

Hillcrest Encouragement

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Blessed at Hillcrest: Zambia Medical Mission

Mwabuka buti! A warm greeting from my Zambian brothers and sisters is music to my ears. A few years ago, I was excitedly preparing for my first journey to Zambia with my sister and mom. I was uncertain and a little concerned about raising so much money. Jay Starkey encouraged us by saying that God would provide. After distributing fliers to let folks know that we wanted to earn our way, we soon received responses. Jay was right. We enjoyed getting to know many people at Hillcrest by working for them. The lesson of God's provision was the first of many lessons of this experience.

With my new CNA (certified nursing assistant) certificate, I was looking forward to practicing my new skills and exploring missions. I was amazed at the hundreds of people who came to the clinics. I fell in love with the people, the mission, and serving in the name of Jesus. I worked with the triage team taking the weight, temperature, and blood pressure of hundreds of patients who needed medical attention. There were so many people to process through triage that I worked as fast as I could, and I was exhausted with a *good tired*. As I stepped on the plane to return home, I was already thinking about how I would get back to Zambia.

The next year, we wanted to be part of the early team so that we could help with the pharmacy preparations and be more involved in the mission. My sister, Jade, and I enjoyed building relationships with the students who attend George Benson Christian College. I had the same assignment in triage, as well as the A-team which sets up the tent city. It was so meaningful to participate with this mission and realize how every task and every skill fit together to benefit the kingdom. My job putting up tents and taking blood pressure was necessary for the success of the clinic. I *experienced* this second lesson about the body of Christ. "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."

This year, I worked with the medical team assessing patients and prescribing medication because I am now an LVN. I was really scared going into the clinic because I'm so new to the nursing profession. I was blessed to be paired with an excellent Zambian nurse who gently coached me along. I learned so much and felt confirmed in my decision to become a nurse. This year, I took to heart Ellie's reminder to "give each person a day of dignity." Lesson number three was to slow down and be present in the moment. Showing care and compassion is my way of communicating the love of Jesus.

When asked about ZMM, Dr. Benkhe said, "It's something I do." I'm so thankful for the encouragement and support to go that first time because now, "it's something I do." I'm grateful that this body at Hillcrest has those gifted as senders and those who can go.

Blessings,

Brynn Martinez, LVN

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

October 1, 2017

Worship Leader Odies Wright
Hymn Lord, Reign In Me
Welcome Terry Brown

Love Your Neighbor

Leviticus 19:11-18..... Lucas Masilamoney
Matthew 5:27-30..... Lucas Masilamoney
Prayer Malcolm Coco

Songs of Praise

Hymn That's Why We Praise Him
Hymn How can I Keep from Singing
Hymn I Give You My Heart

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

Hymn Love Come Down
Communion Meditation..... Dean Pye
Hymn: #478 Nearer, Still Nearer

Offering

Prayer Dean Pye
Hymn I Then Shall Live
Hymn: #718 We Shall Assemble
(Parents may escort children to TLC during this song.)

"Breaking the Cycle of Lust"

Message..... Nathan Burrow
Hymn: #309 In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified*

Responses

Family News Alan Clute
Hymn: #250 The Great Redeemer
Elder Blessing..... C.D. Pruett
*(*Children's Song of the Month)*

Hillcrest Family News

Today's Speakers

A.M. - Nathan Burrow

P.M. - Coy Roper - in the chapel

Sympathy

- Sympathy to John & Mary Barton on the loss of Mary's brother, Glenn Edwards.
- Sympathy to C.D. & Debra Pruett on the loss of Debra's brother-in-law, Byron Vaughan.
- The memorial service for Lottie E. Novak is on Oct. 12, at 1 p.m. here at Hillcrest.

Hillcrest 101 Class

The Hillcrest 101 class will meet in room 34 today.

Men's Softball

Tomorrow, Mon., Oct. 2, we will play a double header beginning at 8 p.m. on field 2 against First Baptist - Red. The second game will begin at 9 p.m. on field 1 against Abilene First Church of the Nazarene.

Woman to Woman Fall Brunch - Sat., Oct. 7, 9-11 a.m.

Hillcrest Ladies, join us as we explore ways to glorify God and form meaningful connections with others. We will fellowship over a delicious meal and open up God's Word to "Light The Fire," "Rekindle Your Fire," "Shine Your Light," and "Use Your Light" to spark your Christian walk. Sign-up online at www.hillcrestonline.com or visit the Woman to Woman table for more information and to register. The deadline to sign up is today. Childcare will be provided, so sign up today.

Trunk Party - Tues., Oct. 31, 6 - 8 p.m.

Sign up sheets are in the classes today! Volunteer to provide a decorated car trunk with candy, donate candy in the candy bins in the halls, bake muffins, and help clean up afterwards! This is a community outreach, so we need to all pitch in and make this a memorable evening.

