

# Hillcrest Encouragement

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## FORGIVING MRS. BROWN

*Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus  
Romans 8:1*

Mrs. Brown was close to 90 years old when I came to visit her in the nursing home where she stayed. She had cared for her ailing husband for many years until his death. She was as kind and loving a person as one could know. As her health declined and she advanced in years, she moved to the nursing home. When I came to see her I knew, she had been battling loneliness, but I did not know how much she was battling guilt and regret. I greeted her with a hug and sat down to visit with her. I could tell her heart was very heavy as she began to talk to me. Tears came running down her face as she told me that she had cheated on a spelling bee when she was in elementary school. She had never told anyone before. "Can God forgive me?" she asked. The ghosts of guilt and regret were haunting her as she was reaching the end of her life wondering if she was worthy of God's grace.

The struggle of forgiving self can often be more difficult than forgiving others. No one is more aware of our failings and mistakes than we are. That is what makes God's declaration of forgiveness through Jesus Christ so powerful. Even when feelings from the past begin to creep up on us we can lift high the Word of God that states the pardon we receive as believers. We trust that the grace of God has accomplished all and more of what is necessary to set us free.

Do you struggle with forgiving yourself of past sin? Have you repented of your sins? Are you submitting your life to the will of God? If the answer is yes, then why would you stand to condemn the one God has declared forgiven. Take him at his word. Jesus blood is greater than the stains of your sin. They are remembered no more. This is grace.

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

March 19, 2017

Worship Leader .....	Odies Wright
Hymn: #474 .....	Thank You, Lord
Welcome .....	Jack Hardcastle

### Songs of Praise

Hymn: #166 .....	He's My King
Hymn .....	A Shield About Me
Hymn .....	One Thing Remains

### Mercies Abound

Isaiah 55:6-7 .....	Trenton Carothers
Colossians 3:12-15 .....	Trenton Carothers
Prayer .....	Steve Powers

### We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

Hymn .....	Every Time
Communion Meditation .....	C. D. Pruett

### Offering

Prayer .....	C. D. Pruett
Hymn: #663 .....	We Give Thee But Thine Own*
Hymn .....	Shout to the Lord

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

### "March to Forgiveness: The New Way of Being Human"

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

### Responses

Family News .....	Chip Whitlock
Hymn: #709 .....	How Sweet, How Heavenly
Elder Blessing .....	Robert Marion

*(\*Children's Song of the Month)*

# Hillcrest Family News

## Today's Speakers

A.M. - Nathan Burrow  
P.M. - Dan Cox - Chapel at 6 p.m.

## Sympathy

- Our sympathy to Mac & Sue McCollum on the loss of Mac's brother, Lenis McCollum.
- Our Sympathy to Kyle and Amy McAlister on the loss of Kyle's aunt, Martha Brooks.

## 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](http://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.

## Get to Know Nathan

If you haven't had a chance to meet or visit with Nathan, feel free to drop by the office any Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. His door will be open.

## Hillcrest Softball

First game tomorrow at 7 p.m. on field 1.

## Baby Shower - March 26, 2-3:30 p.m.

Honoring Jazmine & Covin Mitchell and baby boy Easton at the home of Shane & Melissa McClung. (GPS rarely works. There is a detailed map located at [hillcrestonline.com/maps](http://hillcrestonline.com/maps). Call Melissa if needed (325) 721-2597.)

## Hilltoppers Luncheon - March 28, 11:30 a.m.

Brad Benham from the ACU Foundation will present "Estate Planning Red Flags: Avoiding Problems in Your Will or Trust."

## Hilltoppers Trip to Sagerton Hee Haw - March 30

Make plans to attend the Sagerton Hee Haw on Thursday, March 30. We will plan to leave from the Hillcrest parking lot at 5 p.m. Sagerton is about an hour away, between Stamford & Aspermont. They offer a sandwich meal, (choice of ham & cheese, pimento cheese or chicken salad) with chips, drink & homemade pie for \$5 in the cafeteria, and then music begins in the Sagerton Community Center auditorium at 7 p.m. with the Hee Haw to begin at 8 p.m. The cost for the show is \$5 per person. Additional costs include meal & fuel. We are limited to the first 20 who sign up.

## Send The Light - April 2

Each April, the Hillcrest family collects funds to support short-term mission work around the world. On April 2, Send the Light will help send 65 people to 11 efforts in 9 countries. Our financial goal is to provide half of air travel, and double support for directors and medical personnel. We also contribute toward medicine needed for the Zambia Medical Mission. Please be praying for these efforts and consider how you can contribute. In addition to the special contribution on April 2, we have made online giving available this year at [hillcrestonline.com/give](http://hillcrestonline.com/give).

