

Hillcrest Encouragement

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Julian's "Gimmee" List

I know what you're thinking. You're sitting there reading a text in English wondering who the first woman was to write in English. Well, I have good news for you; I have the answer: Julian of Norwich, born in 1342. She wrote *The Revelations of Divine Love...* in English. Why is this obscure fact so important? Other than appealing to my fellow English nerds, Julian (likely not her real name) was a Christian and wanted her writing to be accessible to the common man who's Latin was probably not too great.

Julian was pretty well renowned for her great advice. Admittedly, she had a pretty good amount of time to think since: 1. She had no T.V. (14th century after all), and 2. She was an "anchorite," meaning she was "anchored" to the world for the purpose of serving others. Julian enclosed herself in a cell attached to a church and through a small window in the exterior wall she dispensed her wisdom to passers-by who cared to inquire. Weird arrangement by our modern standards; however, it was pretty effective since neither Twitter nor Facebook had been invented yet.

Having survived the Black Plague, Julian famously prayed for three "wounds." First, she prayed that God would "wound" her with a humble and contrite heart, making her aware of her own shortcomings. Second, she prayed that God would "wound" her with an enduring compassion for the world. Third, Julian prayed that God would "wound" her with an unshakeable passion and love for God. Hmmm. Well, that's a pretty interesting prayer journal entry. I guess it beats the usual "gimmee" approach that we often use with our prayer lives. You know what I mean; "gimmee" healing, "gimmee" peace in life, "gimmee" a better life, etc. As I read the writings of Julian of Norwich I'm a bit convicted regarding my list of "gimmee's" compared to hers. Rather than separating herself from the world, insulating herself from sundry "untouchables" in society, she "anchored" herself in the world, making herself available to all who would pass by. I have a tendency to "anchor" myself in cushy places more amicable to my wants and desires, which normally means "away from people who want something from me."

To be honest, I have neither the slightest intention, nor inclination to live in a cell next to Hillcrest; however, I may in fact consider the spirit which drove Julian of Norwich to her unusual living arrangements: namely, a genuine desire to serve others. Furthermore, praying for humility with regard to self, compassion for others, and love of God is not a bad idea.

While most of Europe was being infected with the Black Plague, Julian of Norwich lived a life of infectious Christian joy in the midst of overwhelming suffering all about her. Her secret was, of course, her faith in God. This faith led her to her servant-like disposition and her selfless prayer life. It also led her to the other phrase famously attributed to her, shockingly – boldly – declaring during one of the darkest periods of England's history that because of God, "all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well."

May God anchor you among people who need His love and to hear that "all shall be well."

James McGee

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 1Room 121
Age 3..... Room 106	Gr 2Room 117
Age 4..... Room 107	Gr 3Room 120
Pre-K..... Room 110	Gr 4Room 213
K..... Room 118	Gr 5Room 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

October 11, 2015

Worship Leader Odies Wright
Hymn: #300 Praise Him! Praise Him!
Welcome Ray Ferguson
Hymn: #54 We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise

Life and Ministry Stitched Together by Prayer

Psalms 5:1-3, Habakkuk 3:2..... Ron Owens
Colossians 4:2-6..... Cary Watson
Prayer Dusty Rhodes

Songs of Praise

Hymn: #96 I Stand In Awe
Hymn Here I Am To Worship
Hymn Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

The Lord's Supper

Communion Meditation Dub Wellborn
Hymn: #186 Christ, We Do All Adore You

Offering

Prayer Dub Wellborn
Hymn: #450 Give Me the Bible*
Hymn: #778 Be With Me, Lord

Nehemiah: Serving God with Dirty Hands "Beyond My Broken Prayers"

Message Phil Ware
Hymn: #770 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Responses

Hillcrest News..... Mark Miller
Hymn All the Way My Savior Leads Me
Family Blessing Steve Wages

(*Children's Song of the Month)

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 Speaker

A.M. – Phil Ware

Today - Care Group – The Common Ground Class will lead the service in the Chapel.

New Member

Marlene Treadway

Sympathy

- Sympathy to John Hancock and family on the loss of his aunt, Lucille Bostwick.
- Sympathy to the family of Kevin Hill.

Branson Trip Meeting – Today – 11:30 a.m. – Rm 14/15

Congregational Meeting – Today, 4:30 p.m. – Rm 10/11
There will be a congregational meeting to go over the Preferred Preaching Candidate Survey results. There are also three copies of the survey results and accompanying comments at the church office for members who would like to see them.

Tree of Mercy Benefit Luncheon – Oct. 16, 11:30 a.m.

You are invited to the annual Tree of Mercy Benefit Luncheon. This year's event will be held in the Hillcrest MPR. Join us as we celebrate the legacy of June Estes and her family in southern Zambia – John and June helped start the first Zambia Medical Mission, which led to the building of the Namwianga Zonal Health Centre. Please RSVP at www.ZambiaMission.org. The free lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m.

Father and Son Disc Golf Tournament - Oct. 17

You are invited to a disc golf tournament for fathers and sons or grandfathers and sons. We'll have fun and learn the game of disc golf. The tourney is Sat. Oct. 17, at 2 p.m., at the Rocky Hills Disc Golf Course in Ovalo, Tex. Pay \$5 a person to cover the meal and prizes (\$10 per family). Discs will be provided or bring your own. Register and receive driving instructions by Oct. 14 with Cam Hurst at camhurst@sbcglobal.net or 370-5795 or J.R. Foster 428-8250 or Alan Clute at the Hillcrest Church of Christ office 691-4200.

