

Hillcrest Encouragement

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"In the House of the Wise"

From childhood my father took a keen interest in helping me learn scripture. As I look back, now I can see how he was sustained by his serious Bible study. He wanted that same sustenance for my life. Interestingly, he focused a lot of my attention on memorizing certain proverbs in the wisdom literature. I believe my father fully understood the admonition of Moses in Deuteronomy 6:6-9, where he said the "commandments...are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children." Moreover, David indicated that he had hidden God's word in his heart. This is an attitude we need to adopt.

The wisdom literature (the proverbs in particular) are short, and some may think somewhat pithy, but they resound with lessons of wisdom and the call to be discerning. They are easy to read, easy to remember, and can be hidden in our hearts. They require, though, more thought to understand. The proverbs can be powerful points of contemplation. Wisdom is skill in the art of living God's way and is based upon a radical dependence on Him. There are lessons in these scriptures to help us achieve wisdom in all areas of our life.

One area is in our financial endeavors, where so many individuals do struggle, and where the Evil One exploits us and our energies. One proverb comes to mind in this regard, which has been a part of me for years and was memorized in childhood. Proverbs 21:20 says, "In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil, but a foolish man devours all that he has." So many folks deny the responsibility to be good stewards of what God provides us. Others focus totally on what God will provide without doing what they can with what God has provided.

God has outlined a participative plan for us to work out our lives in His service. We work; he blesses. I find in the above passage that God wants us to be proactive with what He gives us. He wants us to be good planners, managers, and stewards for the sake of the Kingdom and for our own sake. God will provide, but we must consciously use the ability he gave us to be good stewards for His work and for our families.

God knew we would struggle in our lives on this earth, and He provided some 2000 passages in His word addressing our attitudes about money and possessions. Let us look to His word to find wisdom, that is, skill in the art of living His Way.

May we encourage each other to live in the 'house of the wise.'

David Carter

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 1Room 121
Age 3..... Room 106	Gr 2Room 117
Age 4..... Room 107	Gr 3Room 120
Pre-K..... Room 110	Gr 4Room 213
K..... Room 118	Gr 5Room 209

Young Adult Classes

Middle School	Room 206
High School	Room 200
University	Room 17

Adult Classes

Sonrise (all ages) (8:00).....	Room 14
Upward Bound (all ages).....	Room 10
Y/O (all ages)	Room 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

February 1, 2015

Worship Leader Odies Wright
Hymn: #699 I'll Be a Friend to Jesus
Welcome Matt Haynes

Songs of Praise

Hymn: #432 How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts?
Hymn: #449 Thy Word
Hymn: #552 Have Thine Own Way

True Religion In Heart And In Action

Psalms 1 John Casada
Matthew 5:1-12..... Art Reese
Prayer Coy Roper
Hymn..... Worthy Is The Lamb

The Lord's Supper

Communion Meditation Charles Small

Offering

Prayer Charles Small
Hymn I Worship You, There is None Like You
Hymn: #71 As the Deer
(Parents may escort children ages 2-4 to TLC during this song)

"Resistance Training: Eat This Book"

Message Matt Haynes
Hymn: #431 Break Thou the Bread of Life

Responses

Hillcrest News..... Brian Burton
Hymn Anywhere is Home
Elder Blessing..... Cam Hurst

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

Care Groups meet.

Time Change of Care Group Chapel Service - Tonight

The Welcome class will be leading the service in the chapel tonight, at 5 p.m.

New Members

Don & Rudith Drennan
Wayne & Charlynn Rogers
Diamond Cobb

New Baby

Congratulations to Don & Sheila Hilton on the birth of a new granddaughter, Everly Wren Huston, on Jan. 22. Great-grandmothers are Charlotte Booker & Alvah Jean Hilton. Parents are Heath & JuliAnne Huston.

Tuesday Ladies Class - Feb 3

Room 30: Connie Adams - Chapter 1
Room 10: Gail Brown - 1 Timothy 3

Wedding Shower

Honoring Trenton Carothers and Tara Lowe on Sun., Feb. 8, at the home of Kent and Denise Barnett, 1401 Road Runner Ct. from 2-3:30 p.m. Selections: Target and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

Motherly Love

Our next Motherly Love will be Thur., Feb. 12, at the home of Lee Anna Ladyman, 817 Rivercrest, at 6 p.m. Our speaker will be Pat Bratcher speaking on "Some of The Most Powerful Words We Speak." If you are a young mother and have never attended Motherly Love, but would like to, call Linda Perkins at 672-9414.

Hillcrest 101

If you are a new member or considering placing membership at Hillcrest, you are invited to attend the Hillcrest 101 class. The class begins Wed., Feb. 11, in room 12. The first night we will begin at 5:30 with a New Member Dinner. Brian Davis, Matt Haynes, Alan Clute & one of the elders will each teach one session. Come learn more about Hillcrest. RSVP to Kay in the office 691-4200.

