

# Hillcrest Encouragement

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## Our Bodies Pass On But Our Memory Remains

One day my wife and her family were at the San Antonio Zoo when my father-in-law bumped into a man with whom he used to work. As they were talking, my wife, Elisa, walked up; immediately, the man called out to Elisa "Hi Rita, how good to see you!" Rita is my mother-in-law. He immediately realized his mistake: on that day, Elisa and her mother of thirty years past looked so much alike that, despite a temporal gulf of decades, he was tricked and the words left his mouth before he could swallow them. The family resemblance did not begin with these generations as flipping through photo albums from my wife's maternal grandmother reveal that in pictures from 60 years ago, she, too, could have been easily mistaken for my wife playing dress-up.

Such examples remind us that human memory is an interesting thing. On one hand, an individual's long term memory can store information for decade upon decade. On the other hand, the atoms within our neurons and the vast majority of our body tissue change out with a surprisingly high frequency. At both the atomic and cellular levels, you are almost an entirely new person from one month to the next. This means that the neurons that produced your thoughts and retained your memories and the muscle fibers that produced your actions change from one day to the next. Nonetheless, we still feel and perceive ourselves to be the same person.

However, there is a time limit on each individual. As each individual passes from this life, so goes with them all of those memories that have not been passed on to others. Yet, there is another sort of "memory" that is passed on to be "remembered" by future generations – our genetic information.

One way to conceive of this "genetic memory" is to consider that the union of a father and mother can be represented by a living being expressed in the life of a child. When the father and mother pass from this life, the child, Lord willing, will go on living. And, consequently, the love of the united father and mother goes on living, too. This child may eventually unite with another to produce a grandchild which represents two pairs of united fathers and mothers. Hence, even though the population of our planet now exceeds 7 billion, each individual is the one flesh expression of a united father and mother who themselves are from united fathers and mothers all the way back to the first father and mother.

Now let us return to the idea that our cells are always changing out and making us new people day by day. Exchanging months for decades we see the same principle at work, except instead of changing out the atoms within our neurons and muscles, the human bodies are being exchanged for other human bodies; and yet, the humans are mysteriously the same. This might yield one explanation for God's loyalty to Abraham, passed onto David and future generations. In them he still saw Abraham, just as within my wife, we can see her mother and grandmother today.

Ryan Jessup

# 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 4, 2015

Worship Leader..... Josh Snead  
Hymn: #446..... Hear, O Isreal  
Welcome..... Neal Coates  
Hymn: #794.....Unto Thee, O Lord

### Scripture Reading

Hymn..... Great Are You Lord  
Psalm 139:13-16..... Brad Simpson  
1 Peter 2:9-10, 1 Peter 4:10-11..... Carter Snead  
Hymn: #4..... To God Be the Glory  
Prayer..... Keith Morgan  
Hymn# 837..... I Need Thee Every Hour

### The Lord's Supper

Hymn: #344..... Low in the Grave He Lay  
Communion Meditation..... Randy Packer

### Offering

Prayer..... Randy Packer  
Hymn.....How Deep the Father's Love

### "Nehemiah: Partnering together to Build Our Future-Called & Favored"

Hymn..... Mighty to Save  
Message.....Phil Ware  
Hymn: #528.....I Know That My Redeemer Lives

### Responses

Hillcrest News..... Richard Greenawalt  
Hymn: #538..... My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less  
Family Blessing.....Steve Wages

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 Speakers

A.M. – Phil Ware – P.M. – John Fewkes – Rm 10-11

**Next Sunday is Care Group** – The Common Ground Class will lead the service in the Chapel.

## Baptism

Congratulations to Ivan Anyaegbu on his baptism on Monday, September 28.

## Births

- Congratulations to Jacob & Lindsey Riddle on the birth of a son, Benjamin Riddle. Brothers are Wyatt, Hayden, & Hunter. Grandparents are Rick & Lisa Riddle.
- Congratulations to Kent & Denise Barnett on the birth of a granddaughter, Emma Grace Barnett. Parents are Tyler & Stephanie Barnett.

## Sympathy

Sympathy to Phil & Elaine Palmer and family on the loss of Elaine's sister, Beverly Brown.

**Hilltoppers Branson Trip Meeting – Today – 11:30 a.m.**

## Sanctuary Ministries Luncheon - Today

No need to decide where to go for lunch after church. You are invited to enjoy a free brisket and sausage dinner after class, here at Hillcrest in the MPR. Donations are encouraged to support Sanctuary Ministries, our efforts to help orphans and widows and to spread the gospel and the love of Christ to unbelievers in India.

