

Hillcrest Encouragement

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These Kids Today!

I'll bet you've heard that in the past, perhaps recently. Maybe you have even said it yourself. I have made a few observations regarding this generation of kids – your kids. You see, I get to spend a fair amount of time with them. I see them in class on Wednesday nights and I occasionally teach them on Sunday mornings. More specifically, I spend all day with “these kids today” teaching my 12th grade English class. On this Senior Sunday, allow me to express a few of my observations.

These kids today are unusually generous. You may suggest that their generosity is the result of having so much, but that would be counter to what most people, including myself, actually observe in real life. There is a reason why Jesus suggested how hard it is for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven... harder than a camel going through the eye of a needle. To be fair, this generation has been given a lot; however, they are quick to share everything too. They share their time, money, food, etc. This generation is one of the most altruistic in a long time. I see them give without any expectation.

If you want to motivate this generation to do something, give them a cause outside of themselves. Far from being the “me” generation, your kids love to get behind a cause that transcends their own being. This trait might be observed in any group their age, but it seems unusually strong in this generation. They want to believe in something.

Your kids love to question things. Again, perhaps a trait of youth; however, I have observed that they don't merely “question authority” or question the status quo, but rather they seem to truly be seeking. I believe this because when you give them answers they think about them... a lot. They respond to truth and reasonable answers.

I really don't intend to put a damper on the joy of today, but I believe there is great difficulty for God's church in the future. But I also believe that God is raising up a generation of men and women who will be fearless in their love and faith. I have the great privilege of spending a lot of time with your kids and I want to say that I'm impressed. They're not perfect by any means; they have a lot to learn yet. But I really believe, based upon evidence and reason, that God is going to do truly great things with this generation.

These kids today... a generation chosen by grace.

God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. Don't you know what Scripture says in the passage about Elijah—how he appealed to God against Israel: “Lord, they have killed your prophets and torn down your altars; I am the only one left, and they are trying to kill me?” And what was God's answer to him? “I have reserved for myself seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Baal.” So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace!

Romans 11:2-5

May God bless our seniors on this joyful day!

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
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

May 15, 2016

Worship Leader..... Odies Wright
Hymn..... Great Are You Lord
Welcome..... Taylor Cockrell

Songs of Praise

Hymn: #74..... Praise the Lord
Hymn..... That's Why We Praise Him
Prayer..... Jeff Ayres

A Time of Blessing

Presentation of Seniors..... Elders
A Parent's Charge..... Chris Pettijohn
Hymn: #432..... How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts?
Hymn: #586..... My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Trust In the Lord

Proverbs 3:1-12..... Derek Hood
Hebrews 12:1-3..... Hayden Hood

The Lord's Supper

Hymn #309..... In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified*
Communion Meditation..... Sean McNeill
Hymn..... Create In Me

Offering

Prayer..... Sean McNeill
Hymn..... Magnificat
(Parents may escort children ages 2-4 to TLC during this song)

Focus: “Considering Jesus”

Message..... Taylor Cockrell
Hymn: #222..... There's Something About That Name

Responses

Hillcrest News..... Kyle McAlister
Hymn: #15..... Step by Step
Family Blessing..... Gary Varner

(*Children's Song of the Month)

Connecting Lives to Christ

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Hillcrest Family News

Today's Speaker

A.M. – Taylor Cockrell
P.M. – Coy Roper – Rm 10/11 at 6 p.m.

Baptisms –

- Congratulations to Doris Ogden on her baptism.
- Congratulations to Zuri Simpson, on her baptism. Parents are Brad & Kari Simpson.
- Congratulations to Vicente Rojas on his baptism. He is a university student from Mexico.

Senior Sunday – Today – Come join Hillcrest as we celebrate our High School graduates. There will be a Senior video shown in the auditorium during class time. A reception honoring the class of 2016 will be held in the MPR immediately following class. Pictures and buckets will remain in the hallway across from the MPR for the month of May so that you can have the chance to give a gift to our graduating Seniors.

Graduating High School Seniors

Slayde Anderson	Katy Ayers
Aaron Brumley	Dale Bruton
Averie Davis	Kenzie Goodman
Hayden Hood	Lucas McNeill
Clark Neil	Krista Owens
Holly Pettijohn	Rebecca Tindol

Baby Shower – Today, 2-3:30 p.m.

