

# Hillcrest Encouragement

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## Hillcrest and World Bible School

Besides the wonderful results being seen from on-going world-wide evangelism through World Bible School's postal and internet courses, new WBS ministries are opening doors for reaching even more lost people with the Gospel. Hillcrest is partnering with WBS in new ways as well.

### God Bless East Africa (GBEA)

As part of WBS' global strategy, East Africa has been targeted for special attention regarding recruitment. The receptivity to receiving WBS courses is high in the 4 countries included in this region: Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and S. Sudan. From 2014 to 2016, WBS is conducting a campaign in those countries called God Bless East Africa (GBEA). The focus on Kenya in 2014 and Uganda in 2015 had a great impact. Tanzania and S. Sudan will receive more attention in 2016 and beyond.

**Hillcrest's missionary Phil Palmer** is WBS' East Africa representative in charge of the GBEA campaign. He travels to the target countries twice a year (in January and for several weeks in the summer), along with his wife Elaine. He works with national church leaders, first to train and equip them to participate in GBEA as recruiters, then to hold outdoor preaching crusades and WBS enrollment across each country. The proclamation of the gospel and the mobilization of volunteer WBS recruiters result in many conversions. The campaign encourages the local congregations who incorporate those new converts. It gives evangelists a simple tool for ongoing outreach. It also creates networks through which American WBS teachers can send live servants of the church to meet their students, baptize them and continue teaching them.

### World Sunday School: "Friends"

World Bible School produces three courses designed for children, called the "Friends" series. They are written at a simple grade-school level. In East Africa many churches have Sunday School programs, but poverty prevents most of them from getting materials. *World Sunday School* helps meet the need of the African churches while also giving children in American churches exposure and a chance to learn about foreign missions. **Hillcrest's fourth grade Bible class** is adopting the Sunday School program from the Baraka Road Church of Christ in Nairobi, Kenya and will send them the 'Friends' courses. They will gather change or in other ways collect the needed funds and send the books to their adopted Sunday School. The children from both churches will exchange names and photos and pray for each other.

# 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

February 21, 2016

Worship Leader.....	Josh Snead
Hymn: #23.....	Our God, He Is Alive
Hymn: #528.....	I Know That My Redeemer Lives
Welcome.....	Terry Brown
Hymn: #57.....	Great Is Thy Faithfulness

### Reaching the Lost with WBS

Prayer.....	Dean Pye
Genesis 12:1-3.....	Zachary Bealmear
Matthew 28:18-20, 1 Peter 3:15-16.....	Kent Barnett

### The Lord's Supper

Hymn: #552.....	Have Thine Own Way
Hymn: #361.....	Nailed to the Cross
Communion Meditation.....	Kevin Batten

### Offering

Prayer.....	Kevin Batten
Hymn: #429.....	Oh, to Be Like Thee

### Special Collection

#### "When He Calls"

Hymn: #221.....	Jesus, Name Above All Names*
Hymn: #144.....	O Worship the King
Message.....	John Reese
Hymn: #851.....	I'll Fly Away

### Responses

Hillcrest News.....	Lynn Luttrell
Hymn: 867.....	To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way
Family Blessing.....	Dave Copeland

(\*Children's Song of the Month)

# Hillcrest Family News

## Today's Speaker

A.M. – John Reese  
P.M. – Coy Roper – Rm 10/11 at 6 p.m.

## Daily Bible Reading Plan for Spring

Extra copies of the plan for Feb - March are on the tables in the foyers. We are moving into Ephesians and the Pastorals (1 & 2 Timothy and Titus).

## New Baby

Congratulations to Cody & Christina Duncum on the birth of a daughter, Reagan, on February 8.

## New Pictures – Today

Is your picture in Hillcrest Connect? Have your children grown since the directory pictures taken in the fall of 2012? Have you experienced a change in your family? Are you new to Hillcrest? If you need a new picture for any of these reasons, please come by the side of the worship center after worship and have your picture made OR upload one to Hillcrest Connect yourself!

## Hilltoppers Luncheon – This Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.

Taylor Cockrell will share about the youth summer mission trip and how you can be involved. The menu will be stuffed bell pepper soup, turkey chili, ambrosia, chips, crackers & brownies with ice cream. If you would be willing to help prepare food Monday night at 7 p.m. or Tuesday morning beginning at 9 a.m., put a star by your name. The cost is \$3 per person. Hilltoppers are made up mostly of retirees, but anyone is welcome.

## Ugly Tie Contest – Sunday, February 28

We are asking our Single Seniors to serve as judges for the Ugly Tie Contest. Sign up at the side of the Worship Center and wear a judges' lanyard. Men and male youth are encouraged to "bribe" the judges with hugs, calls, visits, acts of service or kindness. The purpose is to connect our lives to one another (fellowship) in a fun way. Everyone is invited to watch the tie judging and enjoy a free meal at a luncheon in the MPR. Guys with ties: Get busy bribing! Not sure who to bribe? Contact the office for a list of single seniors.

