

Hillcrest Encouragement

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“Three Questions”

My summer reading included some of the short stories by the Russian novelist and moralist Leo Tolstoi. In one of these, a king thought that he would never fail in his undertakings “if he knew the right time to begin everything; if he knew who were the right people to listen to, and whom to avoid; and, above all, if he knew what was the most important thing to do.” He consulted many learned men, who gave him contradictory answers. Hence, disguised as a peasant, the king went to see a hermit, known for his wisdom. The hermit was digging in the ground, and the king asked him: “How can I learn to do the right thing at the right time? Who are the people I most need? . . . And, what affairs are the most important?”

Since the hermit was tired, the king took the spade and began digging in the garden for him, but the hermit gave him no answer to his questions. Then someone came running, bleeding from the stomach. The king washed the wound, bandaged it, gave the man a drink of water, and laid him down to rest. The next morning the injured man identified himself as an enemy who wanted to kill the king, whom he had recognized. He had been wounded by the king’s bodyguard and then escaped. He asked forgiveness because of the kindness shown him by the king.

The king asked the hermit again for an answer to his three questions, to which the hermit replied, “You have already been answered!” He explained, if you had not been digging the beds for me and returned home, the enemy would have killed you. “I was the most important man; and to do me good was your most important business.” Furthermore, when the wounded man arrived, without your assistance he would have died without making peace with you, “so he was the most important man, and what you did for him was your most important business.”

There is only one time that is important--now! It is the most important time because it is the only time when we have any power. The most necessary man is he with whom you are, for no man knows whether he will ever have dealings with anyone else; and the most important affair is to do him good, because for that purpose alone was man sent into this life!

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

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 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

September 18, 2016

Worship Leader..... Odies Wright
Hymn: #74..... Praise the Lord
Welcome..... Jack Hardcastle

Songs of Praise

Hymn..... No Other Gods
Hymn: #275..... The River of God
Hymn: #18..... Your Are Holy
Hymn..... Arise

Living Holy and Godly Lives

2 Peter 1:3-11 Joe Cannon
Matthew 22:34-40 Joe Cannon
Prayer..... Richard Greenawalt

The Lord’s Supper

Hymn: #478..... Nearer Still Nearer
Communion Meditation Malcolm Coco
Hymn: #376..... He Paid A Debt*

Offering

Prayer..... Malcolm Coco
Hymn: #810..... Listen to Our Hearts
Hymn: #448..... The Greatest Commands
(Parents may escort children ages 2-4 to TLC during this song)

“Luke 10: Learning Love from Outsiders”

Message Cliff Barbarick
Hymn #239..... In Moments Like These

Responses

Hillcrest News Bernie Kastner
Hymn: #710..... The Lord Bless You and Keep You
(Children’s Song of the Month)*

Hillcrest Family News

Today's Speakers

A.M. - Cliff Barbarick

P.M. - Dan Cox in the Chapel at 6 p.m.

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes to Sue Price on the loss of her sister, Jane Hamm.

Congratulations to Cam & Liz Spencer on the birth of a son, Cameron Keith Spencer Jr.

Life Groups

Some Life Groups will begin meeting tonight. If you would like to join a Life Group, please sign up at the side of the Worship Center or contact Terry Brown.

Men's Softball - Tomorrow, 9 p.m.

The team will play their first game tomorrow on Field 1 against First Baptist Red. Come cheer them on!

Woman to Woman - This Saturday, September 24

This coming Saturday, is "Unwrap Your Gift" fall event. Have you signed up? Do it today.

Adoption Shower- September 25, 2 p.m.

Honoring Luke Darrow, the newly adopted toddler joining the family of Scott, Pam, and Seth Darrow at the home of Megan Forsberg, 1309 S. Leggett. The family would enjoy books or educational toys; or a gift in Luke's honor could be made to Christian Homes of Abilene.

Hilltoppers Luncheon - Tues., Sept. 27, 11:30 a.m.

Andy Baker from World Christian Broadcasting will be sharing about the new tower in Madagascar and the spreading of the gospel around the world. The menu will be Mexican pile up, el charro beans, guacamole, pico de gallo and flan for dessert. Sign up in Bible class.

Men's Event - September 30 - October 1

Many of us men struggle with temptation, secret sin or addiction, or we know someone who does. We can win the victory over sin through Jesus! Join us for "The Lord's Spiritual Battle Plan" presented by Kent Dickerson, Fri., Sept. 30 & Sat., Oct. 1. Pick up a brochure and sign up at the side of the Worship Center. "The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light." Romans 13:12

Hillcrest 101 & New Member Dinner - October 5

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 Wed., October 5, at 7 p.m. in room 12. The first night we will begin at 5:30 with a New Member Dinner in the MPR. Terry Brown & Alan Clute will facilitate. RSVP to Kay in the office 691-4200.

A Hillrest Singing - October 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Rm 10/11

Come join us as we sing new and old hymns, have delightful conversation, and enjoy snacks together.

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 is hosting our annual WBS Breakfast and Workshop on Tuesday, Sept. 20, at Hillcrest from 7 to 9 a.m.

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. Questions: Call Paula Leverett, 660-7118.

For the Record

Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening
A.M. Assembly..... 708	Chapel..... Care Group
Classes 658	
Membership 853	Wednesday 402
August Offering ... \$95,901	

Hillcrest Ministries

Children's Corner

Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #3)

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 Tonight – Infants up to age 3 meet in the playroom of the children's wing. Children ages 4-5th grade begin in the MPR.

Eastern European Missions: Our annual fund raiser for Bibles for the children of Eastern Europe has begun! A collection container is on the children's desk on Sundays for this purpose. The last Sunday of the collection will be October 30. We would like to reach a goal of \$750. Check our bulletin board to see our progress.

HYG – Youth

Today - Huddles meet from 6-7 p.m.: 8th graders will begin meeting with the freshman group. (926 Judge Ely) 6th & 7th grade will meet at the Barbarick's (2109 Continental Ave)

Wednesday – 7 p.m. Class

Thursday - Prayer Breakfast Chick-fil-A at 7 a.m.

TNT - 7-8:30 p.m.

Sign-ups for youth events are now available online!

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Tonight – 5 p.m. - No LIFE groups tonight.

Please join us in Moody for Summit!

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." Check the Adult Education ministry page to see lessons added weekly. hillcrestonline.com/ministries/adult/

Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Class - Sept. 20
No Class due to Summit.

Wednesday Night Classes

- **Rm 10/11 - Reports from Summer Mission Trips:** Zambia Medical Mission Report.
- **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"

Calendar of Events

September 18.....	Life Groups Begin
September 20.....	World Bible School Breakfast
September 24.....	Woman to Woman Event
September 25.....	Missions Sunday
September 27.....	Hilltoppers Luncheon
September 30, October 1.....	Men's Event
October 5	New Member Dinner/Hillcrest 101
October 9	Care Group
October 14	A Hillcrest Singing
October 31	Trunk Party
November 3	Mumena Dinner