

Hillcrest Encouragement

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Home Improvement: Mercy Matters

Matthew 7:1-5

Do Not Judge?

Do not judge, or you too will be judged. Matthew 7:1

What does Jesus mean?

What is the signature of the church?

Preacher Jokes

Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? Matthew 7:3

Why do Christians need to have a healthy sense of humor?

The picture Jesus paints confronts our _____ and _____.

Radical Repentance

You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye. Matthew 7:5

The Christian story is first and foremost a story of _____.

What are the two types of Christianity?

Small Group Discussion

Practicing Mutual Forgiveness

Read Romans 14:1-15:13 together.

What does this passage teach us about judging others?

What does it mean to practice mutual forgiveness?

Why do the words we use towards others matter?

How does forgiveness, grace, and confession of our own sin bring deliverance in our world?

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

Nursery.....	2-24 mo.
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
Soulful Filling (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 16
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 26, 2017

Staffed nursery for children 2 months to 24 months through back double doors. Training area for children and parents at rear north-side of Worship Center.

Worship Leader.....Odies Wright
Hymn: #290.....Shine, Jesus, Shine
Welcome.....Charles Perkins
Hymn: #435.....I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord

God's Merciful Ways

Isaiah 55:8-9.....Vic Verett
Matthew 7:1-5.....Vic Verett
Prayer.....James Hunter

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

Hymn.....Communion Prayer
Communion Meditation.....Matt Merritt

Offering

Prayer.....Matt Merritt
Hymn: #579.....Praise the Name of Jesus*

Songs of Praise

Hymn.....Psalm 95
Hymn.....O, What a Glorious God
Hymn.....Behold Our God
(Parents may escort children to TLC during this song.)

"Mercy Matters"

Message.....Nathan Burrow
Hymn.....One Thing Remains

Responses

Family News.....Kelly Moore
Hymn.....Holy Spirit
Elder Blessing.....Phil Vardiman
*(*Children's song of the month)*

Hillcrest Family News

Today's Speakers

A.M. - Nathan Burrow
P.M. - Coy Roper in the chapel at 6 p.m.

Sympathy

Our sympathy to Wendy Morgan on the loss of her father.

Our sympathy to Jack and Susan Hardcastle on the loss of Susan's niece, Deana Patterson.

Connecting to the Community - Wed., 7 p.m.

This Wednesday, November 29, the series resumes with Judge Paul Rotenberry, Sandra Shirey of Big Country CASA, and Dan Cox of the Noah Project discussing child abuse and domestic violence in our community. If you would like more information about the speakers and how your family can help, visit hillcrestonline.com/ministries/adult/ to download the handout on each speaker.

Single Seniors & Hilltoppers Christmas Dinner - Dec. 2

Christmas time's a comin' to Hillcrest on Saturday, December 2 at 5:30 p.m. in the MPR. We are planning to have lasagna soup, green beans, salad, bread & dessert. The Infield will share Songs of the Season . . . or at least the parts they know. Signups begin today. If you would be willing to help serve, please sign up. Contact Alan Clute for more information.

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

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

Breakfast with Santa - Sat., Dec. 9, 9 - 11 a.m., MPR.

This is a community outreach. Free pancake and sausage breakfast along with crafts for the kids and pictures made with Santa. No RSVP required. Bring your neighbor! Sign up using the email that has been sent to you or in your classroom.

Bible Class Fellowship - Chapel, Dec. 10, 6 p.m.

John Casada will be leading gospel hymns in the Bible Class Fellowship Chapel service.

Teacher Appreciation Lunch

Be sure to mark your calendars for Sunday, January 14. This comes up soon after the holidays!

Good SOIL - Serving Others In Love

Please check the Good SOIL page on our website to see an updated list of needs at hillcrestonline.com/goodsoil

Share a Christmas Gift with a Child in Zambia

The Children's Ministry and the Adult Education Ministry are teaming up to take part in the M.A.G.I. Project (Making A Godly Impact). Families, or individuals, are encouraged to fill a shoebox-sized container with an assortment of personal hygiene items, school supplies, clothing, and small toys. These boxes will be decorated by our children on Wednesday evening, December 13, as part of the Connecting to the Community Series, and shipped to Namwianga Mission where they will be distributed to needy children.

