

# Hillcrest Encouragement

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## When All Of God's Singers Get Home

One of my fondest memories from childhood is the gathering of family on our cotton farm in New Home, Texas. The uncles and aunts and cousins would come to our house for a family gathering. At some point in the evening after the sun had gone down and we had all feasted with a family meal, the song books would be passed out. As we sat around in our living room on the couch and chairs and extra chairs brought in to accommodate the crowded room (some sat on the floor), we would sing song after song. A number would be called out and we would sing—followed by laughter and comments.

My dad's favorite song was 'When All Of God's Singers Get Home'. As I think back to Bryan and Jewel, Dewey, Clarence and Birthel, Aunt Clemmie, Claude and Bethel, and all the rest, I look forward to a 'happy, joyous' reunion with my family in heaven - singing around the throne of God.

I was reminded of the great blessing of a Christian family during last holiday season. Our daughter Tracy from New Zealand is coming home for a visit with her family this year. She and her husband Cameron and their children, Sam and Greer, will be with us for our daughter Talley's wedding. Since they live so far from us, we see our grandkids (at most) twice a year. They are 8 and 6. Twice a year is not enough.

One of the many reasons that I anticipate 'heaven' is the hope for reunions with those who have gone on before. The wonderful anticipation of a reunion with our loved ones fills our hearts with joy. As I reflect upon the words of dad's favorite song, I rejoice in the promise and hope made possible by Jesus of eternal life.

"As we sing here on earth, songs of sadness or mirth, 'Tis a foretaste of rapture to come; But our joy can't compare with the glory up there, When all of God's singers get home. When all of God's singers get home, Where never a sorrow will come; There'll be 'no place like home,' When all of God's singers get home."

Prayer: Father, thank you for our families here on earth. Help us to live here with eternity in mind. May we one day renew our relationships with loved ones in eternity in heaven.

Terry Brown

# 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 204
High School .....	Room 200
University .....	Room 17

### Adult Classes

Sonrise (all ages) (8:00) .....	Room 14
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

July 5, 2015

Worship Leader..... Josh Snead  
Hymn..... This Is the Day  
Hymn #449..... Thy Word  
Welcome..... Terry Brown

### Devoted to One Another in Brotherly Love

Hymn: #718..... We Shall Assemble  
Psalm 133..... James Wellborn  
Romans 12:3-10..... Collin Pittman  
Prayer..... Richard Greenawalt  
Hymn #96..... I Stand in Awe

### The Lord's Supper

Hymn: #344..... Low in the Grave He Lay  
Communion Meditation..... Ben Zickefoose  
Hymn: #731..... Take Time to Be Holy\*

### Offering

Prayer..... Ben Zickefoose

### Songs

Hymn: #62..... I Exalt Thee  
Hymn: #800..... What a Friend We Have in Jesus  
Hymn: #705..... A Common Love

### "Koinonia: Two Are Better Than One"

Message..... Terry Brown  
Hymn: #903..... There Is Power in the Blood

### Responses

Hillcrest News..... Kevin Wellborn  
Hymn..... A Shield About Me  
Elder Blessing..... John Barton

(\*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 Speakers

A.M. – Terry Brown  
P.M. – John Fewkes

**Next Sunday is Care Group** – Generations class will be leading the service in the chapel at 6 p.m.

## Baptism

Congratulations to Rachel McMillan on her baptism, June 28. Rachel's parents are Scott & Jennifer McMillan.

## New Member

Jennie Baker

## Sympathy

- Sympathy to the family of Joyce Morgan.
- Sympathy to the family of former elder, Joe Hodges.

## Hillcrest Golf Scramble

The Hillcrest Scramble will be August 8. The location will be The Cliffs at Possum Kingdom. We have guaranteed 40 players. The cost will be 45.00, thanks to Cleddy Varner and Don Drennon. This will cover green fee, practice balls, cart, and an all you can eat buffet. We need to collect the money by July 20. Signups will be in the classrooms beginning this Sunday. Please give your \$45 to Terry Brown, Cleddy Varner, Glenn Tuttle, or to Kay Hayes at the office.

## Children's Ministry need –

Do you enjoy organizing items? Do you enjoy making bulletin boards or re-stocking shelves? If so, we could use your help in the new workroom! The times to serve are very flexible. If you could give a small amount of your time each month serving in this way, please contact Cynthia Coates.

