

Hillcrest Encouragement

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Mothering Gum

Mother is a verb. I was mothered for many years. My mother is gone now; however, I've noticed that her mothering remains. I often think of the ways she mothered me. Among the many wonderful things I watched my mother do, I had the great privilege of watching her mother my own children.

I remember giving her flowers on Mother's day when I was a child. Usually they were dandelions I had plucked from the back yard. She would place them in a glass of water and put them on the dining room table, then smile over them as if they were a dozen roses. That's "mothering." Small things weren't small to her... they were everything.

This perspective became clearer to me when I had children of my own. Near the end of her life, my mother was in very poor health and had to live in a nursing home where she received constant skilled care. Christmas was a very important time to my mother; she loved to give gifts to everyone, especially her kids. She had no money or any way to purchase gifts, yet it was very important to her that she give gifts to my children. Christmas came and she was ready for us with scores of little gifts for my kids. She had gotten a couple of large packs of gum and wrapped each stick individually complete with a handmade bow. That's "mothering."

I thought how much time it must have taken her to wrap each stick of gum. Each stick of gum was a piece of her love. She took something that was almost worthless and, through mothering, she turned it into a priceless gift that I will never forget. It wasn't the gum, it was the mothering.

The mothering she did came from a unique kind of wisdom that only mothers seem to have. This woman, who never even graduated high school, taught me a great deal about love. To have a mother like her is a blessing, but to have two is more than anyone deserves. God blessed me with my wife's mother as well. I've watched her mothering over the years. With patience beyond description and wisdom quietly shown, she has mothered me for 26 years. I've watched my wife mother our children in every way imaginable.

Mothering is the art of taking something small and making it priceless. It's a dandelion in a glass, a tear shared late at night, a kiss on a cut, a smile in the eyes, a sandwich packed in a lunchbox, a hand on a shoulder... each act – carefully, individually wrapped in deep love – offered in quiet joy. Little sticks of sweetness that seem small at the time, yet make all the difference. Mothering... there's really nothing like it in the world.

Give your mother some gum today!

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

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

May 10, 2015

Worship Leader..... Odies Wright
Hymn: #100/101 Holy Ground
Welcome Ray Ferguson

Songs of Praise

Hymn..... Firm Foundation
Hymn..... One Thing Remains
Hymn: #18 Faithful Love
Hymn..... How Can I Keep From Singing

The Joy and Influence of Motherhood

Ruth 4:13-17..... Cliff Barbarick
2 Timothy 1:1-7 Cliff Barbarick
Prayer Mark Thomas
Hymn: #351 He Bore It All

The Lord's Supper

Communion Meditation..... Andy Little
Hymn: #364 Come, Share the Lord

Offering

Prayer Andy Little
Hymn: #704 Bind Us Together
Hymn: #147 I Stand Amazed
(Parents may escort children ages 2-4 to TLC during this song.)
Message Greg Anderson
Hymn: #416 Footsteps of Jesus

Responses

Hillcrest News..... Yancey House
Hymn: #898 Paradise Valley
Family Blessing Gary Varner

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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Today's Speakers

A.M. – Greg Anderson

P.M. – Coy Roper – “Doing Greater Works than Jesus”

Greg Anderson is in his third year with Interim Ministry Partners. Prior to this, Greg was Chief Learning Officer for Strategic Government Resources, a local government consulting firm located in Keller, Texas, and prior to that was a minister in churches of Christ for over ten years. Greg’s desire is to use the tools he has attained while working with local governments and churches, along with the collective wisdom of other Interim Ministry Partners and what he has learned on his personal journey, to help churches thrive. Greg is a doctoral student in Organizational Leadership at Pepperdine University.

Sympathy

Sympathy to Ray & Kay McGlothlin on the loss of Ray’s step-mother, Lois McGlothlin.

New Member pictures - Today

If you have recently placed membership, had a change in your family or a child that has grown more than 6 inches since the last directory pictures, please come to the side of the Worship Center to have your picture made after worship and before Bible class.

Senior Sunday – Next Sunday, May 17

In the hallway across from the MPR, tables are currently set up with the names and pictures of our graduates. You are invited to place gifts or cards in buckets underneath the tables. This is just one way that the Hillcrest family chooses to honor our graduating students and celebrate this milestone in their life.

