

Hillcrest Encouragement

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The Torn Curtain

The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. (Mark 15:38)

That's all it says. No explanation. No commentary. Just a simple statement...yet packed with meaning. It's one of those points of connection that links the story that began centuries before to the present. Maybe the writer (Mark) didn't think any commentary was necessary; however, I think it more likely that Mark had no idea how significant that torn curtain was. It just seemed to be worth mentioning.

Behind the curtain was the Most Holy Place, the home of the Ark of the Covenant with its mercy seat. Only the high priest could enter and he only once a year... with blood... on the Day of Atonement to offer sacrifice for the sins of the people. Except for that one man on that one day, no one else ever entered the Most Holy Place, and no one was to be nearby when the high priest went in.

The book of Hebrews (chapter 9) tells us that the temple was actually just a replica of the true temple in heaven. When Jesus, the Son of God, came to be our high priest, he did not enter a temple made with hands. He entered heaven itself and went before the very throne of his father to offer his own blood on our behalf. That's when the curtain tore. Jesus breathed his last (Mark 15:37) and then the curtain tore.

The curtain stood between man and God... at least until it tore. Hebrews 10:19-22 says that now "we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings..."

I envision Jesus going through the curtain... the torn curtain... and just before he disappears, he turns back toward us and, motioning with his hand, says, "Come on... let's go see our Father."

The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. It's the subtlety of the event that I find so profound. An artifact from the ritualistic system instituted by Moses centuries before is torn at the very moment marking the central turning point of history and it's not until years later that the event is understood... one of those sub-plots in a broader narrative that point to a divine author.

Just as the cross is a symbol of hope and salvation for believers in Christ, reminding us of the sacrificial death of our Lord and Savior, there is a torn curtain hanging in heaven through which we follow him to the throne of God. "Come on... let's go see our Father."

David Perkins

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 24, 2015

Worship Leader..... Odies Wright
Hymn: #508.....A Wonderful Savior
WelcomeCharles Perkins

Songs of Praise

Hymn: #991..... This Is My Father's World
Hymn: #484..... You Are My All in All
Hymn..... Come People of the Risen King
Hymn..... Beautiful Lamb of God

The Lord's Supper

Communion Meditation..... Ken Austin

Offering

Prayer..... Ken Austin
Hymn.....Here I Am To Worship

Open Your Eyes and See God's Glory

Psalms 8..... Reese Pettijohn
Ephesians 3:14-21..... Chris Pettijohn
Prayer..... Bill Walker
Hymn: #704..... Bind Us Together
(Parents may escort children ages 2-4 to TLC during this song.)

Message..... Carson Reed
Hymn: #416.....Footsteps of Jesus

Responses

Hillcrest News.....Kevin Batten
Hymn: #528.....I Know That My Redeemer Lives
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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Hillcrest Family News

Today's Speakers

A.M. – Carson Reed

P.M. – Kevin Batten

Next Sunday – Focused Worship and Combined Adult Bible Class in the Worship Center – *Spiritual Intimacy in the Family*

New Members

- Audra Ude
- Hope Rowe

Sympathy

- Sympathy to Mark Leavell and Janet Jergins on the loss of their mother, Elizabeth Leavell.
- Sympathy to John Casada on the loss of his sister, Penny Casada.
- Sympathy to Art & Susan Green on the loss of Art's brother-in-law, Bill Callihan.

Office Closed Tomorrow for Memorial Day Holiday

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 davisbjo55@gmail.com if you want to help.

Hilltoppers Trip – This 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 pray with them before you leave.

HEB Camp

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

VBS Volunteers - "Christian Academy" - June 21-24

For 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, hillcrestonline.com.

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.

Missions & Faith Sharing

Mumena Campaign Group – June 6, 6 p.m.

The Mumena Campaign group will be working on our lesson development. Pizza will be served as we study together. Please keep our seniors who are going as they prepare to share the Good News of Jesus!

Nhamo Marunga from the Mutare School of Preaching

will be with us from June 5 to June 13. As many of you will recall Hillcrest has been the main sponsor for the school for nearly 50 years. Nhamo is the principal or director of the school and is doing a wonderful job. Our University group is going to Mutare this summer and will be working directly with Nhamo in their short term mission efforts. If you would like to have him in your home (or somewhere) for a meal or have him speak to your class or group, please contact Cleddy Varner.

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.

Bible Bowl Help Needed - This coming school year, our Bible Bowl Team will be using the 2011 NIV Bible for its studies. If you could help over the summer with changing the study sheets, puzzles, and practice quizzes to coordinate with the 2011 version, please contact the church office. Any help is welcomed!

HYG - Youth

Today – Final Huddles! Freshman will meet at the Allen's (3441 East Lake Road) from 6-8 p.m.

Wednesday – Mesos Pylona activities begin at 5 p.m. (for incoming 6th graders and families). Class at 7 p.m.

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

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.

For the Record

Sunday Morning

A.M. Assembly761
Membership.....956

Offering\$20,857
Weekly Budget.....\$25,000

Sunday Evening

Auditorium45
Bible Hour7
Adult Life Groups188

Wednesday Evening

Classes.....311

Adult Education Corner

Today we complete the series on "the signs of Jesus in the Gospel of John" with a lesson about the cross. What happened on the cross and afterwards is a powerful sign for us today. Join us in class as we explore what this event reveals to us about the Father and the Son.

Next Sunday morning 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 its own choosing. Ask the Class Chairs for information concerning teachers and subjects for the summer.

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.

*Marriage Milestone Event will be moved to another date.

Calendar of Events

May 27 Mesos Pylona
May 28Hilltoppers Trip
May 29 Youth Event
May 29-31 Faith at Home Weekend
May 31 Combined Adult Bible Class
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