

Hillcrest Encouragement

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You Are What You Eat

Well, the holidays are over and thus begins the dreaded first of the year diet. Don't sit there like you don't know what I'm talking about. We all over-indulged beginning with Halloween and it didn't stop until after January 1st. It was pretty good though, wasn't it? Grandma can really cook! There's much to be said for family gatherings and feasting. They become a part of us – our heritage and our traditions. It's more than mere nutrition, the food we eat becomes us in part because of where we get it and the context in which it was enjoyed. Gerhard Tersteegen, the early 18th century German Christian mystic, may have been thinking of this concept when he penned his poem:

Man, earthy of the earth, an-hungered feeds
On earth's dark poison tree –
Wild gourds, and deadly roots, and bitter weeds;
And as his food is he.
And hungry souls there are, that find and eat
God's manna day by day –
And glad they are, there life is fresh and sweet,
For as their food are they.

The evidence is all around us. People gorge themselves on a poisonous feast as they pull their chairs up to the table of the world and bite each other, embittering themselves on the food they think they're enjoying. Bitter, poisonous and wild they become, just like their food. I'm not talking about "sinners" who eschew the church and her God. I'm talking about us – the church. Paradoxically, we talk with great disdain about "those people" who are caught in sin. We gorge ourselves on the poisonous porridge of pride – it tastes soooo good – as we sniff at our fellow sinners on the news. Our will is fed by the wildness of "we" to the exclusion of others different from ourselves. We become boldly bitter toward the "bad" person next to us as we think we're better than they. It's all because of that "feast" offered by the world, cooked up and served by Satan himself. It looks good alright, but the effects are painful. Painful to God as He watches us fight each other and feed our ravenous selves, gaunt and never satisfied. Bloating on the junk of the world, we are sluggish and slothful to God.

In contrast, there is another meal. Not quite so garish and opulent, but oh so good for us. God's manna is served at His table of sacrifice. We can recognize the ones who feast at this table. They aren't busy grasping and greedily stuffing themselves full of self-admiration, pride, and the praise of men. There is enough for all at God's table. When we scoot our chairs up to His table of manna we are fed with His goodness. We become what we eat as we consume the Bread of Life. Instead of selfishly sapping the life of others, we become a well-spring of fresh, sweet hope for the hungry, selflessly serving each other. All who hunger and thirst for righteousness will be filled.

James McGee

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 111	Gr 5 Room 209

Young Adult Classes

Middle School.....	Room 206
High School.....	Room 200
University.....	Room 17

Adult Classes

Sonrise Class (all ages) (8:00)	Room 14
Upward Bound (all ages).....	Room 10
Y/O (all ages).....	Room 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 18, 2015

Worship Leader Odies Wright
Hymn: #3..... Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah
Welcome..... Matt Haynes

Songs of Praise

Hymn: #429..... Oh, to Be Like Thee
Hymn: #692..... Change My Heart, O God
Hymn..... Create In Me a Clean Heart
Hymn..... Light the Fire

Setting Directions For The New Year

Psalm 90:1-6, 10-17 Jacob Riddle
1 John 2:12-17 Luke Riddle
Prayer..... Forrest Weaver
Hymn: #123..... The Steadfast Love
Hymn..... Magnificat

The Lord's Supper

Communion Meditation Rick Riddle

Offering

Prayer..... Rick Riddle
Hymn: #666..... I Am Thine, O Lord

"Resistance Training"

Message Matt Haynes
Hymn: #416..... Footsteps of Jesus

Responses

Hillcrest News Shane Price
Hymn: #831..... Let Me Live Close to Thee
Elder Blessing..... C. D. Pruett

The Hillcrest family is led by the Holy Spirit to glorify God, proclaim the truth of Christ which transforms lives, and encourage one another toward faithful service and maturity.

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Hillcrest Family News

Tonight's Speaker

Gary Montgomery - "Does God Still Heal us Today"

Baptisms

Carter Snead - 12/28/14

Grady Meyers - 1/11/15

Sympathy

Sympathy to Mario and Gerri Jiminez on the loss of their daughter-in-law, Maria, in Amarillo on the 11th.

Sympathy to Bert Cornelius on the loss of her brother, Elvin Evatt, in Ralls on the 11th.

Sympathy to Gordon & Linda Stokes on the loss of Gordon's step-father, Charles Blakey of Snyder.

Tuesday Ladies Class - Jan. 20

Room 30: Marty Williams - "Remember Me"

Room 10: Cathy Franklin - 1 Timothy 1:12-20

Hillcrest Singers

This is a good time to join the Hillcrest Singers Ministry. Rehearsals and Programs are on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Rehearsals for the Spring Programs began Wednesday, Jan. 14, in the Hillcrest Chapel.

