

Hillcrest Encouragement

Elders

- John Barton
- Terry Brown
- Neal Coates
- Malcolm Coco
- David Copeland
- Ray Ferguson
- Duwain Houston
- Robert Marion
- Charles Perkins
- Don Pope
- C. D. Pruett
- Jack Stewart
- Phil Vardiman
- Cleddy Varner
- Gary Varner
- Odies Wright

Chairman of the Elders

Ray Ferguson
Ray.Ferguson@condley.com

Ministers

Nathan Burrow, *Preacher*
nathan@hillcrestonline.com

Alan Clute, *Involvement/Seniors*
aclute@hillcrestonline.com
691-4217

Cynthia Coates, *Children*
cynthia@hillcrestonline.com

Jack Hardcastle, *Family*
familyman@hillcrestonline.com

Justin Hatfield, *University*
justinhat@gmail.com

J. Sanders, *Youth*
j.sanders@hillcrestonline.com

SINGLED OUT:

Is the Church Welcoming to the Unmarried?

“But each of you has your own gift from God; one has this gift, another has that.”
1 Corinthians 7:7b

I’ve always been a little different. Growing up an “old soul” I looked at relationships differently than most of my peers. I felt God calling me to ministry when I was only thirteen years old. I took it very seriously and had very little interest in many of the other activities that my fellow youth entertained. I went to school, played sports, but church became the most dominant aspect of my life. Dating was not something that I pursued with much gusto. I would have rather had a Bible study, and that is what I often did. In High School, there was not a ton of girls flocking to date a guy who was more interested in preaching, teaching, and baptizing people than dating and that suited me fine. I felt complete and secure in my relationship with God.

When I went off to college I had the same focus. I was content with being single and growing in my relationship with Christ. I even prayed to God and told him that I would only want a wife if she would encourage my relationship with Him. But, the fact was that many thought I was missing out on something. Even many of my friends and church family wondered, “Why doesn’t Nathan have a girlfriend?” Later, God radically turned my life upside down when he brought Heather and I together, but I can tell you with complete confidence that it was not because either one of us desperately sought one another. It was only because we felt God moving us towards one another that we followed his lead. Heather had no desire to marry again after losing the love of her life to cancer. And I, well I had decided that I was going to be like the Apostle Paul. God called us to something greater than ourselves, we trusted Him and I’m very thankful. But, what if we had remained as we were?

Why do we feel like there is something wrong for a Christian to remain single and simply follow Christ? Both Jesus and Paul saw this as giftedness from the Lord (Matt. 19:11-12; 1 Cor. 7:7). I do not deny that this is not a common gift. Very often, couples are ignoring God’s call for them to marry. Some are called like Paul to live unmarried, faithfully pleasing the Lord. Many are called like Peter to live in marriage faithfully pleasing the Lord (1 Cor. 9:5). All are called to put Christ first. The church needs to be a place to model and welcome both. One should not be esteemed above the other. No matter what one’s status in life may be, God has given us the community of faith as a place to nurture love and wholeness centered on our shared relationship with Christ.

Nathan Burrow

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

Nursery.....	2-24 mo.
Age 2	Room 100
Age 3	Room 106
Age 4	Room 107
Pre-K.....	Room 110
K.....	Room 118
Gr 1.....	Room 121
Gr 2.....	Room 117
Gr 3.....	Room 120
Gr 4.....	Room 213
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

February 19, 2017

Worship Leader Odies Wright
Hymn: #718 We Shall Assemble
Welcome Duwain Houston

Songs of Praise

Hymn: #2 We Praise Thee, O God
Hymn: #3 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah
Hymn: #4 To God Be the Glory

Seek the Lord

Psalm 27:4-10 Diarron Morrison
1 Corinthians 7:29-35 Diarron Morrison
Hymn Hide Me Away, O Lord
Prayer Kevin Wellborn

We Celebrate the Lord’s Supper

Hymn Come to the Table
Communion Meditation Dan Cox

Offering

Prayer Dan Cox
Hymn Great Are You Lord
Hymn: #736 To Christ Be True
(Parents may escort children to TLC during this song. Due to the sensitive nature of this month's topic we will have children's worship available for all ages.)

“Sacred Singleness”

Message..... Nathan Burrow
Hymn: #790 Lord, Take Control

Responses

Family News Jim Watts
Hymn: #992 Can You Count the Stars?
Elder Blessing..... John Barton

Hillcrest Family News

Today's Speakers

A.M. - Nathan Burrow

Due to the sensitive nature of this month's topic we will have children's worship available for all ages.

P.M. - Coy Roper in the Chapel at 6 p.m.

Get to Know Nathan

If you haven't had a chance to meet or visit with Nathan, feel free to drop by the office any Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. His door will be open.

Giving Statements Now Available

To view or print your annual giving statement on Hillcrest Connect, go to hillcrestonline.com/hillcrestconnect/statement for instructions. If you have never logged in to Hillcrest Connect, choose the Sign Up option. You may also request an emailed copy at admin@hillcrestonline.com or call 691-4200 for a printed copy.

