

# Hillcrest Encouragement

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## Welcoming Christ: Immanuel

“Immanuel” – God is with us!

God the e\_\_\_\_\_ living in m\_\_\_\_\_ flesh.

Where is Immanuel for us t\_\_\_\_\_?

Sometimes the simplest words a\_\_\_\_\_ our hearts and change us f\_\_\_\_\_.

Two ways to approach Christianity:

- As a spiritual study of a\_\_\_\_\_ antiquities.
- Jesus is present, active, a\_\_\_\_\_ as Immanuel.

In b\_\_\_\_\_, Jesus is Immanuel!

Jesus meets us as Immanuel in...

- S\_\_\_\_\_ as HIStory – Matt 1:23
- In radical c\_\_\_\_\_ – Matt 18:20
- In compassionate s\_\_\_\_\_ – Matt 25:40
- In cross-cultural d\_\_\_\_\_ -m\_\_\_\_\_ – Matt 28:18-20

Hillcrest mission directly a\_\_\_\_\_ with these four truths.

E\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus to be real, to be present, to be Immanuel!

# 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

December 20, 2015

Worship Leader..... Dik Pittman  
Hymn: #42..... How Majestic Is Your Name  
Welcome..... Malcolm Coco  
Hymn: #185..... Jesus, Thy Name I Love

### Jesus Is God with Us

Isaiah 7:13-14..... Wyatt Cox  
Matthew 1:18-23..... Phil Sullivan  
Prayer..... David Beard  
Hymn..... Surround Us Lord

### The Lord's Supper

Hymn: #364..... Come, Share the Lord  
Communion Meditation..... Al dos Santos

### Offering

Prayer..... Al dos Santos

### Songs of Praise

Hymn: #996..... O Little Town of Bethlehem  
Hymn: #1018..... Joy to the World\*  
Hymn: #221..... Jesus, Name Above All Names  
Hymn: #222..... There's Something about that Name

### Welcoming Jesus: "Jesus is God With Us"

Message..... Phil Ware  
Hymn: #934..... Softly and Tenderly

### Responses

Hillcrest News..... Wayne Williams  
Hymn: #517..... Heaven Came Down  
Family Blessing..... Charles Perkins

(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 Speaker

A.M. – Phil Ware  
P.M. – Steve Powers

## Baptism

Congratulations to Wyatt Cox on his baptism on Dec. 13. Wyatt was baptized by his father, Darrin Cox.

## New Members

- Jay & Keri Sanders
- Louise Tinkler

## Sympathy

Sympathy to Dub & Patty Wellborn, and Kevin & Alison Wellborn on the loss of Dub's father, Barron Wellborn.

## New Automatic Doors

Hillcrest has installed two sets of automatic ADA doors located at the Southwest foyer and Chapel entrances.

## Which Entrance for Sunday Evenings?

On Sunday evenings, please enter through the Southwest Foyer entrance. We are limiting entrance to one door so that we can better monitor safety for the evening service group that meets in room 10/11, children's Bible Hour, and one life group that meets in the building. On Care Group Sundays, the evening service will also be in Room 10/11 from now on. Please help us out by not propping open other doors or leaving them unlocked.

## Wedding Shower – Sun., Dec. 20, 2-3:30 p.m.

Honoring Kimberly Clements (daughter of Curtis & Pam Clements) at the home of Donna Wilson, 1949 Benz Dr. Selections at Bed Bath & Beyond, Dillards, and Target.

## Financial Peace University - Rm 16 – Jan 10 - 6-7:30 p.m.

Bless someone with a membership to FPU! The 9-week course and membership kit costs \$100. Childcare provided. What a blessing to help a single mom or college student start off the new year learning how to get out of debt and learning how to budget. Facilitators are Steve & Joy Powers. To register call 559-307-1359 (Steve) or 559-260-7988 (Joy) or [www.daveramsey.com/fpu/classfinder](http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/classfinder) for online registration. Register by January 3, 2016.

## Teacher Appreciation Lunch - Sunday, Jan. 24, 2016

Make plans to attend the Teacher Appreciation Lunch. This event is open to the entire congregation and is free. RSVP's will begin in January.

## "What You Didn't Know About Mom & Dad" – Hosted by Hilltoppers – Chapel - Thursday, January 28, 7 p.m.

Lauren K. Templeton, D.O., Hendrick Hospice Care Medical Director, will speak on the topics of aging, loss of identity, loss of control, medication issues, staying home and advance directives.

