

Hillcrest Encouragement

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And the Two Shall Become One Flesh

I recently attended my parents' 50th anniversary celebration – 50 years of marriage, united in love, producing a family of their own. Genesis tells us that God's view of marriage is that "the two shall become one flesh" (Genesis 2:24), an idea affirmed by Jesus and continued by Paul in the New Testament.

So, what exactly does that mean? We can certainly dissolve a marriage far more easily than we can 'dissolve' a person. One way to think about this idea is via a repurposed analogy. C. S. Lewis, when describing his view of the Holy Spirit, refers to a club or church or team which seems to have its own unique 'spirit', a spirit so tangible and pervasive that anyone can sense it. For example, if you attend a Wylie Bulldogs football game you will observe one spirit, and perhaps a different spirit at an Abilene High or Cooper game, and yet a different one at an ACHS game. Likewise, Hillcrest has its own spirit that is unique from other church fellowships across the town and nation. C. S. Lewis then likens the Holy Spirit to just such a spirit, that is to say, a spirit of union between Jesus and God the Father so strong that it is actually its own unique 'person' in the trinity.

Now let us consider the Lewis analogy for the Holy Spirit in terms of the "two becoming one flesh." Instead of a unique 'spirit' so strong that it actually becomes its own person we can conceive of a union so strong and permanent that it becomes its own person. Here, the "one flesh" is embodied in a child. In other words, a child might be considered the one flesh expression of his or her parents union. (This is not to argue that the union is incomplete without a child but merely that the child is the expression of that union which already exists.) Furthermore, just as all children from one union differ, multiple children express the different dimensions of that union. One child may be high energy and extremely curious whereas another may be a wordsmith, naturally creating original phrases that skillfully paint thoughts in a new way. Each of these qualities would then represent distinct expressions of the union between mother and father that God has deemed "one flesh" just as light refracted through a prism looks a different color depending on the viewing angle.

So what's the point? Well, are you a father or mother? Then treat your children with love and respect because they are the living expression of your union with your spouse. Are you a son or daughter? Then act with honor because you are the living expression of your parents' love and union.

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

September 20, 2015

Worship Leader..... Odies Wright
Hymn: #432..... How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts?*

Welcome Terry Brown

Songs of Praise

Hymn..... Firm Foundation
Hymn: #538..... My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
Hymn..... Before the Throne of God Above

The One Without Sin

Isaiah 53:1-6..... Jerry Hayes
John 8:1-11..... Jerry Hayes
Prayer..... Dan McKnight
Hymn: #337..... Hallelujah! What a Savior

The Lord's Supper

Communion Meditation..... Cliff Barbarick

Offering

Prayer..... Cliff Barbarick
Hymn: #112..... Wonderful Grace of Jesus
Hymn..... Come People of the Risen King

"Xplicit Grace: Love not Law"

Message..... Phil Ware
Hymn: #276..... Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

Responses

Hillcrest News..... Jack Wilson
Hymn: #859..... When All of God's Singers Get Home
Family Blessing..... Robert Marion

(*Children's song of the month)

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. – Everett Ferguson

Bible Reading Schedule – September 20-26
Matthew 18-24 – One chapter per day.

Sympathy

- Sympathy to Lynda Thornton on the loss of her brother, Stover Taylor.
- Sympathy to John Hancock and family on the loss of his mother, Marjorie Hancock.

Baptism

Congratulations to Amy Roibal who was baptized Wed., Sept. 16. Her parents are Tomas & Joelle Roibal.

New Member

Carol Vinzant

Preferred Preaching Candidate Survey

Thanks to all who participated in the Preferred Preaching Candidate Survey. The elders have gone over the results and additional comments. The survey revealed a consistent, clear, and unique expectation of who we need as a preacher at Hillcrest. The eldership is currently working on a preferred candidate profile based upon the congregation's input. In a few weeks, the elders will share this description and have Phil Ware go over your survey input. Please continue to pray for the eldership as we seek to follow the Lord in finding His preacher for us at Hillcrest. There will be three copies of the survey and accompanying comments at the church office for members who would like to see them.

Diaper and Wipes Baby Shower - Today, 2-3:30 p.m.

For baby Madelynn & mom Megan Forsberg at the home of Rachel Lee, 7025 Randy Ave. Details on invitations in classrooms.

Life Group Sign-up – Next Sunday, After Bible Class in the MPR – Meet the leaders and see all of the various Life Groups to choose from.

