

Hillcrest Encouragement

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“One Another” in 2017

Looking for some help on setting goals this New Year. Consider the “one another” instructions given to Christians. There are 59 in the New Testament. They remind us of the important role we play in each other’s lives. Use the list below to help get started.

- **Love** one another (Jn. 13:34-35; Rm. 13:8; 1Pt. 1:22; 1Jn. 3:11)
- **Encourage** one another (1Thess. 4:18, 5:11; Heb. 3:13)
- **Bear** one another’s **burdens** (Gal. 6:2)
- **Care for** one another (1 Cor. 12:24-25)
- **Accept** one another (Rm. 14:1-4, 15:7)
- **Be kind to** one another (Eph. 4:31-32; Gal. 5:22)
- **Live in harmony with** one another (1Pet. 3:8)
- **Forgive** one another (Eph. 4:32)
- **Be hospitable to** one another (1Pet. 4:9)
- **Honor** one another (Rm. 12:10)
- **Belong to** one another (Rm. 12:5; Eph. 4:25)
- **Be devoted to** one another (Rm. 12:10)
- **Speak truthfully to** one another (Col. 3:9; Eph. 4:25)
- **Teach** one another (Col. 3:16)
- **Agree with** one another (1 Cor. 1:10)
- **Look out for** one another (Phil. 2:4)
- **Worship with** one another (Eph. 5:19-20)
- **Lay down your lives for** one another (1Jn. 3:16)
- **Do not provoke** one another (Gal. 5:26)
- **Do not grumble against** one another (James 5:9)
- **Do not envy** one another (Gal. 5:26)

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

Baby Bunch in Nursery

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| Age 2Room 100 | Gr 1.....Room 121 |
| Age 3Room 106 | Gr 2.....Room 117 |
| Age 4Room 107 | Gr 3.....Room 120 |
| Pre-K.....Room 110 | Gr 4.....Room 213 |
| K.....Room 118 | Gr 5.....Room 209 |

Young Adult Classes

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| Middle School | Room 204 |
| High School | Room 200 |
| University | Room 17 |

Adult Classes

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| 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

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| 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 8, 2017

Worship Leader Odies Wright
HymnAwesome God
Welcome Terry Brown

United for God

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12..... Carter Snead
2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Gary Snead
Prayer Malcolm Coco

Favorite Songs of the Traveler’s Class

Hymn: #851 I’ll Fly Away
Hymn: #867 To Canaan’s Land
Hymn: #288 Fairest Lord Jesus
Hymn: #479 Peace, Perfect Peace

We Celebrate the Lord’s Supper

Hymn How Deep the Father’s Love
Communion Meditation..... Josh Snead
HymnBeautiful Lamb

Offering

Prayer Josh Snead
Hymn Sanctuary
Hymn: #704 Bind Us Together
(Parents may escort children ages 2-4 to TLC during this song)

“Reconnect To One Another”

Message..... Nathan Burrow
Hymn: #705A Common Love

Responses

New Life Blessing

Family News Charles Perkins
Blessing Hymn The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Hillcrest Family News

Today's Speakers

A.M. - Nathan Burrow

P.M. - Bible Class Fellowship (Care Group) - Sunrise class is leading the service in Rm 10/11 at 6 p.m.

Sympathy

Sympathy to Becky Jones and Manuel & Julie Longoria on the loss of Becky's brother, Charles Benson.

Sympathy to Stephen & Joy Powers on the loss of Joy's mother, Edith cherry.

New Grandbaby

Congratulations to Don & Beth Pope on the birth of a new granddaughter, Hattie Ruth Pope. Parents are Brandon and Kami Pope.

New Member - Tiffany McCaghren

Baby Milestone Event - Today

It's time to connect! Parents who have had a child born or adopted to them in 2016 are invited to have lunch with our elders after Sunday a.m. classes in the MPR today. We hope that your family will attend!

Sybil Faubus Award - Submission Deadline Today

Each year the Sybil Faubus Memorial Award is given in her honor to a person or persons from Hillcrest who has exhibited outstanding qualities as a teacher. You may use a form provided in the entrance areas of the building to nominate a deserving teacher of children, teens, or adults, or go to Hillcrest's website in the events section to submit your nomination. This recognition will be presented at the Appreciation Lunch, January 22.

Hillcrest Singers

The Hillcrest Singers Spring 2017 program will feature songs from the "Great American Hymnbook" - examples of sacred music from throughout American History. All our rehearsals and presentations are on Wednesday nights at 7:00. We'll begin on January 11 in the Chapel; then in March-April, we will sing at area nursing homes and assisted living facilities - culminating in a presentation at local churches the first two Wednesday nights in May. All are welcome. For more information contact Greg Straughn at gregory.straughn@acu.edu.