**Thank you** to everyone that helped with our Hillcrest 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.

## Calendar of Events

July 5-11 ..... HYG/Mission Trip  
July 12 ..... Care Group  
July 19-22 ..... VIP Camp  
August 8 ..... Hillcrest Golf Scramble  
August 9 ..... Care Group

## Adult Education Corner

**This morning** several Adult Bible Classes begin new studies for the month of July.

**Rm 11 – Younger/Older** – Coy Roper - *Leviticus: How to be a Holy Nation*

**Rm 12 – Welcome** – Ken Austin – *The Christian and Culture*

**Rm 14/15 – Sunrise (8 a.m.)** - Ron Rosseau – *1 Peter, A Living Hope*

**Rm 14/15 – Soulful Filling** – John Barton/Robert Marion – *Bible Translations, Reading the Bible*

**Rm 16 – Common Ground** – Yancey House - *Building a Sacred Marriage*

**Rm 21 – H.O.P.E.** – Ron Rosseau – *1 Peter, A Living Hope*

**Rm 30 – Travelers** – John Fewkes – *1 John, Life in the Light*

**Rm 52 – C.I.A./Young Prof.** – Terry Brown – *Walk with Me. Impacting the World by Following Jesus' Example*

**Rm 219 – F.U.N.** – Dave Copeland – *Portrait of a Servant*

**Chapel – Generations** – Jack Hardcastle – *Gospel of John*

**Wednesday, 7 p.m.** – Coy Roper continues his series on "The Christian and Prosperity" in Rooms 10-11. The Women's Class (Room 219) continues their in-depth study of 1 and 2 Thessalonians.

## Bible Reading Schedule – July 5-11

**John 4-10 – One chapter per day.**

- What does Jesus want me to know?
- What does Jesus want me to feel?
- What does Jesus want me to do?

## For the Record

<b>Sunday Morning</b>	Offering .....\$21,103
A.M. Assembly .....719	Weekly Budget .....\$25,000
Classes.....562	
Membership.....953	<b>Sunday Evening</b>
	Auditorium .....92
	Bible Hour .....12

# Hillcrest Ministries

## Children's Corner

**Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #1)**

## 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 through 5th grade will begin in the MPR.

**VIP Camp – "Move" - July 19-22** - Your child should have received his or her registration form in the mail. Parents, you may turn in your child's registration form at the church office or place them in the bin provided at the desk in the children's wing. VIP Camp is for children who have finished the 1<sup>st</sup> grade up through those who have finished the 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

## HYG - Youth

**Today** – No Summer Sunday Night.

**Wednesday** – HS and MS combined class at 7 p.m. James McGee will be teaching.

Talk to interns if you are interested in becoming a VIP Camp counselor.

Continue to keep those in Africa and Oklahoma City on mission trips in your prayers

## HillcrestU - University

**Tonight – 6 p.m.**

Details in class.

**Wednesday**

Class at 7 p.m.

## Family Ministry

**Wednesday – 7 p.m. – Room 14/15**

*Sacred Parenting - How Raising Children Shapes Our Souls* - This series will show how God can transform lessons in raising children into opportunities to grow in the image of Christ as parents! This is for all ages of parents, and would benefit anyone that has children.

## Missions & Faith Sharing

How does one teach one hundred fifteen George Benson Christian College students an overview of the Bible with no white board and only a very hard-to-see fuzzy chalkboard? Well, thanks to Denecia Hubbard's twenty minute-with-drawings time line and three tightly twisted chitengis and a few clothespins we had an improvised African Bible timeline.

The students were eager to learn. Many were fascinated that Jesus was before the beginning of time. Then one student confirmed this truth quoting from John, "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God." One lady asked if the baby Jesus on the timeline was the same Jesus as the one before time. "Yes," I responded, "that is the same Jesus, 'Immanuel,' God with us." "Wow!" was her comment.

"Could over 250 prophecies be humanly fulfilled over a span of 4,000 years in one person?" I asked. The math majors all said, "No, not humanly possible."

Our conclusion of the time line: Get connected to the timeline who was before the beginning, and all law, prophets and psalms speak of him. He is the center of our time, our calendar and the glue that holds us together. He is the colorful, ageless time line.

Blessings from the little house in the bush. Cindy Robinson