

# Hillcrest Encouragement

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## Carrying Each Other's Burdens "The Body of Christ" Senior Graduate Series Part 1

I had never truly felt that I was a part of the body of Christ until I joined the Hillcrest Youth Group. During my freshman year of high school, I began following my older brother, Reilly, to Hillcrest; from then on I was hooked. There is something very different about this youth group that sets us apart from the rest. We share a bond together formed by the hand of Christ, and I had never felt that bond more strongly than when on Trek hiking trips.

On my first Trek in Colorado, a storm had previously passed over our mountain causing fallen trees to cover the return trail down the mountain. Our three-hour hike back turned into a daylong hike over trees and debris. The wreckage was so bad that our trail guide lost the trail completely. All around us trees were piled so high we could walk under them. Yet through this experience, tired and worn out, our youth group gained the priceless gift of teamwork. We began stationing ourselves on what we guessed was the way back down, taking turns helping each other over tree after tree. Some places were so bad that we had to take off our packs and hand them to each other over the wreckage. Nothing brings a youth group closer together than literally carrying each other's backpacks down a mountain.

On my second Trek, this time at Big Bend Natl. Park, the youth group underwent a tradition we call "carry another's burden." We set our packs down in a circle and walked around the circle until Evan said stop, then whichever pack we were closest to was the pack we had to carry until we reached camp. I, being one of the smallest hikers in our group, was bestowed the great honor of carrying Evan Simmons' pack. For those of you who may not know, Evan hikes mountains and runs marathons for fun, so naturally he had the heaviest pack containing all our water for that day. Although I hiked with his pack for probably no more than 45 minutes, it felt like an eternity. I had to have help sitting down and getting back up again during our break. Others helped to steady me as we walked. The pack probably weighed as much as I did at the time and I had to carry it to our campsite. Later, with Evan's pack as far away from me as possible, I felt that it had been an honor to bear Evan's heavy burden, even for a short while. I had been the one to carry everyone's water for the last 45 minutes, and once I regained feeling in my shoulders, I actually thanked Evan for such a powerful lesson.

You may have had a similar experience in life, or you may feel tired just after reading about hiking, but my message remains the same. Sometimes, the best time to feel a part of the Body of Christ is not during the worship service or Sunday morning Bible class. Sometimes, you may feel the strongest bond while pulling your fellow "hikers" over fallen trees or feeling steady hands on your back as you stumble over rocks with a 90lb pack on your back. It is in these circumstances that we must learn to rely on others in Christ, and find that not only do you need the Body of Christ, but that the Body of Christ needs you.

Darby McGee – ACHS Graduate 2015

# 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

June 14, 2015

Worship Leader..... Josh Snead  
Hymn..... Great Are You Lord  
Welcome ..... Justin Hatfield

### Songs of Praise

Hymn: #76..... How Great Thou Art  
Hymn: #57..... Great Is Thy Faithfulness

### Draw Near to God

Hymn: #731..... Take Time to Be Holy\*  
Isaiah 55:1-2, 6-9..... Don Hilton  
Hebrews 10:19-27, 35-36..... Matt Steele  
Hymn: #242..... Sing Hallelujah to the Lord  
Prayer..... Jeremy Davis

### The Lord's Supper

Hymn: #83..... God Is So Good  
Hymn: #490..... It Is Well with My Soul  
Communion Meditation..... Alan Clute

### Offering

Prayer..... Alan Clute  
Hymn: #991..... This Is My Father's World

### "Something Beautiful, Someone Good"

Hymn..... How Great Is Our God  
(Parents may escort children ages 2-4 to TLC during this song.)  
Message..... Phil Ware  
Hymn: #1014..... Jesus Loves Me

### Responses

### Installation of Deacons

Hillcrest News..... Kyle McAlister  
Hymn: #406..... Just A Closer Walk with Thee  
Elder Blessing..... Don Pope

(\*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. – Phil Ware

P.M. – Care Group. - Chapel service - Lead by Fun Class.

## Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Loy Mitchell, who passed away Tuesday. The funeral was held in Big Spring on Friday. He was currently the minister for Knott Church of Christ.

## Bridal Showers

- **Today, 2-3:30 p.m.** Honoring Rachel Davis, Bride Elect of Blaine Whitlock, son of Chip & Jill Whitlock, at the home of Bootsie Conley, 1681 Newcastle Dr. Selections - Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond.
- **June 20, 2-4 p.m.** Honoring Rena Seay Konicek, at the home of Jenny Shelfer, 1109 Musken Road #108. Selections – Dillard's, Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

## VBS Volunteers - "Christian Academy" - June 21-24

For ages 4 through 5th grade. Want to have some fun telling children about Jesus? Sign up to volunteer in your email or on the wall in the bin area close to the teacher workroom! Registration forms are up on the Hillcrest web-site, hillcrestonline.com.

## H.A.Y. (Hilltoppers And Youth) Luncheon Thur., June 25, 11:30 a.m.

Join us in the MPR for an intergenerational lunch of Mexican stack. This will be an opportunity to get to know someone from a different generation. Youth please arrive at 10:30 a.m. to help set up and prepare food.

