

Hillcrest Encouragement

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Pray All the Time

In many passages, the Bible exhorts us to pray all the time. For instance, 1 Thessalonians 5:17. Different translations use some different wording, but the meaning is the same. American Standard Version, "Pray without Ceasing;" the Revised English Bible and the New International Version, "pray continually;" Today's English Version, "Pray at all times;" the English Version for the Deaf, "Never stop praying;" and the Revised Standard Version, Pray constantly. There are others, but this is enough.

I think that of these translations, I like best the TEV: Pray at all times. There is never a time during which we should not pray. I say this even though we are often advised not to pray when we go to bed at night. When we pray at that time, we are probably too tired and too sleepy to offer our heart-felt prayers to God. We should be able to concentrate on what we are doing better than that. However, if we have been praying all during the day, there is nothing wrong with continuing our prayers in bed. We know we can talk to God any time and he will listen to us.

The Bible has examples of different times when someone prayed. After a long day of teaching and feeding 5,000 people, Jesus was weary; but he took time to send his disciples to the other side of the lake while he went up a hill by himself to pray to His father (Matthew 14:23). Jesus used the appropriate moments to offer prayers, as when the children were brought to Him (Matthew 19:13). Jesus prayed at meal time when He instituted what we call the Lord's Supper (Matthew 26:26). He prayed at night in the garden before His arrest (Matthew 26:36). Prayers were offered when the church assembled together (1 Corinthians 14:15). When Peter was in prison, the church members gathered to pray for him (Acts 12:5) that night.

Jesus taught His disciples that they should continue praying and never become discouraged (Luke 18:1).

I cherish the memory of one time when I was praying at night. I had gone to bed, but I was praying for a close friend. I must have drifted off to sleep in the middle of a sentence, because when I woke up the next morning, the first thought in my mind was the continuation of the sentence started in the prayer of the night before.

"Pray at all times." Never become discouraged.

Nancy Ferguson

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

June 11, 2017

Worship Leader Odies Wright
Hymn: #103 He Has Made Me Glad*
Welcome Neal Coates
Hymn: #501 Though Your Sins Be as Scarlet

Prayer & Action

Isaiah 1:13-18 Keaton Allen
Matthew 9:35 - 10:1 Keaton Allen
Prayer Kristian Allen

Songs of Praise

Hymn New Doxology
Hymn I Give You My Heart
Hymn Come, People of the Risen King

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

Hymn Beautiful Lamb of God
Communion Meditation Andy Little
Hymn: #813 Jesus, Meek and Gentle

Offering

Prayer Andy Little
Hymn: #394 Walk with Me

Children's Bible Bag

Hymn Mighty to Save
(Parents may escort children to TLC during this song.)

"Practice What You Pray"

Message..... Nathan Burrow
Hymn: #790 Lord, Take Control

Responses

Family News Justin Walker
Hymn: #774 Hide Me, Rock of Ages
Elder Blessing..... Terry Brown
*(*Children's Song of the Month)*

Hillcrest Family News

Today's Speakers

A.M. - Nathan Burrow

P.M. - Bible Class Fellowship – The F.U.N. class will be leading the service in the chapel at 6 p.m.

Baptism

Congratulations to Grayson Morgan on his baptism on May 21. His mother is Wendy Morgan.

Congratulations to James Welborn on his baptism on May 28. Parents are Kevin & Alison Welborn. Grandparents are Dub & Patty Rae Welborn and Joe Janice Cannon.

New Members

Drew & Melissa Long, Alice, Christie & Emery

Nathan's Schedule for Summer

Nathan will be on vacation and in Zambia for 3-4 weeks. If you would like to visit with Nathan, please call the office.

VBS

Be sure to bring a friend to VBS! Invitations are on the VBS table.

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/ on the members section of our website and find out where you are needed.