Life Group

If you would like to join a life group, please contact the office.

Calendar of Events

October 7 Woman to Woman Event
 October 8 Bible Class Fellowship
 October 26-29 Fall Mission Trip
 October 28 Tree of Mercy Dinner
 October 31 Trunk Party
 November 9 Mumena Dinner
 November 12 Light on the Hill Sunday
 November 12 Bible Class Fellowship
 November 15 Loaves & Fishes Fellowship

Connecting to the Community Series

On Wednesday evening, October 11, Mayor Anthony Williams will lead off our "Connecting to the Community" speakers' series. He will discuss issues facing families and children in our community - and how churches can partner with the City of Abilene in addressing some of these issues. Please join us in the Chapel for this informative talk. Let's live out the slogan "God loves Abilene, and so do we!"

Hillcrest News in Your Inbox

If you would like to receive the Hillcrest Now email newsletter every Friday afternoon, please sign up at hillcrestonline.com/members/email.

Missions and Faith Sharing

Tree of Mercy Dinner

Tickets are now available for the Oct. 28 Tree of Mercy Dinner benefiting the hospital and medical efforts at Namwianga, Zambia. See the missions bulletin board or contact Ellie Hamby for more information.

Mumena Dinner - November 9, 6 p.m. - MPR

The Mumena Dinner is Thursday, Nov. 9 at 6 p.m. in the MPR. Please register for tickets or reserve a table by contacting the Church Office. All proceeds 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.

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Tonight - LIFE groups meet

G1 - 2533 Lincoln Dr - 5 p.m.

G2 - Whitlock (1317 Lakeview) - 6 p.m.

G3 - Cole (3077 FM 3034) - 6 p.m.

G4 - Harrison (166 Buffalo Creek Ln) - 5 p.m.

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

Mark Your Calendar

Oct. 26-29 - FALL BREAK MISSION TRIP - Instead of going on a Fall Break retreat we are planning to take a group to provide disaster relief work for the victims of Hurricane Harvey. If you are interested in joining us, please visit hillcrestonline.com/harveyrelief and fill out the survey.

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 children will be raising funds for Bibles to be printed and distributed in Eastern Europe. Through the end of the last Sunday of October, a money jar will be on the children's desk in the children's wing. So far, \$84.44 has been raised, enough to print 16 Bibles

HYG - Youth

Today - All 6th - 12th grade students are invited to join us for Bible class immediately following worship today. We are having a combined class to wrap up our study of the Sermon on the Mount. Starting next Sunday, October 8, we will have separate high school and middle school classes.

Tonight - HS Huddles

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

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

5:45 - 7:15 p.m. - 9th & 10th Grade - 1314 Piedmont Dr.

Middle School Madness - 5:30 - 7 p.m. in the MPR

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 Whataburger on E Hwy 80 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.

"Midnight" Movie - Next Sunday

Next Sunday evening, all 6th - 12th grade students that do not have school on Monday morning due to the Columbus Day holiday, are invited to join us for a "midnight" movie in the youth room here at Hillcrest. Students should arrive at 9 p.m., and the movie will begin at 9:15 p.m. We will be done no later than 11:30 p.m.

Text Message Communication - Sign Up Today - Students & Parents, in an effort to establish efficient communication, we are adding a text service to our communication outlets. Please take out your phone and text the word HILLCREST to 43506 to sign up. You should receive a welcome text with a link to update your profile. Please click the link and update your profile when you receive that text. Thank you!

Adult Education Corner

Sunday Morning Adult Classes

Today we begin a 4-week study of the book of Ruth.

Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Class - September 26

Fellowship - 9:30 a.m., Class - 10 a.m.: Teacher, Jackie Vardiman - (Matt. 5:14-15, Mk 4:21-22, Lk 8:16, 11:33) Lamp on a Stand.

Wednesday Night Classes

- Rm 10/11 - Glenn Rogers will be speaking on the book of 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: Various speakers. Women of all ages are invited.

Family Ministry

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

As we prepare for the Wednesday night series on community, we want to encourage everyone to visit some of the other classes available this week. Take this opportunity to build relationships with those around you that you don't know, and form some partnerships that will help you find ways to serve our community together.

Faith at Home Sunday - October 29

Theme: Community Doesn't Happen Without "U" and "I"

On the next Faith at Home Sunday, we will focus on ways that your family can get involved together in our community through service. Our worship time will focus on the commands of "unity within our community", and we will then have an optional community fair (during and after bible class time) in the MPR of various organizations looking for volunteers like you and your family. This will be a great opportunity to see the many ways your family can get involved in service throughout our community!

If your family has been looking for service projects to do together, don't miss this Sunday to hear of ways to get involved!

For the Record

Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening
A.M. Assembly..... 823	Chapel..... 53
Bible Class..... 725	
Membership..... 892	Wed 310
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