## Babysitter for Ladies' Class Needed

A babysitter is needed for Tuesday morning ladies' class, 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., January 12 to May 10. The class will not meet the Tuesday of Spring Break. This is a paid job. If you are interested, please contact the church office (691-4200).

## Breakfast with Santa

Hillcrest hosted 371 people at Breakfast with Santa, which included 48 volunteers, 53 adults & 64 children from Hillcrest, and 85 adults & 121 children from the community. Five families expressed interest in a Bible study, three requested prayers and two wanted information about Hillcrest. Thank you to everyone who helped with this bridge event.

## Thank You from the Comfort & Hope Ministry

The "Comfort and Hope Ministry" sends a "round of applause" to everyone who helped with the Christmas sacks of goodies this year, whether it was baking, assembling, delivering sacks, or a combination of all three! The treats were yummy, with many already divided individually for us -thank you for taking that extra time. As always, the church staff supplied whatever we asked of them. Thank you! The Christmas sacks, along with encouraging written material, are delivered to our church members who have lost a loved one during the year. The purpose is to send a little cheer, to show that we remember their loss, and that we care. Our Hillcrest family also misses those who are no longer with us. Though the sacks are given to the families with losses this year, we recognize that there is no magic timetable for recovering from loss, and many are still in sorrow. We have not forgotten.

## For the Record

Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening
A.M. Assembly .....667	Rm 10/11 ..... Care Group
Classes.....669	
Membership.....900	Wed.....318
Nov. Offering.....\$117,273	

# Hillcrest Ministries

## Children's Corner

### Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #3)

### 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 – No Bible Hour Tonight.** Bible hour will begin again on January 3.

**M.A.G.I. Boxes** – Today is the last day to turn in your M.A.G.I. boxes. Please deposit the boxes into the red receptacle that is next to the desk in the children's wing.

## HYG – Youth

**Today** – No Huddles. Huddles will resume in January.

**Wednesday – 7 p.m.** – No Class. Devotional in the Chapel.

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Class, no evening event

Happy Holidays everyone! We are praying for safe travels for you over the break! Looking forward to next semester!

### Wednesday – Holiday Schedule

23rd and 30th - No Class. Devotional in the Chapel.

### Sunday – Holiday Schedule

- 27th - Worship at 10 a.m. - No Class or evening event.
- Jan 3rd - Class, no evening event

## Calendar of Events

December 23.....Devo/Hillcrest Singers in Chapel  
December 25-Jan 1 ..... Office Closed/Holiday  
December 27.....Worship at 10 a.m. ONLY  
December 30..... Devotional in Chapel/No Classes  
January 10.....Care Group  
January 17..... Remembrance of Lives Lived  
January 24..... Teacher Appreciation Lunch  
January 26.....Hilltoppers Luncheon  
January 28..... "What You Didn't Know About Mom & Dad" Seminar, Hosted by Hilltoppers  
January 30..... Movie/War Room  
January 31..... Faith at Home

## Adult Education Corner

**Sunday Morning Adult Classes** – Today is the last lesson in the series on the "Spiritual Responsibilities of the Individual and the Church." A series on the Gospel of Mark begins January 10.

### Wednesday Night – Chapel – 7 p.m.

There will be a short devotional, and come hear the Hillcrest Singers' Christmas program.

### Wednesday Night Class - Rm 10/11 – Beginning Jan. 6

Everett Ferguson will be teaching.

### Wednesday Night Class – Rm 12 – Beginning Jan. 6

Cliff Barbarick will lead a study of "The Christian and Homosexuality."

### Tuesday Women's Bible Study – Christmas Break

Classes will resume January 12.

## Family Ministry

### Wednesday Night Series – 7 p.m. – Room 14/15

Classes resume on January 6.

### Faith at Home Weekend – January 30-31

#### Saturday January 30 – MPR – 7 p.m.

Bring your lawn chairs or a blanket and watch *War Room*.

#### Sunday January 30 – Legacy Living – Building Stronger Relationships

## Missions & Faith Sharing

### Send the Light Applications

See Missions Team Chair Neal Coates to pick up an application to participate in the April special collection for short-term mission trips. Applications are due January 12.

### Packing Crayons and Band Aids for Zambia Medical Mission

5-10 volunteers are needed the next two Wednesday nights in Rm. 12 to help prepare two types of items for this July's Zambia Medical Mission. We will bag and box 10,000 crayons for the Children's Ministry area and 20,000 band aids for the Wound Care stations.

### Prison Ministry

The Middleton Unit had 32 baptisms in the month of November bringing the yearly total to 764. If you would like to be involved, contact Glenn Cannon or Jack Hardcastle.