

Hillcrest Encouragement

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For Just Such a Time as This

Like many people at Hillcrest, I am deeply conflicted over Matt and Leslie Haynes' departure. He is an outstanding preacher, gifted teacher of the word, and dear friend. I marvel at his ability to bring fresh insights from texts that I thought I knew well, as he helps me to see the revelation of God in a new way and challenges me to act consistently with the ministry of Christ. We have all had preachers and teachers who left an unusually powerful impact on our lives of faith, and Matt is one such person for me. Leslie is his ideal ministry partner: a woman of strength, wisdom and integrity who helps create a loving foundation for their joint role in the kingdom. The conflict I feel with their move is similar to what one feels when any dear friend moves: you will miss the friend and their direct influence on your life, yet you also want the best for them, and you are hopeful and excited about the new opportunities in their path.

The departure of a beloved minister after a short ministry stay also forces me into a series of reflections. Why was Matt and Leslie's time here at Hillcrest so short? What was the purpose of a two-year stint in the pulpit? Our human minds seek explanations and answers, yet God often softly encourages us to walk in the mystery of faith. I am reminded of the conversation Esther had with her uncle Mordecai during a time of grave persecution of the Jews. She had been taken into the royal household of the king of Persia, and Mordecai encouraged her to use her position and influence with the king to bring deliverance to her people. Perhaps the most famous line in the book of Esther arises from Mordecai's sage advice: "For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this." (Esther 4:14, NRSV). Consider Mordecai's wisdom: God's purpose for his people will be accomplished, whether through Esther or someone else. But perhaps—just perhaps—her whole reason for being in a particular place at a particular time and embedded in a particular series of relationships was to be an instrument of God's specific will for a discrete subset of his people.

Does this same principle hold true in the present case with Matt and Leslie? One must be careful in taking words written 2500 years ago and presuming they mean the same thing in a radically different context in the present. But Mordecai's suggestion, couched as it was in mystery and humility, may point a way forward as my mind seeks an explanation. Were Matt and Leslie at Hillcrest for just such a time as this? "Who knows? Perhaps. . ."

Andrew Little

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
Upward Bound (all ages)	Room 10
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

March 22, 2015

Worship Leader..... Odies Wright
Hymn: #417..... Where He Leads, I'll Follow
Welcome..... Matt Haynes

Songs of Praise

Hymn..... 10,000 Reasons
Hymn..... One Thing Remains
Hymn: #31..... Be Still and Know

God Is Our Strength and Protection

Psalms 46..... Jacob Clute
John 17:15-24..... Andrew Clute
Prayer..... Judd White
Hymn: #383..... Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

The Lord's Supper

Communion Meditation..... Jack Hardcastle
Hymn..... Nearer, Still Nearer

Offering

Prayer..... Jack Hardcastle
Hymn..... Here I Am to Worship
Hymn..... In Christ Alone
(Parents may escort children ages 2-4 to TLC during this song)

"What Do You See?"

Message..... Matt Haynes
Hymn: #416..... Footprints of Jesus

Responses

Announcement from Elders..... Don Pope
Hillcrest News..... Chris Pettijohn
Blessing for Matt, Leslie and children..... Malcom Coco
Hymn: #15..... Step by Step
Elder Blessing..... Malcom Coco

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

Tonight's Speaker

Bob Pipes – "Sacred Garments for God's Priests"

Send Off for Haynes Family – Today

There will be a reception for Matt & Leslie Haynes and family this morning in the MPR following class.

New Baby

Congratulations to David & Judy Osborne on the birth of a granddaughter, Willa Rhys Butler, on Sunday, March 8 to Lauren McBay.

Sympathy

- Tim and Wendy Allen on the loss of Tim's sister, Allison Allen Wilson.
- Ryan and Elisa Jessup on the loss of Elisa's grandmother, Billie Prior.
- Wayne and Beverly King on the loss of their nephew, Jeremy Cotham.
- Justin and Kari Hatfield on the loss of Kari's grandfather, Estel Pendergrass.
- Lee and Laverne Trumbo on the loss of Laverne's sister, Donna Maucher.

Men's Softball – Monday, March 23

The Hillcrest softball team will play at 9 p.m. against Wylie Methodist Church at Nelson Park on field 1.

Tuesday Ladies Class – March 24, - 10 a.m.

Room 30: Judy Reeves – *Lord is it Warfare* Ch. 6.
Room 10: Mary Barton - 2 Timothy 1 – "Source of Spiritual Care and Perfect Healing."

Hilltoppers Luncheon – Tuesday, March 24

This Tuesday, March 24, at 11:30 a.m. in Room 12. Our speaker will be Chesley Martin from West Texas RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program). The menu will be pork loin, sweet potato with onion, fried okra, strawberry spinach salad and dessert. Please sign up in Bible class.

Woman to Woman Event – Thursday, March 26

"Courage to Shine – Where is the Light Leading You?" Join us from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for an evening of light food, table talk and fellowship. Childcare provided. RSVP for yourself and your children on the Hillcrest website or sign up at the table at the side of the Worship Center.

