

Hillcrest Encouragement

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"Resisting Worldly Myths"

I am a Marriage and Family Therapist and a Licensed Professional Counselor who sees many clients who have been involved in an affair. Many of these clients are Christians who never intended to get into this situation. In fact, they are shocked themselves that this could happen.

So, what does happen? All situations are not the same, of course, but there are some patterns that I think we should be aware of. First of all, there is generally a distancing from God. Reading the Bible stops (if it ever existed). Praying becomes less or very surface. Missing church is common. Hanging out with single friends replaces friendships with married couples. Spending time with the children, friends, work, sports, etc., leaves no time to focus on being with the spouse. Conversation becomes routine and mundane or negative and critical. One focuses on what one does NOT like about the spouse, instead of the positives.

Some myths come into play as well. Here are a few examples.

1. "My kids are resilient, it won't hurt them."
(Children may carry the scars for years and often repeat the behavior.)
2. "We are just friends."
(If the person pulls your emotional investment away from your spouse, he/she is NOT a friend.)
3. "What he/she doesn't know won't hurt them, secrets remain secrets."
(It will be found out and it will hurt others.)
4. "I'm onlytexting, chatting on the internet, calling him/her."
(Affairs generally begin with frequent conversation that brings one emotionally closer to the "friend" than to the spouse.)
5. "I just want to start over with a clean slate."
(If children are involved, this is impossible.)
6. "I can make wise choices when I am drinking."
(People frequently do things they would never do if they weren't under the influence of alcohol.)
7. "My situation is not like other people's situations."
(Adultery is not unique, it is WRONG.)
8. "Even though he/she cheated on _____ they won't cheat on me."
(Don't count on it.)
9. "With this person, I leave my problems behind."
(No. You get a new set of problems.)
10. "I know this is wrong, but it makes me happy, and God wants me to be happy."
(No, God wants me to be HOLY, which will bring me JOY. Doing wrong does not bring lasting happiness. God desires OBEDIENCE!)
11. "If I could just find the right person, I'd be happy."
(Being the right person is more important.)

Spend time with your spouse! Find things that you enjoy doing together, and appreciate the qualities you each bring to the marriage. Focus on pleasing God!

Susan Green

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 206
High School	Room 200
University	Room 17

Adult Classes

Sonrise (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 25, 2015

Worship Leader..... Odies Wright
Hymn: #480.....Blessed Assurance
Welcome.....Matt Haynes

Songs of Praise

Hymn: #452..... Standing on the Promises
Hymn: #473..... Safe in the Arms of Jesus
Hymn: #389..... I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Setting Directions for the New Year

Psalm 90:1-6, 10-17 Brian Burton
1 John 2:12-17..... Chris Pettijohn
Prayer..... Brian Burton
Hymn: #810..... Listen to Our Hearts
Hymn: #383..... Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

The Lord's Supper

Communion Meditation..... Yancey House

Offering

Prayer..... Yancey House
Hymn..... Create In Me a Clean Heart
Hymn..... The Worship Song

"Resistance Training: Sabbath"

Message..... Matt Haynes
Hymn: #932..... O Heart Bowed Down with Sorrow

Responses

Hillcrest News..... Kyle McAlister
Hymn: #417..... Where He Leads I'll Follow
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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Tonight's Speaker

Gary Montgomery – "The Story of Pure Religion"

New Member Pictures

If you have recently placed membership at Hillcrest or experienced a change in your family, please come to the side of the Worship Center and have your picture made today after worship.

Teacher Appreciation Lunch - Sunday, Jan. 25

All church members are invited to our annual Teacher Appreciation Lunch, today at noon, in the MPR.

Tuesday Ladies Class - Jan. 27

Room 30: Elisa Jessup - "Suffer with Me"

Room 10: Carol Burkhart - 1 Timothy 2

Hilltoppers Luncheon

The next Hilltoppers Luncheon will be this 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)

2014 Remembrance Video

The Remembrance video of Hillcrest members who passed away in 2014 will be shown on Sun., Feb. 1.