Calling all Middle School students!

You are invited to come study the life of Jesus through the book of Mark and earn your Good Servant award. We will meet at Hillcrest in Room 12 on Sunday afternoons at 3 p.m. starting Feb. 8. Contact Alan Clute at 691-4217 or aclute@hillcrestonline.com if you have any questions.

Woman to Woman Event

The next Woman to Woman event will be March 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m. More details to come.

Missions and Faith Sharing

News from Cleddy Varner, Caleb Callari, & Brian Davis in Zimbabwe:

Upon departing Mumena, Zambia, we travelled to our oldest mission work in Zimbabwe. Our trip in Zimbabwe has been very successful. Chris Dos Santos, with Operation Starfish Ministries (lead by Al and Debbie Dos Santos), met us at the airport. Chris is Al's brother. Al's son, Phillip, met us for dinner in Harare. We then travelled with Chris to the Operation Starfish feeding site at Rusape, where we hope to begin our University campaign this June.

After all of the arrangements with the brethren there were set into place, we pushed on to Mutare School of Preaching. The school is looking better than it has in the last 3 years. The board and administration were successful in raising their needed funds this year, and we organized to be with them on our campaign.

Finally, we drove into the mountains where Dave and Irene Meikles, long-time church leaders in Zimbabwe, run an outdoors camp in a very remote area. Our campaign in June plans to do this mountain camp experience with the students at MSOP as our final effort of ministry. What a special time of fellowship we had with the Meikles as we delivered the notes of encouragement from our Hilltoppers group at Hillcrest. Irene said with tears in her eyes, "I feel that I have a spiritual place to belong again." We all had tears in our eyes, after that making it hard to hike back down the mountain from where we worshipped. We are off to encourage our former church plants in Cape Town next. Thanks for your prayers!

Calendar of Events

February 1 2014 Remembrance Video
February 1 Care Group
February 8 Reception for Caleb Calari
February 11 New Member Dinner
February 11 Hillcrest 101 Begins
February 12 Motherly Love
February 24 Hilltoppers Luncheon
March 26 Woman to Woman Event

Hillcrest Ministries

Children's Corner

Baby Bunch Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #1)

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. Enjoy your Care Group.

HYG - Youth Group

Tonight

SOUPer Bowl party at 5 p.m. Bring a friend.

Monday

Youth Room will be open and serve as a prayer room from 5-6 p.m.

Wednesday

Tutoring at 6:15 p.m. Class at 7 p.m.

Thursday

Prayer Breakfast at 7 a.m. at Chick-fil-A North.

Sign up for the HYG family ski/mission trip to Angel Fire, NM. Contact Taylor for more details

HillcrestU – University

Tonight

SOUPer Bowl Party with HYG! The fun begins at 5 p.m., kick off is at 5:30 p.m. There will be soup and chili, along with desserts, commercials and for the three of you who care, and the game! We will be upstairs spread out over three rooms. We need to bring drinks and stuff to go along with the soup and chili!

Wednesday

LIFT Worship: Experiencing the Psalms at 7 p.m.

Thursday

We will have small group chapel this week at 11 a.m. at Jacob's Dream. If the weather is cold or rainy we will be in the Bible building room 120.

Spring Retreat – March 20-22

This is the weekend after spring break. The cost will be \$35. We hope you can make it.

Adult Education Corner

Wednesday night classes present numerous opportunities for study, fellowship and spiritual growth. We want to tell you more this week about two of these classes.

Large Adult Class – Rooms 10-11. This week **Houston Heflin** begins a month-long series entitled "Following God in Unexpected Places."

Renew – Room 30. This is a relatively new class for Hillcrest. It meets each week for a time of fellowship, worship, and silence with God and a period of sharing. It seeks to be intergenerational so that the participants can learn from a wide variety of life experiences and perspectives.

Family Ministry

Sunday - Single and Parenting - 6 p.m. – Room 14-15

Darrin Cox & Summer Anders facilitate this group.

Wednesday - 7 p.m. - Room 14-15

"The Story of Marriage" (by God). This series is for everyone - Singles, soon to be married/newly married and veteran marriages.

Divorce Care – Wednesday – 7 p.m. – Room 52

If you or someone you know could benefit from this support group, please plan to attend. Facilitated by Russell & Cene' Gould.

Watch "Family First" Saturday nights during the KRBC newscast at 6 p.m.

For the Record

Sunday Morning

A.M. Assembly 803
Bible Class..... 806
Membership 949

Offering.....\$29,359
Weekly Budget.....\$25,000

Sunday Evening

Auditorium.....52
Adult Life Group224
Bible Hour 26
University.....92

Wednesday Evening

Classes.....412