

Hillcrest Encouragement

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Hillcrest Church of Christ Elders' Charge to Preaching Minister Search Committee

Our Charge to You

Your charge is to help the elders secure a pulpit minister whose primary responsibility is to preach and teach the Word of God. We are looking for an excellent communicator who has the ability to affirm and proclaim our faith and inspire us to grow in spiritual maturity, both individually and as a congregation.

Important Considerations

First and foremost, we seek a man of strong Christian character.

We seek to restore a spirit of unity and purpose within the congregation. The pulpit minister should partner with us as we "make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

We also seek an individual committed to be engaged with current staff as a team member utilizing his talents and gifts in support of the mission of Hillcrest. He would seek to create and maintain relationships with the Hillcrest membership outside of the pulpit to provide a personal connection with the congregation.

We, as individual elders, submit to the authority of the eldership, and expect the same commitment from all ministers, including the pulpit minister.

We believe that baptism by immersion is part of the faith response necessary for the remission of sins. The pulpit minister should share this conviction.

You have been asked to serve after much prayer and deliberation. We trust you and have confidence in your ability to successfully lead us through this process.

Be diligent, focused and passionate in your search.

Seek God's will.

Love one another.

Our Commitment to You

We commit to continue to pray regularly for you, both individually and as a group.

We commit to do our best to evaluate the candidate or candidates that you present to us based upon our charge and the important considerations we have presented to you.

The Elders

January 10, 2016

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

January 17, 2016

Worship Leader	Josh Snead
Hymn: #103	He Has Made Me Glad
Welcome	Duwain Houston
Hymn	A Shield About Me

Caring for Our Community

Leviticus 19:18.....	Kent Barnett
Matthew 25:31-46	Charles Anderson
Prayer	Justin Harrison
Hymn: #62	I Exalt Thee

The Lord's Supper

Hymn	When We Meet In Sweet Communion
Communion Meditation.....	Robert Kern

Offering

Prayer	Robert Kern
Hymn	Great Are You Lord
Hymn: #703	I Love You with the Love of the Lord*

The Connected Life: To Community

Message	Phil Ware
Hymn: #63	I Will Call Upon the Lord

Responses

Hillcrest News.....	Kyle McAlister
Hymn: #123	The Steadfast Love of the Lord
Family Blessing	Terry Brown

(Children's Song of the Month*)

Hillcrest Family News

Today's Speaker

A.M. – Phil Ware
P.M. – Coy Roper – Rm 10/11 at 6 p.m.

Sympathy

- Sympathy to Linda Light & family and Ray & Star Ferguson on the loss of Lance Light.
- Sympathy to Lee & Becky Lambert on the loss of Lee's brother, Max Lambert.

Baby Shower – Today, Jan. 17, 2-3:30 p.m.

Honoring Christina Duncum and baby girl, Reagan, at the home of Laura Copeland, 1451 Tanglewood. Selections at Target, Walmart and Amazon.

Teacher Appreciation Lunch – Next Sunday, Jan. 24

All church members are invited to our annual Teacher Appreciation Lunch, which is to take place at noon, Sunday, January 24, in the MPR. You may R.S.V.P. in your class today or R.S.V.P. online at www.hillcrestonline.com. This is to honor teachers of all ages. The lunch is free.

Sybil Faubus Memorial Award – Each year the Sybil Faubus Memorial Award is presented to a person or couple from Hillcrest who exhibits outstanding qualities as a teacher of children, teens, or adults. Nomination forms can be found in the southwest foyer, children's wing, or in the chapel area, or you may submit your nomination online at www.hillcrestonline.com. The deadline to make your nomination is January 17. This person or couple will be recognized at the Teacher Appreciation Lunch on January 24.

Wedding Shower – Sun., Jan. 24, 2-3:30 p.m.

Honoring Katie Miller and Morgan Lineberry, at the home of Kim Hancock, 1841 Marathon Ct. Selections at Dillard's and Target.

Woman to Woman Planning Meeting – Rm 10 – Sun., Jan. 24, 3-4:30 p.m. There will be a planning meeting for all Steering Committee members.

Hilltoppers Luncheon – Rm 12 – Tues., Jan. 26, 11:30 a.m. John & Jacque Fewkes will be presenting about Global Seed Sowers. Sign up in Bible class.

“What You Didn't Know About Mom & Dad” – Hosted by Hilltoppers – Chapel - Thursday, January 28, 7 p.m.