Honoring Erica Pye and her baby boy at the home of Laura Copeland, 1451 Tanglewood. Selections at Amazon.com & Target.

Men's Softball – May 16, 7 p.m. & 8 p.m., Field 1

Double Header tomorrow against Baker Heights team F & Baker Heights team C. Come out and cheer us on.

HEB – If you have pictures from HEB weekend, please share them with Alan.

Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening
A.M. Assembly..... 759	Rm 10/11..... Bad Weather
Classes..... 548	
Membership..... 864	Wed..... 310
Apr. Offering..... \$98,882	

Children's Ministry Needs

Thank you to all who have donated items for our summer programs. This is what we now need: swimming pool noodles, small glass jars (8 ounces or smaller). You may drop them off at the bins in the hallway that leads to the chapel.

Note to Hillcrest Family

It has been said that happiness is having someone to love, something to do and something to hope for. Over many years our Hillcrest family has abundantly blessed us with someone to love, something to do and something to hope for. We have loved you and you have loved us, we have served with you and been served by you, and we share with you in the hope of the resurrection for those in Christ. We thank you for rejoicing with us in moments of joy and weeping with us in moments of sorrow, both yours and ours! I, Steve, especially thank you for walking beside me during times of uncertainty both in my health and in my work these past few years! As we bid farewell to begin a new work in the land we left twenty-four years ago, we pray for God's blessings upon you! We love you with the love of the Lord! – Steve and Wanda Wages

Missions and Faith Sharing

Prison Ministry

There were 71 baptisms in the month of April with the total for the year 345 men baptized into Christ.

Calendar of Events	
May 15.....	HYG Senior Sunday
May 22.....	Faith at Home
May 25.....	Mesos Pylona
May 30.....	Memorial Day/Office Closed
June 5-10.....	Ground Zero
June 12.....	Care Group
June 19-22.....	VBS
July 10.....	Care Group
July 17-20.....	VIP 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 Hour – Bible Hour meets 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.

VBS: June 19-22, Ages 4 through 5th grade. Theme: SCAR FORCE. To register online at Hillcrest's website, go to "Events" or to the Children's Ministry drop down section to find the form. Paper forms are on the desk in the children's wing. Take one to a friend!

VIP Camp: July 17-20, Children who have completed 1st grade through 5th grade. Theme: Walk This Way. Registration forms will be mailed out in May.

HYG – Youth

Today – Stay in the auditorium during class to celebrate our graduates! Final Senior Huddle tonight at 5:30 at the Cotton's. All graduating Seniors and their parents should make plans to attend. Sophomore Huddle will meet at the Allen's house from 6-8 for the Minute to Win It Birthday Bash!

Wednesday – 7 p.m. – Come meet and play games with our new summer interns!

Thursday – Final Prayer Breakfast of the school year at 7 am at Chickfila!

TNT! Thursday Night Together – Final TNT of the school year! Middle School and High School will be together from 7:15-9:30.

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Today – Class will meet in the worship center to honor HYG's graduating seniors!

Tonight – 7 p.m. – Movie Night at Randy and Kim Hancock's Home. (1841 Marathon Ct)

Wednesday – Class at 7 p.m.

Adult Education Corner

Sunday Morning Adult Classes – Today's lesson is "Zephaniah, a remnant will be preserved."

Wednesday Night Classes

- **Rm 10/11** – Geoff Carroll continues his series titled "Engaging the Land of the Bible."
- **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:** meeting in room 10 for the month of May.

Family Ministry

Wednesdays – Rm 14/15 – 7 p.m.

Relationship 101 (8-week series)

Series on relationships for dating, engaged or married couples.

Faith @ Home Weekend - May 22

2nd World Living with Jeff & Kama Medders

Jeff will speak during worship followed by a workshop during Bible class time. We will have a family service project that afternoon to help them get ready for their first week of camp in June. Be watching for a sign-up sheet for different projects.



www.hillcrestonline.com/members/search

Prayer Room for the Preacher Search – Living Room

Open during office hours and anytime on Sunday and on Wednesday nights.