## Life Group Sign Up

There is a sign-up sheet on the Information table today if you have not signed up yet.

## Hillcrest 101 – Begins This Wednesday

If you are a new member or considering placing membership at Hillcrest, you are invited to attend the Hillcrest 101 class. The class begins Wed., October 7, in room 12. The first night we will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a New Member Dinner in the MPR. Come learn more about Hillcrest. R.S.V.P. to Kay in the office 691-4200.

## Calendar of Events

October 4..... Sanctuary Ministries Luncheon  
 October 7..... New Member Dinner/Hillcrest 101  
 October 11..... Congregational Meeting  
 October 11.....Care Group  
 October 16..... Tree of Mercy Benefit Luncheon  
 October 31..... Trunk Party  
 November 2-7..... Hilltoppers Branson Trip  
 November 5..... Mumena Christian Outreach Dinner

## Congregational Meeting – Next Sunday, October 11

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, Oct. 11, at 4:30 p.m. in Room 10/11 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](http://www.ZambiaMission.org). The free lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m.

**Men's Softball** - Tomorrow, 9 p.m. on field 1 against Baker Heights Team C. Come out and cheer them on.

**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!

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## Tonight – Life Groups

- G1 – 6 p.m. - White (2541 John C. Stevens)
- G2 – 6 p.m. - Barnett (1401 Roadrunner)
- G3 – 6 p.m. - McAlister (2573 Lincoln Dr)
- G4 – 5 p.m. - Pruett (14 Hilliard)

**Wednesday** – LIFT worship at 7 p.m.

**Thursday Prayer chapel – 11 a.m.** – Jacob's Dream on ACU's campus.

**Saturday** – Fun Times! Meet in Hillcrest's parking lot at 7:15 p.m. to ride over to Town and Country Drive in Movie Theater! Bring money for a ticket!

**FALL RETREAT: Oct 23-25 - Peace with God** - Make plans to join us on our fall retreat focused on finding peace with God through spiritual disciplines! We are going to Camp Egan in Oklahoma! On Friday we're going to stop by my (Justin Hatfield) parent's house for a cook out and horseback riding! You don't want to miss it! The cost is only \$35! Sign up today at [hillcrestu.com](http://hillcrestu.com)

# Hillcrest Ministries

## Children's Corner

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

## 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** – 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** - So far, our kids have raised \$656.57, which is enough for 131 Bibles! We have already raised more than last year's amount of \$460.00! Let's see how much more we can raise! It takes \$5 to have one Bible printed. Pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters are welcome! The Bibles will be placed in the elementary public schools. A jar for the collection is on the desk in the children's wing. Our last day to collect will be Sunday, October 25. For more information, go to <https://www.eem.org/>.

## HYG - Youth

**Today – 6 p.m.** – Junior & Senior Huddles will not meet. All other Huddles will meet. High School Guys Night at 7:15 p.m. at Taylor's house (2534 Rountree). Shrimp Boil and Cowboys football. Bring a friend.

**Mumena Applications are due today.**

**Wednesday** – Class at 7 p.m.

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

**Friday & Saturday** - Middle School Retreat!! Please meet under the Hillcrest covered entrance at 4:45 p.m. We will be returning to Hillcrest from camp Butman (Merkel) at 6 p.m. on Saturday

**Sign up for Middle School and High School retreats.** - Sign-ups are online at the HYG events page or through links in the HYG Newsletters.

## For the Record

Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening
A.M. Assembly..... 689	Auditorium ..... 54
Classes ..... 701	
Membership ..... 929	<b>Wed Classes</b> ..... 356
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## Adult Education Corner

**Sunday Morning Adult Classes** – Today we begin a six-week study titled "The Holiness of God" using selected passages from Matthew and Leviticus.

**Wednesday Night Large Class - Rm 10-11** – Brian Davis will give an update on World Bible School.

**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., 6l – 10 a.m.

Rm 30 – "Jesus, Son of Man" Hebrews 2:5-18, Teacher: Judy Reeves.

Rm 10 – "Paul's Chains Advance the Gospel" Phil. 1:12-26, Teacher: Peggy Goodwin.

## 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.

## Missions & Faith Sharing

## Wednesday, October 6 – Rm 10-11

Brian Davis will give a report on WBS.

## Mumena Christian Outreach Dinner & Auction

### Thursday, November 5, 6 p.m.

For more information and to purchase tickets online go to [www.hillcrestonline.com/mumenedinner](http://www.hillcrestonline.com/mumenedinner). Please RSVP to the office at 691-4200 by October 29.