

# Hillcrest Encouragement

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## Taking God Back to School

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. (Deut. 6)

Every year, parents spend an unbelievable amount of money and time preparing for the new school year- buying all the supplies, getting the latest gadget notebook, and finding the perfect backpack to go with all the new clothes. How much time do we spend preparing our families spiritually? Here are some tips on taking God back to school with you as a family:

**Pray each morning ahead of time.** By beginning each day with a prayer, it sets a tone for your day and theirs. These don't have to be long, drawn out prayers, but a short visit with God that starts the day with the right focus. Also, praying for your children after you drop them off at school couldn't hurt, either (see the book *"Praying Circles around your Children"* for more ideas on this).

Utilize the car ride for spiritual sharing. Even though you may only have a few minutes, those few minutes can have a huge impact if you become intentional about using that time. Listening to spiritual music, podcasts, or sharing scripture together are a few ways you can make that car time a Christ time.

**Take advantage of teachable moments.** Your kids will face things at school that will challenge their faith and the standards that you have set as parents. Use those opportunities for connection to how our relationship with God makes us unique in the world, and especially why we do things differently than the world does.

**Encourage your kids spiritually every day.** Letting your kids know you are praying for them, sticking notes in their lunches, and even texting them scripture if possible are just a few ways you can encourage your kids spiritually. Yes, you may get a few eye rolls, but know that your legacy spiritually is all that God cares about- not popularity.

By doing a few small things like these, we can have a huge impact on how our kids take God back to school with them. Don't forget to include God in all your back to school planning!

Jack Hardcastle



# 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

Nursery.....	2-24 mo.
Age 2 .....	Room 100
Age 3 .....	Room 106
Age 4 .....	Room 107
Pre-K.....	Room 110
K.....	Room 118
Gr 1.....	Room 121
Gr 2.....	Room 117
Gr 3.....	Room 120
Gr 4.....	Room 213
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
Soulful Filling (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

July 30, 2017

Worship Leader ..... Odies Wright  
Hymn: #227 ..... On Zion's Glorious Summit  
Welcome ..... Nathan Burrow

### Songs of Praise

Hymn ..... Let Us Worship  
Hymn ..... 10,000 Reasons  
Hymn: #20 ..... We Worship and Adore You

### Faith at Home

Psalm 127, Deuteronomy 6:6-7..... Joe Putnum  
Ephesians 6:4..... Ben Putnum  
Prayer ..... Curtis Clements

### We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

Hymn ..... Love Come Down  
Communion Meditation..... Eddie Earles  
Hymn: #234 ..... Worthy Is the Lamb

### Offering

Prayer ..... Eddie Earles  
Hymn ..... Ancient Words  
Hymn: #432 ..... How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts  
(Parents may escort children to TLC during this song.)

### "Back to School With God In Your Backpack"

Message..... David Frazee  
Hymn: #448 ..... The Greatest Command

### Responses

Family News ..... Don Hilton  
Hymn: #894 ..... Beulah Land  
Elder Blessing..... Dave Copeland

# Hillcrest Family News

## Today's Speakers

A.M. - David Fraze  
P.M. - Bob Pipes in the chapel at 6 p.m.

## Sympathy

Sympathy to LeeAnna Ladyman on the loss of her stepfather, Leo Jones of Granbury.

## New Baby

Congratulations to Luke & Larissa Riddle on the birth of a daughter, Harper Lynn. Grandparents are Rick & Lisa Riddle.

**Back to School Parenting Workshop - Today, Worship Center.** This is an optional workshop for all parents and grandparents during Bible class. We will be collecting new backpacks and supplies that day for kids in our community who cannot afford to buy their own. Sign up in Bible class.

## Quilters - Thursday, August 3, 9 - 11 a.m.

The Hillcrest Quilters will meet in room 33. They will meet each Thursday from 9-11 a.m. All quilters are invited to join.

## Bridal Shower - Sat., Aug. 12, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Honoring Katelyn Harlow & Jeremy Mills, daughter of Bob & Kathie Harlow at the home of Laura Copeland. Selections: Target and amazon.com.

