

Hillcrest Encouragement

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The Lord's Table

"You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons" (1 Corinthians 10:21, NRSV).

The phrase 'table of the Lord' perhaps comes from Malachi 1:10-12. The "Lord's table" in Malachi is associated with the altar at the temple in Jerusalem. The practice among Jews, as among Greeks and Romans, was for an animal, grain, or liquid to be sacrificed to the deity on an altar. Except in cases of a whole burnt offering, part of the animal or other food and drink that was sacrificed went to the officiating priests, and part was eaten by the worshipers at a table. Hence, Paul said in *1 Corinthians 10:18*, "Consider the people of Israel; are not those who eat the sacrifices partners in the altar?"

Although related in practice, an altar and a table were distinct in significance. The altar was the place of sacrifice, and the table was the place for the sharing of a meal, a communion or fellowship. To eat what had been sacrificed, however, was to eat from the altar. This practice was the background to Paul's words. To eat what had been sacrificed to a pagan deity was to partake at the table of demons.

The Christian parallel to pagan and Jewish practice is that the death of Christ was a sacrifice, and the Lord's Supper is to partake of this sacrifice, the body and blood of Christ in the form of bread and wine.

Our communion table is not an altar, although some churches regard it as such. If it is regarded as a place of sacrifice, it is a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to God for his sacrifice of Christ. The Lord's Table rather has the association of a shared meal, a communion, a fellowship.

Some in the church at Corinth wanted to have one foot in the church and the other foot in their pagan environment--to share in the church's activities and to share in the meals that were an important part of the social, economic, and religious life of the pagan world. In contrast, Paul insists that sharing in communion with Christ establishes an exclusive loyalty.

We may be tempted to make compromises with our society--perhaps not to open idolatry but with practices and activities that are inconsistent with the Christian profession. Our partaking of the Lord's Supper should remind us that we cannot have fellowship both with the Lord and with the world.

Everett Ferguson

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

September 10, 2017

Worship Leader Odies Wright
Hymn: #163 Wonderful/His Name is Wonderful
Hymn: #102 Great Is the Lord Almighty!
Hymn Lord, Reign In Me
Welcome Lance Parrish

The Reign of God

Isaiah 9:2-7 Glenn Rogers
Matthew 5:3-10 Glenn Rogers
Prayer C. D. Pruett

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

Hymn: #382 Why Did My Savior come to Earth?
Communion Meditation Dan Cox
Hymn: #508 A Wonderful Savior

Offering

Prayer Dan Cox
Hymn Lord, I Give You My Heart
Hymn One Thing Remains*
(Parents may escort children to TLC during this song.)

"Blessed"

Message Nathan Burrow
Hymn: #99 In His Presence

Responses

Children's Memory Verse Recognition

Family News Alan Clute
Hymn: #1018 Joy to the World
Elder Blessing Duwain Houston
*(*Children's Song of the Month)*

Hillcrest Family News

Today's Speakers

A.M. - Nathan Burrow

P.M. - Bible Class Fellowship - The YO Class will lead the service in the chapel.

Sympathy

- Sympathy to the family of Lottie Novak.
- Sympathy to Roy & Patsy Rains on the loss of their son, Murphy.
- Sympathy to Wendell Mathis & Kay Garcia and family on the loss of Shirley Mathis.
- Sympathy to Nathan & Heather Burrow on the loss of Nathan's uncle, Robert Kirkland of San Antonio.

New Members

Welcome to new members Shannon Wallis and son, Allen.

Hurricane Harvey Collection - \$39,911.87

Men's Softball

The season will start tomorrow, Mon., Sept. 11. We will play at 9 p.m. on field 1 against First Baptist Church.

Caterpillars & Butterflies - Tues., Sept. 12, 4:30 p.m.

Girls in Kindergarten - 3rd grade will meet at the home of Morene Tuttle, 634 Washington Blvd. from 4:30 to 5:30.

Game Day Parking

This week marks the first home game at Wildcat Stadium. As you know our parking lot enjoys a close proximity to the stadium and we anticipate it being used on game days. The University Ministry is going to be taking donations of \$10 for football fans wanting to park in our parking lot beginning 2 hours before kickoff. All proceeds will go to helping fund a mission trip to areas impacted by Hurricane Harvey as well as toward helping start a food pantry for students in need. We are asking any who wish to park in our lot to come by our tent and pick up a ticket to hang in their windshield. If you plan to be at the building for any other reason simply find us at the tent and we will give you a free ticket.

We need to thank Duwain Houston, Larry Knight, Drew Long, Kyle McAlister, Debra Pruet, Judd White and Chip Whitlock for their work in this process.

