

Hillcrest Encouragement

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Faith, Freedom, and a Well-Timed Wake-Up Call

The transition from high school to college comes fully equipped with a good deal of freedom: freedom in the amount of Netflix shows you can watch in one sitting without your parents lecturing you about being lazy, freedom in the people you chose to surround yourself with, freedom in the food you eat, and freedom in the ability to turn off the alarm on Sunday morning. Once you move into the dorms you are no longer traveling to church as a family unit, you are flying solo, having to make the decision to get up and go on your own. From personal experience, how I choose to "center myself" and where I worship constantly shapes my faith-walk.

I think that it's common for kids who grow up in the church to perceive the actual act of going to church as routine. It's just simply what we do as a family on Sunday mornings, no arguments or doubts. Don't hear me say that this is a bad thing, but at some point the habit should produce a deeper value. Leaving the nest becomes a test of faith and priority to see what routine will begin to surface on Sunday mornings.

The professors at ACU stress the importance of plugging into a local church family as quickly as possible. While they are right, it is not an easy task for either local or out-of-town students. Is there a written rule for local graduates to keep membership at the church they have always attended? (*Parental votes do not count...hahaha.) What if you have yet to step outside of your comfort zone to see for yourself what other churches are teaching or if there is a better fit? Where are my friends worshipping?

High school graduates (or anyone in a transitional period of life), it is time to start asking the tough questions. Is your faith your own, or an extension of your upbringing? Are you moved and/or challenged by scriptures, songs, communion, or sermons on a regular basis, or do you feel stuck in a spiritual rut? I am a firm believer of faith growing in moments of freedom. I have the freedom to make my own choices, so I need to be ready to justify my choices to anyone who comes asking.

Three years ago when I was a senior in high school, if you had asked me why I was a member at Hillcrest, I am about 90% certain I would have responded with, "Well it's where my family has always gone." While it is the truth, where I attend doesn't define my spirituality. How I turn my faith into actions better represents my relationship with God. Hillcrest has afforded me a place to grow my faith, be in community with a strong university population, and use my gifts within the Baby Bunch and Children's ministry. My faith is still growing and changing and evolving, just as I am, but my advice to graduates and future graduates (or anyone in a life transition) is to take a page from Samuel's memorable wake-up call and Eli's advice to be still, and if he calls you, say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." (1 Samuel 3:9) Faith is an action not a habit. Where will the Lord take you?

Denae Shake

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 9, 2015

Worship Leader..... Odies Wright
Hymn: #647 Soldiers of Christ, Arise
Welcome C. D. Pruett

Do Not Forget the Lord

Hymn..... No Other Gods
Deuteronomy 8:1-3..... Reese Pettijohn
Matthew 4:1-11 Matthew Bos
Prayer Jon Bos

Songs of Praise

Hymn..... 10,000 Reasons
Hymn: #103 He Has Made Me Glad*
Hymn..... How Can I Keep from Singing

The Lord's Supper

Hymn..... Every Time
Communion Meditation..... Wes Gorman
Hymn: #808 Abide With Me

Offering

Prayer Wes Gorman
Hymn: #538 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
Hymn: #464 Because He Lives

"Trouble"

Message Carson Reed
Hymn: #683 I Am Mine No More

Responses

Hillcrest News..... Chris Pettijohn
Hymn..... How Great Is Our God
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. – Carson Reed

P.M. – Care Groups meet today. Coy Roper will be speaking and R. C. Swaim leading singing in the chapel at 6 p.m.

Bible Reading Schedule – August 9-15

Luke 1-7 – 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?

New Members

- Scott & Pam Darrow, Seth & Lainey
- K. Lucas Masilamoney

New Baby

Congratulations to Isaac & Molly Wright on the birth of a daughter, Brynlee Marie on August 4. Grandparents are Odies & Kathie Wright.

Baptism

Congratulations to Rachel Pettijohn on her baptism. Parents are Chris & Tracy Pettijohn.

Church-wide Watermelon Feast

Join us for watermelon and fellowship this Wednesday, 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

This Wednesday 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 for more information (gregory.straughn@acu.edu). Sing to the Lord a new song!

Anniversary & Birthday List

A newly corrected anniversary and birthday list is available on the entrance tables. Last week's copy did not update the anniversary numbers.

Calendar of Events

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

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 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 – Lock Up Team

The Church lock up team needs volunteers for the rotation schedule. We have about 5 now, and with a few 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.

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. These items will go in a container of humanitarian aid to Ukraine in mid-September and will be distributed to Church of Christ congregations who are serving refugees who are affected by the war in eastern Ukraine.

Deadline for donating items is Wednesday, September 2. For more information, contact Alan Clute.

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 Night on Saturday night, August 29th, 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 Sunday morning, August 30th focusing on "God the Parent" with Jack Hardcastle speaking. We will follow that with a special seminar in the MPR on "Parenting the Challenging Child" with Chris Bedard from Dallas, with a lunch following 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.

Hillcrest Ministries

Children's Corner

Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #2)

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. – There will be no Bible Hour tonight. Enjoy your care group.

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

HYG - Youth

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

Wednesday – Class at 7 p.m.

Next Sunday – August 16 - Big Event!! For all incoming Seniors and parents!! Arrive at Hillcrest at 7 a.m. and return by 5 p.m. Please fill out the online form to let Taylor know you are coming. Link can be found in the HYG Newsletter.

Important Meeting – August 19, 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.

HillcrestU - University

Tonight – 7:30 p.m.

Movie night at the Hatfield house (5333 CR 103 N)

Wednesday - 7 p.m.

Minor Prophets continues

Thursday – 6 p.m.

Small group Bible study at Dean & Erica Pye's house

Sunday, August 23 – Mark your calendars for our Welcome Back event.

Adult Education Corner

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

Rm 11, Younger/Older (YO) Class – 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 about the prophet Ezekiel during the month of August. The Women's Class (Room 219) continues their in-depth study of 1 and 2 Thessalonians.

Missions & Faith Sharing

Prison Ministry

The month of July was a difficult one for students at Middleton due to having no water for several days and being in some real heat. The 3rd Wednesday saw no baptisms due the lack of water, but in spite of that, 114 men gave their lives to Christ, yearly total 412.

For the Record

Sunday Morning

A.M. Assembly..... 627

Classes 539

Membership 929

July Offering \$93,639

Sunday Evening

Auditorium 67

Wed Classes 282