

Hillcrest Encouragement

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Killed With Kindness

Perhaps we rarely consider kindness to be dangerous to our souls. Rightly so; after all, we're taught to be kind from an early age. However, the problem with my kindness is that I have a tendency to define it in exclusionary terms. You know what I mean; I define my kindness by what I don't do. I don't lie (much), I don't cheat or steal, I don't do or say harmful things to people (for the most part). I'm a "kind" person according to, and defined by, the latest social trend. Thus, I am a good person because I feel kind and benevolent. But as C.S. Lewis says, "Everyone feels benevolent if nothing happens to be annoying him at the moment." Yep, there it is... in the immortal words of Hamlet, "Ay, there's the rub."

Life has a way of annoying me and this annoyance usually involves other people. So here's how it works: I feel benevolent – good – until someone, usually some thoughtless, callous person who is not as "good" as me, bumbles along and does something contrary to my liking. I think that now I must be justified in lashing out at that person because I have already established my own "goodness" earlier.

The real problem isn't the other person's evil nature, but rather my own. Our culture is suffering from a lack of acknowledgement of our own sinfulness. I am not a "basically good person upon whom God must surely smile." I am a sinful person, deserving of God's wrath and for whom Jesus died to pay for my sins which were an affront to a Holy God. Once I recognize my own sinfulness, I can truly understand and appreciate that which Jesus has done for me. He didn't sacrifice himself for a good person, but for a sinful one.

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:6-8

When I fail to understand my own sinfulness, I wonder about the goodness of God who allows things not to my liking to happen to me; after all, I'm a "good, kind person", so why does He allow pain into my life? These are the illogical whisperings of Satan who would pacify me with fables of my own goodness and worthiness, only to cast doubt upon the goodness of God.

When I come to an understanding of my own sinfulness, I will truly appreciate the goodness of God, the holiness of God, the justice of God, and the mercy of God.

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 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
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 18, 2015

Worship Leader..... Odies Wright
Hymn..... Shout Hallelujah
Welcome..... Justin Hatfield
Hymn: #647..... Soldiers of Christ, Arise

Faith in God Will Conquer Fear

Jeremiah 1:4-10, 17-19..... Drew Martinez
1 Timothy 4:9-16..... James Wellborn
Prayer..... Kevin Wellborn

The Lord's Supper

Hymn..... Every Time
Communion Meditation..... Jonathan Ward
Hymn..... Oft We Come Together

Offering

Prayer..... Jonathan Ward
Hymn: #450..... Give Me the Bible*

Songs of Praise

Hymn: #446..... Hear, O Israel
Hymn: #570..... A Beautiful Life
Hymn: #705..... A Common Love

"Missing Out: Seeing What Is in Front of You"

Message..... Justin Hatfield
Hymn: #448..... The Greatest Commands

Responses

Hillcrest News..... Shane Price
Hymn: #710..... The Lord Bless You and Keep You
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. – Justin Hatfield
P.M. – Everett Ferguson – Rm 10/11

Sympathy

- Sympathy to Marita Hardcastle & Jack & Susan Hardcastle and family on the loss of Pat Hardcastle.
- Sympathy to Gail McMillan on the loss of her mother, Violet Lee.

Hilltoppers Luncheon – Oct 27, 11:30 a.m.

Join us Tuesday, October 27 at 11:30 a.m. in Room 12. John Barton will present "Amazing Grace – Hymn Writers in London, Scotland & Wales." The menu will be "Fish & Chips" (baked fish almandine and spicy hash browns). Sign up in Bible class. If you would be willing to help prepare food Monday night at 7 p.m. or Tuesday morning beginning at 9 a.m., put a star by your name. The cost is \$3 per person. Hilltoppers are made up mostly of retirees, but anyone is welcome.

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, go online at www.hillcrestonline.com/mumenadinner/ or call the office.

Vow Renewal for Rena Ann Seay Konicek and Todd Michael Konicek, November 7, 2 p.m. at Hope Church of Christ, 831 N Judge Ely Blvd. Reception following.

