

# Hillcrest Encouragement

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## I Will Sing Praises to the Lord

Several of the songs we sing in the service today have been written by a single hymn writer: Franny Crosby [1820-1915] was one of the most prolific writers of hymns in history, having written the words to more than 8,000 hymns and gospel songs. She was blind from shortly after birth and would compose hymns entirely in her mind finally dictating them to someone for transcription. Often she would compose six or seven hymns in one day. Her hymns were loved and sung a century ago and continue to be sung in churches today.

Among Crosby's songs in our hymn book are "Safe In the Arms of Jesus," "Take the World But Give Me Jesus," "Blessed Assurance," "I Am Thine, O Lord," "Jesus Is Tenderly Calling Thee Home," "Praise Him, Praise Him," "Rescue the Perishing," "Though Your Sins Be As Scarlet," "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross," "Hide Me, O My Savior," "'Tis the Blessed Hour of Prayer," "Savior, More Than Life to Me," "Tell Me the Story of Jesus," "A Wonderful Savior," "Thou, My Everlasting Portion," and "To God Be the Glory"

At Hillcrest, we sing a large variety of hymns. We sing "gospel hymns" like those by Crosby; we sing even older hymns, sometimes called "majestic hymns of the church;" we sing newer and contemporary songs. Hillcrest is a singing church. Our aim is for the entire congregation to sing "psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts." [Eph. 5:19, NRSV]

This means we must know the songs we sing, and we must sing the songs that are a part of the lives of all groups in our congregation. Let us appreciate what a responsibility and demand for good judgment lies on our song leaders. While Odies Wright is our regular song leader-and is the one who from time to time teaches us new songs-we are happy to have others who lead when he is gone.

Hillcrest offers several opportunities to sing and learn hymns in addition to singing at our services. The Hillcrest Singers, now under the direction of Greg Straughn, has been a part of this congregation for 30 years. They rehearse on Wednesday nights and present programs perhaps 20 times a year. Then each January, Odies Wright leads a two-day singing retreat to learn new songs and enjoy ones we already know. Many of our members enjoy singing at home with their families or listening to CDs as they drive.

How much we have to be grateful for! In our prayers, let us not forget to give thanks for hymn writers, for those who translate the Bible into all the languages of the world (sometimes at the cost of their own lives), for those who write the books which spur us on to greater faith, as well as for those ministers, teachers and song leaders who serve us in our own congregation.

The elders on the Worship Team

# 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 7, 2015

Worship Leader.....R. C. Swaim  
Hymn: #296..... We Have Come into His House  
Welcome ..... Terry Brown

### Songs of Praise

Hymn: #4 ..... To God Be the Glory  
Hymn: #844 ..... Hide Me, O My Savior

### Fix Your Thoughts on Him

Hymn: #731 ..... Take Time to Be Holy\*  
Psalm 95:1-7 ..... Wayne Williams  
Hebrews 3:1, 7-14 ..... Tyler Merritt  
Prayer ..... Matt Merritt

### The Lord's Supper

Hymn: #383 ..... Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross  
Communion Meditation..... Ron Rosseau

### Offering

Prayer ..... Ron Rosseau  
Hymn: #666 ..... I Am Thine, O Lord

### "When the Way Out is Through"

Hymn: #514 ..... Redeemed  
*(Parents may escort children ages 2-4 to TLC during this song.)*  
Message ..... Phil Ware  
Hymn: #947 ..... Jesus Is Tenderly Calling

### Responses

### Blessing for the Davis Family

Hillcrest News..... Shane Price  
Hymn: #508 ..... A Wonderful Savior  
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. – Steve Powers

## Reception for Davis Family - Today

During the assembly this morning, the shepherds will bless the Brian and Sondra Davis family. A reception will follow Bible class in the MPR. After serving on the mission field for 20 years in Benin, South Africa, and Zambia, and Brian's working as Missions and Local Evangelism Minister here at Hillcrest, the Davises are moving to Austin. Brian has begun working for World Bible School, but will remain as a missionary for Hillcrest for two traveling months a year. This allows Brian to visit Hillcrest mission sites and WBS sites, many of which are in southern Africa, including Mumena and Mutare. He will also help with our continuing research and recruitment of a new missionary team. Brian's role at WBS will also facilitate an enhanced role for Hillcrest members in World Bible School, including its Connect Program, a web-based system for U.S. and local evangelism.

