

Hillcrest Encouragement

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Instant Replay

I have instant replay. Not the one you're likely thinking of. I'm not talking about the instant replay on TV where referees are second-guessed. I'm talking about the one in my mind. In "real time" I'm not too impressive, but in my instant replay I'm witty and incising. Perhaps you know what I'm talking about. The instant replay of the mind is where you replay what you would have liked to have said or done in order to make yourself look more impressive, rather than that sheepish reply you actually made.

I find myself wasting a tremendous amount of time thinking about a given situation and how I might have responded to make me look strong and brilliant (in my own mind at least). That person at work says something to my disliking and I respond with an anemic "no"; later I replay the scene in my mind over and over, refining my response each time until I say just the right thing to put him in his place. Of course, in my instant replay my would-be adversary tucks tail and bows to my obvious superiority. He is instantly awestruck by my brilliant come-back and realizes the error of his ways. I then walk away with a self-assured swagger, knowing that the world has just been meliorated by my wit. Bystanders look on with admiration, envious of my astute comeback delivered with such astute acuity. "Yes... that's what I should have said" I think to myself. I may then sigh in contented pleasure knowing that I am in the right.

How ridiculous I must seem to God.

Even if I were to say what I wanted, in most cases it would have done more damage than good. Certainly, nobody would be impressed with my comeback. I'm embarrassed at how many times per day I engage in this worthless exercise. Now conscious of the practice, I am amazed at how many times I "instant replay" an engagement in my mind. The problem with this practice, other than the abject waste of time, is that it is completely self-serving. There is no justice, only selfishness. My thoughts are directed solely toward my own glorification, gratifying my own ego instead of glorifying God.

"Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory." Colossians 3:2-4

My disposition toward instant replay in my mind would seem to indicate that I have yet a fair bit to go in assimilating this passage into my spiritual being. When I replay these scenes in my mind, it's clear that my life is not "hidden with Christ in God," but alive and well in my own mind – on earthly things like my own self-aggrandizement. I'm too impatient to await Christ in his glory, so I'll create my own glory in my own mind... to my shame.

It's time to end the instant replay rule. It's time to set my mind on "things above," not myself.

James McGee

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

Babv Bunch in Nurserv

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
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

March 20, 2016

Worship Leader Dik Pittman
Hymn: #535 The Glory-land Way
Welcome Jack Hardcastle
Hymn: #275 O Lord, You're Beautiful*

Being Good but Without God's Spirit?

Hymn: #185 Jesus, Thy Name I Love
Prayer Fred Bailey
Ezekiel 37:1-6..... Cam Spencer
2 Corinthians 3:17-18..... Cam Spencer

The Lord's Supper

Hymn: #845 Gentle Shepherd
Hymn: #315 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Communion Meditation Phil Palmer

Offering

Prayer Phil Palmer

Songs of Praise

Hymn: #791 On Bended Knee
Hymn: #448 Greatest Commands
Hymn Jesus Let Us Come to Know You
(Parents may escort children ages 2-4 to TLC during this song)

"Unsettling"

Message: John 3 and the New Birth..... Phil Ware
Hymn: Lord Take Control
Message: New Birth and New Beginnings..... Phil Ware
Hymn: #683 I Am Mine No More

Responses

Hillcrest News Kyle McAlister
Hymn: #122 The Love of God
Family Blessing..... Neal Coates

(*Children's Song of the Month)

Hillcrest Family News

Today's Speaker

A.M. - Phil Ware
P.M. - Coy Roper - Rm 10/11 at 6 p.m.

Men's Softball

Our first game is tomorrow, at 8 p.m. on field 2. Come out and cheer us on.

Hillcrest 101 - Starts March 23

If you are a new member or considering placing membership at Hillcrest, you are invited to attend the Hillcrest 101 class. The class begins this Wednesday, in room 12. This Wednesday we will begin at 5:30 with a New Member Dinner. Terry Brown & Alan Clute will facilitate. Come learn more about Hillcrest. RSVP to Kay in the office 691-4200.

Hilltoppers Luncheon - March 29

Join us Tuesday, March 29, at 11:30 a.m. in Room 12. Tom Hagan will share about Hope for Life, a Herald of Truth ministry. The menu will be pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, carrot sticks, pickles, chips, and Hershey bar pie with Cool Whip for dessert. If you would be willing to help prepare food Monday night at 7 p.m. or Tuesday morning beginning at 9 a.m., put a star by your name. The cost is \$3 per person. Hilltoppers are made up mostly of retirees, but anyone is welcome.

Hilltoppers Trip - April 1

Join us as we head to Eldorado, TX to see The Way Off Broadway Players perform "Assisted Living: The Musical How the Older Half Lives." Tickets are \$12. Additional costs include transportation and a meal. We plan to leave at 3 p.m. and return a little after midnight. Contact Alan Clute if interested.

14th Annual Junior Bible Bowl - April 2

On Saturday, April 2, we are expecting over a hundred 3rd through 6th grade students, coaches, and sponsors. Volunteers are needed for set-up, registration, score-keeping, noon meal and afternoon snack preparation, and take-down and clean-up. Sign-up sheets will be in classes today. Contact Brian or Lavon Burton if you have any questions. THANKS for your help!

Woman to Woman - "Showers of Blessings" - Apr. 4-8

Ladies! Please listen carefully to today's Ministry Moment, and note that the DEADLINE for signing up for this fellowship opportunity is TODAY! Please don't let it pass you by.

