

Hillcrest Encouragement

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Removing the Stigma of Mental Illness

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.
1 Peter 5:7

For many years, Heather and I have been caregivers. Heather's father, Spencer, was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease when she was very young. Watching the disease take over his body and mind was hard. Sometimes, he was just mobile enough to get lost and confused. We would often have to search to find where he had wandered off. Those times were scary and stressful. He felt trapped in his body. At times, he felt ashamed of what he could not do or control. All of his life, he had been a devoted Christian, husband, and dad. Now, he had to constantly depend on others for all of his needs. God heard Spencer's and our prayer when He called him home just over three years ago. Since, then we've continued to care for Heather's mother, Mary Louise, who lives with us.

Throughout my ministry, I have watched as families have come in and out of church facing various hardships. Those who are dealing with mental illness have to face the double challenge of the illness and the stigma that comes with it. Much of it has to do with a lack of awareness and understanding. They may feel guilty that they do not "have enough faith" to be well. The feelings of shame can cause one to feel isolated and unwelcome. Some things, like a physical ailment, are more obvious than others, such as mental health. We often do not know how to react to families affected by mental illness. Recently, churches have begun to better understand issues of depression, stress, and anxiety and how they affect each of us.

We all need to remember that our identity is found in Christ Jesus, not in our illnesses or struggles. Sickness is not a sin. We do not need to be ashamed of the things that we cannot control. We do need to reach out to one another with the love and grace of Christ. Take the time to find ways to give encouragement to those who are feeling overwhelmed or overburdened by this life. Become more aware of treatment options that are available in our community. Let us remind one another that God cares for every single person, and he invites us to cast our cares on him. Sharing our burdens is not only Christian, but it is also part of how we were created as human beings. The more we share, the lighter the weight of our struggles and the more Christ's love is manifested within us.

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

Nursery.....	2-24 mo.
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 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 18, 2017

Worship Leader Odies Wright
Hymn: #435 Come into His Presence
Welcome Bob Pipes

Songs of Praise

Hymn: #103 He Has Made Me Glad*
Hymn: #127 When All Thy Mercies
Hymn Lord, I Lift Your Name On High

A Call for Freedom

Isaiah 61:1-3 John Hewitt
John 8:31-36 John Hewitt
Prayer Tillman Houston

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

Hymn Love Come Down
Communion Meditation Jarrell Edwards
Hymn: #315 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Hymn: #287 There Is a Redeemer

Offering

Prayer Jarrell Edwards
Hymn: #412 Jesus, Hold My Hand
Hymn: #801 Where No One Stands Alone
(Parents may escort children to TLC during this song.)

"13 Reasons Why Life Matters"

Message..... Nathan Burrow
Hymn: #660 People Need the Lord

Responses

Family News Dan Cox
Hymn: #608 He Gave Me a Song
Elder Blessing..... Terry Brown
(*Children's Song of the Month)

Hillcrest Family News

Today's Speakers

A.M. - Nathan Burrow
P.M. - Bob Pipes in the chapel at 6 p.m.

Sympathy

Sympathy to Wayne Rogers & Jim & Janiece Watts on the loss of Charlynn.

Sympathy to Quincy Hines, Jacob, Tatum, Kelsie & Lexie on the loss of Kim on Tuesday. Visitation is Tues., 6-8 p.m. at Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home on Hickory. Funeral is Wed., 2 p.m. at Hillcrest

New Baby

Congratulations to Jeff & Donna Ronquillo on the birth of a son, Ethan Brandon Judah Ronquillo. Brothers are Christian, Carson and Luke. Grandparents are Gabriel and Mary Ann Ronquillo.

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 Program - Wed., June 21, 7 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend the VBS closing program in the Worship Center. Refreshments and a craft will follow in the MPR. No adult, youth or children's classes will meet. The nursery will be available.

Bridal Brunch - Sat., June 24, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Honoring Julianne Batts, daughter of Don & Esther Batts at the home of Betty Annett, 6318 Dominion Court. Selections: Bed, Bath & Beyond, Pier 1 & Target.

Birthday Celebration - Sat., July 1, 2-3:30 p.m.

Alvah Jean Hilton is turning 90 this year. Come help us celebrate in the Hillcrest Family Room. No gifts please, but cards are welcome.

Hillcrest Neighborhood Parade - Tues., July 4, 10 a.m.

The 21st annual July 4th parade will begin at 10 a.m. (starting at the corner of Bacon and Campus Court) followed by homemade ice cream in the MPR. Sign up in Bible class to bring homemade or Blue Bell ice cream, cookies, to set up or clean up the MPR or receive ice cream at 9 a.m. Several ice cream freezers are available to borrow. Contact Alan Clute.

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.

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

The University Group, Hatfields, Sullivans, and Popes are working at present with two refugee churches in Vienna. They return June 27.

A team is at Mutare School of Preaching at present and includes Cam Hurst, Kevin Batten, Ken Austin, Brian Davis, and John Fewkes. They are assessing the school's current operations, holding a retreat with the Board of the School, and awarding the first of the Loy Mitchell scholarships. The four campaigners return on June 24.

Weekly Reports from Refugee Ministry in Vienna

Every week Gerhard Krassnig sends reports to the Hillcrest missions team about the North Vienna congregation of refugees, and now the new church plant in southern Vienna, in a neighborhood called Taraiskirchen. Here is an excerpt from this past week, before the University Group from Hillcrest arrived. "Hello brothers and sisters. Last Sunday we had the biggest crowd ever, about 30 people in Traiskirchen. Two of them were sent elsewhere (by the government) in Austria this week, and three are about to be sent to Malta, unless the Lord has other plans. ... In the next two weeks we have three or four couples and eight students with us from Hillcrest. Pray for good weather in Vienna for the next two weeks so we can reach many people. Most refugees are used to sunny weather and do not come out when it does rain. Wednesday afternoon we have our first picnic getting to know each other with games, songs, and a devotional. A small delegation of five will also go out to Traiskirchen, where we will invite

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.

No Bible Hour - VBS begins tonight.

Wednesday night - No Children's classes, VBS Presentation in the Worship Center. Nursery will be available.

VBS - June 18-21, 2017

Our VBS begins tonight at 6 p.m. in the auditorium. If you still haven't registered, you can register tonight at 5:45.

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

HYG - Youth

Wednesday - 7 p.m. - No Class, Meet in the Worship Center for VBS presentation.

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

Camp Champion (June 25-30) for those entering 6th-8th grade
June 29 - High School movie night in the youth room.

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

July 7 - Ranger's Game (sign up through youth news letter or at hillcrestonline.com.)

July 13, 6-8 p.m. - Skate and Bowl at FBC Family Life Center.

VIP Camp - July 23-26 - Sign up with J and Keri to help.

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.

If you would like to receive the youth newsletter in your email, please sign up at hillcrestonline.com/ministries/youth

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

Calendar of Events

June 18-21VBS
June 21.....VBS Program in Worship Center
June 26-July 10.....Mumena Mission
July 4 Hillcrest July 4 Neighborhood Parade
July 6-23.....Zambia Medical Mission
July 9Bible Class Fellowship
July 23-26.....VIP Camp

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

All adult classes will be attending the VBS Program in the Worship Center this Wednesday, June 21.

Classes will resume next Wednesday

- 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: 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.

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..... 596	Chapel..... 43
Bible Class..... 579	
Membership..... 892	Wed 284
May Offering \$112,330	