## Baby Shower - August 12, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Honoring Rebecca and Scott Corley at 1409 Woodridge. Selections: Walmart & Amazon.com.

## Hillcrest Golf Scramble - Saturday, August 12

Our tournament will be held at Maxwell Municipal, Abilene. The cost is \$35 and includes cart and lunch. Payment is due by August 12, at Maxwell or at the church office. Sign-up sheets are in Bible classes.

**Promotion Sunday - August 20** - Children going into kindergarten through fifth grade will go to their new classrooms for this coming school year. Children who are four or who will be turning four this fall will go to the PreK classroom.

## Unclaimed Dishes

Are you missing any dishes? There is a table in the long hallway with unclaimed dishes. Please check to see if any of them belong to you. Any dishes left after August 3, will be donated to the Christian Service Center.

## Good SOIL Projects (Serving Others in Love)

The Hillcrest Family wants to help out whenever we can. We have created a list of needs on our website with a contact phone number. If you can help out, visit [hillcrestonline.com/good-soil/](http://hillcrestonline.com/good-soil/) on the members section of our website and find out where you are needed.

## Missions and Faith Sharing

### Send the Light Mission Trips

- Phil and Elaine Palmer are leading WBS Campaigns in several Eastern Africa countries until August 7.
- Phil and Paula Sullivan are working with refugees at the Omonia Church of Christ in Athens, Greece, July 29-August 19. They are teaching the Bible with Let's Start Talking.

### Calendar of Events

July 30..... Faith @ Home Sunday  
August 9..... Watermelon Feast  
August 12..... Hillcrest Golf Scramble  
August 13..... Bible Class Fellowship  
August 17..... ACS First Day of School  
August 28..... ACU & AISD First Day of School  
August 29..... Hilltoppers Luncheon  
August 29..... Ladies Bible Class Begins  
September 4..... Labor Day  
September 10..... Bible Class Fellowship

# Hillcrest Ministries

## Children's Corner

**Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #4)**

**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.

### No Bible Hour Tonight

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## HYG - Youth

**Wednesday - 7 p.m. - Class**

### BIG Event - August 13

If you would like to receive the youth email newsletter, please sign up at [hillcrestonline.com/ministries/youth](http://hillcrestonline.com/ministries/youth)

## Hillcrest - U

**Tonight - 6 p.m.**

Meet at Heff's

**Wednesday - 7 pm. class**

### Mark Your Calendars

Monday, July 31 - Trip to Six Flags. We will depart Hillcrest at 8:30 a.m. Cost will be \$25 - \$30 depending on how many come. Sign up in class or on our Facebook page.

August 22 - ACU Move in Day - Come help freshmen move in and invite them to HillcrestU.

August 23 - Wildcat Week Block Party - Help me set up and man an information booth at this meet and greet event in downtown Abilene. We will have the opportunity to meet a lot of freshmen.

## Adult Education Corner

**Sunday Morning Adult Classes** - Each adult class will pursue topics of their own choosing for the summer months. Ask your class chair for information about topics and teachers.

### Wednesday Night Classes

- Rm 10/11 - Various men will be presenting individual lessons during the month of July.
- Rm 16 - Congregational Singing: Join Odies Wright for a time of worship in song!
- Rm 30 - ESL Class
- Rm 51 - Class for Singles led by Glenn Tuttle
- Rm 52 - Divorce Care will resume in the fall.
- Rm 212 - Class for Young Professionals
- Rm 219 - Women's Bible Class: Various speakers through the summer. Women of all ages are invited.

## Family Ministry

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

#### A Life Long Love

Couples often settle for too little when it comes to marriage. We fail to understand how deeply God cares about our spouse. We diminish our need to not only understand what biblical love really is, but also to become a people who excel at it. We let ourselves drift apart instead of making the daily choices to grow closer together.

You will never look at worship or your spouse in the same way again, and this series will guide you through the power shifts and seasonal mine fields that blow up so many marriages so that you can grow in your love, instead of in your disappointment.

### For the Record

Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening
A.M. Assembly .....591	Chapel ..... 71
Bible Class .....569	
Membership .....892	Wed..... 254
June Offering.....\$90,954	