

Hillcrest Encouragement

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“YETI” Churches

I recently received one of those “Yeti” cups that keep either cold drinks cold or hot drinks hot all day as the case may be. I really like it a lot. I’m a tea-sipper; I drink iced tea all day long. With my Yeti cup I can fill it full of ice, pour my tea in and it stays cold until it’s gone. If you don’t have one, you need one! Rather than a breakthrough in technology of cup-making, I think it’s really a pretty simple design: a metal sleeve inside a metal sleeve with a vacuum in between the layers. Brilliant. The result is that cold or hot drinks remain so for an extraordinary amount of time. The whole point is to shield the vulnerable inside from the harsh effects of the outside. In other words, protect the temperature of my tea (cold) from the effects of the warm air outside. It works.

I think that God intends the church to act in this manner. I remember once while I was stationed in South Korea that we had a fellow in our fellowship who had recently become a Christian. He was so very excited to be a follower of Jesus – one may say that he was “on fire” for Christ. His faith temperature was “hot.” Unfortunately, there was a person on base who tried to convince this young man that he wasn’t really a Christian because he didn’t have the ability to speak in tongues. This greatly troubled the young man and it began to douse his fervor for Jesus... he began to have serious doubts and his faith was in danger of cooling. I had the opportunity to speak with him and we looked at several passages in the Bible where the teaching was clear on the point – there was absolutely no need to speak in tongues and his salvation was secure. In other words, I had the opportunity to act as an insulator from an outside attempt to “cool” his fervor for Jesus. Later, I had a discussion with the person who had attempted to shake this young man’s faith and suggested that if he truly wanted to study the point that I was more than willing, but that he should leave the young Christians alone. I got to be a Yeti Christian!

Just like my Yeti cup that shields the vulnerable inside from the harsh outside, God placed me in the position to shield a young Christian from an attempt to harm his faith. Clearly, this isn’t about me. I think God expects us all to care for each other in this way. This is how the Church is supposed to work. The older should protect the younger. Our faith is constantly under attack from the world. Each generation should be able to depend upon those who have been there before us to help guide us in Truth. We greatly need people with a few grey hairs! In many ways, they are the outside layer that can take the most. You may have the opportunity to shield me from that which would do me harm or I someone else. We protect each other. We are a YETI Church.

Stay cool!

James McGee

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 2Room 100	Gr 1.....Room 121
Age 3Room 106	Gr 2.....Room 117
Age 4Room 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 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 11, 2016

Worship Leader..... Odies Wright
Hymn: #608.....He Gave Me A Song
Welcome.....Terry Brown

Songs of Praise

Hymn.....Great Are You Lord
Hymn: #275.....O Lord, You’re Beautiful
Hymn: #18.....Faithful Love
Hymn:.....Here In This Place

Maturity Means Open to Fresh Insights from God’s Word

Lamentations 3:22-25.....James Wellborn
Acts 17:10-12.....James Wellborn
Prayer..... Jack Stewart

The Lord’s Supper

Hymn.....Worthy Is the Lamb
Communion Meditation.....Kevin Wellborn
Hymn: #376..... He Paid A Debt*

Offering

Prayer.....Kevin Wellborn
Hymn: #113.....His Grace Reaches Me
Hymn: #112..... Wonderful Grace of Jesus
(Parents may escort children ages 2-4 to TLC during this song)

Macedonian Maturity #4: “Surprising”

Message.....Phil Ware
Hymn #276..... Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Responses

Hillcrest News..... Gary Snead
Hymn: #853..... When We All Get to Heaven
Family Blessing.....Phil Vardiman
(Children’s Song of the Month)*

Hillcrest Family News

Today's Speakers

A.M. - Phil Ware

P.M. - Care Groups meet today. The YO Class will lead the service in the Chapel at 6 p.m.

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes to Joyce Sexton & Mario & Gerri Jimenez on the loss of Neol Sexton, a former member.

Congratulations to Kathy Churchill on the birth of a grandson, Chord Francis Churchill. Parents are Chase & Merideth Churchill of Carrollton.

Congratulations to Tanner & Danielle Brumley on the birth of a son, Xander Neal Brumley. Grandmother is Vicki Brumley.

Baptism - Congratulations to Anna Straughn on her recent baptism. Parents are Greg and Marcia Straughn.

New Member/Updated Old Member Pictures

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

Baby Shower - September 11, 2-3:30 p.m.

Honoring Michael & Michelle Reno and their expected baby girl at the home of Linda Varner, 13 Hilliard Circle. Selections are at Target, Little Giant Kidz, Babies R Us, and <https://babyli.st/michelle-reno>.

Wedding Shower - September 11, 2 p.m.

Honoring Garet Starkey & Mandy Wright at the home of Laura Copeland, 1451 Tanglewood. Selections are at Amazon.com.

Today Kids Meet at Chisholm House, 3-4 p.m. - Chisholm House is celebrating Grandparents Day today. Please bring your child to visit with the residents there.

Men's Softball

Practice is Monday, September 12, from 8 to 10 p.m. The season will start Monday, Sept. 19.