Lauren K. Templeton, D.O., Hendrick Hospice Care Medical Director, will speak on the topics of aging, loss of identity, loss of control, medication issues, staying home and advance directives. Anyone is welcome. It is designed for those taking care of parents.

Items Needed for Ukraine

Jeremiah's Hope will be shipping their 12th container of relief aid to Ukraine in late February. They are collecting items which will help refugee families "resettle" and establish life again, focusing on educational needs of their kids, linens for their new homes and garden tools to help them begin new gardens for food. If you would be willing to donate any of the items, please place them in the labeled collection bins by Sunday, February 7. A list of needed items is located on the tables in the foyers.

Missions & Faith Sharing

Prison Ministry – Middleton Unit

There were 118 baptisms in December. There were a total of 982 baptisms in 2015.

Service Opportunities in Missions

The Missions Team invites you to assist in any of the following activities at Bontke Brothers Construction, which benefit some of our summer mission sites:

- Sat., Jan. 23, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. – Box prep for Zambia Medical Mission.
- Sat., Jan. 30, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. – Load container for Zambia Medical Mission.

Calendar of Events

January 17.....Remembrance of Lives Lived
January 24.....Teacher Appreciation Lunch
January 26..... Hilltoppers Luncheon
January 28.....“What You Didn't Know About Mom & Dad” Seminar, Hosted by Hilltoppers
January 30..... Movie in MPR: *War Room*
January 31..... Faith at Home Sunday
“Legacy Living: Building Stronger Relationships”
January 31.....New Life Blessing
February 7 Care Group
February 28 Ugly Tie Luncheon
March 6..... Care Group
April 2.....Hillcrest Bible Bowl
April 3.....Church-wide Picnic/Care Group
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. – Infants up to age 3 meet in the nursery. Children ages 4-5th grade will begin in the MPR.

HYG – Youth

Tonight – 6 p.m. – Huddles

Wednesday – 7 p.m. – Come share your story!

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

TNT! Thursday Nights Together! 7:30-9 p.m. – Meet in the youth room. Come hang out and play games. Bring your friends!!

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Tonight – 6 p.m. – LIFE Groups Meet.

G1 – Wages
G2 – Barnett
G3 – McAlister
G4 – Hatfield

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

Everyone has a story to tell. We want to hear yours. Each Wednesday we have 2 volunteers come and spend 15-20 minutes sharing their story as it is, meaning it doesn't have to be desensitized or sensationalized. We just want to hear your story and spend time in prayer for you!

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

Weather permitting at Jacob's Dream. Otherwise, in the Bible building room 112.

REACH Ministry! – Thursday, Jan. 21 – If you are planning to help with REACH, we will meet at Canterbury Crossing apartments at 4 p.m. to pass out flyers and waivers. Our first REACH with the kids will be on January 28.

Adult Education Corner

Sunday Morning Adult Classes – Today's lesson focuses on Mark chapters 2 and 3.

Wednesday Night Class - Rm 10/11 – Everett Ferguson is teaching a series on the book of Colossians.

Wednesday Night Class – Rm 12 – Cliff Barbarick is leading a study titled “A Christian View of Homosexuality.”

Wednesday Night Class – Rm 30 – ESL Class.

Wednesday Night Class – Rm 16 – Join Odies Wright for a time of Worship in song!

Tuesday Women's Bible Study – January 19 – 10 a.m.

Rm 10 – Teacher – Mary Barton, Introduction & “No Other Gospel” – Gal. 1:1-10,
Rm 30 – Teacher – Megan Forsberg, “One Day at a Time” – Matt. 6:19-20

Family Ministry

Wednesdays – Rm 14/15 – 7 p.m.

Future Family: You Have A Choice In The Matter -

When it comes to family, what does a preferred future look like? What exactly are we aiming for? Whether you are starting a new family or leaving an old one, this class will help you decide what you want your family's future to look like, and help you plan to get there.

Faith at Home Weekend – January 30-31

- Family Movie in MPR – Saturday, Jan. 30, 7 p.m. – Bring your lawn chairs or a blanket and watch the movie *War Room*.
- Special Speakers – Sunday, Jan. 31 – “Legacy Living – Building Stronger Relationships” with Damon & Melody Parker.
- New Life Milestone Event – Sunday, Jan. 31 - Noon.

For the Record

Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening
A.M. Assembly739	Rm 10/11 Care Group
Classes.....704	
Membership.....900	Wed.....452
Dec. Offering\$98,089	