

Hillcrest Encouragement

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Travelling Life's Road Together

Today, Hillcrest unites to honor its 2015 high school graduates. I first met many of this year's Seniors at the Collide retreat in March of their Freshman year. As I sit here and think back to that weekend in 2012, it is hard to fathom the transformation that has taken place in the lives of these teenagers during their high school years. High school is truly a journey of transformation. Most of these students would probably agree that their style of dress, the kind of music they listen to, the people they hang out with, and even the pitch of their voice have changed since their high school journey began. But more importantly, I think all of these Seniors would agree that their inner-transformation has been even greater. They have had the chance to make mistakes and learn from them. They have a greater understanding of who they are and where they want to go. No matter how great one's ambition or drive may be, it is impossible to know exactly what tomorrow may bring, and it is for that reason that I implore this congregation to pray for these students. After all, Hillcrest has certainly had a hand in raising them. Their names can be found in the Senior Sunday handout. Pray for them by name. Pray that they listen to the wisdom of their parents and close family members because no one who loves them more. Pray that they make wise choices. Pray that God's will becomes their will. Pray that they seek an authentic relationship with the Lord - a relationship that is rooted and strengthened by the Church. My prayer list for this particular group of students is virtually endless.

To the parents and families of our graduates: I recently asked our students if they liked to run. A few of them raised their hands. I then asked how many of them only ran if somebody was chasing them. Most of the hands in the room went up. Many times we need some motivation, especially when we want to start running in order to get in shape (though I pray your motivation isn't due to somebody actually chasing you). Eventually, a good runner won't need somebody to motivate them, push them, bribe them, or even chase them because they will have developed the self-discipline to train and run on their own. Parents, I thank you for chasing your children. Children need that. I thank you for being the one to push them and give them what they needed even if it wasn't what they wanted at the time. Soon, these graduates won't need the same motivation they once required. I understand that some of you parents may lament or even oppose, this but it is truly a joyful situation. When a child begins to run the race of life on their own, the parent assumes the position of fellow traveler. So take joy, parents. It is time to travel alongside your graduate. You now get to look toward the ultimate destination together, sharing in the one hope that belongs to your call (Ephesians 4:4)

Taylor Cockrell

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 17, 2015

Worship Leader..... Bailey McCorkle
Hymn: #718..... We Shall Assemble
Welcome Taylor Cockrell

Songs of Praise

Hymn: #167..... Hosanna
Hymn: #957..... This World Is Not My Home
Prayer..... Colton Rosseau

A Time of Blessing

Presentation of Seniors..... Neal Coates
A Parent's Charge..... Neal Coates
Hymn..... Surround Us, Lord
Hymn..... As the Deer Thirst

Press On to Win the Prize

Psalms 119:1-17..... Rick Riddle
Philippians 3:7-14..... Ben Riddle

The Lord's Supper

Hymn..... In Christ Alone
Communion Meditation..... James McGee
Hymn..... Magnificat

Offering

Prayer..... James McGee
Hymn: #704..... Bind Us Together

"Destination: Every Traveler Has One"

Hymn: #959..... Just a Little Talk with Jesus
Message..... Taylor Cockrell
Hymn: #909..... There's a Fountain Free

Responses

Hillcrest News..... Kenneth Ware
Hymn: #587..... Sing and Be Happy
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.

Hillcrest Church of Christ

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Hillcrest Family News

Today's Speakers

A.M. – Taylor Cockrell – Senior Sunday
P.M. – Bob Pipes – “God Will Provide”

Thank you for joining us this morning as we honor our 2015 high school graduates. All are welcome to join the graduates and their parents for Bible class in the Worship Center and a reception immediately following in the MPR to honor these families. Senior portraits and gift buckets will remain in the hallway across from the MPR through next Sunday for your convenience.

Sympathy

- Sympathy to Duwain & Carol Houston on the loss of Duwain's grandmother.
- Sympathy to Billy & Betty Rich on the loss of their grandson, Bradley Rich.
- Sympathy to Dusty & Nancy Rhodes on the loss of Dusty's brother, Glenn Rhodes.

TLC Meals - Help Needed! – May 26, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

The ministry of Comfort and Hope will be preparing TLC meals to confirm our love for shut-ins, those who are ill, or... just because! We will prepare and deliver the meals. The menu will be sandwiches, Jello salad and dessert. Babysitters will be provided. If you have attended ladies Bible class, this is a good way to continue relationships throughout the summer months. Men are welcome! This could be a perfect way to include older children in service to members. Participants may come and go as needed. Please call or email Betty Davis at 665-3022, 673-7017, or davisbo55@gmail.com if you want to help.

HEB Camp

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

Calendar of Events

May 17 Senior Sunday
May 27 Mesos Pylona
May 28 Hilltoppers Trip
May 29 Youth Event
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

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, 9-11 a.m.

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

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

A.M. Assembly..... 798
Membership 956

Offering \$22,430
Weekly Budget \$25,000

Sunday Evening

Auditorium 63
Bible Hour..... 22
Adult Life Groups..... 120

Wednesday Evening

Classes 282

Hillcrest Ministries

Children's Corner

Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #3)

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.

Summer Intern - Please welcome back Denae Shake as our summer intern! Denae is an education major at ACU and absolutely loves kids! We are thankful to have her as an intern for a second summer!

HYG - Youth

Today – HYG will remain in the auditorium during class time for the presentation of the Senior video. Final Senior Huddle tonight at 6 p.m. at the home of David and Conni Robinett (3833 Ligustrum). Parents are encouraged to attend as well. All other huddles meet at 6 p.m.

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.).

May 27 – Mesos Pylona! 5th graders join HYG!

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

Missions & Faith Sharing

Send the Light Groups are preparing to teach the Word to the World! Let's keep our Send the Light participants in prayer as they prepare for their various trips.

World Bible School Training

Thanks to all of you who came to learn more about World Bible School and to equip yourselves for sharing your faith through correspondence. Remember, to get involved with the postal program talk to Paula Leverett, and to get involved with the on-line studies, talk to Don Pope.

Adult Education Corner

The end of the school year for primary and secondary students is rapidly approaching. University graduations were last weekend, but “school” goes on throughout the summer for Hillcrest adults.

Sunday Morning Adult Classes. Next Sunday morning, the series on “the signs of Jesus” in the Gospel of John will finish with the “sign” of the cross. The following Sunday all adults will meet in the worship center for a class focusing on the family. Beginning in June, each adult class will pursue a Bible-based study of their own choosing. Many of these series will be 1-month in length. Perhaps you would like to visit a different class, or hear a particular teacher. This summer would be a great opportunity to do that! Ask the Class Chairs for information concerning teachers and subjects for the summer. Want to start attending Bible classes again? Summer is a great time to begin!

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. (No Charge) Please call the office (691-4200) to preregister for this event.

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

*Milestone Event will be moved to another date.

HillcrestU - University

Tonight – 7:30 p.m.

Movie Night Life Group at the Hatfield House (5333 CR 103). Bring snacks/drinks to share!

Wednesday

Class at 7 p.m. – Time of Your Life.