Caterpillars and Butterflies - September 13

This ministry is for girls ages K - 3rd grade (4th grade and older as helpers). The girls and their moms are invited to Morene Tuttle's home, 634 Washington Blvd., Tues., Sept. 13, 4-6 p.m., for refreshments & information. Anne Reno and Connie Adams are co-leaders.

Moms to Moms - September 15, 6 p.m.

We will have a swim night at Donna Wilson's home, 1949 Benz. Moms with children birth to 5th grade are invited. Babysitting is provided in the nursery at the Hillcrest Building. Sign up in Bible class, and come enjoy the fun, food and fellowship.

Woman to Woman - Saturday, September 24

"Unwrap your gift" is happening in two weeks, and we want you to be there. Check the list of activities listed on the Woman to Woman table. There is some talent listed that will help you unwrap your (own) gift. Sign up today. We are in need of picture frames, CD holders, fabric scraps, charms, hot glue, artificial flowers, wooden initials, and small plate holders for our demonstrations. If you can loan or contribute these items, see Mary Ann Ivey or bring them by the church office.

Missions and Faith Sharing

Missions Sunday - Sept. 25

We will share in a time of thankfulness and praise to God for the successful Send the Light campaigns this year.

Missions Events During Summit

Hillcrest members interested in missions are invited to consider the following receptions and meals held during ACU Summit. More information is posted on our website at hillcrestonline.com/members/bulletin-board.

- World Christian Broadcasting
- Missions Resource Network
- College of Biblical Studies Celebration Dinner (Honorees: Larry and Pam Sullivan & Eleanor Hamby)
- World Bible School Breakfast.

World Bible School Breakfast

The Hillcrest World Bible School team would like to invite you to our annual WBS Breakfast and Workshop on Tuesday, Sept. 20, at Hillcrest from 7 to 9 a.m. Breakfast is free.

John Reese, President of WBS, from Cedar Park, will be the speaker and give us the latest developments in WBS news. Phil Palmer will report on his recent WBS trip to East Africa. During the workshop period, Paula Leverett will address Postal WBS opportunities, and Edie Connel, from Oldham Lane, and Don Pope of Hillcrest will address WBS Internet opportunities. Come and learn about this wonderful ministry that has reached over 30,000,000 since its founder, Jimmie Lovell, began to reach searching souls all over the world in 1972. RSVP by Sept. 14 to Kay Hayes at 325-691-4200 or kay@hillcrestonline.com. Questions: Call Paula Leverett, 660-7118.

Prison Ministry

We had 135 men baptized into Christ bringing our total to 673 for the year so far. Praise be to our Father. He does great work!

Hillcrest Ministries

Children's Corner

Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #2)

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 - No Bible Hour tonight. Enjoy your Care Group.

Eastern European Missions: Today begins our annual fund raiser for Bibles for the children of Eastern Europe. A collection container will be on the children's desk on Sundays for this purpose. The last Sunday of the collection will be October 30.

HYG - Youth

Today - Care Group Sunday. Only the Junior and Senior Huddles will meet. No Huddles for grades 6-10

Wednesday - 7 p.m. Join HYG as we continue our new series, Sons & Daughters. This week we will be discussing "Pressure."

Thursday - Prayer Breakfast Chick-fil-A at 7 a.m. Rides will be provided to Craig, Abilene High, ACS, and ATEMS.

TNT - Check the HYG newsletter for the time of this event. Sign up online for MS & HS Retreats! - Middle School Retreat - October 8, High School Retreat - October 21-23

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Tonight - 5 p.m. - All LIFE Groups meet

G1 - Jessup (2125 Old Ironsides Rd), G2 - Barnett (1401 Roadrunner Ct), G3 - Holt (1318 Newcastle), G4 - Harrison (166 Buffalo Creek Ln)

Wednesday Class - 7 p.m. - Join us for LIFT worship. We are continuing "Come Share YOUR Story." We hope you'll join us for this uplifting experience.

Thursday - 11 a.m. - Prayer chapel at Jacob's Dream on ACU's campus.

Thursday - 4-5:30 p.m. - REACH - We hope you will join us in this amazing outreach ministry to the children of Canterbury Crossing Apartments!

Thursday - 7:30 p.m. - Freshman Bible study in the Amphitheater on ACU's campus.

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 "Prayer & Listening."

Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Class - Sept. 13, 9:30 a.m. for refreshments, 10 a.m. Class. We are now meeting in room 14/15. "God's Way to Make a Difference" Matthew 5:13-16. Teacher: Carol Vinzant.

Wednesday Night Classes

- **Rm 10/11 - Reports from Summer Mission Trips:** World-Wide Witness Ghana, China and South Korea.
- **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 Bible Class:** *Living Stones* by Cassandra 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" More info coming soon.

Calendar of Events

September 11	Care Group
September 15	Moms to Moms
September 18	Life Groups Begin
September 24	Woman to Woman Event
September 20	World Bible School Breakfast
September 27	Hilltoppers Luncheon
September 30, October 1.....	Men's Event

For the Record

Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening
A.M. Assembly..... 720	Chapel..... 80
Classes..... 676	Huddles..... 44
Membership..... 853	
August Offering ... \$95,901	Wednesday..... 464