

Hillcrest Encouragement

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God's Mosquito Net

In Zambia to get protection from the flies, inswa, wasps, and skinks, I relax under my mosquito net even during the day. The net circle hoop has a point at the top that directs my eyes upward. I gaze up and see a tent over my entire body and it reminds me of a fog or mist from God to envelope and to tell me not to be afraid of the outside badness. I really do feel all wrapped up with God under my net.

Yesterday at the Kasisbi Church of Christ, I felt the same way of being surrounded, protected by God, and wrapped up with God. The ladies surrounded me on the women's side of the small church as I sat down on the wobbly bench. I felt encircled by the ladies in the small village church and the words on the ceiling logs beckoned my eyes upward, "Read the Bible the Pathway to Life" and "2014 Theme: Be Ambassadors of Christ". Many "snaps" of members working and eating together decorated the walls and surrounded me on three sides. Ba Shepherd's and Ba Leonard's words and songs from God penetrated me as I stepped into God's misty cloud. And wouldn't you know it? After the services, we went out for the traditional line hand shaking where every man, woman, and child shakes every hand, and then the whole one hundred and forty-seven people surrounded us and sang and danced and clapped telling us how happy they were that we were there with them. God's words and his church's actions made me feel protected from the bad things on the outside just like my insect net protects me from the bad creatures on the outside. I really did feel all wrapped up, tied up and tangled up with God as the camp song goes.

Sometimes though, I do have to venture out from the safety of my mosquito net, but I know I am protected and cared for when I am under it. The church, that Jesus died for and gave me, gives a cloud of God to cover me and to show me how to be protected from evils.

Who wouldn't want protection and security in Jesus' family? Ephesians 3:10-11 shows that the church displays the multi-faceted wisdom of God to the authorities in the heavenly realms. The church.....the manifold wisdom of God.....my mosquito net.....my safety net. It's God's wisdom.

Blessings from the little house in the bush. Cindy Robinson

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 1Room 121
Age 3..... Room 106	Gr 2Room 117
Age 4..... Room 107	Gr 3Room 120
Pre-K..... Room 110	Gr 4Room 213
K..... Room 118	Gr 5Room 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 24, 2016

Worship LeaderLynn Luttrell
Hymn: #167Hosanna
WelcomeJustin Hatfield
Hymn..... A Shield About Me

Reaching the Lost

Hymn: #622 Ring Out the Message
Leviticus 19:18.....Forrest Weaver
Matthew 25:31-46.....James Hunter
Prayer Ron Rosseau
Hymn..... Salvation Belongs to Our God

The Lord's Supper

Hymn..... How Deep the Father's Love
Communion Meditation David Robinett
Hymn: #703 I Love You with the Love of the Lord*

Offering

Prayer David Robinett

Hymn..... Days of Elijah
Hymn: #624 Seeking the Lost

The Connected Life: To Lost

Message Phil Ware
Hymn: #660 People Need People

Responses

Hillcrest News..... Kyle McAlister
Hymn: #650 Send the Light
Family Blessing Terry Brown

(Children's Song of the Month*)

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

Today's Speaker

A.M. – Phil Ware
P.M. – Bob Pipes – Rm 10/11 at 6 p.m.

Sympathy

Our Sympathy to Jack Qualls on the loss of his daughter-in-law, Sharon Qualls.

Baptism

Congratulations to Karla Brassfield on her baptism. She is the fiancé of Coyt Pittman, who is Ben Zickefoose's grandson.

New Grandbaby

Congratulations to Steve & Kim Conley on the birth of a new granddaughter, Adelaide Rene Foree. Parents are Michael & Marci Foree and big sister, Gwyneth. Great grandparents are Ray Blackwell and Bootsie Conley.

New Member Pictures - Today

If you are new to Hillcrest or have experienced a change in your family, please come to the side of the Worship Center and have your picture made after worship and before Bible class.

Teacher Appreciation Lunch – Today – Noon

Wedding Shower – Today, 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.

Hilltoppers Luncheon – Rm 12 – Tues., Jan. 26, 11:30 a.m.

John & Jacque Fewkes will present about Global Seed Sowers. The menu will be creamy chicken on bacon & rice, vegetable medley, spinach salad and bread pudding with ice cream. Please sign up in Bible class. 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 of mostly retirees, but everyone is welcome.

“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.

New Life Blessing - Next Sunday, January 31

As part of Faith at Home Sunday, we will be having a New Life Blessing honoring babies born and those who have been baptized since the fall of 2014. The elders will present a Bible and pray over our honorees.

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!

End of Year Giving Statements Online

You can view and download your annual giving statement by going to www.hillcrestonline.com/hillcrestconnect then log in to Hillcrest Connect. For step by step instructions, click on the link to View or Print Your Giving Statement beside the login box. If you have never logged in, choose the Sign Up option at the bottom of the login box to create your account. We are happy to help you do this, so don't be shy. Only you and your spouse will be able to access your 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.

Items Needed for Ukraine

Jeremiah's Hope will be shipping their 12th container of relief aid to Ukraine in late February. A list of needed items is located on the tables in the foyers. Please place items in the labeled collection bins by Sunday, February 7

Missions & Faith Sharing

Service Opportunity in Missions

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

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

Calendar of Events

January 24 Teacher Appreciation Lunch
January 26Hilltoppers Luncheon
January 28 “What You Didn't Know About Mom & Dad” Seminar, Hosted by Hilltoppers
January 30 Movie in MPR: *War Room*
January 31Faith at Home Sunday
“Legacy Living: Building Stronger Relationships”
January 31 New Life Blessing
February 7 Care Group
February 28..... Ugly Tie Luncheon

Hillcrest Ministries

Children's Corner

Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #4)

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. Huddle locations are listed on the bulletin board in the main hallway. This is an important time to have fun and build relationships. Bring your friends!

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.

Coming Up – SOUPer Bowl Party – Feb. 7, 5 p.m. More details in class.

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Tonight – 5 p.m. – LIFE Groups Meet.

G1 and G2 – Wages Home

G3 and G4 – Harrison Home (Meet at 4:30 p.m. in Hillcrest's parking lot to carpool.)

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

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, 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 checks required.

Mark Your Calendar for February's Saturday Night Fun Times.

- Feb 6 – 7:30 p.m. – Prime Time Bowling
- Feb 27 – 7:30 p.m. – Deserts & Movie at the Hatfield House

Adult Education Corner

Sunday Morning Adult Classes – Today's lesson focuses on Mark chapter 4. Next Sunday is Faith at Home Sunday. While some classes will meet as usual, others will be dismissed to the auditorium for the presentation by Damon and Melody Parker. Ask your class chairman for more information.

Wednesday Night Class - Rm 10/11 – Everett Ferguson completes his series on the book of Colossians.

Wednesday Night Class – Rm 12 – Cliff Barbarick concludes the 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 26 – 10 a.m.

Classes meet together – Teacher – Cindy Robinson, Introduction & “Paul Called by God” – Gal. 1:11-24

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. Assembly 776	Rm 10/1158
Classes..... 673	Wed394
Membership..... 900	
Dec. Offering..... \$98,089	