

Hillcrest Encouragement

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You Had to Be There

I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

John 15:15

I had never seen him laugh so much. There they were - my dad and his cousin Dwight - giggling and laughing like little children. When I was a kid we took a trip to see family in Altus, Oklahoma where my dad grew up. My dad and Dwight were best friends growing up together. That night, each one took turns retelling memories of their past. They were both laughing so hard it was difficult to understand what they were saying. As they would relive the moment, chuckling would break out again until my dad had tears rolling down his face. Each story sparked a feeling deep down inside that could not be contained. Their joy from a past I never knew before became a present joy for all of us. You had to be there.

It may be with family or friends. There are those people in our lives that we share special moments with. It may be times of joy, sorrow, or pain. Around kitchen tables or hospital bedsides they are moments that shape and form us as we go through life together. If you were not there for that experience you wouldn't fully understand what was being felt. It is often beyond words. A look, a glance, a feeling that sparks a memory and for that instant the experience is reborn. We carry those feelings with us like an unspoken language that can only be heard by the ones who were present.

It started 2,000 years ago in Galilee with a simple group of friends who shared the most significant event of human history. In Jesus, God became present in a way like he never had before and he continues to do so today. He is present in all of our laughter and tears. This is what makes faith so powerful. We all become witnesses together to what God is doing in the world, in our lives, and in our hearts. The church is more than an institution that gathers on Sundays and Wednesdays. It is people who have been bonded together through the shared experience of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the forgiveness of sin, and unrelenting love. Through all of our faults and failings we are continually being formed and reformed by the present reality of God abiding with us. Have you been there?

Nathan Burrow

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 5, 2017

Worship Leader Odies Wright
Hymn Let Us Worship
Welcome Jack Hardcastle
Hymn: #435 Come into His Presence

In His Presence

Psalm 139:7-12 J.R. Foster
Matthew 6:5-13 J.R. Foster
Prayer Don Hilton

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

Hymn: #351 He Bore It All
Communion Meditation Wayne Williams

Offering

Prayer Wayne Williams

Songs of Praise

Hymn: #214 Have You Seen Jesus My Lord?
Hymn: #99 In His Presence
Hymn: #100/101 Holy Ground
Hymn Behold Our God
(Parents may escort children to TLC during this song.)

"Bringing Faith Into Focus"

Message Nathan Burrow
Hymn: #586 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Responses

Family News Lynn Luttrell
Hymn: #578 We Will Glorify
Elder Blessing Phil Vardiman

Hillcrest Family News

Today's Speakers

A.M. - Nathan Burrow, P.M. - Nathan Burrow in the chapel

New Members - Kerry & Terrie Raish

Bridal Shower - Today, 2-4 p.m.

Honoring Gabby Smith (daughter of Rickey & Sandy Smith) & Ryan Patterson at the home of Kedra Snead, 1409 Woodridge. Selections at Bed, Bath and Beyond and Crate and Barrel.

Men's Softball

Tomorrow, Mon., Nov. 6, we will play at 7 p.m. on field 4 against Beltway Purple.

Connecting to the Community Series

The speakers in the Chapel this Wednesday evening will be AISD Superintendent David Young and Darrin Cox, Homeless Liaison for the district. They will be talking about issues facing children and families in our schools. In particular, Darrin Cox will share about children in the district who are homeless. Come and learn how we, as individuals and a congregation, can improve the lives of children in our community.

Hillcrest Singers - Wednesday

It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas. Like to sing Christmas Carols? Join us for our annual Christmas Program. We'll rehearse on Wednesday nights, Nov. 8 & 15. Then, after Thanksgiving, present a series of programs at various Assisted Living Facilities around town on Sunday and Wednesday nights beginning Nov. 29 through Dec. 13. This is a great way to bless members of the Abilene community with the joy of beautiful music and the eternal hope that comes from the Christmas Story. For more information contact gregory.straughn@acu.edu.

Father/Son Disc Golf - Nov. 11, 1 p.m.

Join us at 1 p.m. at the Rocky Hills Disc Golf Course (the Hurst ranch) in Tuscola for the 3rd annual tournament. Don't own any discs . . . we will provide them. Your boys already out of the house, but you enjoy playing? Come be a step-in dad/granddad for the day! Hamburgers & hot dogs will be served for supper. There is no cost. To sign up, RSVP to your email invitation, call the church office, or see Cam Hurst. For directions and pics of last 2 years, visit hillcrestonline.com/events/disc-golf.

Mother/Daughter Night - Nov. 11, 5 p.m.

Come enjoy roasting hot dogs and marshmallows and making a Thanksgiving craft at the Coates' house, 1726 Cedar Crest Drive. RSVP at cynthia@hillcrestonline.com.

