

Hillcrest Encouragement

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Sonic Struggles

Summer is upon us and you know what that means: more trips to Sonic for drinks. I have to admit that I experience a fair amount of stress when I frequent these local establishments. My anxiety is not rooted in the food, or the price, or anything of the sort. It's in the ordering. I have to admit it... I suffer from drive-thru ordering anxiety.

Every time I approach one of those boards with the speaker it begins; I start to stress about what I'm going to say. "Will I forget my order? Will I stutter? Will I order it incorrectly?" It's terrible! I know I must sound like an utter fool when I order from those things. I'm fairly confident that the poor attendant, whose fate it is to suffer through my ineptitude in placing my order, is rolling their eyes. I even suspect that I may be recognized. "Guess who is back? It's that guy who can't order right" they must surely whisper to one of their colleagues near them. Yes, I must certainly be the object of scorn and derision for order-takers all over Abilene. I try to simply order by the number, "I'll take the number one." But inevitably, the questions come: "Would you like cheese?" "Would you like to up-size that?" "What would you like to drink?" I normally begin my reply with a less-than-eloquent, "Ummmm... I, uh...". My family strains to stifle laughter as I, a person who is paid to speak in front of crowds in a professional capacity on a daily basis, stumble through my order in a most incoherent manner. It's pathetic.

Having expended a fair amount of thought as to the source of my anxiety, I have come to the conclusion that as long as I can see the person with whom I am speaking, I'm ok. If, however, I cannot see them I tend to make a fool of myself and often don't know what to say. I could extend this quandary to prayer.

I wonder sometimes if one possible source of my difficulties in praying may be found in the fact that I can't visually see God. I have observed that my prayers sometimes feel forced or awkward, like I'm talking to myself rather than to God. I must sound like a stammering fool to God as I run through my list of wants as opposed to a genuine pouring out of my soul or offering of praise. If my prayers seem stale at times, and they do, then perhaps the problem is me. I'm too focused on "seeing" God the way I want to rather than trusting in His providence within my darkness. When I spend too much time worrying about me, I have trouble focusing upon the One who deserves my worship. I guess my prayers would be healthier if I could stop trying to see so much (like an audience) and trust His wisdom – that there really is someone on the other side. I need to stop trying to place my order with God and just trust in His will. It's time to stop treating God like a drive-thru ordering experience.

See you at Sonic!

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

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| Age 2Room 100 | Gr 1.....Room 121 |
| Age 3Room 106 | Gr 2.....Room 117 |
| Age 4Room 107 | Gr 3.....Room 120 |
| Pre-K.....Room 110 | Gr 4.....Room 213 |
| K.....Room 118 | Gr 5.....Room 209 |

Young Adult Classes

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| Middle School | Room 204 |
| High School | Room 200 |
| University | Room 17 |

Adult Classes

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| 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

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| 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 22, 2016

Worship Leader..... Odies Wright
Hymn: #3..... Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah
Welcome..... Gary Varner

Songs of Praise

Hymn: #238..... You Are the Words and the Music
Hymn: #242..... Sing Hallelujah to the Lord
Hymn: #309..... In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified*

Our Attitudes Toward Others

Psalm 14:30-32 Chuck Anderson || Luke 11:37-44; Philippians 2:1-4 | J. Sanders |
| Prayer..... | Chuck Anderson |

The Lord's Supper

Hymn #364..... Come, Share the Lord
Communion Meditation Matt Merritt || Hymn: #382..... Why Did My Savior Come to Earth? | |

Offering

Prayer..... Matt Merritt
Hymn..... That's Why We Praise Him

"2nd World Living"

Hymn: #453..... Love Lifted Me
(Parents may escort children ages 2-4 to TLC during this song)
Message..... Jeff Medders
Hymn: #276..... Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

Responses

Hillcrest News Reese Pettijohn || Missions Announcement | Neal Coates |
| Hymn: #412..... Jesus, Hold My Hand | |
| Family Blessing..... | Duwain Houston |
| (*Children's Song of the Month) | |

Hillcrest Family News

Today's Speaker

A.M. – Jeff Medders
P.M. – John Barton – Rm 10/11 at 6 p.m.

Sympathy

Our sympathy to Menda Sanders and Jeanene Irvin on the loss of their brother-in-law, Keith Colman on May 18.

New Member/Updated Old Member Pictures

Think your appearance hasn't changed much since the last directory pictures were taken in 2011? Take a look at Hillcrest Connect www.hillcrest.ccbchurch.com Do you have more children or have they grown more than 8 inches? Are you pictured at all? Time for a new picture! Alan will be taking pictures at the side of the worship center today after worship.

