

Hillcrest Encouragement

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THANK YOU HILLCREST!

This past Sunday, Hillcrest blessed the local poor once again with a generous donation of over \$60,517.00 for the Light on the Hill contribution, and over 300 grocery bags that were divided between the Christian Service Center and Christian Ministries. Thank you to everyone who donated money and groceries, and to the Soulful Filling and Generations class for sorting and transporting the groceries!



- Jack Hardcastle

We are so grateful to our Lord for your generous donation of food last Sunday. I had the privilege of leading a caravan of four trucks to one of our warehouses so that your team could unload that abundance of food. This gift of food will be used in our pantry the next few weeks to bless hundreds of people in poverty in Jesus' Name.

Proverbs 19:17 says, "Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done."

May our Lord reward all of you for your kindness to the poor of Abilene!
Jim Clark, Director - Christian Service Center

We are so thankful for the generous hearts of the Hillcrest family. It is through your generous hosting of a food drive that Christian Ministries of Abilene is able to distribute 2350 lbs. of non-perishable food items to countless numbers of individuals in the Abilene area.

It is with humbled hearts that we offer our appreciation for the partnership that has been formed between the CMA Pantry (Highland) and Hillcrest. Many in the Hillcrest family have also contributed in monetary donations and these financial donations are used to purchase food items from the West Texas Food Bank and local wholesalers. Your donations help sustain the CMA Pantry after the non-perishable food items are completely distributed. We are also eternally indebted for the lavish hearts of several Hillcrest volunteers who join us on a daily basis in interviewing and processing the neighbors! These volunteers take time out of their daily schedule to help CMA operate efficiently and smoothly.

Thank you again for hosting the food drive, your generous donations and providing volunteers! It is through your giving hearts that the CMA Pantry can purchase food to help the hungry, assist with basic needs and especially provide spiritual models and paradigms. Your donations help us reach our goal to "guide individuals and give them opportunities to obtain hope, by providing physical basic needs as well as spiritual resources." We continue to covet your prayers for our ministry and for the individuals we are able to "touch" with the love of Jesus.

Becky Almanza, CMA Food Coordinator
Jen Rogers, Minister of Social Services

Thank you, Hillcrest, for your generous support of the Thanksgiving food drive. A special thanks goes to those who helped set up/clean the tables, sort, deliver, and unload the food. May all of you be blessed for your efforts by knowing many of our friends and neighbors will receive the food you so plentifully supplied.

Jack Hardcastle, Benevolence Ministry
Glenda Niccum, CMA Volunteer

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 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

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

November 20, 2016

Worship Leader	Odies Wright
Hymn: #577	We Bow Down
Welcome	Perry Reeves

More Than A Meal

Job 1:13-21	Caleb Callari
Luke 7:11-15	Ivan Anyaegbu
Prayer	Curt Dickson

Songs of Praise

Hymn: #570	A Beautiful Life
Hymn: #774	Hide Me, Rock of Ages
Hymn: #794	Unto Thee, O Lord
Hymn	Hide Me Away

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

Hymn: #318	O Sacred Head
Communion Meditation	Gary Varner
Hymn: #781	Thank You, Lord!

Offering

Prayer	Gary Varner
Hymn: #792	My Eyes Are Dry
Hymn: #490	It Is Well with My Soul
<i>(Parents may escort children ages 2-4 to TLC during this song)</i>	

"More Than A Meal - The Empty Chair at the Table"

Message.....	Nathan Burrow
Hymn: #791	On Bended Knee

Responses

Family News	Lynn Luttrell
Hymn	One Thing Remains
Elder Blessing.....	Don Pope

Hillcrest Family News

Today's Speakers

A.M. - Nathan Burrow

P.M. - Coy Roper - Chapel at 6 p.m.

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.

Bridal Shower - Today, 2-3:30 p.m.

In Honor of Jenna Knight, Bride Elect of Ryan Brumley at the home of Laura Goodman (702 Serrot Ct.). Selections at Target, Bed, Bath & Beyond and carnival.honeymoonwishes.com/becomingbrumley.

Memorial Service for Steve Stafford on Tuesday, at 10:30 a.m., in the chapel.

Men's Softball - Monday, November 28, 7 p.m. Come cheer them on!

Single Seniors Christmas Dinner - December 3

Have you been a good boy or girl this year? Either way, you are invited to the Single Seniors Christmas Dinner. Put on your Christmas attire and come at 4:45 to have your picture made with Santa. The menu is chicken Cordon Blue, twice baked potatoes, asparagus, rolls and dessert. Bob Hale will be reading "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." Enter through the covered entrance. Please sign up in Bible class if you will be able to attend. If you need a ride, please mark that on the signup list. We plan to finish in plenty of time to attend the Philharmonic.

ANYONE who would be willing to serve as an elf and help decorate, cook, serve, provide transportation or clean up, please sign up in Bible class also.

Comfort & Hope Christmas Sacks - Thurs., Dec. 8

Comfort & Hope Christmas sacks will be assembled. Pull out your recipes for treats.

Breakfast with Santa - Saturday, Dec. 10, 9-11 a.m.

Hillcrest will be hosting this community outreach event in the MPR. Kids are encouraged to come dressed in their pajamas, have their picture made with Santa, eat a free pancake and sausage breakfast, and make Christmas crafts. No RSVP is required. Please reach out and invite someone! Invitations are on the clipboards of the adult classrooms. Sign up to help using the needs list that will be emailed to you! Join in the fun!