Faith At Home Weekend – March 28-29

This weekend will be one of four "Faith at Home" weekends we will have this year, and here is a rundown of events for this weekend:

- Ministry Leaders Workshop: Saturday, 9-11:30 a.m. Mark will share with us a second part to what he shared with us last year, on developing a faith at home approach in our ministries, and help us get to the next level. Please RSVP to the office or respond to the email that was sent recently.

- Grandparenting Banquet: Saturday, 6 p.m. Grandparents of all ages are invited to this special banquet that will encourage, equip, and energize you to be the best grandparent you can be! Mark Holmen, author and speaker with Faith at Home Ministries, will be our speaker. This is a meal and there is no cost, but you must RSVP to the office at 691-4200, or respond to the email being sent.

- Combined Bible Classes Workshop: Sunday Morning Mark will share with us the results of the survey and give us some recommendations on "next steps" for our families.

13th Annual Hillcrest Bible Bowl – Saturday, April 11

Hillcrest will be hosting our 13th Annual Junior Bible Bowl meet. We are expecting over 100 3rd - 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 in Bible classes today. Contact Brian or Lavon Burton.

Send The Light - April 12

Each April, the Hillcrest family collects funds to support short-term mission work around the world. On April 12, Send the Light will help send 54 persons 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 Zambia Medical Mission. Please be praying for these efforts and consider how you can contribute.

HillcrestU – University

Tonight - LIFE groups meet at 5:30 p.m.

- G1 – Holt Home (1318 Newcastle)
- G2 – Whitlock (1317 Lakeview)
- G3 – Byrd Home (741 N 21st St)
- G4 – Pruett Home (14 Hilliard)

Tuesday

Tuesday Night Bible study at 2417 Church St at 8 p.m.

Wednesday

Special LIFT worship in Hart Auditorium on ACU's campus at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday

We will have small group chapel this week at 11 a.m. at Jacob's Dream. If the weather is cold or rainy, we will be in the Bible building room 120.

Spring Retreat – Rescheduled for April 10-12

Hillcrest Ministries

Children's Corner

Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #4)

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.

Easter Egg Hunt

Where? Will Hair Park.

When? At the beginning of church picnic, Sunday, April 5.

What to Bring? 12 plastic stuffed eggs for each participating child. From Mar. 29 to the morning of Apr. 5, place them in the receptacle next to the desk in the children's wing.

HYG - Youth

Tonight - Huddles meet at 6 p.m.

Wednesday - Tutoring at 6:15 p.m. Class at 7 p.m.

Thursday - Prayer Breakfast at 7 a.m. at Chick-fil-A North.

Friday - South-side Prayer Breakfast at 7 a.m. at Chick-fil-A South (on Southwest Dr.).

Upcoming Events

Juniors & Seniors sign up online for Junior/Senior Night Out, April 10-11.

Seniors and parents: Send your Senior Sunday pictures to Taylor ASAP. Details in the HYG email newsletter or contact Taylor. If you would like to receive the HYG email newsletter, contact Taylor at taylor@hillcrestonline.com.

Calendar of Events

March 22	Reception for Haynes Family
March 24	Hilltoppers Luncheon
March 26	Woman to Woman Event
March 28-29	Faith At Home Weekend
April 1	Loaves & Fishes Fellowship (LAFF) and Uplift
April 5	Churchwide Picnic & Egg Hunt
April 10-11	University Spring Retreat
April 11	Hillcrest Junior Bible Bowl
April 12	Send the Light Sunday
April 19	Labor For Your Neighbor
May 1-3	Annual Retreat at HEB Camp

Adult Education Corner

Wednesday Evening Women's Class – March 25

Children of the Day, series by Beth Moore. Contact Marty Williams to purchase a workbook. Cost is \$16.

Sunday Morning Series. - Book of Judges.

Family Ministry

Sunday - Single and Parenting - 6 p.m. – Room 14-15

Darrin Cox & Summer Anders facilitate this group.

Wednesday - 7 p.m. - Room 14-15

Breathing Room - In this four week series, we will show you how to create this place in your schedule, your finances, and your relationships. Don't miss it!

Divorce Care – Wednesday – 7 p.m. – Room 52

If you or someone you know could benefit from this support group, please plan to attend. Facilitated by Russell & Cene' Gould.

Missions and Faith Sharing

Our summer campaign groups are already deep into their training. The youth going to Mumena have spent 5 hours in training to date. The great thing about this is that their parents have been side by side with them as they prepare to share the good news of Jesus Christ. What a powerful parent/child experience! The Zimbabwe Campaign Team had their first meeting that produced some wonderful synergy among the campaigners. As always, the Zambian Medical Mission team is working year round in their preparations. Let's all be praying for these groups as they prepare and as we prepare as a congregation to support them in our upcoming Send the Light contribution on Sunday, April 12. What an honor to be able to invest in eternity!

For the Record

Sunday Morning

A.M. Assembly686
Bible Class654
Membership.....956

Offering\$21,148
Weekly Budget.....\$25,000

Sunday Evening

Auditorium.....49
Adult Life Groups185
University.....62

Wednesday Evening

Classes.....382