

Hillcrest Encouragement

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An Open Letter to Hillcrest

Dear Hillcrest,

I am a teacher in the public school system. There are a few things I would like you to know at the outset of this school year.

First of all, I love your kids. I look forward to the third week in August because that is when I get to meet my new students. I have the unmitigated privilege of listening to the music of their laughter when they find something funny. I get to cry with them when they hurt and endure with them when they must suffer injustice. The look of excitement in their eyes fills my soul with light when they suddenly understand a difficult concept. Your children are wonderful people; they care about others around them and are quick to share all they have. I am inspired by your kids.

Please know that I join many teachers across this school system who pray for your kids. Really. We actually do pray for them. We pray for their safety and for their mental and emotional well-being. We pray for their precious souls – that God would know them and they would know God. We pray for their academic success and that they would not be harmed by the stress that it may bring in the attainment. We pray that they will be loved and cherished by the people in their lives.

You have placed your trust in me; I do not take that charge lightly. Thank you. I know what it is like to leave your children with someone else during the day. Your kids spend a lot of time with me and I feel the burden of responsibility. I strive each day to open their minds to Truth and beauty. Among my many goals is to teach your child how to learn, to love to learn, and how to differentiate between Truth and falsehood. Of course, I have my content area, but I also know that as an educator I have the responsibility to advocate for Reason. That includes, but extends far beyond my particular content area. I want your kids to understand their humanity better for having been in my class.

Your child is not a number on my roll. Your child is not a person taking up space at a desk. Your child is not a little grade-making machine. Your child is a person with hopes, desires, fears, failures, and successes. Your child struggles with certain things and is great at others. My class occurs within the context of a larger life filled with family, friends, activities, and spirituality. I understand and see your child as a unique person made in God's image.

Finally, I want you to know that I am already proud of your kids. They are wonderful people and attest to the many wonderful, loving families here at Hillcrest. I know they aren't perfect and fully anticipate struggles and mistakes, but I see that they are "fearfully and wonderfully made" and that God knows them each by name and loves them all. Your kids are precious to you. I will treat them like they are precious.

Sincerely,

A Teacher

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 28, 2016

Worship Leader..... Odies Wright
Hymn..... Psalm 95
Welcome..... Judd White

Songs of Praise

Hymn..... Lord, I Lift Your Name on High
Hymn..... Arise
Hymn..... That's Why We Praise Him
Hymn..... Magnificat

I Am the Vine

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10.....Shane McClung
Colossians 3:2.....Shane McClung
Prayer..... Art Reese

The Lord's Supper

Hymn.....Every Time
Communion Meditation..... Everett Ferguson
Hymn: #287..... There Is a Redeemer*

Offering

Prayer..... Everett Ferguson
Hymn: #699..... I'll Be a Friend to Jesus
Hymn: #570..... A Beautiful Life
(Parents may escort children ages 2-4 to TLC during this song)

"Getting Carried Away with Jesus"

Message.....Robert Oglesby
Hymn #660..... People Need the Lord

Responses

Hillcrest News..... Charles Anderson
Hymn: #412..... Jesus, Hold My Hand
Family Blessing..... Malcolm Coco
(Children's Song of the Month)*

Hillcrest Family News

Today's Speakers

A.M. - Robert Oglesby
 P.M. - Bob Pipes in the Chapel
 P.M. - Prayer Hour group in the Living Room.

New Members

Manuel, Julie and Collin Longoria

Congratulations! The following children will be receiving a book today for completing memory work and acts of service. Please congratulate them. Addison Forsberg, Ryder Harrison, Wyatt Riddle, Kinley Sanders, Cooper Steele, Cason Houston, Asher Jessup, Chandler Sanders, Corbin Barbarick, Ansley House, Will Knight, Brenna Barbarick, Clay Knight, Hunter Ely, Caelan Barbarick, Owen Knight, and Lanie Merritt

Thank you to everyone who helped make Wednesday's LAFF a wonderful success! We appreciate each person who prepared, served and cleaned up afterwards. The food was delicious and the fellowship delightful! A special thank you to Bob & Betty Hale for being faithful to a TEA . . . and lemonade! They have been responsible for making the drinks pretty much since LAFF started in 1999. They are passing the tea bag squeezer (a.k.a. potato masher) to Art & Carol Reese. Thank you Bob & Betty for your dedicated service.

