

# Hillcrest Encouragement

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## SCARS OF HOPE

*But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. Isaiah 53:5*

I was born with a birth defect called Craniosynostosis. It is a fairly rare condition that affects the way an infant's head grows. The soft spot closes prematurely and can affect the shape of the head and some times the brain. I was still an infant when surgery was performed to reset the sutures in my skull. I have absolutely no memories of this. I have seen the pictures where I had Teflon tape covering the top of my head while the bones healed. What I do keep memory of is the 7 to 8 inch scar that runs from the back of my head to the front. My hair covers it up for the most part. Being over 6 feet tall, not many people see the top of my head. In fact, other than my family, only those who cut my hair know that it is there. When they see it and discover how large it is they are curious to say the least. "What happened?" they wonder aloud. I wish I had a more exciting story or even a vague memory of the event itself. Instead, what I always carry with me is the scar, from a wound that happened near the very beginning of my life.

Some scars are not so easy to hide as the one on my head. For instance, the scars on the wrist of my friend who during a very low point once tried to take his own life. Then, there are wounds that cannot be seen with human eyes because they are of an emotional or psychological nature. Though invisible, they are very real and run very deep. Whatever the type, none of us makes it through life without these wounds. They become a part of us. They shape our experience and in turn, how we view life. Our scars, imperfections, and defects are what make us human.

God transforms our brokenness. The resurrected Christ still bore the marks of the cross. John records the dramatic way in which Jesus calls Thomas to touch his wounds (John 20:27). The wounds remained, but they were transformed into something glorious. They were once the sign of Jesus certain demise; now God used the pierced body of Jesus to reveal his power over death. God's redemption to all who believe does the same today. God does not remove the scars, but he transforms them into a testimony of life over death. God works in the midst of our weakness, not in spite of it. Sharing this grace gives life and hope to our wounded world.

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 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 5, 2017

Worship Leader ..... Odies Wright  
Hymn: #296 ..... We Have Come into His House  
Welcome ..... Perry Reeves

### Songs of Praise

Hymn: #167 ..... Hosanna  
Hymn ..... My Life Is In You  
Hymn: #122 ..... The Love of God

### We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

Hymn: #346 ..... He Lives  
Communion Meditation ..... Robert Marion

### Offering

Prayer ..... Robert Marion  
Hymn: #683 ..... I Am Mine No More

### Made to Glorify

Genesis 1:26-31 ..... Eric Hardegree  
1 Corinthians 6:12-20 ..... Eric Hardegree  
Prayer ..... Charles Sheppard  
Hymn ..... Holy Spirit  
*(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 Sexuality: Understanding God's Design for Sex, Intimacy, and Relationship"

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

### Responses

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

# Hillcrest Family News

## Today's Speakers

A.M. - Nathan Burrow

P.M. - Bible Class Fellowship - The Soulful Filling class will lead the service in the Chapel at 6 p.m.

## Sympathy

Sympathy to Larry and Mary Kay Knight on the loss of Larry's mother, Marie Knight, on Friday. She was also the grandmother of Zach Knight and great grandmother of Owen, Clay and Will.

## New Great-Grandbaby

Congratulations to Lee and Laverne Trumbo on a new great-grandson, Levi Wayne Herring. Parents are Ricky & Lawana Herring.

**Teacher Appreciation** - Thank you to everyone who made the Teacher Appreciation Lunch a wonderful success! Thank you to Cynthia Coates, who planned the event and meal, to the youth who helped set up tables and chairs, to John & Jacque Fewkes and Traci Kennen for providing the decorations, to Greg Gee for overseeing the meal preparation and to everyone else who helped in any way. Congratulations to Beth Pope who was the recipient of the Sybil Faubus Memorial Award. Thank you to everyone who taught during 2016. We appreciate your effort and dedication.

## 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 email at [admin@hillcrestonline.com](mailto:admin@hillcrestonline.com) or call 691-4200 for a printed copy.

## Calendar of Events

February 5 ..... Bible Class Fellowship  
 February 15 ..... New Member Dinner  
 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

## New Wednesday Night Ladies Discussion Class begins This Wednesday.

The class will study "Daring Faith" by Randy Harris and Greg Taylor, a book that focuses on meeting Jesus as He is presented in the Gospel of John. Women looking for an opportunity to grow spiritually while developing a deeper relationship with other sisters in Christ are invited to attend. This class meets in Room 219. If you have any questions about the class, contact Marty Williams.

## Hillcrest 101 & New Member Dinner, Wed., Feb. 15

If you are a new member or considering making Hillcrest your church family, you are invited to attend the Hillcrest 101 class. This class begins Wed., February 15, at 7 p.m. room 12. The first night we will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a New Member Dinner with elders, staff & spouses in the MPR. Terry Brown & Alan Clute will facilitate. RSVP to Kay in the Office 691-4200.

## Life Group

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

## Prayer Team Life Group

Join the Hillcrest Prayer Team in praying for all things Hillcrest such as ministers, ministries, special needs, and the spiritual health of Hillcrest. The team receives weekly prayer focus email and monthly potluck/group prayer time. Email Robert Cole for more info. [rlcole1985@gmail.com](mailto:rlcole1985@gmail.com)

## Missions and Faith Sharing

## Zambia Medical Mission

Thank you to everyone who helped the last two Saturdays at Bontke Construction to load two 40-foot containers with supplies and humanitarian goods for Zambia Medical Mission this upcoming July. Hillcrest will have several people working at ZMM this summer.

Phil Palmer was scheduled to return yesterday from East Africa and South Sudan for World Bible School.

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

# Hillcrest Ministries

## Children's Corner

**Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #1)**

**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.

**No Bible Hour Tonight.** Due to Bible Class Fellowship.

## HYG – Youth

**Tonight - 5 p.m.** - Super Bowl Party. MS and HS, Bring soups or chili or a dessert. Drinks provided.

**Wednesday – 7 p.m.** - Class

**Thursday**

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

No TNT

**Seniors & Parents Meet & Greet - Sunday, Feb., 12**

Seniors and Parents will have a meet and greet at Rosa's on Judge Ely following class to go over upcoming senior events.

LTC practice schedule coming soon.

**HYG Spring Retreat** will be March 31-April 2. Sign-up online. Link in Newsletter.

## Hillcrest - U

**Tonight - 5 p.m., Super Bowl Party.** We'll be here at Hillcrest in the MPR and rooms 10, 11 and 12! Soup, chili and dessert! Bring your friends and games!

**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** - This week we are just handing out flyers. We will start in earnest next week!

**Mark Your Calendar** - 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, taken from chapter 2 focuses on "Faith and Works". Another series on "Forgiveness" begins in March! Be looking for more information in the near future

**Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Class - February 7, 10 a.m.** F's & G's - Faithful, Follow, Gracious & Gratitude, Psalm, 33, 145, 86, 63, 103, 136. Teacher: Pam Clements.

## Wednesday Night Classes

- Rm 10/11 – February's teacher is Kevin Batten.
- 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

## Family Ministry

## New 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..... 707	Chapel..... 48
Bible Class..... 512	
Membership..... 883	Wed ..... 397
Jan. Offering ..... \$129,939	