

# Hillcrest Encouragement

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## Blessed at Hillcrest

*"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden."  
Matthew 5:14*

Recently, we started a sermon series at Hillcrest on Jesus great Sermon on the Mount. It contains some of the most critical and practical teaching of Jesus for all humanity. Jesus reveals what it means to live in the kingdom of God. The sermon begins with a series of blessings from Jesus we call the beatitudes. The last blessing given is for those who would go into the world as salt and light. These are those who make visible the presence of the invisible God by their actions of faith, hope, and love.

I've had the opportunity to be reminded of the many great servants that we have here at Hillcrest. After being here nearly a year (can you believe it!) I've personally witnessed the deep passion that our church has for sharing Jesus all over the earth. Jesus has been seen in you serving refugees, caring for the sick, feeding the hungry, assisting Christians, and spreading the message of the kingdom in Europe, Haiti, Africa, and America.

For the next few weeks I've invited some of these servants to write their experiences and share how God has impacted their life through it. I am confident that we will all be encouraged by what God is doing locally and abroad. We are blessed at Hillcrest so that we can be a blessing to those around us.

With that in mind, I want to encourage you to join us on Wednesday nights, starting October 11, to learn more about various ways that we can bless the community of Abilene. On Wednesday nights we are going to have different leaders of our community as guests to share with us about what they do for Abilene and how we can get involved. Also, we will be devoting some of the Wednesday's to service projects to help with these works.

Nathan Burrow

# 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

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| 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 24, 2017

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|----------------------|--------------------|
| Worship Leader ..... | Odies Wright       |
| Hymn .....           | Great Are You Lord |
| Welcome .....        | Lance Parrish      |

### Instructions for Life

|                         |               |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| Leviticus 19:11-18..... | Lance Parrish |
| Matthew 5:21-24.....    | Lance Parrish |
| Prayer .....            | Darrin Cox    |

### Songs of Praise

|            |                   |
|------------|-------------------|
| Hymn ..... | No Other God's    |
| Hymn ..... | Let God Arise     |
| Hymn ..... | The River Is Here |

### We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

|                            |                      |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Hymn: #364 .....           | Come, Share the Lord |
| Communion Meditation ..... | Carlin Brooks        |
| Hymn .....                 | One Thing Remains*   |

### Offering

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| Prayer .....  | Carlin Brooks        |
| Hymn: #448 .....  | The Greatest Command |
| <i>(Parents may escort children to TLC during this song.)</i> |                      |

### "Breaking the Cycle of Hurt and Harm"

|                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| Message.....     | Nathan Burrow |
| Hymn: #705 ..... | A Common Love |

### Responses

|  |                             |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Family News .....                      | Shane Price                 |
| Hymn: #711 .....                       | Blest Be the Tie That Binds |
| Elder Blessing.....                    | Duwain Houston              |
| <i>(*Children's Song of the Month)</i> |                             |

# Hillcrest Family News

## Today's Speakers

A.M. - Nathan Burrow  
P.M. - Bob Pipes - in the chapel

## Sympathy

Sympathy to Dik & Angie Pittman & Collin on the loss of Angie's mother, Mildred Morgan.

## Hillcrest 101 Class

The Hillcrest 101 class will meet in the Living Room today.

## Reception - Today, After Bible Class

Join us in the MPR to honor Cleddy Varner & Jack Stewart for their many years of service as Elders.

## Men's Softball

Tomorrow, Mon., Sept. 25. We will play at 9 p.m. on field 1 against Baker Heights Team F.

## Hilltoppers Luncheon - Tues., Sept. 26, 11:30 a.m.

Dr. Scott Carpenter & Dr. Erin (Bell) Garner will show how they do robotic surgery. The menu will be taco stack-up and homemade coconut ice box pie. Please sign up in Bible class if you are able to attend.

## Woman to Woman Fall Brunch - Sat., Oct. 7, 9-11 a.m.

Hillcrest Ladies, join us as we explore ways to glorify God and form meaningful connections with others. We will fellowship over a delicious meal and open up God's Word to "Light The Fire," "Rekindle Your Fire," "Shine Your Light," and "Use Your Light: to spark your Christian walk." Sign-up online at [www.hillcrestonline.com](http://www.hillcrestonline.com) or visit the Woman to Woman table for more information and to register. The deadline to sign up is Oct. 1. Childcare will be provided, so sign up early

## Trunk Party - Tues., Oct. 31, 6 - 8 p.m.

October 1-29 there will be sign-up sheets in the classrooms for helping with our Trunk Party. Volunteer to provide a decorated car trunk with candy, donate candy in the candy bins in the halls, bake muffins, and help clean up afterwards! This is a community outreach event so we need to all pitch in and make this a memorable evening.