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.

Hilltoppers Luncheon - Tues., September 6, 11:30 a.m.

Join us in Room 12. Sandra Shirey will share about Big Country CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children). The menu will be grilled chicken salad, baked ham and cheese sandwiches, chips and dessert. 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.

Moms to Moms - September 15, 6 p.m.

Mom's to Mom's will have a swim night at Donna Wilson's home, 1949 Benz. Moms with children birth to 5th grade are invited. Babysitting will be provided in the nursery at the Hillcrest Building. There will be a sign-up sheet in Bible class. Come enjoy the fun, food and fellowship - we look forward to seeing you there.

Woman to Woman - Saturday, September 24

Ladies, an exciting event is being planned by the Woman to Woman Ministry. It will be an opportunity to "Unwrap Your Gift" -- find your hidden talents. One booth will show how to make personalized birthday and get-well cards. There will be bow-making, quilting and a dozen or so other activities. Women of all ages (high school, college and up) are welcome.

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 29, 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 tomorrow. Contact Alan Clute if you are interested.

Missions and Faith Sharing

Send the Light Short-Term Campaigns Continue

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.

Reports from completed Send the Light short-term mission trips will be made during the next several Wednesday nights in the large Rm. 10/11 Class.

Calendar of Events

September 5Labor Day/Office Closed
 September 6 Hilltoppers Luncheon
 September 7Prayer Time with Elders
 September 11 Care Group
 September 18Life Groups Begin
 September 18-21 ACU Summit
 September 24 Woman to Woman Event
 October 5New Member Dinner
 October 30Faith at Home Weekend
 October 31 Trunk Party

Hillcrest Ministries

Children's Corner

Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #4)

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.

HYG - Youth

Today - Huddles at 6 p.m. (unless you have heard differently from your huddle leaders). First Middle School Huddle of the year!! 5:45-7:15. Meet in the youth room at 5:45.

Wednesday - 7 p.m. Class

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

First TNT of the year for MS and HS from 6-8 p.m. in the MPR. Pizza will be provided.

Next Sunday - All parents and students are asked to attend class in the Youth Room.

Hillcrest - U

Welcome Back!! 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. - Hillcrest MPR! There will be burgers! Come meet new people and sign-up for a LIFE group!

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!

Adult Education Corner

Sunday Morning Adult Classes - Have you ever wondered how God changes people? Maybe it seems as if old habits never change no matter how hard you try. God desires to transform our souls. This transformation occurs as we recognize that God created us to live in a connected relationship with Him. We connect with God through practicing spiritual disciplines. Beginning next week we will study several different spiritual disciplines that help us better connect with God. Some will be easier than others, but all will be beneficial in growing our relationship with Him.

Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Class - August 30, 10 a.m. Preparing for the Blessed Life. Teacher: Linda Huff. Living the Blessed Life. Teacher: Megan Forsburg.

Wednesday Night Classes

- **Rm 10/11** - Reports from Summer Mission Trips continue and extend through the month of September. The focus this week will be on Zambia: Mumena Mission. Campaign presented by Taylor Cockrell and Cam Hurst.
- **Rm 30 - ESL Class:** Starts this Wednesday.
- **Rm 16 - Congregational Singing:** Join Odies Wright for a time of Worship in song!
- **Rm 52 - Divorce Care**
- **Chapel** - Hillcrest Singers
- **Rm 219 - Women's Bible Class:** *Living Stones* by Casandra Martin. Women of all ages are invited.

Family Ministry

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

Raising Kids Who Turn Out Right

This eight week series is for anyone who wants to have a practical strategy for positive parenting! Topics include parenting with a purpose, meeting needs, having a plan, the importance of a kind heart, having passion, parenting by example, parenting with courage, and parenting by grace.

Coming on October 30 - Faith at Home Weekend "Taking the Mask Off of Depression" More info coming soon.

For the Record

Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening
A.M. Assembly811	Chapel81
Classes.....617	
Membership.....853	
July Offering\$107,415	Wednesday.....474