

Hillcrest Encouragement

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- Neal Coates
- Malcolm Coco
- David Copeland
- Ray Ferguson
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A Place to Call Home

One year ago, after spending two years church hopping, I committed to making Hillcrest my college church home, and it was one of the best choices I ever made. This church family is unmatched in its willingness to love on each other and accept people just as they are. When I walked into the college ministry class, I immediately felt at home. I was offered a donut at least three times that morning and introduced to more people than I could possibly remember their names.

They plugged me into so many ways to find community that I had no idea where to start, so I just started showing up when the doors were open. I found myself in a life group on Sunday nights, eating delicious free food and getting to know twenty or thirty other people on a deeper level. On Thursdays, I started showing up at an apartment complex with HillcrestU to love on, play with, and serve the kids that live there. I loved it all so much that I started looking for any opportunity to spend time with these strangers I have grown to call my family.

While the immediate love and caring I experienced was wonderfully overwhelming, the biggest reason that I chose to stay at Hillcrest was their Wednesday night "Share Your Story" class. Week after week, I watched college students, graduates, parents, teachers, and mentors stand in front of our ministry, dig deep, and open up about their lives in an honest, real way. Sometimes these nights are full of tears as we all cry with each another over the hurts we have suffered through. Other nights, we are full of joy and thanksgiving for the good things we have experienced or the trials we have overcome. Either way the night goes, we always come together in prayer and praise God for His power that is shown in our transparency.

I truly believe that a big purpose of the church is to come together, be honest with one another about where we are in our walk with God and encourage one another. When we trust a group enough to be vulnerable and bring our struggles out of the dark, we also create space to truly celebrate the victories that come through Christ. James 5:16 says, "Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." Hillcrest's University class is the first place I ever saw that scripture truly lived out. This family surrounded each person that stood up and shared their life with so much unconditional love that it would leave me speechless. I knew that this was a place that I could come and trust to grow my faith and guide my path.

Averi Edwards

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 2Room 100	Gr 1.....Room 121
Age 3Room 106	Gr 2.....Room 117
Age 4Room 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 219
Young Professionals (20s)	Room 16
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 21, 2016

Worship Leader..... Odies Wright
Hymn..... Let Us Worship
Welcome..... Kyle McAlister

Songs of Praise

Hymn..... One Thing Remains
Hymn..... I'm So Glad
Hymn..... How Can I Keep From Singing
Hymn..... Arise
Hymn..... Awesome God

I Am the Vine

John 15:1-17 Jacob Dye
Romans 5:1-8..... Vicente Rojas
Prayer..... Jonathan Ward

The Lord's Supper

Hymn..... Beautiful Lamb of God
Communion MeditationDuwain Houston
Hymn: #287 There Is a Redeemer*

Offering

Prayer.....Duwain Houston
Hymn: #808.....Abide with Me
Hymn: #559.....The Joy of the Lord
(Parents may escort children ages 2-4 to TLC during this song)

"The Fullness of Joy"

MessageJustin Hatfield
Hymn #417 Where He Leads I'll Follow

Responses

Hillcrest News Keith Morgan
Hymn: #448..... The Greatest Commands
Family Blessing..... Malcolm Coco
(Children's Song of the Month)*

Hillcrest Family News

Today's Speakers

A.M. - Justin Hatfield
 P.M. - Coy Roper in the Chapel
 P.M. - Prayer Hour group in the Living Room.

Sympathy

- Sympathy to James Gober, Travis & Lori Gober on the loss of their aunt, Lena Bilbrey.
- Sympathy to Nell Gee, and Bud, Gayle, and Paizly Turnage on the loss of Floyd Gee.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Scott & Pam Darrow on the adoption of Luke last week. Big brother is Seth.

Prayer for Beginning of School - Tomorrow, 8:45 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 prayed for on an encouragement card and place in the offering.

Loaves and Fishes Fellowship - This Wed., 5:30-6:45 p.m.

This church-wide fellowship is open to all. 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.

Baby Shower - Sunday, August 28, 2-3:30 p.m.

Honoring Cam and Liz Spencer and their three girls, at the home of Neal and Cynthia Coates, 1726 Cedar Crest Drive. They are expecting a boy.

Wedding Invitation - Saturday, September 3, 2 p.m.

You are invited to attend the wedding of Troy Wallace Franklin and Norma Jean DuBose in the University Church of Christ chapel. Reception to follow in the Family Room.

Bread for the Journey

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 for one of the four teams. The signup sheets have the dates each team will bake for the year. If you have a son or grandson in Kindergarten or older that would like to help pass out Bread for the Journey, contact Melody Kern at 325-725-3451 or mak1@suddenlink.net.