## Men's Softball

Pitchers and catchers have reported for MLB spring training. Hillcrest's pitchers, catchers . . . infielders, outfielders and extra hitters need to report for the first softball practice on Monday, February 29, from 8 to 10 p.m. The season will start Monday, March 21 and go through May. Games will be at 7, 8 or 9 p.m. on Monday nights. The cost will be \$50 per player, unless we can find a sponsor. If you are interested in playing and enjoying fellowship, contact Alan Clute.

## A Hillcrest Singing - March 4

You are invited to A Hillcrest Singing on Friday, March 4, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in rooms 10 & 11. This will be a time for learning a few new songs and reviewing songs learned in the past. Babysitting is provided. Bring a snack to share. Stay for games and conversation afterwards. RSVP to your email invitation or call the office to let us know you are coming.

## Missions and Faith Sharing

### Special Collection for Eastern European Mission Bibles

There is a special collection today to raise money to purchase Bibles for the many refugees arriving in Europe and Germany. Eastern European Missions is printing at least 100,000 Bibles in Arabic, Farsi, and Urdu to distribute as needed in churches of Christ who are reaching out with humanitarian assistance and for Bible studies with Syrians and other refugees. A number of congregations in the U.S. and Europe are participating, and the goal the Hillcrest Missions Team has set is \$10,000. Thank you for giving.

### For the Record

Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening
A.M. Assembly..... 710	Rm 10/11..... 60
Classes..... 687	
Membership..... 900	Wed..... 367
Jan. Offering..... \$117,604	

## Calendar of Events

February 23 .....	Hilltoppers Luncheon
February 28 .....	Ugly Tie Luncheon
March 4-6 .....	University Spring Retreat
March 12-15 .....	HYG Spring Break Trip
March 23 .....	New Member Dinner
March 23 .....	Hillcrest 101 Begins
April 2 .....	Hillcrest Bible Bowl
April 3 .....	Send the Light Sunday
April 3 .....	Church-wide Picnic/Care Group
April 4-8 .....	Woman to Woman/Home Dinners
April 8-10 .....	High School Spring Retreat
April 20 .....	Cajun Fest LAFF
April 29-May 1 .....	Family Retreat at HEB Camp

# 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 – 6 p.m.** – 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

**Today** - Meeting in the youth room at 12 for those high school students interested in helping to plan Ground Zero. Lunch will be provided.

**Tonight – 6 p.m.** – Huddles

**Wednesday – 7 p.m.** – Come share your story! Our story is God's gift to us. Happy and joyful or painful and sad, our story can be used to encourage and bless others.

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

**TNT! Thursday Nights Together! – 7:30-9 p.m.**

**Sign-up** is now available online or through the link in our Newsletter for the HYG Spring Break Trip! March 12-15 \$75.

**Mark your calendars** for High School Spring Retreat, "Post-it's & Polaroids" April 8-10 \$60

Middle School Spring Retreat, "Kingdom" April 21-22 \$35

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**Tonight – 5 p.m.** – Regular LIFE groups will not meet. We will all meet together at Rosa's.

**Wednesday – 7 p.m.** – LIFT – Come Share Your Story

**Thursday - Prayer Chapel - ACU's campus, 11 a.m.**

**REACH Ministry! – Thursday, 4-5:30 p.m. – Canterbury Crossing Apartments** – Come join us as we minister to these wonderful children! See Justin, Kaylie or Savannah for more details. Background check required.

### Mark Your Calendar

- Feb 27 – 7:30 p.m. – Desserts & Movie/Hatfield House
- Mar 4-6 – "We Praise You" Spring retreat at Lake Cisco Christian camp. Cost is only \$20! Go to hillcrestu.com or our facebook page to sign up!

## Adult Education Corner

**"Our Children and Social Media"** - Social media is here to stay, and we need to talk about it. It provides a convenient way for our kids to communicate with their friends, parents, and even grandparents. However, it can also provide a platform for cyberbullying and other dangerous activities. Rod Pruitt, an expert on technology safety and bullying prevention for Region 14, will offer a presentation on kids and social media during Bible class on Wednesday, March 2, in Room 12. Then, on the following Wednesday, we'll have a time for further discussion about the issues he raises.

**Sunday Morning Adult Classes** – Today's lesson is based on Mark chapters 11-12.

### Wednesday Night Classes

- Rm 10/11** – Terry Brown concludes his series.
- Rm 12** – The final section of "Gospel of John" video is shown
- Rm 30** – ESL Class.
- Rm 16** – Join Odies Wright for a time of Worship in song!
- Rm 219 – Women's Class** "Walking by Faith" by Jennifer Rothschild. Women of all ages are invited.

### Tuesday Women's Bible Study – February 23 – 10 a.m.

**Rm 30** – "How Important Is It" (Eph. 4:29-32, 5:1-2) Teacher, Judy Reeves. – **Rm 10** – "The Law & the Promise" (Gal. 3:15-25) Teacher, Pat Pamplin.

## Family Ministry

### Wednesdays – Rm 14/15 – 7 p.m.

*IF* – All that stands between you and your wildest dreams for your family is one little "if". Looking at Romans 8 for four weeks, we will work together to overcome feelings of guilt, fear and doubt so that you can transform your family "if only's" into "what if" possibilities!



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