our faithful heroes of the Bible?

What "Default Face" do you see in the moment Abraham raised his knife to sacrifice his son Isaac? How about the demeanor of Stephen when he was dragged out of the city and absorbed those hateful and deadly stones? Can you hear the conversation and imagine the body language between Daniel and the king before Daniel was thrown in the lion's den? Visualize that casual conversation inside a fiery furnace occupied by Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. What do we see in the eyes of David before he launches the first stone?

I don't have a home movie to watch Job absorb all of his suffering, but scripture gives us his response in Job 42:1-2. "I know that You can do all things and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted." WOW! Rewind and play that again. As Christians, we can fashion our "Default Face" with the assurance of Job and the reminder in Psalm 18:2-3 which says, "The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my savior; my God is my rock, in whom I find protection. He is my shield, the power that saves me, and my place of safety. I called on the Lord, who is worthy of praise and he saved me from my enemies."

There may be over 600 emojis to convey how we are feeling, but let's work on our "Default Face" radiating a I Thessalonians 5:18 thankful heart and a confidence of being a child of God.

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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 2, 2015

Worship Leader..... Odies Wright
Hymn: #608..... He Gave Me a Song
Welcome Taylor Cockrell

Songs of Praise

Hymn: #103..... He Has Made Me Glad*
Hymn..... One Thing Remains
Hymn..... Mighty to Save

"I AM" Is With Us

Exodus 3:1-14..... David Perkins
Romans 8:35-39 Forrest Weaver
Prayer Russell Gould
Hymn: #100/101 Holy Ground

The Lord's Supper

Communion Meditation..... Shane McClung
Hymn: #478..... Nearer, Still Nearer

Offering

Prayer Shane McClung
Hymn: #446..... Hear, O Israel
Hymn: #490..... It Is Well With My Soul

"I AM, Stop Fearing"

Message Phil Ware
Hymn: #924..... Just As I Am

Responses

Hillcrest News..... Fred Jamison
Hymn..... Reign In Me
Family Blessing..... Robert Marion

(*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. – John Fewkes

Bible Reading Schedule – August 2-8 Mark 10-16 – 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

- Sympathy to the family of Norma Luetter.
- Sympathy to the family of former member Phyllis Trevathan.

Baptisms

Congratulations to Thomas & Gayle Ash. They were baptized on July 26.

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.

Baby Shower

Honoring Isaac and Molly Wright and baby girl Brynlee Marie, today, from 2-3:30 p.m. at the home of Judd & Kelly White, 2541 John C Stevens St. Selections online at www.myregistry.com and at Target, Walmart, and Kid's Village.

Church-wide Watermelon Feast

Join us for watermelon and fellowship on Wednesday, August 12, after Bible class in the courtyard by the children's wing. In case of rain, we will meet, greet and eat in the MPR.

Hillcrest Singers

Wednesday, August 12, marks the beginning of the fall season for the Hillcrest Singers. Come and join the chorus as we prepare a selection of "Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs" for Senior Living Centers throughout the city. Later in the fall, we will present our annual Christmas program. The Hillcrest Singers meet Wednesday nights in the Chapel at 7 p.m. Contact Greg Straughn (gregory.straughn@acu.edu) for more information. Sing to the Lord a new song!

Men's Softball

Come out and enjoy fun, fellowship and physical exercise. 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 tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 17, from 8 to 10 p.m. The cost will be \$50 per player, unless we can find a sponsor. We have to turn in at least 10 contracts by Monday, August 10. Contact Alan Clute if you are interested in playing.

Help Needed

The Church lock up team needs a couple of more volunteers for the rotation schedule. We have about 5 now and with a couple more, you would only have to lock up and open every seventh week. If interested see Lee Lambert 325-280-9941 or Larry Knight 325-668-2578.

Missions & Faith Sharing

Leaders Leading

On our Mumena campaign, we were able to see how the local church leaders are handling the work of the church without located missionaries. The facilities that the churches are maintaining for the benefit of the brotherhood were in very good order. While we were there, a group of the leaders asked for us to meet with them as they were planning new ways of reaching out to the Mumena Chieftaincy. Great love and responsibility was demonstrated as these men of faith grappled with the Great Commission. What a privilege to serve alongside of the men and women from each village in the youth Gospel Meeting. Our Hillcrest seniors taught some wonderful classes to the 95 students who attended. For the 32 who put Jesus on in baptism at the end of the Gospel meeting, the church leaders now have the task of fully integrating them into the life of their respective congregations. Let's keep these leaders in our prayers!

Calendar of Events

August 8 Hillcrest Golf Scramble
August 9 Care Group
August 12 Church-wide Watermelon Feast
August 16 Big Event/HYG
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 #1)

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 infants up to age 3 meet in the nursery. Children ages 4 through Kindergarten will begin in the MPR.

Promotion Sunday – August 23 – Children going into PreK, Kindergarten, and 1st -5th grades will promote to their new classes. An email is coming your way with details.

HYG - Youth

Today – Interns last Sunday.

Wednesday – Class at 7 p.m.

All incoming Seniors need to start making plans to attend the Big Event on Sunday, August 16.

Cupcake wars on Monday, August 3. Talk to Chelsea, Emily, or Cassie to set up teams.

HillcrestU - University

Tonight – 7:30 p.m.

No movie night tonight.

Wednesday - 7 p.m.

Minor Prophets

Thursday

Small group Bible study. Information in class.

For the Record

Sunday Morning

A.M. Assembly 642
Classes 535
Membership 923
July Offering \$93,639

Sunday Evening

Auditorium 67

Wed Classes 259

Adult Education Corner

Sunday morning – This morning several classes will begin new studies for the month of August.

Rm 11, Younger/Older (YO) Class – Keith Morgan/Steve Austin – *Travels of Jesus and the Apostles*

Rm 12, Welcome Class – Jerry Hayes – *Angels*

Rm 14/15, Sunrise Class (8 a.m.) – John Casada – *Being a Christian in a Secular World*

Rm 14/15, Soulful Filling Class – Terry Brown – *Walk with Me. Impacting the World by Following Jesus' Example*

Rm 16, Common Ground Class – Yancey House/Cliff Barbarick – *Various Topics*

Rm 21, H.O.P.E. Class – Dave Copeland – *Portrait of a Servant*

Rm 30, Travelers Class – Ron Rosseau – *Reformation*

Rm 52, C.I.A./Young Professionals Class – Ryan Jessup – *Arguments for the Existence of God*

Rm 219, F.U.N. Class – Perry Reeves – *Lessons for Today from Samuel*

Chapel, Generations Class – Jack Hardcastle – *Gospel of John*

Wednesday, 7 p.m. – Rooms 10-11 - Bill Brant will teach during the month of August. The Women's Class (Room 219) continues their in-depth study of 1 and 2 Thessalonians.

Family Ministry

Wednesday – 7 p.m. – Room 14/15

Sacred Parenting - How Raising Children Shapes Our Souls. This series will show how God can transform lessons in raising children into opportunities to grow in the image of Christ as parents! This is for all ages of parents, and would benefit anyone that has children.