

# Hillcrest Encouragement

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## The Unfruitful Mango Tree

Outside my kitchen window spreads a huge, beautiful mango tree next to the water holding pit and the garden. When I first came to Zambia in 2016, my beautiful, luscious appearing mango tree only had six very puny mangoes. I told Chimunya, my gardener, "Let's cut this sorry thing down. It is a mature tree and has had time to produce, and nothing has it produced of any value." Chimunya said, "Let's give it a year and then if it doesn't produce, I'll cut it down." "OK," I said begrudgingly.

A year later, the magnificent looking tree produced about thirty mangoes. Now, this year, I'm looking at the beautiful tree, and it is yellow all over because of hundreds of large yellow mango blossoms. The blossoms are a promise of hundreds of mangoes come December.

Jesus said this parable, "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he went to look for fruit and didn't find any. So he said to his gardener, 'For three years I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?'

'Sir, the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'" Luke 13:6-8

God wants us and expects us to be fruitful in His vineyard. He encourages us with fertilizer, watering, and diggings. I am very happy that my mango tree didn't have to be cut down.

Blessings from the little house in the bush with the magnificent, productive mango tree to greet me each morning.

Cindy Robinson

# 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 2, 2016

Worship Leader..... Odies Wright  
Hymn..... Lord I Lift Your Name On High  
Welcome..... Gary Varner

### Living God's Full Shalom

Numbers 6:22-26 ..... Eugene Kiefer  
Philippians 4:4-9..... Eugene Kiefer  
Prayer..... Gary Mabry

### Songs of Praise

Hymn: #303..... O Worship the King\*  
Hymn: #20..... We Worship and Adore Thee  
Hymn:..... We Will Worship You  
Hymn..... The River is Here

### The Lord's Supper

Hymn: #318..... O Sacred Head  
Communion Meditation ..... Terry Brown  
Hymn: #218..... Blessed Jesus

### Offering

Prayer..... Terry Brown  
Hymn: #731..... Take Time to Be Holy  
Hymn: #703, 704, 705..... Fellowship Medley  
(Parents may escort children ages 2-4 to TLC during this song)

### Macedonian Maturity: "The Lord Is Near"

Message..... Phil Ware  
Hymn: #791..... On Bended Knee

### Responses

Special Presentation ..... Chris Pettijohn  
Hillcrest News ..... Chip Whitlock  
Hymn: #446..... Hear, O Israel  
Elder Blessing ..... Phil Vardiman  
(Children's Song of the Month\*)

# Hillcrest Family News

## Today's Speakers

A.M. - Phil Ware  
 P.M. - Bob Pipes in the Chapel at 6 p.m.  
 P.M. - Prayer Hour Life Group in Living Room.

## Sympathy

Our sympathy to Angela Givens on the loss of her father, Sam Givens.

Our sympathy to Menda Sanders & Jeanene Irvin on the loss of their aunt, Tressie Lucas.

**Congratulations** to Steve & Kim Conley on the birth of a granddaughter, Dorisanne Clare Kelley. Parents are Lance & Ashleigh Kelley. Great grandparents are Bootsie Conley and Ray Blackwell.

**Congratulations** to Ray and Kay McGlothlin on the birth of a great grandson, Lain Henley. Parents are Raygan & Chie Henley. Grandparents are Ralph and Karen Henley.

**New Members** - Jim & Iliana Carpenter

## New Member/Updated Old Member Pictures

Think your appearance hasn't changed much since the last directory pictures were taken in 2011? Take a look at Hillcrest Connect [www.hillcrest.ccbchurch.com](http://www.hillcrest.ccbchurch.com). Do you have more children or have they grown more than 8 inches? Are you pictured at all? Time for a new picture! Alan will be taking pictures at the side of the worship center today after worship.

## Life Groups

If you would like to join a Life Group, contact Terry Brown or the church office.

## Sanctuary Ministries Meal, Today

Hillcrest members are invited to eat lunch in the MPR after Bible Class. The meal is FREE, but we're hoping you will donate to help support Sanctuary Ministries and the Send the Light mission trip in December to India by Matt, Cheryl, and Tyler Merritt.

## Men's Softball - Tomorrow, 9 p.m.

The team will play tomorrow on Field 1 against Beltway Purple. Come cheer them on!

## Hillcrest 101 & New Member Dinner - October 5

If you are a new member or considering making Hillcrest your church family, you are invited to attend the Hillcrest 101 class. This class begins Wed., October 5, at 7 p.m. in room 12. The first night we will begin at 5:30 with a New Member Dinner in the MPR. Terry Brown & Alan Clute will facilitate. RSVP to Kay in the office 691-4200.

## A Hillcrest Singing - Oct. 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Rm 10/11

Come join us as we learn new songs and sing old hymns, have delightful conversation, and enjoy games and snacks together.