Teacher Appreciation Lunch - January 22, MPR

We will honor our teachers at lunch. All church members are invited! Please RSVP at www.hillcrestonline.com in the events section.

Faith at Home Sunday, Jan. 29 - "Be a Match"

We will be having a blood marrow donor drive immediately after the special workshop that will happen during Bible Class. In various locations throughout the auditorium, volunteers will leave a simple throat swab that can save someone's life (blood marrow tests only take a few minutes and add you to a national registry). We are also asking Bible classes to bring underwear and socks for our homeless teen population here in Abilene. (or you can bring Wal Mart gift cards, as well) A box will be available on January 29, at the entrance to the worship center by the foyer. Sign-ups will be available in each class beginning Jan. 8, to bring certain sizes. Call Jack at the office if you have any questions at 325-691-4200.

For Your Convenience

Electronic giving is now available on our website Homepage and Members Page to conveniently make ongoing contributions or one-time gifts. Log in to Hillcrest Connect to make a one-time or repeating gift through a bank draft, credit card, or debit card. Find out more at hillcrestonline.com/give.

Inclement Weather Closings

When winter weather prevents members from safely attending, our elders may choose to cancel services. When that happens, we will post information on the Hillcrest home page at www.hillcrestonline.com, our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/hillcrestabilene, the office phone at 691-4200, local TV stations and their websites, and through our Hillcrest Connect email message system.

Missions and Faith Sharing

Cassie White left Friday for her year of mission work in Southeast Asia. Please be praying for her. The Matt and Cheryl Merritt family has returned from their mission trip to India.

Zambia Medical Mission is having a work day from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, Jan. 21, at Bontke Brothers Construction Company, 102 College Drive. Please come to sort items and prepare them for shipment to Zambia. There will also be a truck from Global Samaritan Resources to unload. Light breakfast food and lunch will be served to volunteers. Second, the ZMM container will be loaded on Saturday, Jan. 28, again at Bontke.

Hillcrest Ministries

Children's Corner

Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #3)

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.

Bible Hour – Bible Hour will not meet tonight. Enjoy your Bible Class Fellowship.

HYG – Youth

Tonight - 6 p.m. - First Huddles of 2017

Huddle locations can be found on the HYG bulletin board in the main hallway.

Wednesday – 7 p.m. - Class

Thursday

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

6-8 p.m. - TNT, All grades

Deadline to sign up for ski trip is Wed., Jan. 25. Sign up at skidaddy.com/hillcrestmansfield. All payments must be turned in to Cody Forsberg by Wed., Feb. 15.

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Tonight - 6 p.m., Dinner at Heff's.

Wednesday - 7 p.m. - Class

January 17 - Semester begins.

Calendar of Events

January 8 Bible Class Fellowship (Care Group)
 January 8 Baby Milestone Event
 January 15 Remembrance of Lives Lived
 January 22 Teacher Appreciation Lunch
 January 29 Faith at Home Sunday
 January 31 Hilltoppers Luncheon
 February 5 Bible Class Fellowship

Adult Education Corner

Sunday Morning Adult Classes – This morning we begin an 8-lesson series on the book of James. Today's lesson focuses on the writer of the book and provides an overview of the entire series.

Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Class - January 10, 10 a.m. Introduction to the Psalms using Lynn Anderson's book on Psalms. Teacher Gail Brown.

Wednesday Night Classes

- Rm 10/11 – Cliff Barbarick presents lessons during the month of January.
- 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: Living Stones by Casandra Martin. Women of all ages are invited.
- Rm 51 – Class for Singles led by Glenn Tuttle
- Rm 52 – Divorce Care, new session beginning Jan. 18.

Family Ministry

Wednesday Night Class - 7 p.m., Rm 14/15

An Unexpected Christmas

Let's face it; we all have an uncle or cousin we whisper about behind closed doors. We all have a relative or two we try to avoid at family gatherings. No surprise there. But here's something you may not know. Jesus had a few shady characters in his family as well. Actually, he had some relatives that make your most wayward cousin look like a saint. This series will look at how we see our families in a new light!

Faith at Home Sunday Jan. 29

Speaker: Earl Young, Olympic Gold Medalist and Cancer Survivor - Earl will be here to share his testimony of the healing power of God during worship, and how we can heal others with a very simple test. A special interview will be held during bible class time in the worship center, and Jack will demonstrate on stage how simple the marrow donor process is.

For the Record

| Sunday Morning | Sunday Evening |
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| A.M. Assembly..... 462 | Chapel..... Holiday |
| Membership..... 883 | |
| Dec. Offering \$136,086 | Wed 389 |