

# Hillcrest Encouragement

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## A PLACE TO BELONG

*"So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer."*

*2 Corinthians 5:16*

I had many friends growing up. As boys, we all loved playing football, baseball, basketball, army, etc. This one boy never did quite fit in. He was not very athletic or coordinated. His father used to pick on him for being a "wimp." He was constantly being put down by others. Looking back, I don't think he ever felt accepted by anyone. He heard the name calling his whole life. When we were in High School, he seemed to accept what everyone else had told him he was. Taking on this identity he seemed to finally find the acceptance he had always longed for. I think for many people today homosexuality is a refuge for those who are different than others. It could be the girl who is too much of a tomboy or the boy who is too gentle and timid. Rather than receiving people for who they are (artistic, athletic, creative, intellectual) we demand that they meet our expectations of what a person should be like. We classify people by the way they look or the clothes they wear.

Do any of us miss those awkward years of adolescence? It is hard enough trying to find your way growing up. The messages that people hear as children can stay with them their entire lives. Everyone is looking for people who will welcome them. Rejection can leave a sense of hopelessness. In despair, many turn to drugs, alcohol, bad relationships, or sexual sin. I know this is not the only way someone arrives at identifying themselves as a homosexual. However, I know that pain and hurt can greatly shape our feelings and choices. That is why so much human behavior follows a pattern.

The gospel offers a different perspective all together. We are no longer to be defined by our abilities, our looks, or our place of birth. God has given us a place to belong as we find our identity in following Christ. In the face of Jesus we see the reflection of who God has called us to be. There is nothing more beautiful or fulfilling than knowing this truth. Trust in His love. Obey His Word. Open your eyes! There is room at the cross.

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 26, 2017

Worship Leader ..... Isaac Wright  
Hymn: #167 ..... Hosanna  
Welcome ..... Justin Hatfield

### Songs of Praise

Hymn: #959 ..... Just A Little Talk with Jesus  
Hymn ..... Awesome God  
Hymn: #587 ..... Sing and Be Happy

### Acknowledge the Lord

Proverbs 3:5-8 ..... C. D. Pruett  
Romans 1:24-28..... C. D. Pruett  
Prayer ..... Robert Cole

### We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

Hymn ..... Here I am to Worship  
Communion Meditation ..... Cliff Barbarick

### Offering

Prayer ..... Cliff Barbarick  
Hymn ..... In Christ Alone  
Hymn ..... 10,000 Reasons  
*(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 Body"

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

### Responses

Family News ..... Kyle McAlister  
Hymn: #992 ..... Can You Count the Stars?\*

Elder Blessing..... John Barton  
*(\*Children's Song of the Month)*

# 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 (TLC) available for all ages.

P.M. - Dan Cox in the Chapel at 6 p.m.

## Sympathy

Our sympathy to J. & Keri Sanders on the loss of Keri's grandfather, Billy Spears.

Our sympathy to Kent & Lupe Anderson on the loss of Kent's mother, Billie Anderson.

## New Grandbaby

Congratulations to J. R. & Carmen Foster on the birth of a grandson, Luke Wayne Hoskins. Parents are Garrett & Jennifer Hoskins.

## 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](http://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](mailto: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 p.m. on field 2. The season will start Monday, March 13. The cost will be \$50 unless a sponsor can be found. Contact Alan Clute.

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

Jim Clark will be sharing ways you can serve at the Christian Service Center. We will have baked fish, almondine, tartar sauce, ambrosia, asparagus, rolls and dessert. If you would be willing to help prepare food Monday evening at 7 p.m. or Tuesday morning beginning at 9 a.m., put a star by your name on the sign up sheet in Bible class this morning.

## 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](http://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).

## Directory Update About Phone Numbers

Do you want to publish your mobile phone number in the Hillcrest Online Family Directory? Our church software program is making a change to show the mobile phone as the default contact number. This means anyone viewing online or printing our directory will be able to see that number. Please let us know if you DO NOT want to make your cell phone number available to all members by emailing [office@hillcrestonline.com](mailto:office@hillcrestonline.com) or calling 691-4200.

## 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

# Hillcrest Ministries

## Children's Corner

**Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #4)**

**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

**Wednesday – 7 p.m.** - WOW Bible Class

**Thursday**

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

No TNT

**Sunday March 5** - Youth led Sunday night service in the Hillcrest Chapel (6th-12th graders) parents welcome.

**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 - LIFE groups** will meet at 4 p.m. to visit Hillcrest members confined to their homes. At 6 p.m. we will meet back at Hillcrest for a meal in the MPR. Hope to see you there!

**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 conclude the 8-week series on the book of James. Another series on "Forgiveness" begins in March!

**Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Class - February 28, 10 a.m.** L's & M's - Light, Learn, Mighty & Meek - Psalm 43, 19, 46, 37. Teacher: Lori Ely.

### Wednesday Night Classes

- Rm 10/11 – Everett Ferguson will be Teaching
- 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.

### For the Record

Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening
A.M. Assembly..... 878	Chapel..... 57
Bible Class..... 669	
Membership ..... 883	Wed ..... 382
Jan. Offering ..... \$129,939	