## Trunk Party- Monday, October 31, 6-8 p.m.

Come trick-or-treat at the cars in our parking lot! A carnival with air castles, cake walk, and a dunking booth will be in the MPR. Invite your friends! Bins are in the church entrances for candy collection. Sign up to help in your classroom.

## Online Directories

The online directory has been recently updated on the Hillcrest Connect home page. You can also see a directory of new members. Go to [www.hillcrest.ccbchurch.com](http://www.hillcrest.ccbchurch.com) and log in to Hillcrest Connect. If you do not have an account, click on "Sign Up." This is a private community for Hillcrest members.

## Missions and Faith Sharing

**Send the Light** trips continue during 2016. Mariana Long will soon return from a Ladies Retreat in Northern Ireland. During October, Susan Green will be serving in Brazil for Continent Care Connection, and Anne Reno will work as a nurse in Haiti during a Live Beyond Medical Mission.

**Tickets are now available** for the Oct. 21 Tree of Mercy Luncheon benefiting the hospital and medical efforts at Namwianga, Zambia. See the missions bulletin board or contact Ellie Hamby for more information.

## For the Record

<b>Sunday Morning</b>	<b>Sunday Evening</b>
A.M. Assembly .....679	Chapel..... 67
Classes.....619	
Membership.....864	<b>Wednesday</b> ..... 334
Sept. Offering .....\$91,163	

## Calendar of Events

October 5 .....	New Member Dinner/Hillcrest 101
October 9 .....	Care Group
October 14 .....	A Hillcrest Singing
October 21 .....	Tree of Mercy Luncheon
October 31 .....	Trunk Party
November 3.....	Mumena Dinner
November 13.....	Care Group

# Hillcrest Ministries

## Children's Corner

**Nursery: 2-24 Months** (TEAM #1)

**Training and 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.

**Bible Hour Tonight** – Infants up to age 3 meet in the playroom of the children's wing. Children ages 4-5th grade begin in the MPR.

**Eastern European Missions:** Our annual fund raiser for Bibles for the children of Eastern Europe has begun! A collection container is on the children's desk on Sundays for this purpose. The last Sunday of the collection will be October 30. We would like to reach a goal of \$750. Check our bulletin board to see our progress.

## HYG – Youth

**Today - Huddles meet from 6-7 p.m.**

**Wednesday – 7 p.m.** Class

**Deadline** to sign up for MS Retreat.

**Deadline** to sign up for Mumena Mission. (Seniors)

**Thursday - Prayer Breakfast** Chick-fil-A at 7 a.m.

**TNT - 7-8:30 p.m.**

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**Tonight – 5 p.m. - All LIFE groups meet tonight**

**G1:** White (2533 Lincoln)

**G2:** Hancock (1841 Marathon Ct.)

**G3:** McAlister (2573 Lincoln Dr.)

**G4:** Hatfield (5333 CR 103N)

**Wednesday Class – 7 p.m.** - LIFT Come Share YOUR Story.

**Thursday - 11 a.m.** - Prayer chapel at Jacob's Dream

**Thursday - 4-5:30 p.m.** - Reach: Canterbury Crossing Apts.

**Mark your calendars! October 28-30 - Fall Break Retreat** Make plans now to attend our Fall retreat focused on Spiritual Disciplines! The cost is only \$30!

## Adult Education Corner

**Sunday Morning Adult Classes** – Have you ever wondered how God changes people? The first series of the fall focuses on the spiritual disciplines. Today, we will explore "Sacrifice & Fasting." Check the Adult Education ministry page to see lessons added weekly. [www.hillcrestonline.com/ministries/adult/](http://www.hillcrestonline.com/ministries/adult/)

**Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Class - Oct. 4:** "What's Wrong with Private Sins" Mark 5:21-30. Teacher Cleilda Smith.

## Wednesday Night Classes

- **Rm 10/11** - Houston Heflin will be teaching during the month of October. His series is titled, "Who is this? Jesus in Mark 1-8."
- **Rm 30 - ESL Class**
- **Rm 16 - Congregational Singing:** Join Odies Wright for a time of Worship in song!
- **Rm 52 - Divorce Care**
- **Chapel - Hillcrest Singers**
- **Rm 219 - Women's Class:** *Living Stones* by Casandra Martin. Women of all ages are invited.

## Family Ministry

**Wednesday Class - Rm 14/15 - 7 p.m.**

*Raising Kids Who Turn Out Right*

This eight week series is for anyone who wants to have a practical strategy for positive parenting! Topics include parenting with a purpose, meeting needs, having a plan, the importance of a kind heart, having passion, parenting by example, parenting with courage, and parenting by grace.

**Coming on October 30 - Faith at Home Weekend**

"Taking the Mask Off of Depression"



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