

Hillcrest Encouragement

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Mansion

"In my father's house are many mansions..."
John 14:2 (NKJV)

When we hear the word "mansion," we usually visualize a large house, expensively and tastefully furnished. The material wealth impresses us, but our human minds have trouble seeing past the blessings of this earth to the spiritual blessings Christians will have in heaven. Anything in heaven will be far superior to anything on earth. That is because those there will be with the Lord and Savior for eternity. What a blessing that will be!

Yes, God has promised his disciples a place in heaven. And we know that he always keeps his promises. There is no need to demand what he has promised. Sometimes we tell God that we are satisfied here on earth with little wealth, but in heaven we want a magnificent place. It sounds as if we think we deserve something from God! It is better to pray and sing praises to him for the many blessings he lavishes on us. We can also thank him for the glimpse of heaven he has given us. We do not need to tell him exactly what we want heaven to be.

When Jesus promised His disciples a "mansion" (*mone*) in heaven, he used a word that did not carry with it the meaning of elegance or extravagance that first comes to our minds. It simply means somewhere to live. The word itself does not indicate wealth, beauty, or anything large or fancy. In older English, "mansion" meant a dwelling place, a separate lodging. It is related to the word "manse" used especially in Scotland for the house of a minister--a simple place where everyone would be welcome. Later "manse" was used for the manor house of large estates, and so came to mean a grand house. The older, more humble meaning of "mansion" is closer to the meaning of Jesus' words in John 14:2.

"Many mansions" means there is room for everyone. It is the same word used in John 14:23 when Jesus says that if anyone "loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home (*mone*) with him" (RSV).

The word (*mone*), sometimes translated "mansion," means a dwelling place--somewhere to stay and live. A place where we belong. A place to be. Its use in John 14 emphasizes God's presence on earth and the hope and promise of an eternal dwelling with him.

Nancy Ferguson and Ann Ferguson Doyle
January 2014

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
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 15, 2015

Worship Leader..... Odies Wright
Hymn: #2..... We Praise Thee, O God
Welcome.....Matt Haynes

Songs of Praise

Hymn: #610..... I Love My Savior, Too
Hymn: #761..... Prince of Peace! Control My Will
Hymn: #822..... Sweet Will of God

God Is Faithful To His Promises

Genesis 15:1-7..... Neol Sexton
Hebrews 11:8-16, 39-40..... Bill Binder
Prayer..... Richard Greenawalt
Hymn..... One Thing Remains
Hymn: #180..... Jesus Is Lord

The Lord's Supper

Communion Meditation..... Ron Owens
Hymn..... There is None Like You

Offering

Prayer..... Ron Owens
Hymn: #827..... Sweet Hour of Prayer
Hymn..... As the Deer Thirst
(Parents may escort children ages 2-4 to TLC during this song)

"Resistance Training: Reversed Thunder"

Message..... Matt Haynes
Hymn: #791..... On Bended Knee

Responses

Hillcrest News..... Jarrell Edwards
Hymn: #15..... Step by Step
Family 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

Tonight's Speaker

Don Pope. "John 9: Can't See, Won't See"

New Baby

Congratulations to Tyler & Elizabeth Burton on the birth of a daughter, Avigale Jane Burton, born Feb. 9. Grandparents are Brian & Lavon Burton and great grandparents are Lewis & Jane Duncan.

Sympathy

Sympathy to Gordon & Linda Stokes on the loss of Gordon's mother, Dora Blakey, on Feb. 2.

Sympathy to the family of Margie Elam who passed away on Feb 2.

Sympathy to Joyce Curtis on the loss of her brother, Bob Curtis on Feb. 7.

Sympathy to Keith & Rita Morgan on the loss of Keith's aunt, Evelyn Williamson on Feb. 8.

Sympathy to Scott and Jennifer McMillan on the loss of Scott's mother, EuAlice McMillan on Thursday.

Tuesday Ladies Class - Feb 17 - 10 a.m.