Boxes, with detailed instructions about items to be placed in the box, are available in the Children's Wing and near the south wall of the Worship Center. Approximate cost of the items to be placed in the box should not exceed \$15. We are also requesting a \$10 donation with each box to cover transportation costs to Zambia.

Babysitter Needed

The Tuesday morning Ladies' class is in need of a babysitter, 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.. This is a paid position. You would be needed November 28, December 5, January 16 - March 6, and March 20-May 1.

Lock Up Team

The lock up team is in need of additional people. Please contact Lee Lambert or Larry Knight.

Missions and Faith Sharing

Cebu City

Please be in prayer for Caleb and Vanessa Callari as they prepare to leave in early January for their mission work in Cebu City, Philippines.

Send the Light

If you are considering leading a Hillcrest short-term mission trip in 2018 and want to be a part of the Apr. 8 Send the Light special collection, contact Neal Coates for an application. The applications should be turned in by Jan. 1. Mission trips are already being planned for several sites including Mumena, Zambia (contact Cam Hurst) and Zambia Medical Mission (contact Ellie Hamby or Ray Ferguson).

Hillcrest Ministries

Children's Corner

Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #4)

Training & 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.

HYG - Youth

Today - Join us after worship for Bible class! We'll be returning to our separate high school and middle school classes!

Middle School Madness & High School Huddles - Tonight

6th-8th Grade - MPR, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

9th & 10th Grade - 1341 Piedmont Dr., 5:45-7:15 p.m.

11th Grade Location: 2626 Garfield Ave., 6 - 7:30 p.m.

12th Grade - 2434 Township Ct., Time: 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday - 7 p.m. - Join us in the youth room at church for a fun game, a time of worship, and a devotional. We'll see you there!

Prayer Breakfast - Thurs., 7 a.m. - This week's prayer breakfast will be at the north side Chick-fil-a (on Hwy 351) from 7 - 7:45. Everyone is welcome to join us!

LTC Interest Meeting - Dec. 3

Parents: Next Sunday, Cynthia and Lance will be having a Leadership Training for Christ (LTC) interest meeting after Bible class on Sun., Dec. 3. If you are interested in learning more about LTC, and the possibility of Hillcrest participating in LTC in the future, you are invited to join us for this meeting. Please RSVP for your family by typing <http://bit.ly/2jwM7N2> into the browser on your smart phone, tablet, or computer and filling out the Google Form.

Calendar of Events

December 2 Senior Singles Christmas Dinner
December 8 Comfort & Hope Sacks
December 9 Breakfast with Santa
December 10 Bible Class Fellowship
December 25-January 1 Office Closed/Holiday
January 14 Teacher Appreciation Lunch

Adult Education Corner

Sunday Morning Adult Classes

Today's lesson is on "Barriers and Bridges for Sharing the Good News of Jesus."

Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Class - Nov. 28

Fellowship - 9:30 a.m., Class - 10 a.m.: "The Friend In Need" (Lk 11:5-8) and "The Persistent Widow-Reluctant Judge" (Lk 18:2-8) Teacher, Amy Smith

Wednesday Night - 7 p.m.

- Rm 11/12 - Rodney Ashlock will be speaking.
- Rm 16 - Congregational Singing: Join Odies Wright for a time of worship in song!
- Rm 34 - ESL Class
- Rm 51 - Class for Singles led by Glenn Tuttle
- Rm 52 - Divorce Care
- Rm 219 - Women's Bible Class: Will resume in Jan. 2018.
- Chapel - Connecting to the Community

Family Ministry

Connecting to the Community Series

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Tonight - There will be NO life groups tonight. If you are in town we will be meeting at Rosa's at 6 p.m. for dinner.

Wednesday - 7 p.m. - Class

Mark your calendars!

Dec. 10 - Christmas Party! 6 p.m. at NCCIL in downtown Abilene! We will have a gift exchange and an Ugly Christmas Sweater contest! You won't want to miss it!

For the Record

Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening
A.M. Assembly604	Chapel44
Bible Class633	
Membership892	
Sept. Offering.....\$112,589	