Labor for Your Neighbor - April 17 - Help us connect to our community. Call or email the office to refer a neighbor who is in need of house or yard work or someone who could use a visit.

A Hillcrest Singing - Re-scheduled to April 15

You are invited to A Hillcrest Singing on Friday, April 15, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in rooms 10 & 11. This will be a time for learning a few new songs and reviewing songs learned in the past. Babysitting is provided. Bring a snack to share. Stay for games and conversation afterwards. RSVP to your email invitation or call the office to let us know you are coming.

Men's Life Breakfast - Saturday April 23

Mark your calendar for the next MLB on Saturday, April 23 at 8 a.m. Jay Sanders will be sharing, "Are you willing to die for a prayerful relationship with God? The story of Daniel."

HEB Church Wide Retreat - Grace Wins! April 29 - May 1

Registration begins today, March 20, for the Hillcrest Spring Retreat at HEB Camp. The theme this year is Grace Wins! We will be using the new Headwaters campsite again. Limited spots will be filled in the order in which we receive registrations. The cost is \$15.00 per person (\$60.00 max per family). Sign up and pay online at hillcrestonline.com/heb.

Children's Items Needed

The Children's Ministry welcomes any of the following donated items for this summer's programs: swimming pool noodles, toilet paper rolls, 2 litre plastic bottles (empty, clean, with lid). Bins for drop off are in the hall that leads to the Chapel.

Missions and Faith Sharing

April 3, Send the Light Collection

The annual special collection for short-term missions at Hillcrest will be held April 3. Please be considering how you can help that Sunday! This year there are 42 Hillcrest members involved in mission efforts in 16 countries. The Missions Team has set a goal of \$64,175 to help with half of the airfare for these campaigners.

Calendar of Events

March 23 New Member Dinner/Hillcrest 101
March 29 Hilltoppers Luncheon
April 2 Hillcrest Bible Bowl
April 3 Send the Light Sunday
April 3 Care Group/Church-wide Picnic
April 4-8 Woman to Woman/Home Dinners
April 15 (New Date) A Hillcrest Singing
April 17 Labor for Your Neighbor
April 20 Cajun Fest LAFF
April 23 Men's Life Breakfast
April 29-May 1 Family Retreat at HEB Camp

Hillcrest Ministries

Children's Corner

Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #3)

Training and Learning for Children: (Ages 2-4)

Parents may escort their child to the Children's Wing during the song before the sermon.

Bible Bowl Practice - Meets today. Ruth 1-4

Bible Bowl Competition - Hillcrest, Saturday, April 2

Bible Hour - 6 p.m. - Ages 2-3 begin in the playroom beside the 3's classroom. Ages 4 up to 5th grade begin in the puppet room and end in the MPR.

Caterpillars & Butterflies - This Tuesday at 4:30, Rm 10

VBS: June 19-22, Ages 4 through 5th grade

VIP Camp: July 17-20, Children who have completed 1st grade through 5th grade

HYG - Youth

Today - 6 p.m. - Huddles Meet

Wednesday - 7 p.m. - Class

Thursday - Prayer Breakfast at 7 a.m.

TNT! Thursday Night Together

Middle School: 6:00-7:30 p.m. High School: 7:45-9:15 p.m.

High School Retreat - April 8-10, Sign up online ASAP! \$60

Middle Sch. Retreat - April 22-23, Sign up online ASAP! \$35

Senior Families! Begin sending in pictures for Senior Sunday, May 15. Please contact Taylor for further information.

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Tonight: Life groups meet at 5 p.m.

G1, G4 - TBA

G2, G3 - Goodman

Wednesday: Come Share YOUR Story at 7 p.m.

Thursday: Small group chapel, 11 a.m. at Jacob's Dream

Thursday: REACH at 4 - 5:30 p.m., Canterbury Crossing Apts.

Sunday Morning

A.M. Assembly 516

Classes 420

Membership 900

Feb. Offering \$100,412

Sunday Evening

Rm 10/11 Group 66

Wed 238

Adult Education Corner

Coming in May. A 4-week series on Islam will be presented on Wednesday nights in May.

Sunday Morning Adult Classes - The "Neighboring" series continues today with a lesson on how time demands can hinder us from being a better neighbor.

Wednesday Night Classes

- **Rm 10/11** - Wendell Willis continues his series.
- **Rm 30 - ESL Class:** Meets every week
- **Rm 16 - Congregational Singing:** Join Odies Wright for a time of worship in song!
- **Rm 219 - Women's Bible Class** "Walking by Faith" by Jennifer Rothschild. Women of all ages are invited.

Tuesday Women's Bible Study - March 22 - 10 a.m.

Rm 30 - "Let Go & Let God": (Gal. 2:20 and Rom. 8:28) Teacher, Connie Adams. Rm 10 - "Hagar & Sarah": (Gal. 4:21-31) Teacher, Cathy Franklin

Family Ministry

Wednesdays - Rm 14/15 - 7 p.m.

IF - All that stands between you and your wildest dreams for your family is one little "if". Looking at Romans 8 for four weeks, we will work together to overcome feelings of guilt, fear and doubt so that you can transform your family "if only's" into "what if" possibilities!

Relationship 101 - Begins April 6th, 7 p.m. (8-week series)

With Jack and Susan Hardcastle. Want to take your relationship to the next level? Whether you are seriously dating, engaged, or feel like you have been married forever, this class will help you understand each other in ways you never thought possible. There is no charge for the class, and it does qualify for the marriage license discount as well. You must preregister online or call 325-691-4200.



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