Hilltoppers Luncheon – Sept. 29, 11:30 a.m., Rm 12.

Roger Kennedy from the West Texas Rehabilitation Center will present "Everything You Wanted to Know about Rehab, but Were Afraid to Ask!" The menu will be parmesan chicken, pasta with choice of marinara or alfredo sauce, green beans with almonds, salad, Italian bread, and angel food cake topped with fruit. Sign up in Bible class. If you would be willing to help prepare food Monday night at 7 p.m. or Tuesday morning beginning at 9 a.m., put a star by your name. Hilltoppers are made up mostly of retirees, but anyone is welcome.

Sanctuary Ministries Luncheon - Sunday, October 4

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.

Hillcrest 101 – Begins October 7

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.

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. The free lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m.

Men's Softball -Tomorrow, 8 p.m. on field 2 against Aldersgate UMC & 9 p.m. against Pioneer Baptist Blue. Come out and cheer them on.

Missions & Faith Sharing

Wednesday nights in September - Send the Light mission reports.

Sep 23 - Zambia Medical Mission

Sep 30 - Come Before Winter, Haiti Live Beyond Medical Mission

Calendar of Events

September 23..... Divorce Care Begins
September 27..... Life Group Sign-ups
September 29..... Hilltoppers Luncheon
October 4..... Sanctuary Ministries Luncheon
October 7..... New Member Dinner/Hillcrest 101
October 11..... Care Group
October 16..... Tree of Mercy Benefit Luncheon
October 31..... Trunk Party
November 2-7..... Hilltoppers Branson Trip

Hillcrest Ministries

Children's Corner

Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #3)

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: Bible Bowl begins this afternoon at 4:30 p.m. in the children's wing. This is for 3rd graders through 6th graders. Even if you didn't get to make it to the information meeting, you are very welcome to come! Contact persons: Brian Burton (232-3881) and Lavon Burton (232-3189).

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.

Caterpillars and Butterflies: Caterpillars and Butterflies will meet this Tuesday, September 22, in room 12 at 4:30 p.m. Enter through the kitchen door. Refreshments will be served and a lesson and craft will follow. Contact persons: Morene Tuttle (677-9360) Conni Adams (232-6481) Anne Reno (673-6606).

Airplane Blindfolds Needed – If you have an airplane blindfold that you can part with, please bring them by the workroom and deposit them in the white basket on the island. Thank you.

HYG - Youth

Today – 6 p.m. – Huddles.

Wednesday – Class at 7 p.m.

Thursday – No Prayer Breakfast this week.

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.

HillcrestU - University

Tonight – No Life Groups. Join us in section J at Summit lecture in Moody Coliseum on ACU's campus.

Wednesday – No Class – Attend Summit.

Thursday Small Group chapel – 11 a.m. – Jacob's Dream on ACU's campus.

Date To Mark – Oct 23-25 - Fall Break Retreat.

Adult Education Corner

Sunday Morning Adult Classes – Each of the adult classes engaged in a study titled "Help for the Modern-day Pharisee." In October, a study titled "The Holiness of God" will begin and focuses on key passages from Matthew and Leviticus.

Wednesday Night Large Class - Rm 10-11 - During September various groups are reporting on recent mission activities. This Wednesday the Zambia Medical Mission will report on their summer campaign.

Wednesday Worship in Song – Rm 16 – Join Odies Wright for a time of worship in song.

Wednesday ESL Class Rm 30 - Phil Palmer is using the Bible as a textbook to improve basic English skills. If you have an interest in helping as a tutor, please contact Phil.

Women's Bible Classes – Rm 219 - The Women's Class continues an in-depth study of 1 and 2 Thessalonians on Wed. evenings.

Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study – Sept. 22 – Will not meet this week due to ACU Summit.

Family Ministry

Wednesday Night Series – 7 p.m. – Room 14/15

The Indestructible Marriage. What words describe your relationship? This series will help you to describe your marriage positively and build a lasting and thriving marriage, no matter what age you are. Marriage still works when you follow the right plan!

Divorce Care – Wednesday Night – Rm 52 – Sept. 23. Russell & Cene' Gould will be facilitating a new session of Divorce Care.

For the Record

Sunday Morning

A.M. Assembly..... 752
Classes 701
Membership 929

Sunday Evening

Auditorium Care Group

Wed Classes 346

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