

Hillcrest Encouragement

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In Praise of Little Things

Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.

Mark 9:41

I was only a freshman at ACU when I received a phone call one day from my parents about someone who was in the hospital. Some new members at their church had a mother who lived in Abilene. They asked me if I would mind going and checking on her. I told them I would. When I came to her hospital room, many family members were gathered around her. I'm sure they were wondering who this strange young man was. I explained and they welcomed me. I could see in their faces the stress and pain of what they were experiencing. My words were few. I offered a simple prayer, wished them well, and left. The whole thing was a very small gesture on my part. Later, I received the news that she passed away a few days after our visit. It was in that same conversation that a family member shared with me how significant the visit meant to their mother. Apparently, the simple kindness and care I offered became a channel for God's peace in an hour of anxiety and despair.

Loving someone in Jesus name is never a small thing. I've been in ministry long enough to know that it is not in ourselves, but that God works in the midst of little things to turn them into holy and life giving moments. I've seen it with my own eyes, and I've also been privileged to hear the special stories from others who have been affected by someone's offering of love. It may be something as simple as a hug, a letter, a phone call, a flower, a meal, but when given out of love for Christ it, becomes far more. It happens spontaneously, without much knowledge on our part. But, God knows exactly what a heart needs, and he chooses to use his children to be the way that he connects. The Holy Spirit is able to reach deep inside a person's life.

Scripture is rich with vivid examples of this truth. God used a bush to call Moses to a new life (Exodus 3:2-3). He used a donkey to save Balaam (Numbers 22:33). He used a vine and a worm with Jonah (Jonah 4:7). In Jesus ministry, God chose to use a group of simple fishermen to bear the message of salvation for all of humanity. And, Jesus repeatedly used little children to teach them his plan and message (Matthew 18:2; Luke 18:16; John 6:9). This is the way our God still chooses to work. You don't have to be a gifted speaker to communicate God's love. All you need is a willingness to share your life in Jesus name.

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 25, 2017

Worship Leader	Odies Wright
Hymn: #103	He Has Made Me Glad*
Welcome	Charles Perkins

Songs of Praise

Hymn: #63	I Will Call upon the Lord
Hymn	My Life Is In You
Hymn	Light the Fire

A Call for Release

Isaiah 61:1-3	Ron Rosseau
John 11:40-44	Ron Rosseau
Prayer	Ray Ferguson

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

Hymn	Every Time
Communion Meditation	Phil Vardiman
Hymn: #180	Jesus Is Lord

Offering

Prayer	Phil Vardiman
Hymn	Lord Have Mercy
Hymn: #810	Listen to Our Hearts

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

"13 Reasons Why Love Matters"

Message	Nathan Burrow
Hymn: #662	All to Jesus I Surrender

Responses

Family News	Keith Morgan
Hymn: #716	Sing to Me of Heaven
Elder Blessing	David Copeland

(*Children's Song of the Month)

Hillcrest Family News

Today's Speakers

A.M. - Nathan Burrow
P.M. - Coy Roper in the chapel at 6 p.m.

Sympathy

Sympathy to Menda Sanders and Jeanene Irvin on the loss of their sister, Nancy Burdine.

New Member/Updated Old Member Pictures

Think your appearance hasn't changed much since the last directory pictures were taken in 2011? Take a look at Hillcrest Connect www.hillcrest.ccbchurch.com. Do you have more children or have they grown more than 8 inches? Are you pictured at all? Time for a new picture! Alan will be taking pictures at the side of the worship center today after worship.

Nathan's Schedule for Summer

Nathan will not be available during July. He will be in Zambia and on Vacation for 3-4 weeks.

VBS

Thank you to the many members who helped provide VBS to our kids and community. This year's attendance peaked at 121 and we had 54 volunteers.

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.

HYG Ground Zero - July 2-6

We are in prayer about how HYG can best serve our community with the love of our Lord. Here is a preliminary schedule:

- July 2: Ground Zero overview and devo at 6 p.m.
- July 3: Neighborhood prayer walk and begin service projects 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- July 5-6: Service projects 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

How can you help?

1) We would like individuals and/or couples to sign up to be group leaders during Ground Zero. You will lead a group of kids through the scheduled activities. We will walk through the neighborhood and pray for our neighbors as we seek out service opportunities.

2) Refer a job or someone in the neighborhood that needs work done.

3) Keep this local mission in your prayers.

If you are willing to help with Ground Zero, please contact J Sanders at 669-1536 or email j.sanders@hillcrestonline.com

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, or cookies. We also need folks 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, working with two refugee churches in Vienna, returns June 27.

The team at Mutare School of Preaching return on June 24.

Cade and Lisa White are visiting Cassie White June 21 through July 3.

Calendar of Events

June 25-30.....	MS Camp Champion
June 26-July 10.....	Mumena Mission
July 2-6	HYG Ground Zero
July 4.....	Hillcrest July 4 Neighborhood Parade
July 6-23	Zambia Medical Mission
July 9.....	Bible Class Fellowship
July 23-26	VIP Camp
July 29-August 4	Pine Springs Youth Camp
August 13	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.

Bible Hour - 6 p.m., beginning in the MPR.

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 - Middle School leaves for Camp Champion.

Wednesday - 7 p.m. - Class

June 29 - High School movie night in Rm 10/11.

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*

For the Record

Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening
A.M. Assembly633	Chapel58
Bible Class588	
Membership892	Wed..... 284
May Offering.....\$112,330	

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: 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.