Sybil Faubus Award—Submission Deadline Dec. 18

Each year the Sybil Faubus Memorial Award is given in her honor to a person or persons from Hillcrest who has exhibited outstanding qualities as a teacher. You may use a form provided in the entrance areas of the building to nominate a deserving teacher of children, teens, or adults, or go to Hillcrest's website in the events section to submit your nomination. This recognition will be presented at the Appreciation Lunch, January 22.

Hosts Needed - ACU will be hosting the Christian College Choral Festival in January. They have asked Hillcrest to provide housing for around 20 males and 30 female students from Freed Hardeman University on January 6 & 7. Two students share a suitcase, so they are asking hosts to keep an even number of students. They are also asking hosts to provide breakfast on the 7th & 8th and Sunday lunch on the 8th. If you would be willing to host these musically gifted students in your home, please call the church office.

Missions and Faith Sharing

The last two Send the Light trips for 2016 are occurring in December. Phil and Paula Sullivan and Tommie Ellis are in Costa Rica for a Let's Start Talking campaign. Matt, Cheryl, Tyler and Lanie Merritt will travel to India to work at Sanctuary Ministries.

Last weekend, Cleddy Varner and Larry Sullivan participated in a refugees ministry workshop for church leaders in

Athens. This weekend Cleddy and Larry are in Vienna, meeting with house churches that Hillcrest helps support which reach out to refugees.

If you are considering leading or joining a Hillcrest short-term mission trip in 2017 and want to be a part of the April 2 Send the Light special collection, contact Neal Coates for an application. The applications are due to the Hillcrest Missions Team by Jan. 1. Mission trips are already being planned for Mumena, Zambia (contact Cam Hurst) and Zambia Medical Missions (contact Ellie Hamby or www.zambiamission.org/medicalmission). Whether you are a college student interested in ACU's Worldwide Witness program, someone considering going on a Let's Start Talking program using the Bible to teach English, you are a nurse, have carpentry skills, love to help plant churches, want to relieve a missionary on the field so they can have a vacation, or have a heart for assisting refugees and helping them come to know Christ, there is a world full of opportunities!

Hillcrest Ministries

Children's Corner

Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #3)

Training and Learning for Children (Children's Church): (Ages 2-4) Parents may escort their child to the Children's Wing during the song before the sermon.

Bible Hour Tonight – Bible Hour will begin in the MPR.

No Wednesday Bible Classes - Devotional in the Chapel.

Feed the Pig - Children have the opportunity this Christmas season to raise money for the purchase of a sow for Jeremiah's Hope; a ministry in the Ukraine for orphans. The orphanage's farm provides jobs and helps with the income needed to keep the orphanage running. A piggy bank is on the desk of the children's wing. To learn more about this ministry, go to <https://jeremiahshope.onelinksites.com/> The deadline to contribute is December 21. \$100 is needed for the purchase of one sow.

M.A.G.I. Boxes – Make A Godly Impact! Pick up a M.A.G.I box in the children's wing to fill with items for a needy child of Namwianga, Zambia. Directions about packing and what to give are attached to the box. Please deposit the box in the red receptacle in the children's wing no later than Sunday, December 21. To learn more about Namwianga Mission go to <http://www.zambiamissions.org/>.

HYG – Youth

Today - Students return from Encounter LE at 2:30 p.m.

Tonight - 6 p.m. - Huddles

Wednesday – 7 p.m. No class. Devotional in the chapel.

Thursday - Thanksgiving! Enjoy time with your family.

Calendar of Events

November 23 Devotional/Chapel
 November 24-25 Office Closed/Thanksgiving
 December 3 Single Seniors Christmas Dinner
 December 10 Breakfast with Santa
 December 11 Bible Class Fellowship (Care Group)
 December 21 Devotional/Chapel
 December 25 Worship Only at 10 a.m.
 December 26-30 Office Closed/Holidays
 January 1 Worship Only at 10 a.m.
 January 6-7 Host FHU Students
 January 22 Teacher Appreciation Lunch

Adult Education Corner

Sunday Morning Adult Classes – This morning we continue the 8-week series on the book of Isaiah. Today's lesson from chapter 26 describes the nature of God's city that arises after His people have been punished for their unrighteousness.

Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Class - Nov. 22 No Class

No classes this Wednesday night - Devotional in the chapel

Family Ministry

No class this Wednesday night - Devotional in the chapel

Wednesday Class - Rm 14/15 - November 30, 7 p.m.

Deal or No Deal: Making Choices in a World of Chaos
 How do we as families "deal" with the things the world is throwing at us right now? In this study of the book of James, we will look at what the Bible says about how we should live as husbands, wives, parents and individuals of faith in a world of faithlessness. This class is for all ages!

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This week many of our regular activities will be cancelled for Thanksgiving Break. Safe travels to all and Happy Thanksgiving! Don't forget to tell someone why you're thankful!

Tonight - 5 p.m. - All LIFE groups meet.

G1 – White (2541 John C Stevens)

G2 – Hancock (1841 Marathon Ct)

G3 – Holt (1318 Newcastle)

G4 – Harrison (166 Buffalo Creek Ln)

Wednesday - No Class for Thanksgiving break.

Thursday - Reach and HillcrestU Prayer chapel will not meet due to Thanksgiving break.

Dec. 4 - 6 p.m. at the NICCL - HillcrestU Christmas Party.

For the Record

Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening
A.M. Assembly..... 734	Chapel..... Care Group
Classes 670	
Membership 877	Wednesday428
Oct. Offering \$117,300	