

# Hillcrest Encouragement

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## People Are Like Airplanes

Once, during my time in the Air Force, I was given the job of reassembling a rather complex component on an aircraft. I found a box of parts waiting for me and a manual of how it should look when finished. The job took me all day. I learned an important lesson that day: it's relatively easy to tear something apart, but very difficult to put it back together. As I fretted and agonized over each part, I kept thinking about how different my experience was than the person who tore it apart. I imagined how easy it must have been – I imagined that it must have required very little thought or skill. I dare say it may have been fun. In contrast, my task before me was difficult and complex, requiring great thought and care. People are like that too.

It's so much easier to tear a person down than to build one up. It may even be quite satisfying... giving that person just what they "deserve." Stoking the fires of anger and self-righteousness within my spirit feels really good at the moment. Grappling at the image of another person, pulling them down into the mire of sorrow is so very immediately rewarding. "She had it coming," we declare with a sniff. I smile inwardly as another person above me is toppled – I must look higher now by comparison. Sadly, the satisfying feelings are temporary.

Anyone can claw and tear at another person. People are like airplanes. It takes no skill to decimate another's reputation. A well-placed word of negativity or a knowing smile accompanied with a lift of an eyebrow directed toward a sympathetic accomplice can do the trick to disassemble our victim's reputation and standing among my friends. How much more difficult and complex to build each other up? There's the real trick! Jesus might have been a great aircraft mechanic because he was great at building people up. He was an expert at finding the cast down parts of a person's spirit, unskillfully rent apart by some thoughtless person, and putting them back together once more, usually better than before. It takes a Creator to reassemble a person.

God made us in His image. That means a lot of things, but in this case I think it means that we are to be creators, not destroyers. What the serpent wrecked, the Creator repaired. What Satan tore down, the Creator built up. What the adversary injured, the Creator healed. We are not made in the image of the enemy, but of God. God creates, builds, and restores. Having been made in His image, I must do the same.

Did you ever notice that the Bible never mentions that Satan rests? There is no Sabbath rest for the Destroyer – why would he need one? Tearing down takes very little effort. If you find yourself building people up this week... you know, like the Creator... you will no doubt find that it's far more complex and perhaps taxing on our energies. Enjoy the Sabbath after the work of building up, just like our Father!

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 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
Upward Bound (all ages) .....	Room 10
Y/O (all ages) .....	Room 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

April 5, 2015

Worship Leader..... Odies Wright  
Hymn: #528.....I Know That My Redeemer Lives  
Welcome ..... Terry Brown

### Songs of Praise

Hymn: #346..... He Lives  
Hymn: #353.....One Day  
Hymn: #345.....Christ, the Lord, Is Risen Today  
Hymn: #18..... Faithful Love  
Hymn: #344..... Low in the Grave

### The Lord's Supper

Communion Meditation..... Dik Pittman  
Hymn: #67 ..... For the Beauty of the Earth

### Offering

Prayer ..... Dik Pittman  
Hymn: #185 ..... Jesus, Thy Name I Love

### The Cross and the Crown

Isaiah 53:1-4, 6, 11-12..... Brett Hawthorne  
Philippians 2:1-13..... Brett Hawthorne  
Prayer: ..... Mathew Molina  
Hymn: #470..... Victory In Jesus

### "Celebrating Our Victory In Jesus"

Message ..... Terry Brown  
Hymn: #179 ..... He Is Lord!

### Responses

Special Announcement ..... Brian Burton  
Hillcrest News..... Kyle McAlister  
Hymn..... Salvation Belongs To Our God (all)  
Family Blessing..... Phil Vardiman

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 Speaker

Our speaker today is Terry Brown who was our pulpit minister until his retirement in 2012. Now Terry is one of our elders, and his wife Gail, who was our children's minister until her retirement, works with our women's programs. We are happy they continue as members of Hillcrest.

## Care Group/Church-wide Picnic – Today

### Location Change – Abilene Christian Schools Ground

A church-wide picnic is planned at noon for all the care groups to meet at Abilene Christian Schools. Plan to come and bring portable awnings, lawnchairs, card tables, dominoes, softball gloves, horseshoes and finger food (sandwiches, chips, cookies, etc.) to share. Plates, cups, napkins, forks, lemonade and water will be provided. A devotional will follow. There will be an Easter egg hunt at 11:40 a.m. The Sonrise class will be leading the p.m. service in the chapel.

## New Baby

Congratulations to Bucket & Sue Bailey on the birth of a great-granddaughter, Sadie Ann Bodine, born on Mar. 31.

## Sympathy

- To the family of Wyman Wilkerson.
- To the family of Lorene Counts.

## Men's Softball – Monday, April 6

The Hillcrest softball team will play at 9 p.m. against True Light Global Ministries at Nelson Park on field 1.

## Tuesday Ladies Class – April 7, 10 a.m.

Room 30: Donna Gee – *Lord is it Warfare* Ch. 8.

Room 10: Morene Tuttle - 2 Timothy 2:14-26 – "False Teaching is Like Gangrene."

## Motherly Love – Thursday, April 9

This will be our last Motherly Love dinner of the school year, at the Hillcrest Building in room 12 at 6 p.m. We will have dinner, a devotional and then will have fun playing "Bunco for Bibles." (Donations for Bibles to send to Africa will be accepted.) If you are not already in a Motherly Love Group, have children from birth - 5th grade, and would like to attend, call Linda Perkins at 672-9414. Free child care will be provided at Hillcrest.