Charlie Perkins and Justin Hatfield

Hillcrest 101 & New Member Lunch - Sun., Sept. 17

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 Sun., Sept. 17, at 10:30 a.m. in the MPR. The first morning we will have a New Member Lunch following class. RSVP to Kay in the office 691-4200.

World Bible School Breakfast & Workshop

Please join us for the free annual WBS breakfast and workshop for postal and internet teachers at Hillcrest on Tuesday, Sept. 19, at 7 a.m. Brian Davis, Executive VP of WBS, will present information about exciting programs to spread the gospel to seekers worldwide. RSVP to Kay in the office (kay@hillcrestonline.com) by Sept. 12.

Missions and Faith Sharing

Send the Light Mission Trips

Caleb and Vanessa Callari, along with Terry Brown and Brian Davis, made a site visit Sept. 2-9 to Cebu City, Philippines, where the Callari's will begin their ministry in January, 2018.

Send the Light reports will be presented on Wednesday nights during September in Rms. 10-11.

HillcrestU

Tonight - 6 p.m. - We hope you will pick one to connect to.

G1 - 2533 Lincoln Dr

G2 - Whitlock (1317 Lakeview)

G3 - Goodman (702 Serrot Ct)

G4 - Straughn (1633 Hillview Rd)

Wednesday - 7 p.m. - Share Your Story in room 17

Thursday - 11 a.m.

Prayer Chapel at Jacob's Dream

REACH - 4-5:30 p.m. - Canterbury Apartment ministry will begin soon! For information on how to get plugged in email Kaylie Davis at knd14b@acu.edu.

Game Day Parking - Group 1 is responsible for the parking lot on September 16.

Mark Your Calendar

Oct. 26-29 - FALL BREAK MISSION TRIP: Instead of going on a Fall Break retreat we are looking in to taking a group to provide disaster relief work for the victims of Hurricane Harvey. If you are interested, email Justin at justinhat@gmail.com.

For the Record

Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening
A.M. Assembly..... 722	Chapel66
Bible Class..... 638	
Membership 892	Wed.....420
Aug. Offering \$98,918	

Hillcrest Ministries

Children's Corner

Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #2)

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, \$16.06 has been raised.

HYG - Youth

Today - Join us for Bible class as we are in week 4 of studying Jesus' words from the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew chapters 5, 6, and 7. We'll see you upstairs, and don't forget to bring your Bible next week if you forgot it today!

Tonight - 6-7:30 p.m. - HS Huddles

11th Grade - 2626 Garfield Ave.

12th Grade - 2434 Township Ct.

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 Rosa's Café on Judge Ely 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.

Middle School Madness & 9th/10th Grade Huddles - Sunday, September 17

Next Sunday we will have our first ever Middle School Madness in the MPR from 5:30-7 p.m. Hope to see all of our middle schoolers, and their friends, next Sunday night! Also, next Sunday will be the first Huddles meeting for our 9th & 10th Grade Huddle group!

Text Message Communication - Sign Up Today - Students & Parents, in an effort to establish efficient communication we are adding a text service to our communication outlets. Please take out your phone and text the word **HILLCREST to 43506** to be added to the service. Sign up is quick and simple.

Parent Feedback Survey - Due September 15

Parents should have received a link to a youth ministry feedback survey in your email. That survey will be live until 12 a.m. on Saturday September 16. Please complete the survey by or before Friday September 15.

Adult Education Corner

New Sunday Morning Adult Classes begin Today

Today we begin our fall series in the Adult Classes with a study of the "transformed" life described in Romans 12. The theme for the semester is "Connecting to the Community through Hospitality".

Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Class - September 12

Fellowship - 9:30 a.m., Class - 10 a.m.: Teacher, Karen Jinkerson - (Matt. 25:31-46) Sheep & goats will be separated. (Jn 10:1-5,7-18) The sheep, gate & shepherd

Wednesday Night Classes

- Rm 10/11 - Reports on Summer Mission Activities began last Wednesday night and extend through the month of September.
- 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: Various speakers. Women of all ages are invited.

Family Ministry

Wednesday Night Class - 7 p.m., Rm 14/15

You Make Me Crazy!

We all have relationships that drive us crazy, especially within our families. This series will help bring sanity to your relationships so you can do more than just co-exist with boy/girl friends, spouses, kids, siblings, co-workers, and even those crazy relatives you see once a year. Don't miss this chance to learn better ways to handle the crazy people in your life!

Calendar of Events

September 10.....	Bible Class Fellowship
September 12.....	Caterpillars & Butterflies
September 17.....	New Member Lunch
September 19.....	WBS Breakfast & Workshop
September 26.....	Hilltoppers Luncheon
October 7.....	Woman to Woman Event
October 8.....	Bible Class Fellowship
October 31.....	Trunk Party