

# Hillcrest Encouragement

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## Blessed At Hillcrest:

### Our Ministers and Support Staff

*Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. 13 Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:12-13*

It is a blessing to be a minister. Ministers get to have a front row seat watching God work in the lives of those around them. It is challenging, humbling, and rewarding to be able to work and serve the flock of God's people. This first year for me at Hillcrest has been an answer to many prayers. My family and I feel at home, and I look forward to the relationships that we will continue to grow and share over time. The last few weeks, we've shared ways that God has blessed us at Hillcrest. I wanted to take time this week to recognize an area of blessing that does not get mentioned enough, our ministers and support staff.

Every week I get to stand before you each Sunday, but most of what makes Hillcrest great answers to the names Alan, Carmen, Cynthia, Kay, Jack, Justin, Lance, Larry, Pam, Star, and Vicki. These men and women spend their hours every week making a difference in people's lives here in Abilene. Unless you are in their specific ministry group you may not be aware of the tireless work that they do for this church. They are each gifted in ways that help our church to serve, love, teach, and give. The devotion that they have to Christ and his bride has made an impact in my life for the good.

I want to invite you to get better acquainted with these servants of God and express thanks to them and their families. Keep them in your prayers each day as they toil in this labor of love. Pray for the men, women, and children that they encounter each day to be open to the work of God pouring from their hearts. Write them a note or take them to lunch and let them know that you value the work that they are doing for the kingdom of God. Share with them the ways that God has used them to bless your life.

Nathan

# 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

October 22, 2017

Worship Leader .....	Odies Wright
Hymn .....	Awesome God
Welcome .....	Justin Hatfield
Hymn: #215 .....	O Lord, Our Lord

## Love Your Neighbor

Leviticus 19:15-18.....	Phil Vardiman
Matthew 5:43-48.....	Phil Vardiman
Hymn: #309 .....	In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified*
Prayer .....	Dean Pye

## We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

Hymn .....	Every Time
Communion Meditation.....	James McGee
Hymn .....	Wonderful, Merciful Savior

## Offering

Prayer .....	James McGee
Hymn .....	Let God Arise

## Songs of Praise

Hymn .....	New Doxology
Hymn: #828 .....	Instruments of Your Peace

## Children's Bible Bag

Hymn .....	I Then Shall Live
<i>(Parents may escort children to TLC during this song.)</i>	

## "Breaking the Cycle of Hate"

Message.....	Nathan Burrow
Hymn .....	Lord, Have Mercy

## Responses

Family News .....	Kyle McAlister
Hymn: #710 .....	The Lord Bless You and Keep You
Elder Blessing.....	Don Pope
<i>(*Children's Song of the Month)</i>	

# Hillcrest Family News

## Today's Speakers

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

## Sympathy

Our sympathy to Karen Allen on the loss of her mother, Mildred Agee.

## New Grandbabies

Congratulations to Bernie & Adria Kastner on the birth of a grandson, Crockett Levi Kastner on October 7. Parents are Cory & Leslie Kastner.

Congratulations to Chic Owens on the birth of a new great-granddaughter, Hazel Ryan Owens. Parents are Jarrod & Alex Owens.

## Baptism

Congratulations to McKenzie Reyna, daughter of Frank & Lori Reyna on her baptism, Oct. 14. Grandmother is Carolyn Jeter.

## New Member Pictures - Today

Alan will be taking pictures at the side of the worship center after worship.

## Men's Softball

Tomorrow, Mon., Oct. 23, we will play a double header with the first game at 8 p.m. on field 2 against Baker Heights Team F. The second at 9 p.m. on field 2 against First Baptist.

## Baby Shower - Today, 2-3:30 p.m. in the Living Room

Honoring Rebekah (Coates) & Blake McNeill and baby. Selections: Baby's R Us and Amazon.

## Baby Shower - Oct. 29, 2-3:30 p.m.

Honoring Isaac & Molly Wright and baby, Elijah Ross Wright at the home of Laura Copeland, 1451 Tanglewood Rd. Selections at [www.babylister.com](http://www.babylister.com).

## Connecting to the Community Series

Wed., evening, Oct. 18, Susanna Lubanga, Resettlement Director of the International Rescue Committee (IRC), will speak. The local IRC Office helps refugees, victims of human trafficking, survivors of torture, and other immigrants to find new homes in Abilene, become self reliant, and help get their children enrolled in school. Come learn about the needs of these "strangers in our midst" and about ways we can individually and collectively assist them.

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

Sign up sheets are in the classes! 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.

## A Community Singing Led by Odies Wright, Friday, Nov. 3, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Rooms 10 & 11.

Come join us as we sing new and old hymns, have delightful conversation, and enjoy snacks that are shared among the participants.

**Children's Ministry Need** - Toilet paper rolls and 100 pine cones for crafts. Place in marked bin in hall.

## 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!

## Missions and Faith Sharing

### Tree of Mercy Dinner - Oct. 28, 6 p.m., MPR

Tickets (no cost) 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 - Thur., Nov. 9, 6 p.m. - MPR

Please register for tickets or reserve a table by contacting 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.

## HillcrestU

### Tonight - All LIFE groups meet

- G1 – African Safari Group - 2533 Lincoln Dr - 5 p.m.
- G2 – Barnett (1401 Roadrunner Ct) - 6 p.m.
- G3 – RND (1457 Bel Air) - 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

**Oct. 26-29 - FALL BREAK MISSION TRIP** - The official signups have begun for our hurricane Harvey relief trip. We are headed to Beaumont, TX to work with Churches of Christ Disaster Response Team out of Westgate Church of Christ. If you want to go visit [www.hillcrestonline.com/harveyrelief](http://www.hillcrestonline.com/harveyrelief) to sign up.

### Calendar of Events

October 28 .....	Tree of Mercy Dinner
October 31 .....	Hilltoppers Luncheon
October 31 .....	Trunk Party
November 3 .....	Hillcrest Singing
November 9 .....	Mumena Dinner
November 11 .....	Father/Son Disc Golf Tournament
November 12 .....	Light on the Hill Sunday
November 12 .....	Bible Class Fellowship
November 15 .....	Loaves & Fishes Fellowship

# Hillcrest Ministries

## Children's Corner

### Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #4)

**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, \$129.75 has been raised, enough to print 25 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., 6-7:30 p.m.
- 12th grade - 2434 Township Ct., 6-7:30 p.m.

### Tonight - Middle School Madness

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 is now open! 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 will close on Wednesday November 8, so please register by or before then. Financial assistance is available. Please see our youth minister, Lance Parrish, for details.

**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.

### Trunk Party Setup – Next Sunday, October 29

Next Sunday, October 29, we will be setting up games in the gym (MPR) for Trunk Party. All teenagers and their families are encouraged to join us immediately after Bible class to help set up. If everyone stays to help, it shouldn't take long!

## Adult Education Corner

### Sunday Morning Adult Classes

Today we are completing our study of hospitality as portrayed in the book of Ruth. Next Sunday most classes will meet together for the Faith at Home Workshop.

### Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Class - October 24

**Fellowship - 9:30 a.m., Class - 10 a.m.:** Teacher, Elceone Roberts - (Lk 10:30-37, Jn 4:1-26) Good Samaritan & Woman at the Well.

### 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.

### 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 .....729	Chapel..... 53
Bible Class .....684	
Membership.....892	Wed..... 358
Sept. Offering .....\$85,753	