

Hillcrest Encouragement

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“Finding God’s Direction” Search Team Blessings for the Burrows

Working with the Hillcrest search team has been an honor and a blessing. These folks have worked hard – listening, praying, waiting, interviewing, emailing, writing, video-conferencing, interviewing folks in the church and community, and discussing. I am very excited that they feel led to Nathan Burrows and believe the Hillcrest family will be profoundly blessed by Nathan and his family’s ministry. -- Phil Ware

To the Burrow family: We pray God's spirit of grace and peace will fill your ministry at Hillcrest, and that through you the church, the city, and his Kingdom will be blessed. Welcome to Abilene and the Hillcrest church. Thank you for joining alongside us as we join alongside the mission of God in the world. -- Andy Little

My prayer for you and your precious family, Nathan, and for Hillcrest, as we begin this exciting adventure, is that we will all work joyfully and lovingly together to bring glory to God in our church, our community, and the world. -- Donna Gee

Our Father in Heaven, we lift up Nathan and Heather and ask you to bless them and their work with Hillcrest. Fill us with your Spirit. May we be a place of encouragement and peace. – David Perkins

We are excited to welcome the Burrow family! We look forward to getting to know and love them as they join our family here at Hillcrest. -- Mike and Carolyn Baker

Nathan and Heather, in this new season of ministry at Hillcrest, may we stand with you and your family in this time of adjustment and transition. May we take care of, pray for and encourage you and your family as you strive to take care of, pray for and encourage this church body. Finally, may you always know that you are loved as a member of Hillcrest and not just an employee. “Regard them very highly in love because of their work.” (1 Thessalonians 5:13) We are so thankful you said, “yes” to Hillcrest! May your lives be richly blessed. -- Dan & Deonna Shake

Thank you, Lord, for leading the Burrow family to Hillcrest. I pray that the Spirit will guide Nathan to speak the truth boldly in love, and that we as a congregation will have open ears and hearts to hear the messages You speak through him. Help us to be a congregation full of love and unity. Great is Your faithfulness! -- Erica Pye

Dear Nathan, Heather, Allison, Micah, and Caleb, We are abundantly grateful to our Father for bringing you to Hillcrest! We ask God to provide a clear vision for us as we do kingdom work together. May you not only witness unconditional love from this body of believers, but also an atmosphere of grace and trust! “I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ.” Philemon 1:6 NIV Because Of Him, -- Kim Conley

We are thankful and praise you oh God for your guidance in bringing both the Burrow family and Hillcrest family together, to work and serve you in your kingdom. Father lead us in this time of transition giving us all wisdom and discernment in your direction. May we honor you. -- David Beard

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 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

November 6, 2016

Worship Leader Josh Snead
Hymn: #23 Our God, He Is Alive
Welcome Gary Varner, Elder Representative, Search Team
Prayer Bill Walker, Search Team

Rejoicing for Partnership in the Gospel

Psalms 21:1, Phil. 1:3-6, Psalm 28:7.....David Perkins, Search Team
Hymn: #2 We Praise Thee, O God

The Lord’s Supper

Hymn: #180 Jesus Is Lord
Communion Meditation Curtis Clements, Search Team
Hymn: #62 I Exalt Thee

Offering

PrayerCurtis Clements

The Children’s Welcome

Introduction..... Shane Price, Teacher in Children’s Ministry
Children’s Presentation & Hymn Whisper a Prayer in the Morning
Prayer for Nathan and Children Shane Price
Hymn: #778 Be with Us Lord
(Parents may escort children ages 2-4 to TLC during this song)

“Macedonian Maturity: Partnership and Prayer”

Message..... Phil Ware

Introduction of the New Preaching Minister

Introduction and Charge Ray Ferguson, Chair of Elders
Response Nathan Burrow
Pledge of Support by Congregation Ray Ferguson
Hymn: #704 Bind Us Together

Family News Robert Marion, Elder Representative, Search Team
Ministry Moment for Light on the Hill

Closing Blessing

Numbers 6:24-26..... Phil Ware
Hymn: #710 The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Hillcrest Family News

Today's Speakers

A.M. - Phil Ware
 P.M. - Dan Cox - Chapel at 6 p.m.
 P.M. - Prayer Life Group - Living Room

Sympathy

- Sympathy to Charlynn Rogers on the loss of her sister, Laverne Watkins of WA. She was also the aunt of Janiece Watts.
- Sympathy to LeRoy and Ruth Thompson on the loss of their daughter-in-law, Jan.

Congratulations to Kelly and Kathy Moore on the birth of a grandson, Lane Wesly Lambert. Parents are Wes & Kasey Lambert. Great grandparents are Joan Moore and Gene and Merlene Williams.

Welcome Luncheon for the Burrow Family - Today

Join us for lunch today after Bible class, and help us welcome the Burrow family to Hillcrest. Get to know Nathan, Heather, Allison, Micah and Caleb. Let's give them a big Hillcrest welcome! Children can eat with their family, and then child care will be available for children up to 5th grade. The nursery will be open for ages two and younger, and rooms 10-12 will be available for the older children. **Thank you for using the hallways to get to rooms 10-12 and not cutting through the kitchen.**

Men's Softball - Tomorrow, 9 p.m.

The team will play tomorrow on Field 1 against Baker Heights Team C. Come cheer them on!

Caterpillars & Butterflies - Tuesday, 4:30 p.m., Rm 10

Refreshments will be served and Connie will present the lesson "The Way, Truth, and Life."

Disc Golf Tournament - Saturday, November 12, 2 p.m.