## Labor for Your Neighbor - April 9

Could you or someone you know benefit from some free labor? Yardwork, hauling stuff off, helping spring clean around the house and other jobs would be considered. Sign up for a labor of love at the side of the auditorium starting Sunday, April 2. Then you can do your work on Sunday, April 9 or any other time during Passion week leading up to Easter, April 16. If you are unable to do physical work, but still want to participate, how about going to visit a shut-in? Please contact Alan Clute if you or someone you know has a job that needs to be done.

## Woman to Woman Event—April 6, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Revitalize! Energize! Spiritualize! The Woman to Woman Ministry is planning a program that will help us inject new life and energy into our bodies and our spirits as we work together to build each other up.

If you have never been to a Woman to Woman event, you have missed something. Some exciting plans are being made! Put Thursday, APRIL 6, 6:30-8:30 p.m. on your calendar. Childcare and a light meal will be provided. Come join us! (Register on the Woman to Woman table OR online @ [www.hillcrestonline.com](http://www.hillcrestonline.com).)

## A Community Singing - April 21, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Come join us as we sing new and old hymns, have delightful conversation, and enjoy snacks that are shared among the participants. During the first hour or so, we will learn four new songs, take a break, and then return for a time of singing familiar hymns. Near the end of our time of singing, we will review the new songs. After our singing time, we will enjoy snacks, games, and conversations. Join us. Please RSVP to our church office (691-4200). Babysitting is available.

For the Record	
<b>Sunday Morning</b>	<b>Sunday Evening</b>
A.M. Assembly ..... 538	Chapel ..... 49
Bible Class ..... 513	
Membership ..... 883	Wed ..... 240
Feb. Offering ..... \$103,202	

# 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.

**Bible Hour - 6 p.m.**

## HYG – Youth

**Tonight - 6 p.m.** - Huddles

**Wednesday – 7 p.m.** - Bible Class in the youth room.

**Thursday** - Chick-fil-A Prayer Breakfast

**Retreats - SAVE the DATE**

**High School - March 31 - April 2** (Solid Rock camp in Eastland) We will depart Hillcrest at 6 p.m. on March 31. We will return 11:30 a.m., April 2. Sign up on line at Hillcrest Connect. Link is also in the newsletter, \$30 per student (9th-12th grades, boys and girls)

**Middle School - May 5-6** (Camp Butman)

## Hillcrest - U

**Tonight** - All LIFE Groups will meet at 5 p.m.

G1 – Jessup – (2125 Old Ironsides Rd)

G2 – Hancock - (1841 Marathon Ct)

G3 – Holt - (1318 Newcastle)

G4 – Straughn (1633 Hillview Rd)

**Wednesday** - 7 p.m. Share YOUR Story

**Thursday**

11 a.m. - HillcrestU Prayer Chapel - Jacob's Dream

4-5:30 p.m. - REACH

## Calendar of Events

March 28.....Hilltoppers Luncheon  
March 30..... Hilltoppers Trip  
April 1.....Men's Life Breakfast  
April 2..... Send the Light Sunday  
April 2..... Church-wide Picnic  
April 6.....Woman to Woman  
April 9..... Labor for Your Neighbor  
April 28-30 ..... HEB Family Retreat  
May 3 .....CajunFest LAFF

## Adult Education Corner

**Sunday Morning Adult Classes** – Today we continue our 4-week study on the "Grace of Forgiveness." Even though the concept of forgiveness may seem simple, practicing forgiveness is much more complex. We'll clarify some things that forgiveness is not before suggesting a working definition.

**Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Class - March 21, 10 a.m.**  
P's & Q's—Provider, Prayer, Quick & Quiet (Ps 65, 141, 86, 121, 46, 131) - Teacher Pat Pamplin

## Wednesday Night Classes

- Rm 10/11 – Everett Ferguson concludes his series on "The Rule of Faith in the Early Church"
- 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

***It Starts at Home: Learn to Confidently Teach Your Kids about God***

In these busy, hectic days we take our kids to sports practices, games, music lessons, school tutoring and other activities to give our children the best opportunities for success. But what if we're missing the chance to teach them what matters most? In these six sessions, we will explore biblical and tangible ways that parents - couples, single parents, blended families and grandparents - can build a legacy of faith for their children.

## Missions and Faith Sharing

### Prison Ministry

There were 52 baptisms at the Middleton Unit in February. The year total is 111.