## Sympathy

- Sympathy to Richard Schow on the loss of Jan Schow.
- Sympathy to Jerry & Diane Wilson on the loss of Jerry's dad, Sydney L. Wilson.

## Bridal Showers

- **June 14, 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 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.

## 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!

**Bible Bowl Help** - New to this coming school year, our Bible Bowl Team will be using the 2011 NIV Bible for its studies. If you could help over the summer with changing the study sheets, puzzles, and practice quizzes to coordinate with the 2011 version, please contact the church office. Any help is welcomed!

## Elders' Statement Given Sunday, May 31

There have been circumstances causing concern among members and elders, including the departure of three ministers from full-time employment at Hillcrest. The elders have identified several contributing factors; however, we want you to know we are accountable for this body of believers, and any and all issues are our responsibility. The identified factors are relationships, discussion of doctrinal issues and organizational deficiencies. We are committed to address these issues among the elders, between the elders and ministerial staff, and between ministers.

As we work through these issues, we pledge to keep you informed. The elders have asked me (Charles Perkins) to serve as their spokesman on these matters, and Don Pope will assist in these communications when I am not available. The elders have determined we need outside assistance to effectively work through these issues, and we have engaged Hope Network Ministries and Jon Mullican to assist us. Jon is on the ministerial staff of Highland Oaks Church of Christ in Dallas. We have already had three extended discussion sessions and more are scheduled. We solicit your prayers and welcome your comments.

## Calendar of Events

June 7 .....	Reception for Davis Family
June 14 .....	Care Group
June 14-20 .....	HYG/Encounter
June 21-24 .....	VBS
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 #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 4-5th grade will begin in the MPR.

**Meals on Wheels - Thursday, June 11** - Children from third grade up are invited to meet at the building at 9:45 a.m. and go to Meals on Wheels to bag groceries and deliver meals. Bring at least \$5 so we can eat lunch together afterwards. Contact Cynthia at 201-1124 if your child would like to participate and if you could offer some of your time and a vehicle, if needed.

## HYG - Youth

**Today** – Summer Sunday Night! 6-7 p.m. at the Coates. (1726 Cedar Crest)

**Wednesday** – Class 7 p.m.

**Thursday** – Triple S – MS meets at Hillcrest at 9:40 a.m. to help with Meals on Wheels. Bring money for lunch at Rosa's. Parents pick up students at 1 p.m. at Rosa's.

**Friday** – Prayer Brunch at 10 a.m. at the Flipping Egg.

**LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR ENCOUNTER**

## HillcrestU - University

**Today** - Cliff Barbarick will begin teaching a 3 week series in class this morning.

**Tonight – 7:30 p.m.**

Movie Night Life Group at the home of Justin & Kendall Harrison. Bring snacks/drinks to share!

**Wednesday**

Class at 7 p.m. – *God's at War*.

## Adult Education Corner

**Today** - This morning Adult Bible Classes begin new studies for the month of June. The bulletin insert lists teachers and subjects in each classroom. Perhaps you would like to visit a different class, or hear a particular teacher. Summer is a great time to do that!

**Wednesday, 7 p.m.** - Everett Ferguson continues his series in Rooms 10-11 on "Covenants" with a study of "The Covenants of the New Testament." 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

### Prison Ministry

We had 77 men at the Middleton Unit baptized into Christ bringing the total for the year to 259. If you would like to help with prison ministry, contact Glenn Cannon or Jack Hardcastle.

### Mumena Campaign

Don & Rita Boyd depart Saturday in order to prepare for the Mumena Campaigners in July. Please keep their efforts in your prayers.

## For the Record

### Sunday Morning

A.M. Assembly..... 699  
Membership ..... 956

Offering..... \$24,533  
Weekly Budget .... \$25,000

### Sunday Evening

Auditorium ..... 61  
Bible Hour..... 12  
Adult Life Groups..... 120

### Wednesday Evening

Classes ..... 331