## Life Group

If you would like to join a life group, please contact the office.

## Hillcrest News in Your Inbox

If you would like to receive the Hillcrest Now email newsletter every Friday afternoon, please sign up at [hillcrestonline.com/members/email](http://hillcrestonline.com/members/email).

## Game Day Parking

The University Ministry will 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 mission trips to areas impacted by Hurricane Harvey and starting a food pantry for students in need. If you wish to park in our lot, come by our tent and pick up a ticket to hang in your 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.

## Missions and Faith Sharing

### Send the Light Mission Trips

On Wed. at 7 p.m. in Rms. 10-11, the last set of Send the Light reports will be heard from Zambia Medical Mission, followed by a report regarding the work at Neema Village Orphanage and Outreach in Tanzania.

### Tree of Mercy Dinner

Tickets are now available for the Oct. 28 Tree of Mercy Dinner benefiting the hospital and medical efforts at Namwianga, Zambia. See the missions bulletin board or contact Ellie Hamby for more information.

## HillcrestU

### Tonight - 5 p.m. - LIFE groups meet

G1 – 2533 Lincoln Dr  
G2 – Barnett (1401 Roadrunner Ct)  
G3 – Holt (1318 Newcastle)  
G4 – Hatfield (2434 Independence)

**Wednesday - 7 p.m.** - Share your story in room 17.

### Thursday - 11 a.m.

Small group prayer chapel in BSB 104.

**REACH - 4-5:30 p.m.** - Canterbury Apartments

### Mark Your Calendar

**Oct. 26-29 - FALL BREAK MISSION TRIP** - Instead of going on a Fall Break retreat we are planning to take a group to provide disaster relief work for the victims of Hurricane Harvey. If you are interested in joining us, please visit [hillcrestonline.com/harveyrelief](http://hillcrestonline.com/harveyrelief) and fill out the survey.

# Hillcrest Ministries

## Children's Corner

### Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #4)

**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, \$83.44 has been raised, enough to print 16 Bibles

## HYG - Youth

**Today** - Join us for Bible class as we are in week 6 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!

### Follow Up Parent Meeting - Tonight

Parents, please join us tonight from 4-5 p.m. in rooms 10/11 for a Parents Meeting. We will be reporting our findings from the parent survey, providing a calendar of events for the rest of the year, and allowing everyone the opportunity to sign up to help serve in youth ministry. Childcare will be provided across the hall in rooms 14/15.

### Tonight - HS Huddles

6 - 7:30 p.m. - 12th Grade - 2434 Township Ct.  
6 - 7:30 p.m. - 11th Grade - 2626 Garfield  
5:45 - 7:15 p.m. - 9th & 10th Grade - 1314 Piedmont Dr.

### Middle School Madness - 5:30 - 7 p.m. in the MPR

**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 Whataburger on E Hwy 80 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.

**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 sign up. You should receive a welcome text with a link to update your profile. Please click the link and update your profile when you receive that text. Thank you!

## Adult Education Corner

### Sunday Morning Adult Classes

Next week we begin a 4-week study of the book of Ruth.

### Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Class - September 26

**Fellowship - 9:30 a.m., Class - 10 a.m.:** Teacher, Jackie Vardiman - (Matt. 5:14-15, Mk 4:21-22, Lk 8:16, 11:33) Lamp on a Stand.

### Wednesday Night Classes

- Rm 10/11 - Reports on Summer Mission Activities continue 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

As we prepare for the Wednesday night series on community, we want to encourage everyone to visit some of the other classes available for the next two weeks. Take this opportunity to build relationships with those around you that you don't know, and form some partnerships that will help you find ways to serve our community together.

### Calendar of Events

September 26..... Hilltoppers Luncheon  
September 26..... Caterpillars & Butterflies  
October 7 ..... Woman to Woman Event  
October 8 .....Bible Class Fellowship  
October 26-29 ..... Fall Mission Trip  
October 28 .....Tree of Mercy Dinner  
October 31 ..... Trunk Party  
November 9..... Mumena Dinner  
November 12.....Light on the Hill Sunday  
November 12.....Bible Class Fellowship  
November 15..... Loaves & Fishes Fellowship

### For the Record

| Sunday Morning              | Sunday Evening |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| A.M. Assembly .....786      | Chapel..... 37 |
| Bible Class .....688        |                |
| Membership.....892          | Wed ..... 381  |
| Aug. Offering .....\$98,918 |                |