Men's Softball – May 23, 8 p.m. - Field 2

The end of the season tournament will be Monday, May 23. The first game will be at 8 p.m. on Field 2 against Aldersgate UMC Red. If they win, they will play for the lower division championship at 9 p.m. Come out and cheer them on.

Ground Zero - June 5-10

The Ground Zero Local Mission Effort is quickly approaching. The date for this event is June 5-10 but the preparation is well under way. If you haven't heard, Ground Zero is a church-wide effort to reach out and serve our neighbors, spearheaded by the Hillcrest Youth Group. Volunteers are needed to help cook meals, host students, and participate or donate to service projects. More information can be found with your class leader. Continue to be in prayer over Ground Zero.

MLB – Men's Day - Saturday, June 11

Join us for Men's Life Breakfast and Burgers at Bill's! We will start with donuts, fruit, coffee & juice at 8:30. We will have a devotional in the barn at 9:15. The horseshoe tournament will start at 10 a.m. along with disc golf, washers, ladder golf, ping pong, "42" and Jokers & Marbles. Lunch will begin at 11:30. The menu is hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad, chips, cookies, tea, lemonade and water. Help will be needed setting up, cooking and shuttling people from the parking area. If you have any questions, call Bill Walker, David Beard or Alan Clute. Sign-ups will begin in Bible class next Sunday.

For the Record

| Sunday Morning | Sunday Evening |
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| A.M. Assembly..... 579 | Rm 10/11..... 48 |
| Classes..... 530 | |
| Membership..... 864 | Wed..... 376 |
| Apr. Offering..... \$98,882 | |

VBS – June 19-22, - 6 - 8 p.m. - ages 4 through 5th grade.

This year's VBS theme is SCAR FORCE. Please respond to the needs list that was emailed to you on Friday or go by the registration table to sign up to help. Examples of various duties are leading the groups to the different stations, helping with registration, and helping with setting up and taking down the learning stations. Take a registration form from the table to give to a friend! Nursery care will be provided for volunteers who have young children.

HEB Retreat

The HEB Foundation Camp would love to have feedback about our experience. If you have a story to share, want to express your appreciation, or have a life changing experience to convey, please send it to Alan Clute and he will forward it to the foundation. If you have any pictures to share, please send them to Alan.

Missions and Faith Sharing

Larry and Pam Sullivan Return

Hillcrest welcomes Larry and Pam Sullivan back to the States! The Sullivans have been dedicated missionaries with congregations in Chemitz and Leipzig, Germany for 26 years, and have just returned "home"—we also welcome them to the front of the Worship Center this morning. The Sullivans have raised their children while working tirelessly in the German-speaking world, training preachers and leaders, heading up retreats, and leading regular humanitarian work in Bulgaria with churches of Christ. Larry and Pam are respected and valued members of the Kingdom in Europe, and the Hillcrest Missions Team has been pleased for many years to provide support to the Sullivans' overseeing congregation in Lamesa. The Sullivans are planning to live and work in Abilene, and the Missions Team will host a reception for them in the near future.

Calendar of Events

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| May 22..... | Faith at Home |
| May 25..... | Mesos Pylona |
| May 30..... | Memorial Day/Office Closed |
| June 5-10..... | Ground Zero |
| June 11..... | MLB Men's Day |
| June 12..... | Care Group |
| June 19-22..... | VBS |
| July 4..... | Hillcrest Neighborhood Parade |
| July 10..... | Care Group |
| July 17-20..... | VIP Camp |

Hillcrest Ministries

Children's Corner

Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #4)

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 – Last Huddle of the school year for grades 6-11!

The last MS, Huddle of the year will from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Straughns (1633 Hillview Road). We will have a swim party if the weather cooperates. Please wear a modest swimsuit and bring a towel. We will have sandwiches first; then swim (or play games). Please check your email from last week to sign up for sides/desserts you can bring.

Wednesday – 7 p.m. – Mesos Pylona! Come join us as we welcome our new 6th graders!

If you are an incoming 6th grade student or the parent of an incoming 6th grade student and you have not received an email about Mesos Pylona, Please contact taylor@hillcrestonline.com.

Check out the HYG Newsletter for all of our upcoming Summer activities!

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Today – Class will meet in the auditorium for 2nd World Living Workshop.

Tonight – 7:30 p.m. – Movie Night at the Hatfield House.

Wednesday – Class at 7 p.m.

Adult Education Corner

Sunday Morning Adult Classes – Most classes will meet in the auditorium this morning for a Faith at Home presentation. If you have any questions about where your class is meeting, please contact your Class Chair. Next Sunday the series on the minor prophets will conclude with a lesson about Jonah.

Wednesday Night Classes

- **Rm 10/11** – Geoff Carroll concludes 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 this afternoon to help them get ready for their first week of camp in June.



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.