Calendar of Events

June 10-23 Mutare School of Preaching Mission
 June 11 Bible Class Fellowship
 June 12-27 University Vienna Refugee Outreach
 June 18-21 VBS
 June 26-July 10 Mumena Mission
 July 4 Hillcrest July 4 Neighborhood Parade
 July 6-23 Zambia Medical Mission
 July 9 Bible Class Fellowship
 July 23-26 VIP Camp
 August 13 Bible Class Fellowship

Material Needed for African Dresses

Some of our members are sewing cotton dresses for young African girls in Zambia, and they could use donations of cotton material, rickrack, and seam binding. If you have extra, you may place these items in the box by the information table. It takes 1 yard or 1 and 1/4 yards to make sizes 4 and 6.

Missions and Faith Sharing

Send the Light Mission Trips

Vienna and Mutare

Larry & Pam Sullivan and Don & Beth Pope will soon arrive in Vienna to prepare for the upcoming Refugee Outreach mission trip by the University Ministry. See the Hillcrest-U section for the names of all team members.

The team going to the Mutare School of Preaching left Saturday, led by Cam Hurst. Other members include Kevin Batten, Ken Austin, and John Fewkes. They will be assessing the school's current operations, holding a retreat with the Board of the School, and awarding the first of the Loy Mitchell scholarships.

WBS

World Bible School Rejoices Over Requests for Baptisms

Hillcrest's WBS ministry recently received news from Zimbabwe that our student, Handsome, and his friend were baptized in a river by Brother Mbofana. He also wrote that Handsome's brother wants to be baptized. We also rejoiced over Rene Barrueta, one of our Spanish students in prison who wants to be baptized.

A letter from a recent student in South Africa sums up our mission in WBS. She wrote, "I wish to thank you for sending the Good News to me in the form of a Bible Study. The news came just in time when I needed it the most...I am paying my homefolks a visit in Adams Mission, the village where I was born.... I am sure they will be much happy. We'll be sitting under a big tree, and I will be sharing the Good News with them. Many, many thanks, Peggy Mnyandu." Amen, Peggy. The story of Jesus' saving grace is always "Good News."

Paula Leverett, for World Bible School.

Hillcrest Ministries

Children's Corner

Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #2)

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 - Enjoy Bible Class Fellowship with your family.

VBS - June 18-21, 2017

Register online at www.hillcrestonline.com/events/vbs/ or at the VBS table.

VIP Camp - July 23-26 (For children who have finished 1st-5th grade.) Online registration forms have been emailed to our families.

HYG – Youth

Today - High schoolers leave for Encounter at LCU.

Wednesday – 7 p.m. - Bible Class

June 23, 6:30-9 p.m. - Middle School movie night in the youth room.

Camp Champion (June 28-July 3) for those entering 6th-8th grade

July 2-6 - Ground Zero (Watch youth newsletter for more)

Pine Springs - July 29-August 4, for incoming 7th graders through graduating seniors. Go to pinespringscamp.com to sign up or get brochure from J or Keri.

Hillcrest - U

Tonight - 6 p.m. - Meet at Heff's

Vienna mission trip

Our team is leaving from Hillcrest tomorrow at 12:30 p.m. to travel to Vienna for the next 2 weeks! Please be in prayer for our group's safe travel and good work!

Team: Don and Beth Pope, Chip and Jill Whitlock, Larry and Pam Sullivan, Justin and Kari Hatfield, ReAnna Carpenter, Carolyn Casada, Haley Cobb, Jacob Corona, Sarah McCormick, Lucas McNeill, D. Morrison, and Jon Shisler.

Wednesday - 7 p.m., Class, Crazy Love

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 June.
- Rm 12 - Neal Coates will be teaching "How We Got the Bible"
- 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: Daring Faith by Randy Harris and Greg Taylor. 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.

This series promises to set your relationship on an entirely new dimension. 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..... 667	Chapel 54
Bible Class..... 578	
Membership 892	Wed 346
May Offering..... \$112,330	