Hilltoppers Trip – May 28

On Thursday, May 28, the Hilltoppers will leave the Hillcrest parking lot at 7:30 a.m. headed to Austin to tour the World Bible School facility with Brian Davis. He will be sharing about the new WBS efforts in Ghana during lunch. The cost will include \$5 toward lunch plus fuel. We plan to return by 5 p.m. Call the church office if you would like to go.

Cajun Cones – June 3

Celebrate the end of school and the beginning of summer with Cajun Cones under the covered entrance after Bible class on Wednesday, June 3.

Men’s Life Breakfast – June 6

Make plans to attend our next breakfast (barring any ice storms) on Saturday, June 6.

HEB Camp

Contact Alan Clute at aclute@hillcrestonline.com if you took pictures at HEB Camp and are willing to share.

Labor for Your Neighbor

There are still quite a few jobs remaining on the table at the side of the worship center. If you have a little time this week, please consider signing up and doing a job. Remember to call before you go and be sure to prayer with them before you leave.

VBS Volunteers - “Christian Academy” - June 21-24

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.

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

Please begin collecting empty paper towel rolls for VBS and empty cereal boxes (not the tiny size) for VIP Camp. A designated bin is in the hall for your convenience.

For the Record

Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening
A.M. Assembly..... 690	Auditorium Care Group
HEB Camp..... 135	
Bible Class..... 645	Wednesday Evening
Membership..... 956	Classes..... 347
Offering \$29,825	
Weekly Budget \$25,000	

Calendar of Events

May 17	Senior Sunday
May 28	Hilltoppers Trip
May 29-31	Faith at Home Weekend
June 3	Summer Kick off with Cajun Cones
June 6	Men’s Life Breakfast
June 14	Care Group
June 21-24	VBS
July 4.....	Hillcrest Neighborhood Parade
July 19-22	VIP Camp

Children’s Corner

Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #2)

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.

HYG - Youth

Today – Mother’s Day. No huddles.

Wednesday – No Tutoring. 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.).

Next Week – Senior Sunday. Final Senior Huddle, 5 p.m.

Sign up for HYG summer events - Sign up online at hillcrestonline.com or through links in HYG newsletters.

Senior Parents

You are invited to our last huddle for a celebration dinner Sunday, May 17, at 6 p.m. It will be at 3833 Ligustrum (David and Conni's home.) Please RSVP to connirobinett@hotmail.com by Monday, May 11, so we know how much food to prepare.

HillcrestU - University

Congratulations on making it through another school year. Have a great summer and we’ll see you next year. Beginning next week we will have a movie night each Sunday as well as some weekly activities. Stay tuned for more info on an exciting summer.

Tonight – We have no activities planned for tonight.

Wednesday

We will meet this Wednesday for class at 7 p.m.

Thursday

No small group chapel.

Have a great summer!

Adult Education Corner

Sunday Morning Adult Classes. Our series on Jesus’ “signs” in the book of John continues this morning with the lesson about the man born blind!

Wednesday Evening Classes.

- **Large Lecture Class** (Room 10/11). Terry Brown will be the teacher for the month of May!
- **Women’s Class.** Looking for an in-depth Bible study? Well, it is not too late to join in a study of I and II Thessalonians.
- **Renew** (Room 30). Need your “battery recharged” in the middle of a busy week? Why not try out this class? It is a “quiet time” of reflection and worship led by Yancey House.

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.

Faith at Home Weekend – May 29-31

Special Seminar on “Developing Spiritual Intimacy in your Marriage.” (May 29, 30) Facilitated by Tracy Fleet and Jack Hardcastle. Please preregister for this event. (No Charge)

Focused Worship and Combined Adult Bible Class – Spiritual Intimacy in the Family – May 31

Contact Jack Hardcastle for more information, or call 691-4200.

Missions and Faith Sharing

Follow-up report from Cindy Robinson:

The numbers that Elizabeth gave me this morning for the Ladies' meeting were 4,079 women in attendance, 202 congregations represented, 103 restorations, and 3 baptisms. The Zambian women and men pulled it off, and I was really happy for them. - Blessings from the little house in the bush, Cindy Robinson

Prison Ministry – The Middleton Unit had 91 baptisms in April, bringing the year to date total to 180.