

Hillcrest Encouragement

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Today you will have the opportunity to see many of the opportunities to serve available for you and your family in our community. Although the organizations represented here today are only a few of what we actually have available in our community, they are diverse enough that you should be able to find one that interests you or peaks your curiosity. Many of them will allow you to be involved as a whole family, while others need help from individuals and couples. Regardless of what situation you are in, you should be able to find a place where your gifts and talents can be used for the community in powerful ways.

So why should we be involved in the community?

I believe the first reason is that **we are commanded as Christians to serve**. The last words Jesus left us with before He went into heaven was to "Go out into all the world." This includes our own community and neighborhoods, and scripture is full of instructions on especially reaching out to the poor. When we do this as families, we not only help those who need it, but we help spread God everywhere we go by showing His love, through service.

I also believe **we are each uniquely gifted to serve**. You will see in the MPR today in our Volunteer Fair that there are great needs in our community, and they are all in different ways. You may be gifted in certain ways that others are not- and by refusing to use your giftedness to help others you are limiting Gods power in your own life. There are needs for good organizers, good artists, good servers, and even people with good backs! If you believe you are not gifted to serve, you have not looked at yourself close enough. God created each of us uniquely so we could serve others and, through that service, honor Him.

Another reason to serve is **what the community receives when we reach out**. Yes, there are people that "take advantage of the system" and have an "entitlement mentality," but there are also people that have hit some pretty rough times in life beyond their control. If we could put ourselves in their shoes, and feel the sense of panic people have when they have no food, shelter, or money to pay the bills, we might change our views of the less fortunate. When we contribute our time, effort and even money to help people, there are legitimate life changes that take place.

Lastly, **what we receive is the greatest blessing**. There is a "boomerang effect" in what we do when we are serving; we get as much back as we put in. How many times have you grumbled inside going into a service project, and then been blessed through the process and thought "Why haven't I done this before?" God created us to bless others, and when we make that a priority in our lives, we make an impact on not only those people we help, but the world.

MAKE AN IMPACT!

Jack Hardcastle

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 29, 2017

Worship Leader Odies Wright
Hymn: #23 Our God, He Is Alive
Welcome Nathan Burrow
Hymn: #72 Blessed Be the Lord Almighty
Hymn Arise
(Parents may escort children to TLC during this song.)
Nehemiah 2:15-18, 6:15-16..... Shane McClung
Prayer Jeff Ayers

"The Other Side of Community"

Message..... Nathan Burrow
Hymn We Fall Down/Holy, Holy, Holy
Hymn: #364 Come, Share the Lord

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

Communion Meditation Nathan/Jack

Offering

Hymn: #726 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying
Hymn: #705 A Common Love
Acts 4:32-35..... Shane McClung
Prayer Darrin Cox

"The Inside of Community"

Message..... Jack Hardcastle
Hymn: #448 The Greatest Commands

Responses

Family News Shane Price
Invitation to Community Fair Jack Hardcastle
Hymn Faithful
Elder Blessing..... Don Pope

Hillcrest Family News

Today's Speakers

A.M. - Nathan Burrow, P.M. - John Fewkes in the chapel

Sympathy

Our sympathy to Marylyn & Sheryl Swaim and family on the loss of R.C. on Tues., Oct. 24.

Faith at Home Sunday - This Morning

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

Today 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 a 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!

Baby Shower - Today, 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.babylist.com.

Men's Softball

Tomorrow, Mon., Oct. 30, we will play at 9 p.m. on field 1 against Baker Heights Team C.

Connecting to the Community Series

After Hurricane Harvey struck the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast area, Hillcrest gathered a special contribution to help in the relief effort. Wed., evening, Nov 1, Bernie Kastner will report on how these funds are being used and will give a visual update on the relief efforts. Alan Clute will also give a video report on the University Student Work Campaign that is occurring this weekend in Beaumont at the West Gate Church of Christ. Come to the Chapel Wednesday evening and see how God is being glorified in the Community through these efforts.