Light on the Hill Sunday, Nov. 12

On Sun., Nov. 12, we will have our Light on the Hill special contribution. The goal is \$50,000. This contribution will go toward Benevolence and Local Evangelism. We will also be PACKING THE PULPIT that day with sacks of food for the local organizations that feed the poor. This is a great way to get your family involved!

Thanksgiving LAFF - Nov. 15

Our next Loaves and Fishes Fellowship (church-wide meal) will be our Thanksgiving meal on Wednesday, November 15. Serving will begin at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome! Invite your friends. This ministry is funded by your generous donations in the box at the door.

Missions and Faith Sharing

Mumena Dinner - Thur., Nov. 9, 6 p.m. - MPR

Please register for tickets or reserve a table online at hillcrestonline.com/mumenadinner/ or by calling the church office. All gifts will go towards the Hillcrest sponsored Mumena Mission and will help senior high school students with their trip costs. Items for the silent auction are now being collected at the office or call Cam Hurst at 370-5795 or Kevin Batten at 864-3067.

Cebu City

Please be praying 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 April 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). Whether you are a college student interested in ACU's Worldwide Witness program, someone thinking about a Let's Start Talking mission using the Bible to teach English, are a nurse, have carpentry skills, love to help plant churches, retired teacher, want to relieve a missionary on the field so they can have a vacation, or have a heart for assisting refugees, there's a world of opportunities to help people come to know Christ!

Calendar of Events

November 3.....	Hillcrest Singing
November 9.....	Mumena Dinner
November 11.....	Father/Son Disc Golf Tournament
November 11.....	Mother/Daughter Night
November 12.....	Light on the Hill Sunday
November 12.....	Bible Class Fellowship
November 15.....	Loaves & Fishes Fellowship
November 23-24.....	Office Closed/Holiday
December 2.....	Senior Singles Christmas Dinner
December 9.....	Breakfast with Santa

Hillcrest Ministries

Children's Corner

Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #1)

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.

Bibles for Eastern Europe - Our final amount for this year is \$175.85, which is enough to print 35 Bibles.

HYG - Youth

Today - Join us after worship for Bible class! Meet in the HS room upstairs for announcements & prayer time. Then we'll transition to separate Bible classes for middle school and high school students.

Tonight - High School Huddles

- 9th & 10th grade - 1341 Piedmont Dr., 5:45 - 7:15 p.m.
- 11th grade - 2626 Garfield Ave., 5:30 - 7 p.m.
- 12th grade - 2434 Township Ct., 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Tonight - Middle School Madness - 5:30 - 7 p.m.

6th-8th Graders are invited to join us tonight for Middle School Madness in the MPR (gym) from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Dress to move around and bring a friend!

Encounter LE - November 17-19

Registration for Encounter LE will close this Wednesday (November 8). Encounter LE is a student conference for middle school and high school students on the campus of Lubbock Christian University. Cost for the trip will be \$50 per student, and registration is open to all of our 6th - 12th grade students. Registration deadline is Wed., Nov. 8. Financial assistance is available. Please see our youth minister, Lance Parrish, for details. A packing list and arrival instructions will be emailed out to those participating a week from Monday.

Wednesday - 7 p.m. - This Wednesday, join us in the HS Youth room for a fun game and devotional! Bring a friend and we'll see you there!

Prayer Breakfast - Thurs., 7 a.m. - All students are welcome to join us at Chic-fil-A on the north side (Hwy 351) for prayer breakfast this Thursday from 7 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. Parents who can help give rides to school are encouraged to attend as well.

Adult Education Corner

Sunday Morning Adult Classes

Today we begin a 3-week study of how Jesus interacted with the marginalized groups of His day.

Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Class - November 7 Fellowship - 9:30 a.m., Class - 10 a.m.: "Sower & Four Types of Soil." (Mt 13:3-8, 18-23, Mk 4:3-8, 14-25, Lk 8:5-8, 11-15) Teacher, Donna Gee

Wednesday Night Classes

- Rm 10/11 - Glenn Rogers will be speaking on 1 John.
- 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

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

We will meet in the chapel for the Wednesday night series on community. Take this opportunity to build relationships with those around you who you don't know, and form some partnerships that will help you find ways to serve our community together.

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Tonight - All Life Groups Meet

- G1 - 2533 Lincoln Dr
- G2 - Whitlock (1317 Lakeview)
- G3 - Holt (1318 Newcastle)
- G4 - Long (713 Edward Ct)

Wednesday - 7 p.m. - Share your story in room 17.

Thursday - 11 a.m.

Small group prayer chapel in BSB 104.

REACH - 4-5:30 p.m. - Canterbury Apartments

For the Record

Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening
A.M. Assembly..... 722	Chapel..... 32
Membership..... 892	Wed 382
Sept. Offering \$112,589	