## For the Record

### Sunday Morning

A.M. Assembly ..... 767  
Bible Class ..... 598  
Membership ..... 956

### Sunday Evening

Auditorium .....54  
University .....63  
Offering .....\$22,034  
Weekly Budget .....\$25,000

## New Member Pictures

If you have recently placed membership at Hillcrest or experience a change in your family, please come to the side of the Worship Center today and have your picture made after worship.

## 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Hillcrest Bible Bowl – Saturday, April 11

Hillcrest will be hosting our 13th Annual Junior Bible Bowl meet. We are expecting over 100 3rd - 6th grade students, coaches, and sponsors. Contact Brian or Lavon Burton if you can help.

## Send The Light - April 12

Each April, the Hillcrest family collects funds to support short-term mission work around the world. On April 12, Send the Light will help send 54 persons to 11 efforts in 9 countries. Our financial goal is to provide half of air travel, and double support for directors and medical personnel. We also contribute toward medicine needed for Zambia Medical Mission. Please be praying for these efforts and consider how you can contribute. Also, as a part of this year's Send the Light, Brian Davis will be preaching on April 12.

## Labor for Your Neighbor – April 19

We are looking for people to serve. If you or someone you know could benefit from some free service, hauling something off, or yard work, please contact Alan Clute.

## Annual HEB Spring Retreat – May 1-3

Register for the Hillcrest Spring Retreat at HEB Camp online at [www.hillcrestonline.com/heb](http://www.hillcrestonline.com/heb). We will be using the new Headwaters campsite for the first time. More information to come.

## Children's Ministry Need

Please begin collecting empty paper towel rolls for VBS and empty cereal boxes (not the tiny size) for VIP Camp. A designated bin is in the hall for your convenience.

**Thank you to everyone who helped with LAFF on Wednesday night.**

## Calendar of Events

April 5 .....Church-wide Picnic & Egg Hunt  
April 10-11 ..... University Spring Retreat  
April 11 .....Hillcrest Junior Bible Bowl  
April 12 .....Send the Light Sunday  
April 19 ..... Labor For Your Neighbor  
May 1-3 ..... Annual Retreat at HEB Camp

# Hillcrest Ministries

## Children's Corner

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

### 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 Hour** – No Bible Hour tonight.

**Easter Egg Hunt** - The egg hunt is today at Abilene Christian Schools. Please bring 12 filled plastic eggs per child.

## HYG - Youth

**Today** – Church-wide Picnic. No Huddles.

**Wednesday** – Tutoring at 6:15 p.m.

Class at 7 p.m. (Worldviews/God's View)

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

**Friday** - South-side Prayer Breakfast at 7 a.m. at Chick-fil-A South (on Southwest Dr.).

### Upcoming Events

- Sign up online for Junior/Senior Night Out, April 10-11.
- Send your Senior Sunday pictures to Taylor ASAP.
- Junior Parents meeting following class on April 12.

## HillcrestU - University

### Today

There are no LIFE Groups today. Hillcrest is having a church wide picnic on ACS's campus immediately following class.

### Tuesday

Bible study at 2417 Church St at 8 p.m.

### Wednesday

Lift Praise night at 7 p.m.

### Thursday

Small group chapel this week at 11 a.m. at Jacob's Dream.

### Spring Retreat – April 10-12

Today is the last day to sign up for our retreat to Marble Falls, Camp of the Hills. Go to our Facebook page or [hillcrestonline.com](http://hillcrestonline.com) to register. The cost is just \$35.

### Upcoming Events

- April 26 - Sponsor Appreciation Dinner
- May 3 - Graduate Celebration - Graduates, make sure you let us know if you are graduating this semester.

## Adult Education Corner

**Sunday Morning Series.** Next Sunday morning the adult Bible classes begin a new series on "The Signs of God in the Gospel of John." John uses the term "sign" when presenting Jesus' miracles. For John, the miracles point to something, and we can't do justice to John's Gospel without exploring what they're pointing to. As we study the various signs in John's Gospel, we'll spend time appreciating the details of each story; but we'll always come back to the overriding question, "What is Jesus showing us about God through this sign?"

## Family Ministry

### Sunday - Single and Parenting - 6 p.m. – Room 14-15

Darrin Cox & Summer Anders facilitate this group.

### Wednesday - 7 p.m. - Room 14-15 – Begins April 8

Family/Group Bible Study on Baptism. If your kids are at "that age" and beginning to ask about baptism, or you have friends you would like to study with about becoming a Christian, but don't know how, or you would like to study about baptism in a small group, this class is for you. Each week families or small groups will go through a guided study on what baptism is and why it is so important, in a relaxed atmosphere. Please RSVP to the office at 691-4200.

### Divorce Care – Wednesday – 7 p.m. – Room 52

If you or someone you know could benefit from this support group, please plan to attend. Facilitated by Russell & Cene' Gould.

## Missions and Faith Sharing

The Most Wonderful Event...

Your consistent prayers, support, and our daily times of reading, praying, and trying to live out God's will together are bearing fruit consistently. Today (Sunday, March 22nd) at 10:30 a.m. Ukraine time, Artyom Tomkovich (one of Our Kids) was baptized at Our Home in Pilypovychy!!

If you like, please write a note of encouragement to Artyom and I will insure he receives it.

May our Father and our Lord Jesus be honored in and through all that continues to occur here!!

Gratefully,  
Tony, Shana, Elizabeth, and Our Kids