Men's Softball - Tomorrow, 9 p.m. on field 2 against Southwest Park Baptist. Come out and cheer them on.

For the Record	
Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening
A.M. Assembly 686	Auditorium 49
Classes 582	
Membership 929	Wed Classes 349
Sept. Offering \$98,928	

Trunk Party - Saturday, Oct. 31, 6 p.m. – Our Annual Trunk Party is one way we connect to our community. Plastic bins are in the entrances to drop off candy donations. We will begin at 6 p.m., on the Hillcrest parking lot. Come dressed in a costume and decorate your car trunk to hand out the donated candy!

Mumena Christian Outreach Dinner & Auction

Nov. 5, 6 p.m.

All are invited to hear how our church planting work in Northwest Zambia is progressing and how our Hillcrest Youth are making a huge impact for the Gospel among the Kaonde tribe! This summer some of our high school seniors will participate. Opportunities will be available to either give directly to our mission effort or to contribute to our youth participating in next summer's Mumena Gospel meetings. Come help make it happen! For tickets, call the office or go on-line at www.hillcrestonline.com/mumenadinner/.

Missions & Faith Sharing

World Bible School – Recently, World Bible School was given the opportunity to provide Gospel curriculum within the Ghana public school system. Hillcrest was one of the first congregations to sign-up to help with this amazing opportunity.

Our World Bible School team is working hard to get ready for the launch of this pilot program in October. This effort is being called the Ghana Partners in Religious Education Program, or Ghana PREP.

The WBS coordinator for this, Robin Cannon is in Ghana this week getting ready for the first wave of students. Please be praying for these students and our WBS team as we seek to share the Gospel with the nation of Ghana! If you are interested in participating, talk with Paula Leverett or Don Pope.

Prison Ministry – There were 137 baptisms in September. Current total for this year is 658.

Calendar of Events

October 11	Congregational Meeting
October 11	Care Group
October 16	Tree of Mercy Benefit Luncheon
October 17	Father & Son Disc Golf
October 27	Hilltoppers Luncheon
October 31	Trunk Party
November 2-7	Hilltoppers Branson Trip
November 5	Mumena Christian Outreach Dinner

Hillcrest Ministries

Children's Corner

Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #2)

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 Bowl – Meets today.

Bible Hour – No Bible Hour. Enjoy Care group.

Bibles for Eastern Europe - The total raised so far has now reached \$1,157.14, which is enough to print 231 Bibles! It takes \$5 to have one Bible printed. The Bibles will be placed in the public schools. A jar for the collection is on the desk in the children's wing. For more information, go to <https://www.eem.org/>. Our last day to collect will be Sunday, October 25.

HYG – Youth

Today – 6 p.m. – Only Junior & Senior Huddles will meet today.

Wednesday – Class at 7 p.m.

Thursday – Prayer Breakfast at 7 a.m. at Chick-fil-a (North).

Sign up for High School retreat and Encounter LE. - Sign-ups are online at the HYG events page or through links in the HYG Newsletters.

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Tonight – Life Groups – 6 p.m.

All LIFE groups are meeting together. We'll be at the Hatfield house (5333 CR 103N) If you want to ride the bus or caravan out be in Hillcrest's parking lot at 5:45 p.m. We're having breakfast for dinner!

Wednesday – LIFT worship at 7 p.m.

Thursday Prayer chapel – 11 a.m. – Jacob's Dream on ACU's campus. Join us as we pray for spiritual renewal!

FALL RETREAT: Oct 23-25 - Peace with God – Only \$35.

Our theme this year is Peace with God. We will focus on finding peace with God through the practice of spiritual disciplines. Go to hillcrestu.com to register! Deadline is Oct. 18.

Adult Education Corner

Sunday Morning Adult Classes – We are continuing a study of "The Holiness of God" using selected passages from Matthew and Leviticus.

Wednesday Night Large Class - Rm 10-11 – Speakers will be Alex Bartsch and Steffen Pietsch, co-evangelists of the Church of Christ in Chemnitz, Germany.

Hillcrest 101 – Wednesday – Rm 12

If you are a new member or considering placing membership at Hillcrest, you are invited to attend the Hillcrest 101 class. The class began last Wednesday. Come learn more about Hillcrest.

Wednesday Worship in Song – Rm 16 – Join Odies Wright for a time of worship in song.

Wednesday ESL Class Rm 30 - If you have an interest in helping as a tutor, please contact Phil Palmer.

Women's Bible Classes – Rm 219 - The Women's Class continues an in-depth study of 1 and 2 Thessalonians on Wed. evenings.

Tuesday Women's Bible Study – Oct., 13 – 10 a.m.

Rm 30 – "Eternal Rest from One Greater than Moses" and "Jesus the Faithful High Priest" Hebrews 3:1-4:13, Teacher: Donna Wilson.

Rm 10 – "Life Worthy of the Gospel of Christ" Phil. 1:27-30, Teacher: Margaret Cooper.

Family Ministry

Wednesday Night Series – 7 p.m. – Room 14/15

New series - The God Moment That Changes Everything - We've all had "aha!" moments in our lives, times when a sudden revelation surprises us with insight. In this series, we will explore how we can experience this same kind of "aha!" in our families' spiritual lives. With everyday examples and trademark testimonies, Kyle Idleman (Gods at War) draws on Scripture to reveal how three key elements can draw us closer to God and change our lives and our families for good.

Divorce Care – Wednesday Night – Living Room

Russell & Cene' Gould facilitating.