Join us at the Rocky Hills Disc Golf Course (Cam Hurst's ranch) for the 2nd annual Grandfather/Father/Son Disc Golf Tournament. If you don't own any discs, some will be made available. A hamburger supper will be provided after 18 holes. This is a FREE event, but please RSVP to Alan Clute or Cam Hurst so we know how many to expect. Come out and spend some quality bonding time!

Light on the Hill – November 13

On Sunday, November 13, we will have our Light on the Hill special contribution. The goal is \$50,000. This contribution will go toward Benevolence and Local Evangelism. We will also be collecting sacks of food for the local needy. Pick up a bag as you leave the Worship Center.

Serving Single Seniors

In conjunction with Light on the Hill, we are planning a Hillcrest family service project for the week of Nov. 13-20. If you are a single senior, we ask you to call the office with opportunities for your brothers and sisters in Christ to serve you. These opportunities will be placed on a list and made available for people (families, deacons, Life groups) to sign up. "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." (James 1:27)

Thanksgiving LAFF - Nov. 16, 5:30 p.m.

Our next Loaves and Fishes Fellowship (church-wide meal) will be our Thanksgiving meal on Wednesday, November 16. Kent Anderson and crew will be smoking turkeys, making dressing and all the fixin's. Serving will begin at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome! Invite your friends. This ministry is funded by your generous donations in the box at the door. If you can help set up or cook on Tuesday or cook, serve or clean on Wednesday, please sign up in Bible Class.

Bridal Shower - Sunday, November 20, 2-3:30 p.m.

In Honor of Jenna Knight, Bride Elect of Ryan Brumley at the home of Laura Goodman (702 Serrot Ct.) Selections at Target, carnival.honeymoonwishes.com/becomingbrumley and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

Taking the Mask off of Depression

Both sessions were recorded last weekend, and you can go to hillcrestonline.com/media/sermons/all-2016-sermons/ to listen to Jack's lesson, the panel discussion, or download a resource list.

Missions and Faith Sharing

Send the Light trips continue during 2016. In November, Phil and Paula Sullivan and Tommie Ellis will go to Costa Rica for a Let's Start Talking campaign. In December, Matt, Cheryl, and Tyler Merritt will travel to India to work at Sanctuary Ministries.

If you are considering leading or joining a Hillcrest short-term mission trip in 2017 and want to be a part of the April 2 Send the Light special collection, contact Neal Coates. The Send the Light application is due no later than Jan. 1. Mission trips are already being planned for Mumena, Zambia (contact Cam Hurst) and Zambia Medical Missions (contact Ellie Hamby or www.zambiamission.org/medicalmission).

Hillcrest Ministries

Children's Corner

Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #1)

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 Tonight – Infants up to age three 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.

Eastern European Missions: The final amount that was raised years was \$318.72. Sixty-three Bibles will be printed and placed in one of the public schools in Eastern Europe. Thanks to all who participated!

HYG – Youth

Wednesday – 7 p.m. Class – Bring your Bible!!

Thursday, 7 a.m. - Prayer Breakfast at Chick-fil-A

Middle School TNT, 6:15-7:45 p.m.

High School TNT, 8-9:30 p.m.

Sign up for Encounter LE at lcucamps.com.

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Tonight – 5 p.m. - All LIFE groups meet.

G1 – SND

G2 – Whitlock (1317 Lakeview)

G3 – Holt (1318 Newcastle)

G4 – Straughn (1633 Hillview Rd)

Wednesday Class - 7 p.m. - LIFT Come Share YOUR Story.

Thursday - 11 a.m. - Prayer chapel at Jacob's Dream

Thursday - 4-5:30 p.m. - **Reach:** Canterbury Crossing Apts.

December 4 - 6 p.m. at the NICCL

For the Record

Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening
A.M. Assembly..... 678	Chapel..... 73
Classes..... 536	
Membership..... 876	Wednesday..... 344
Oct. Offering..... \$117,300	

Adult Education Corner

Sunday Morning Adult Classes – This morning we continue the 8-week series on the book of Isaiah with the focus being on Isaiah's call as described in chapter 6.

Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Class - Nov. 8 at 10 a.m. "Treasures in Heaven or What God Thinks of My Ambitions" Matt. 6:19-34. Teacher Donna Gee.

Wednesday Night Classes

- **Rm 10/11** - Terry Brown will be teaching on "Lessons from the Pastoral Epistles."
- **Rm 30 - ESL Class**
- **Rm 16 - Congregational Singing:** Join Odies Wright for a time of Worship in song!
- **Rm 51 - Singles** led by Glenn Tuttle
- **Rm 52 - Divorce Care**
- **Rm 212 - Young Professionals:** Video Series *Nooma* by Rob Bell led by Caleb Callari
- **Rm 219 - Women's Class:** *Living Stones* by Casandra Martin. Women of all ages are invited.

Family Ministry

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

Deal or No Deal: Making Choices in a World of Chaos
 How do we as families "deal" with the things the world is throwing at us right now? In this study of the book of James, we will look at what the Bible says about how we should live as husbands, wives, parents and individuals of faith in a world of faithlessness. This class is for all ages!

Calendar of Events

November 6.....	Burrow Family Welcome Luncheon
November 8.....	Caterpillars & Butterflies
November 12.....	Disc Golf Tournament
November 13.....	Care Group
November 13.....	Light on the Hill Contribution
November 16.....	Thanksgiving LAFF
November 23.....	Devotional
November 24-25.....	Office Closed/Thanksgiving
December 3.....	Single Seniors Christmas Dinner
December 10.....	Breakfast with Santa
December 11.....	Care Group