

Hillcrest Encouragement

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Passing Through the Waters

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you.”

Isaiah 43:1b-2a

This has been a difficult week in Texas as we have watched the historic disaster that Hurricane Harvey has caused. The damage and massive flooding is affecting millions across Texas and now Louisiana. Houston is the fourth largest city in America. For many of us, the city and the surrounding smaller towns and communities in that area are home. Sunday morning we received the disturbing phone call from my parents of the fast rising water. After spending most of the day on the phone to try and find help we were able to get a boat there to rescue them. They, along with my sister and her family, are now safe here with us in Abilene. Many others have been less fortunate. Some have lost everything they have, even life itself.

My eyes hurt as I kept watching for updates on the storm. The news reports showed one view after another of all the damage. I kept reading as evacuations moved from voluntary to mandatory throughout the area. Even in these darkest of times, God’s presence can be seen as well. People have been uniting together in caring for their neighbor. Help has come from all across the country as need has spread. The storm has given birth to an outpouring of compassion for those who are suffering. Amidst the view of rising water devastating homes and roads the images of hope and grace have also emerged. A common love can be seen. It is a welcome change from the hurt and violence that has been so visible in recent weeks. When we witness acts of kindness and sharing from one to another, God’s light shines and we are reminded of life as God intends it to be.

We are a people better together. The waters will recede, but there will be much work still to be done. Let us pray and continue to work to help those who are in need. This is a time for the church to live up to the beloved community that God has called us to be, a beacon of hope in the midst of the storm.

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
Age 3	Room 106
Age 4	Room 107
Pre-K.....	Room 110
K.....	Room 118
Gr 1.....	Room 121
Gr 2.....	Room 117
Gr 3.....	Room 120
Gr 4.....	Room 213
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 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 3, 2017

Worship Leader Odies Wright
Hymn: #100/101..... Holy Ground
Welcome Justin Hatfield

Songs of Praise

Hymn: #718 We Shall Assemble
Hymn How Can I Keep from Singing

Message on the Mountain

Exodus 19:3-6 Lance Parrish
Matthew 5:1-2 Lance Parrish
Prayer Jack Stewart

We Celebrate the Lord’s Supper

Hymn Worthy Is the Lamb
Communion Meditation Lynn Luttrell
Hymn As the Deer Thirst

Offering

Prayer Lynn Luttrell
Hymn: #435 Come into His Presence
Hymn One Thing Remains*
(Parents may escort children to TLC during this song.)

“Seeking His Presence”

Message..... Nathan Burrow
Hymn: #99 In His Presence

Responses

Family News Jack Hardcastle
Hymn: #608 He Gave Me a Song
Elder Blessing..... Duwain Houston
*(*Children’s Song of the Month)*

Hillcrest Family News

Today's Speakers

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

New Members

Welcome to new university member Katie Knapp.

Special Contribution for Hurricane Harvey Victims

There will be a special contribution today to send relief to Hurricane Harvey victims. Our Disaster Relief ministry will coordinate with congregations in the affected areas. You can also give online at hillcrestonline.com/give. Look for "Disaster Relief" in the drop-down list. There will likely be more opportunities to help. Check the Good Soil web page at <http://hillcrestonline.com/good-soil> for specific needs and a form link to let us know how you can help.

Encouragement Cards for Houston

Cards are at the side of the auditorium where you can write a note of encouragement to an anonymous person in Houston.

Men's Softball

The season will start Mon., Sept. 11. Games will be at 7, 8 or 9 p.m. on Monday nights. We will practice tomorrow, Sept. 4, at 8 p.m. on field 1. The cost will be \$25. Contact Alan Clute if you are interested in playing.

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.

Bakers for Bread for the Journey

Are you willing to bake small loaves of breads once a month to bless our guests? Sign up at the side of the worship center.

Christian Service Center Needs

The Christian Service Center has nearly depleted their jeans and shoes for children. Please donate if you can.

Missions and Faith Sharing

Send the Light Mission Trips

Caleb and Vanessa Callari, along with Terry Brown and Brian Davis, are making 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. On Sept. 6, reports will be heard from the Mumena Mission Campaign in Zambia and the Let's Start Talking campaign for refugees in Athens, Greece.

Goodness of God Orphanage Dinner

Bonjour! The Goodness of God Orphanage Dinner, benefiting a Christian orphanage in Haiti, is September 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the University Church of Christ Gymnasium. Contact Alan Hewett at 829-5994 for tickets.

HillcrestU

The first week of school is officially in the books! Congratulations! Know that we are praying for you whether you're a new freshman, returning student, grad student or professor!

Today - Join us for class in the MPR. Immediately following class, we will have a lunch with the Common Ground & Young Professionals class.

Tonight - 6 p.m. - LIFE Group Kick-off in the MPR. Each group is hosted by 3 Hillcrest families and led by 2 student leaders. You are invited into our homes to eat and engage in prayer and reflection on faith. We hope that you will choose to connect with one of our LIFE groups tonight!

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

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

Mark Your Calendar

Oct. 27-29 - 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.

Hillcrest Ministries

Children's Corner

Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #1)

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.

HYG - Youth

Today - Join us for Bible class as we are in week 3 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 - 4-6:30 p.m. - Huddles & Middle School Madness Kick-off Party - We would ask that everyone drop-off and pick-up at Abilene Swim Club (301 Ruidosa Avenue Abilene, TX 79605). We'll swim, we'll play, we'll eat hot dogs, and we'll spend some time in prayer groups/huddle groups!

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.

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.

Calendar of Events

September 4 Labor Day/Office Closed
September 5 Hilltoppers Luncheon
September 10 Bible Class Fellowship
September 12 Caterpillars & Butterflies
September 17 New Member Lunch
September 19 WBS Breakfast & Workshop
October 7 Woman to Woman Event
October 8 Bible Class Fellowship

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 5 Fellowship - 9:30 a.m., Class - 10 a.m.: Teacher, Pat Varner. Hidden Treasure & Valuable Pearl (Matt. 13:44-46)

Wednesday Night Classes

- Rm 10/11 - Reports on Summer Mission Activities begin this 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!

For the Record

Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening
A.M. Assembly..... 768	Chapel..... 81
Bible Class..... 727	
Membership..... 892	Wed 420
July Offering \$113,801	