Hillcrest Softball

Warmer weather indicates that spring is right around the corner, a time to think about planting flowers and playing softball. We plan to have our first practice tomorrow at 8:30 p.m. The season will start Monday, March 13. The cost will be \$50 unless a sponsor can be found. Contact Alan Clute.

Hillcrest 101 Wednesday

If you are a new member or considering making Hillcrest your church family, you are invited to attend the Hillcrest 101 class. This class began Wed., February 15, at 7 p.m. in room 12. Terry Brown & Alan Clute are facilitating.

Hilltoppers Luncheon - February 28, 11:30 a.m.

Jim Clark of the Christian Service Center will be speaking. We will have tilapia. Sign up in Bible class.

Baby Shower - March 5, 2 p.m.

Honoring Billy & Rachel Lee (daughter of J.R. & Carmen Foster) at 1309 S. Leggett Dr. Selections at Target, BabiesRUs, www.babylist.com/leebaby. One small request, we hope it's not hard...please sign a book instead of a card (for baby boy Charlie).

Life Group

If you would like to join a Life Group, please call Alan Clute.

Missions and Faith Sharing

Memorial Scholarship Fund for Loy Mitchell

The Hillcrest Foreign Missions Team is very pleased to announce a Scholarship Fund in memory of Loy Mitchell, veteran missionary in Zimbabwe and worker with the Mutare School of Preaching. The scholarship for preaching students at the School will effectively remember and continue Loy's decades of spiritual service. We invite you to contribute to this special fund. For more information about Loy's work and this missions opportunity, you can pick up a brochure on the foyer tables or talk to Cam Hurst or John Fewkes.

Send the Light is April 2

The Send the Light special collection will be held at Hillcrest on Sunday April 2. Please mark your calendar!

Calendar of Events

February 15 - March 8 Hillcrest 101
 February 28 Hilltoppers Luncheon
 March 5 Bible Class Fellowship
 April 2 Send the Light Sunday
 April 28-30 HEB Family Retreat

For the Record

Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening
A.M. Assembly698	Chapel46
Bible Class637	
Membership883	Wed..... 333
Jan. Offering..... \$129,939	

Hillcrest Ministries

Children's Corner

Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #3)

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. 6-7 p.m.

HYG – Youth

Tonight - 6 p.m. - All Huddles

SENIOR huddles will meet as usual - J. and Keri will be there. Make sure you come to help plan your senior trip this summer! Pizza will be provided.

Wednesday – 7 p.m. - Class

Thursday

Prayer Breakfast - 7 a.m. at Chic-fil-A.

No TNT

Girls/Guys Night Out- Saturday, February 25, 6-9 p.m.

Girls - Keri's house (219 Bar B Trail) - dinner provided
 Guys - Primetime - dinner and games provided

Retreats - SAVE the DATE

High School - March 31-April 2 (Solid Rock camp in Eastland)

Middle School - May 5-6 (Camp Butman)

Hillcrest - U

Tonight - No LIFE groups.

Wednesday - 7 p.m. - Share YOUR Story.

Thursday - 11 a.m. - HillcrestU Prayer Chapel at Jacob's Dream. If the weather is poor, we will meet in BSB 121.

REACH - 4-5:30 p.m. If you want to participate in this outreach ministry to the youth at Canterbury Crossing Apartments, please see Justin or Kaylie.

Mark Your Calendar - REVIVE: Body. Mind. Spirit Spring Retreat will be March 3-5 at Solid Rock in Eastland! Cost will be \$35.

Adult Education Corner

Sunday Morning Adult Classes – This morning we continue the 8-week series on the book of James. Today's lesson, focuses on "Wisdom in our Relationships" Another series on "Forgiveness" begins in March!

Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Class - February 21, 10 a.m. J's & K's - Judge, Joy, King & Kneel - Psalm 36, 89, 11, 30, 24, 95. Teacher: Judy Reeves.

Wednesday Night Classes

- Rm 10/11 – Kevin Batten concludes his series on the Gospel of Mark.
- Rm 30 – ESL Class
- Rm 16 – Congregational Singing: Join Odies Wright for a time of worship in song!
- Rm 212 – Class for Young Professionals
- Rm 219 – Women's Bible Class: Daring Faith by Randy Harris and Greg Taylor. Women of all ages are invited.
- Rm 51 – Class for Singles led by Glenn Tuttle
- Rm 52 – Divorce Care
- Rm 12 - Hillcrest 101

Family Ministry

Wednesday Night Class - 7 p.m., Rm 14/15
The Fig Leaf Conspiracy

Did you know that sex is the covenant sign and seal for marriage, and this unique feature of marriage created by God is a major cornerstone of intimacy between a married man and woman? This is the reason why Satan hates it so much! From the moment Satan told Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden that they were naked, he has tried to corrupt human sexuality.

In this timely teaching tying in with the sermons this month, we will disclose Satan's lies and attacks on human sexuality and his intention to distort God's perfect design for marriage. Join us Wednesday nights.