Teacher Appreciation Lunch - Sunday, Jan. 25

All church members are invited to our annual Teacher Appreciation Lunch, at noon, Sunday, January 25, in the MPR. R.S.V.P. in your class today or online at hillcrestonline.com. This is to honor teachers of all age groups.

Sybil Faubus Memorial Award - Jan. 25

Each year the Sybil Faubus Memorial Award is presented to a person or couple from Hillcrest who exhibits outstanding qualities as a teacher of any age group. Nomination forms can be found in the foyers and the children's wing, or you may submit your nomination online at www.hillcrestonline.com. The deadline to make your nomination is January 18. This person or couple will be recognized at the Teacher Appreciation Lunch, January 25.

Hilltoppers

The next Hilltoppers Luncheon will be Tuesday, January 27, at 11:30 a.m. in Room 12. Steve Wages will be presenting. The menu includes chili and chicken noodle soup, tossed salad, cornbread, crackers and dessert. The cost is \$3 per person. Hilltoppers are made up mostly of retirees, but anyone is welcome.

Singing Retreat - Jan. 30-31

Our annual singing retreat will be Jan. 30-31, at Hillcrest and will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday and continue from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday. Cost for the retreat is \$5.00 per adult, youth free. Child care is provided by students going on the Zambia Medical Mission. (donations welcomed)

End of Year Giving Statements Online

This year you can view and download your annual giving statement by logging in to Hillcrest Connect at www.hillcrestonline.com/hillcrestconnect. If you have never logged in, choose the Sign Up option to create your account. We are happy to help you do this, so don't be shy. Step-by-step instructions for viewing your statement are also available at the bottom of this web page. You will only be able to access your own giving statement; others will not be able to access it. You may also request an email or printed copy. Just email admin@hillcrestonline.com or call 692-4211.

Prayer Page and Faith at Home Page

Beginning this year, these two pages will only be printed when there is an update. You can pick one up at any of the guest tables at the main entrances or download a PDF from our website.

Inclement Weather Closings

When winter weather prevents members from safely attending, the elders may choose to cancel services. If that happens, we will post information on the Hillcrest homepage at www.hillcrestonline.com, the office voicemail at 691-4200, local TV stations & websites, and through our email message system.

For the Record

Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening
A.M. Assembly..... 841	Auditorium..... Care Group
Bible Class..... 699	
Membership..... 949	Wednesday Evening
	Classes403
Offering\$25,060	
Weekly Budget\$25,000	

Hillcrest Ministries

Children's Corner

Baby Bunch 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

Tonight at 6 p.m. Infants up to age 3 meet in the nursery. Children ages 4-5th grade will begin in the MPR.

HYG - Youth Group

Tonight

HS & MS huddles meet at 6 p.m.

Wednesday

Class at 7 p.m.

Thursday

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

HillcrestU - University

Tonight

LIFE Groups begin. This semester our groups will be meeting together in pairs. All groups start at 5:30 p.m. and will be over by 7 p.m. We hope you will come and join us!

G1 and G2 - White Home (2541 John C Stevens)

G3 and G4 - Goodman Home (702 Serrot Ct)

Wednesday

LIFT praise night at 7 p.m.

Small group chapel will begin in 2 weeks.

Calendar of Events

January 25	Teacher Appreciation
January 27	Hilltoppers Luncheon
January 30-31	Singing Retreat
February 1	2014 Remembrance Video
February 1	Care Group

Family Ministry

Sunday - Single and Parenting - 6 p.m. - Room 14-15

Darrin Cox & Summer Anders lead this group.

Wednesday - 7 p.m. - Room 14-15

"The Story of Marriage" (by God). This series is for everyone - Singles, soon to be married/newly married and veteran marriages.

A Change in Faith at Home Month

In 2015, the Faith at Home Month that we normally have in January will be changing to a different format! In the months that there are five Sundays, we will have a special Faith at Home Weekend with special speakers and events. This year they will occur in March, May, August and November. Watch for more information on these special weekends in future bulletins!

Missions and Faith Sharing

Report from Brian Davis and Cleddy Varner:

We have been working with our effort at Mumena, Zambia, to transition from located church planting missionaries to a "shoulder to shoulder" ministry model. This is the goal that we have been working toward for 10 years. Hillcrest will be participating with the local churches' leadership three times a year: Two leadership development Bible schools (April & September) and one campaign (July). For this to happen, everyone here has to mature by carrying their load... and that is happening. The local church leaders met with Cleddy, Caleb, and I and are excited about managing the Bible School Facility and program. His Royal Highness, Chief Mumena, has agreed to place our four buildings and water system within the Royal Establishment, thus providing us a place from which to work. We are very blessed to see this kind of pulling together for the expansion of the Kingdom! Next, we take Caleb Callari with us as we visit our oldest mission work in Mutare, Zimbabwe. The saints in Mumena send you their greetings!

Brian, Cleddy, & Caleb