Time Change of Care Group Chapel Service - Feb 1

The Welcome class will be leading the service in the chapel on Feb. 1, at 5 p.m.

Wedding Shower

Honoring Trenton Carothers and Tara Lowe on Sun., Feb. 8, at the home of Kent and Denise Barnett, 1401 Road Runner Ct. from 2-3:30 p.m. Selections: Target and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

Motherly Love

Our next Motherly Love will be Thur., Feb. 12, at the home of Lee Anna Ladyman, 817 Rivercrest, at 6 p.m. Our speaker will be Pat Bratcher speaking on, "Some of The Most Powerful Words We Speak." If you are a young mother and have never attended Motherly Love but would like to, call Linda Perkins at 672-9414.

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.

Calling all Middle School students!

You are invited to come study the life of Jesus through the book of Mark and earn your Good Servant award. We will meet at Hillcrest in Room 12 on Sunday afternoons at 3 p.m. We plan to complete the program by May 17, but we will not meet every Sunday. Outside assignments include prayer journal and service projects. Plan to attend an orientation meeting on Sunday, February 8 at 3 p.m. and bring a parent with you. The cost is \$25 and includes all materials and snacks. Contact Alan Clute at 691-4217 or aclute@hillcrestonline.com if you have any questions.

Calendar of Events

January 27	Hilltoppers Luncheon
January 30-31.....	Singing Retreat
February 1.....	2014 Remembrance Video
February 1.....	Care Group
February 8.....	Reception for Caleb Calari
February 11.....	New Member Dinner
February 11.....	Hillcrest 101 Begins
February 12.....	Motherly Love

For the Record

Sunday Morning

A.M. Assembly 778
Bible Class 752
Membership 949

Offering.....\$22,697
Weekly Budget.....\$23,424

Sunday Evening

Auditorium..... 51
Bible Hour 20
University..... 89

Children's Corner

Baby Bunch 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

Tonight from 6-7 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

High School and Middle School Huddles will meet at 6 p.m.

Monday

Youth Room will be open and serve as a prayer room from 5-6 p.m. The room will be open for those who would like to pray, be prayed for, or pray for others.

Wednesday

Tutoring will resume at 6 p.m. Class at 7

Thursday

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

Sign up for the HYG family ski/mission trip to Angel Fire, NM. Contact Taylor for more details

HillcrestU – University

Tonight

LIFE Groups meet at 5:30 p.m.

G1 and G3 - Wages Home (901 EN 12th St)

G2 and G4 - Whitlock Home (1317 Lakeview Rd)

Wednesday

LIFT Worship: Experiencing the Psalms at 7 p.m.

Thursday

Small group chapel will begin next week.

Spring Retreat

Mark your calendars for March 20-22 for our Spring retreat! This is the weekend after spring break. The cost will be \$35! We hope you can make it!

Adult Education Corner

There are numerous opportunities for study and spiritual growth on Wednesday evenings, this is a great time to begin. Check out the following offerings.

Room 10-11: "Understanding the Times" – issues facing the Church and challenging our faith, taught by Kevin Batten.

Room 14-15: "The Story of Marriage" – A video series on God's view of marriage.

Room 30: "Renew" - a time of prayer, scripture reading, meditation and faith-sharing. Facilitated by Yancey House.

Room 219: Women's class discussing the book "Satisfy My Thirsty Soul." Facilitated by Marty Williams.

Family Ministry

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

Darrin Cox & Summer Anders facilitate 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.

Divorce Care – Wednesday – 7 p.m. – Room 52

If you or someone you know could benefit from this support group, please plan to attend. Facilitated by Russell & Cen'e Gould.

Watch "Family First" Saturday nights duret the KRBC newscast at 6 p.m.

Missions and Faith Sharing

Prison Ministry Report:

There were 9 men baptized into Christ at the Middleton Unit during December. This brings our yearly total to 701 baptisms in 2014, and we praise the Lord for the privilege of being able to bring God's Word to them.