Room 30: Jackie Vardiman – "Lord is it Warfare" Ch. 3.
Room 10: Margaret Cooper - 1 Timothy 5:1-17

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 continues this Wed., at 7 p.m. in room 12. Matt Haynes, Alan Clute & one of the elders will each teach one session. Come learn more about Hillcrest.

Men's Softball

The first practice will be Mon., Feb. 23. Contracts are due that night. The season starts Mar. 16. Cost is \$50. Contact Alan Clute if you are interested in playing.

Calendar of Events

February 24 Hilltoppers Luncheon
February 28 Men's Life Breakfast
March 1 Care Group (Young Professionals)
March 8 Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 19 Motherly Love
March 20-22 University Spring Retreat
March 26 Woman to Woman Event
April 5 Care Group (Church-wide Picnic)
April 19 Labor For Your Neighbor

Hilltoppers Luncheon

The next luncheon will be Tuesday, February 24 at 11:30 a.m. in Room 12. Ken Collums, ACU's head football coach, will be sharing about how the program is training football player to be men. The cost is \$3 per person.

Men's Life Breakfast

Rise up, O men of God! Plan to attend and bring your sons, grandsons, fathers, father-in-laws and friends for this time of food, fellowship and encouragement on Saturday, February 28, from 8 to 10 a.m., in Rm 12. The menu includes scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, milk, juice and coffee. David Beard will bring a devotional thought followed by discussion and prayer. There is no cost, but please sign up in Bible class so we can have a count for food. Contact Alan Clute if you have any questions or are willing to help cook.

Calling all Middle School students!

It's not too late to join the Good Servant class. Contact Alan Clute.

Missions and Faith Sharing

Cleddy Varner, Caleb Callari, and Brian Davis:

The last leg of our recent journey took us to look at possible new places for Hillcrest missions. More news on this soon. We are all glad to be home. Caleb is recovering from Malaria for which we are thankful.

Keep in your prayers:

- Cindy Robinson – Returning to Zambia and traveling and sharing the Gospel.
- Jeremy Davis, and Sam & Ellie Rodriguez – Going over to teach in our Mumena Bible School. This school serves the church leaders of our 19 young congregations in Northwest Province, Zambia.
- Phil & Paula Sullivan – Returning from a very productive "Let's Start Talking" campaign in Peru.
- Those who work in sharing their faith in our prison ministry.
- Those who work in our World Bible School Ministry.
- Tony Morrow & family, and Andrew Kelly & family – For safety as they do Kingdom work in Ukraine.

Hillcrest Ministries

Children's Corner

Baby Bunch 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

Tonight from 6-7 p.m. Infants up to age 3 meet in the nursery. Children ages 4-5th grade will begin in the MPR.

HYG - Youth Group

Tonight

IMPORTANT meeting for all those interested in attending the Spring Break Ski Trip. 4:30 p.m. in the Youth Room Huddles at 6 p.m.

Wednesday

Tutoring at 6:15 p.m. Class at 7 p.m. Mandatory class for Mumena Campaign students and parents

Thursday

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

Friday

Guys' night 6-8 p.m. in MPR. Girls' night 7-9 p.m. in Youth Room.

HillcrestU – University

Tonight

Individual LIFE groups meet
G1 – Holt (1318 Newcastle)
G2 – Barnett (1401 Roadrunner Ct)
G3 – Byrd (741 N 21st St)
G4 – Pruett (14 Hilliard)

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

New Series begins next Sunday morning

We begin a 6-week study of the Old Testament book of Judges. Follow Deborah, Gideon, Samson and the others as they attempt to free the Israelites from Baal worship. What would these judges say to us today?

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

"Breathing Room" Ever feel like you can't catch your breath? Perhaps you need some breathing room - a place where you can actually stop for a minute and not think about all of the family crises you're dealing with. In this four week series, we will show you how to create this place in your schedule, your finances, and your relationships. Don't miss it!

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 748
Bible Class 724
Membership 956

Offering \$23,238
Weekly Budget \$25,000

Sunday Evening

Auditorium 53
Adult Life Groups 194
Bible Hour 21
University 82

Wednesday Evening

Classes 390