## Hillcrest Neighborhood Parade – Sat., July 4, 10 a.m.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. (starting at the corner of Bacon and Campus Court) followed by home-made ice cream in the MPR. Signup sheets are in classrooms this morning to bring home-made ice cream to the MPR or help clean up. Melissa McClung will be in the MPR at 9 a.m. to receive ice cream before the parade.

## VIP Camp - "Move" - July 19-22

For children 1st grade to 5th grade as of January 2015. Registration forms will be mailed to the children.

## Children's Ministry Need

We are needing small empty 4 to 8 oz. jars for VBS. You may drop them off at the marked bin. We now have plenty of paper towel rolls and cereal boxes. Thank you for your donations!

## Remembering Loy Mitchell

Loy was a long-time former missionary for Hillcrest, and worked for 50 years to bring souls to Christ in Africa through efforts such as the Mutare School of Preaching. Loy committed his life to training future generations to serve the Lord in ministry and to help the people of Zimbabwe, including AIDS orphans. For many years, Loy raised funds in the U.S. to help support preachers in Zimbabwe, and his efforts were part of the reason there are now over 500 churches of Christ in that country. We will miss his visits to Hillcrest, and will draw courage from his booming voice and encouraging leadership, always pushing us to tell the world about Christ.

Loy Mitchell asked that donations be made in his memory to either:

- Bible Teaching Program at Freed-Hardeman University  
158 E. Main St.  
Henderson, TN 38340  
Or: <https://give.fhu.edu/bible-teaching-program>
- Starfish Ministry - Zimbabwe  
Hillcrest Church of Christ  
650 East Ambler Ave., Abilene, TX 79601

**Thank you** to the 1st and 3rd grade Bible classes, Neal, Cynthia, and Martha Coates for planting flowers in the flower bed near the office. They have done a good job of taking care of the flowers and weeding the bed.

## Calendar of Events

June 14.....	Care Group
June 14-20.....	HYG/Encounter
June 21-24.....	VBS
June 25.....	H.A.Y. Luncheon
July 3.....	Hillcrest Office Closed
July 4.....	Hillcrest Neighborhood Parade
July 5-11.....	HYG/Mission Trip
July 12.....	Care Group
July 19-22.....	VIP Camp

# Hillcrest Ministries

## Children's Corner

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

### 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** – No Bible Hour tonight. Enjoy your Care Group!

**VBS Volunteers** - Learn to be a super hero for God in Christian Academy II - June 21-24, for ages 4 up through 5th grade. Registration forms are at [www.hillcrestonline.com](http://www.hillcrestonline.com) and on the desk in the children's wing.

**VIP Camp - "Move" - July 19-22**, for children 1st grade through 5th grade as of January 2015. Hearing the good news about Jesus makes you want to move! Parents, you may turn your child's registration form in at the church office or place them in the bin provided at the desk in the children's wing.

## HYG - Youth

**Today** – We are leaving for Encounter (Lubbock) today at noon. Grab some lunch and you can bring it on the bus. No Summer Sunday Night this week.

**Wednesday** – Class 7 p.m.

**Saturday** – Group returns from Encounter around 2 p.m.

## HillcrestU - University

**Tonight – 7:30 p.m.**

Movie Night at the Hatfield House.

### Wednesday

Class at 7 p.m. – *God's at War*.

Justin & Mat will be leaving on Monday for Africa for the next few weeks. Please be praying for the trip and for the people with whom we will be sharing the Gospel.

## Adult Education Corner

**Today** - Last Sunday morning Adult Bible Classes began new studies for the month of June. Each class has chosen its own study topic. A list of the various classes, their teacher and class topic may be found at the Information Desk or on the tables at the various building entries.

**Wednesday, 7 p.m.** - Everett Ferguson completes his series on "Covenants" in Rooms 10-11. The Women's Class (Room 219) continues their in-depth study of 1 and 2 Thessalonians.

## Family Ministry

### Wednesday - 7 p.m. - Room 14-15

*The Power of the Blessing* – This class will help you understand the idea of the biblical blessing, and how you can change the life of your children, spouse or other family members. Everybody needs a blessing.

## Missions & Faith Sharing

Don and Rita Boyd have arrived safely in Zambia to prepare for our Senior High students who will be going to teach a Gospel meeting during the first part of July.

Cam Hurst and Brian Davis depart Saturday evening to prepare for the Zimbabwe campaign in conjunction with Operation Starfish and the University ministry.

Ellie Hamby has departed to prepare for the Zambia Medical Mission.

Let's keep these advance teams in our prayers!

## For the Record

### Sunday Morning

A.M. Assembly..... 664  
Membership..... 953

Offering ..... \$25,184  
Weekly Budget .... \$25,000

### Sunday Evening

Auditorium ..... 83  
Bible Hour..... 15

### Wednesday Evening

Classes ..... 314