Men's Softball

The season will start Monday, Sept. 19, and go through the first week of November. Games will be at 7, 8 or 9 p.m. (mostly 9 p.m.) on Monday nights. Practice is Monday, August 22, from 8 to 10 p.m. on field 1. The cost will be \$50 per player, unless we can find a sponsor. We need at least 10 contracts by next Monday, August 29. Contact Alan Clute if you are interested.

Missions and Faith Sharing

Send the Light Short-Term Campaigns Continue

During August, Terry Brown is teaching in New Zealand at South Pacific Bible College. The next Send the Light campaigns will be this fall. In September, Mariana Long will be conducting a Ladies Retreat in Northern Ireland. During October, Susan Green will be serving in Brazil for Continent Care Connection, and Anne Reno will work as a nurse in Haiti during a Live Beyond Medical Mission.

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Welcome Back!! It is so exciting to see all of our returning students and meet new ones! We hope you will find HillcrestU to be a place where you can serve, a place where you can know others and be known! Join us in class to learn more about what this year holds!

Tonight – 6 p.m. - Welcome Back Event at Action Zone (1609 Cottonwood)! There will be pizza! Come meet new people and catch up with old friends!

Wednesday Class – 7 p.m. - Join us for LIFT worship. We are continuing Come Share YOUR Story. We hope you'll join us for this uplifting experience.

Mark your calendars!

August 28, 6 p.m. - LIFE Group kick-off in the MPR. Visit our Facebook page to pre-register for a LIFE group.

September 8, 4-5:30 p.m. - REACH - We hope you will join us in this amazing outreach ministry to the children of Canterbury Crossing Apartments!

October 28-30 - Fall Break Retreat - Make plans now to attend our Fall retreat focused on Spiritual Disciplines! The cost is only \$30!

Calendar of Events

August 22 Prayer for Beginning of School
 August 23 Ladies Bible Class Begins
 August 24 LAFF
 September 5 Labor Day/Office Closed
 September 6 Hilltoppers Luncheon
 September 7 Prayer Time with Elders
 September 11 Care Group
 September 18 Life Groups Begin
 September 18-21 ACU Summit
 September 24 Woman to Woman Event
 October 5 New Member Dinner

Hillcrest Ministries

Children's Corner

Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #3)

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 – Something new! Infants up to age 3 will now meet in the playroom of the children's wing. To find the playroom, walk down the main hall of the children's wing and take a left after you pass the two water fountains. Children ages 4-5th grade will begin in the MPR.

Promotion Sunday - Promotion Sunday is today. Children going into kindergarten through fifth grade will promote to their new classes.

HYG – Youth

Today - First Huddle of the year for High School only! Middle School Huddles will begin on the 28th.

- **Freshman - Leaders:** Tyler and Elizabeth Burton, Tomas and Joelle Roibal. Location: 926 Judge Ely Blvd.
- **Sophomores - Leaders:** James and Stacey McGee, Tye and A'Lisa Brooks. Location: Tonight only from 5:30-7:30 at 3125 S. Willis (home of McGees). Supper will be served. If your child needs a ride, please drop them off at the Brooks' house (2626 Garfield) by 5:15 and pick them up at 3125 S. Willis. Beginning next week, sophomores will meet at 2626 Garfield.
- **Juniors - Leaders:** Robert and Melody Kern, Kristian and Kelli Allen. Location: 2434 Township Ct.
- **Seniors - Leaders:** Jason and Lafaun Gilman, Rebekah Scott. Location: 1218 Queens Ct.

Wednesday – 7 p.m. Class

Thursday: First Prayer Breakfast of the year! Chick-fil-A at 7 a.m. Rides will be provided to Craig, Abilene High, ACS, and ATEMS.

For the Record	
Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening
A.M. Assembly 632	Chapel..... 44
Classes 594	
Membership 853	
July Offering..... \$107,415	Wednesday 309

Adult Education Corner

Sunday Morning Adult Classes – Remember that all adult classes are studying subjects of their own choosing during the summer months. Ask your class chair for more information concerning topics and teachers.

Wednesday Night Classes

- **Rm 10/11** – Reports from Summer Mission Trips will begin and extend through the month of September. The focus this week will be on the Refugee Outreaches in Vienna and Athens as well as the "Come Before Winter" Retreats with Mariana Long and Cliff Barbarick.
- **Rm 30 – ESL Class:** Starts this Wednesday.
- **Rm 16 – Congregational Singing:** Join Odies Wright for a time of Worship in song!
- **Rm 219 – Women's Bible Class:** *Living Stones* by Cassandra Martin. Women of all ages are invited.

Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Class begins again this Tuesday, August 23, 10 a.m. - Introduction to the Sermon on the Mount. Teacher: Linda Huff.

Family Ministry

Wednesday Class - Rm 14/15 - 7 p.m.

When Helping Hurts - Empowering The Impoverished
 The challenge of helping the poor families of our community takes a certain type of care and compassion and looking within ourselves at our own brokenness.



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