Hilltoppers Luncheon - Tues. Oct. 31 11:30 a.m.

Join us in Room 12 for the next Hilltoppers luncheon. Jeff Nelson will be leading us in hymns. The menu will be chicken & rice soup, potato poblano soup, chips & crackers, salad, and pumpkin cake bars for dessert. Sign up in Bible class. Put a star beside your name if you can help prepare food from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday or 9 a.m. on Tuesday.

Trunk Party - Tues., Oct. 31, 6 - 8 p.m., MPR & Parking lot

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 - Fri., Nov. 3, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Rm 10

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

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

Bridal Shower - Sun., Nov. 5, 2-4 p.m.

Honoring Gabby Smith (daughter of Rickey & Sandy Smith) & Ryan Patterson at the home of Kedra Snead, 1409 Woodridge. Selections at Bed, Bath and Beyond and Crate and Barrel.

Father/Son Disc Golf - Nov. 11, 1 p.m.

Join us at 1 p.m. at the Rocky Hills Disc Golf Course (the Hurst ranch) in Tuscola for the 3rd annual tournament. Don't own any discs . . . we will provide them. Your boys already out of the house, but you enjoy playing? Come be a step-in dad/granddad for the day! Hamburgers & hot dogs will be served for supper. There is no cost. To sign up, RSVP to your email invitation, call the church office, or see Cam Hurst. For directions and pics of last 2 years, visit hillcrestonline.com/events/disc-golf.

Mother/Daughter Night - Nov. 11, 5 p.m.

Come enjoy roasting hot dogs and marshmallows and making a Thanksgiving craft at the Coates' house, 1726 Cedar Crest Drive. RSVP at cynthia@hillcrestonline.com.

Missions and Faith Sharing

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!

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.

Prison Ministry

There were 43 baptisms at the Middleton Unit in the month of September which brings the total for the year to 546.

Calendar of Events

October 31.....	Hilltoppers Luncheon
October 31.....	Trunk Party
November 3.....	Hillcrest Singing
November 9.....	Mumena Dinner
November 11.....	Father/Son Disc Golf Tournament
November 11.....	Mother/Daughter Night
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 #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 today, a money jar will be on the children's desk in the children's wing. So far, \$137.47 has been raised, enough to print 27 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.

Trunk Party Setup - After Middle School Madness

Join us right after MS Madness tonight to help set 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 comes to help, it shouldn't take long!

Tonight - High School Huddles

- 9th & 10th grade - 1341 Piedmont Dr., 5:45 - 7:15 p.m.
- 11th grade - Hillcrest in the MPR, 5:30 - 7 p.m.
- 12th grade - Hillcrest Parking lot, 5 - 8:30 p.m.

Tonight - Middle School Madness - 5:30 - 7 p.m.

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

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 deadline is Wed., Nov. 8. Financial assistance is available. Please see our youth minister, Lance Parrish, for details.

Trunk Party - Tues., Oct. 31

We need teenage volunteers (and parents/families) to help run the games in the MPR. If you can help, please arrive at 5:45 to be assigned to a game you can run.

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 Chic-fil-A on the north side (Hwy 351) 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.

Adult Education Corner

Sunday Morning Adult Classes

As part of the Faith at Home Sunday activities, all adult classes will meet in the MPR for a Community Service Fair.

Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Class - October 31

Fellowship - 9:30 a.m., Class - 10 a.m.: Teacher, Debbie Hewett - (Mt 20:1-16, Lk 19:12-27, Mt 25:14-30) Parables with the general theme, "Stuff that Doesn't Seem Fair."

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.

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Today - There will be no class today. Please join everyone in the MPR for the community service presentation.

Tonight - There are no LIFE Groups tonight. Please pray for the safe return of the group serving in Beaumont, TX.

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

For the Record

Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening
A.M. Assembly807	Chapel..... 43
Bible Class723	
Membership.....892	Wed..... 378
Sept. Offering.....\$85,753	