Save The Date! The Woman to Woman Ministry is hosting a "Silent Servants" come and go reception on Saturday, November 21, 9:30-11 a.m. in the MPR. Our ministry would like to recognize the many people who work behind the scenes at Hillcrest to make our worship services and classes function smoothly and on time, and our building and grounds pleasant and safe places to meet and work. Therefore, we are hosting the first of several receptions to honor these Silent Servants beginning with seven ministries at a reception on Saturday, November 21, 2015 -- a thanksgiving to many who serve. Everyone is invited!

Men's Softball - Tomorrow, 8 p.m. on field 2 against First Baptist and 9 p.m. against Broadview Baptist. Come out and cheer them on.

Missions & Faith Sharing

Rick Love and his father just returned from a productive visit to the leaders of our church plants among the Kaonde of Northwest Province, Zambia. The churches of the Mumena Chieftaincy continue to organize their leadership Bible seminars in order to equip themselves for feeding their various congregations. This Fall, they studied the book of Revelation. We appreciate the willingness of former missionaries like Rick who return regularly to edify the churches. The Cedar Hill church of Christ in Dallas, our long-time partner in Mumena, will be sending former missionary Don Boyd in April to assist in the next Mumena Bible Seminar. The Kaonde leaders have requested that Don help them visit every one of the church plants and encourage them in evangelism. Let's keep our brothers and sisters in Mumena in our prayers!

Calendar of Events

October 27.....Hilltoppers Luncheon
October 31..... Trunk Party
November 1.....Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 2-7 Hilltoppers Branson Trip
November 5..... Mumena Christian Outreach Dinner
November 8.....Care Group
November 14-15 Faith at Home Weekend
November 18.....Thanksgiving LAFF
November 15.....Light on the Hill Offering
November 21..... Woman to Woman Reception

For the Record

Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening
A.M. Assembly762	Rm 10/11Care Group
Classes.....532	
Membership.....911	Wed Classes.....363
Sept. Offering\$98,928	

Hillcrest Ministries

Children's Corner

Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #3)

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 Hour – Tonight from 6-7 p.m. Infants up to age 3 meet in the nursery. Children ages 4 through 5th grade will begin in the MPR.

Bibles for Eastern Europe - The total raised so far has now reached \$1,218.50, which is enough to print 243 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 next Sunday, October 25.

HYG – Youth

Today – Sophomore and Senior Huddles will meet together at 5:30 p.m. at 326 Hill Haven. All other Huddles will meet at 6 p.m. in their normal locations.

Wednesday – Class at 7 p.m.

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

Sign up online for Encounter LE. – Nov. 22-24. Cost is \$65. High School Retreat has been moved to Dec. 4-6! Please sign up online.

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Tonight – Life Groups – 6 p.m.

6 p.m. - G1 – White (2541 John C Stevens)

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

6 p.m. - G3 – Holt (1318 Newcastle)

5 p.m. - G4 – Harrison (1997 B FM 89)

Wednesday – LIFT worship at 7 p.m. Come share your story.

Thursday Prayer chapel – 11 a.m. – Jacob's Dream on ACU's campus. Our focus is spiritual renewal!

DEADLINE! Today is your last chance to sign up for our Fall Retreat. The theme is Peace with God with a focus on Spiritual Disciplines. We will be leaving Hillcrest on Oct. 23 at 7 a.m. in route to Oklahoma! We will spend time on Friday at my parent's house having a cookout and then time on Saturday floating the Illinois River in canoes! The cost is only \$35! Sign-up at hillcrestu.com today!

Adult Education Corner

Sunday Morning Adult Classes – We are continuing a study of "The Holiness of God" using selected passages from Matthew and Leviticus. The final series of the Fall Semester begins in mid-November and is focused on the responsibilities of the individual Christian and those of the entire church.

Wednesday Night Large Class - Rm 10-11 – Neal Coates will be teaching "Rejoicing in the Lord when persecuted in 2015."

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. 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.

Wednesday Women's Bible Class – Rm 219 - The Women's Class meets each Wednesday evening.

Tuesday Women's Bible Study – Oct. 20 – 10 a.m.

Rm 30 – "A Call to Faith" Hebrews 11:1-40, Teacher: Pat Varner.

Rm 10 – "Imitating Christ's Humility" Phil. 2:1-11, Teacher: Morene Tuttle.

Family Ministry

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

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 – Rm 52

Russell & Cene' Gould facilitating.