

Hillcrest Encouragement

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What Happened to Patience?

"I'm not a patient person." I occasionally hear well-intentioned people say this sentence. In context, it's usually stated as if this particular absence of the quality is somehow virtuous. In other words, the confessed absence of patience is perceived to be synonymous with "getting things done" or efficiency. This "admission" of not being patient bothers me. What ever happened to the virtuous component of patience? It seems as though our culture rewards the person who lacks patience and penalizes the person who has it as if patience were akin to inefficiency or sluggishness. I do not believe this is true.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law." Galatians 5:22-23

Patience seems to have gotten a bad reputation in our culture. We love to "admit" to not being patient as if the absence is somehow virtuous. It's curious to me that we don't do that with other fruits of the Spirit. No one likes to say "I'm not a faithful person." If they do, it's likely a genuine confession rather than a back-handed way of implying a personal strength as if being faithful indicates a weakness. "I'm not a loving person," "I'm not a joyful person," "I'm not a good person"... nope, these just don't work. Our culture (even within the church) has gradually begun to eschew patience, subtly turning it into a vice rather than a virtue. So why pick on patience?

I wonder if in our fast-pace culture we have collectively capitulated to our inability to be patient. We want our computers faster, we sigh at the person in front of us when the light turns green, we want our mail orders to arrive within two days – or better still, overnight. The danger is that we transpose this impatient attitude over to those around us. Change in the church doesn't come fast enough. Our children seem to learn things too slowly. People change their minds at a glacial rate. Someone does me wrong and I have no patience with them! I want my way and I want it now!

This is not the way of the Spirit-filled Christian. We aren't given the option of choosing popular fruits of the Spirit over ones we find out of vogue. If we are living within the will of God, we will naturally develop patience as we become more like Him, for he is long-suffering... in other words, patient.

This year I would like to be more patient. I want to cringe and have heart pangs when I am forced to admit that I am not as patient as I need to be. Patience used to be a virtue. Perhaps it's time to bring it back.

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
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

January 10, 2016

Worship Leader..... Odies Wright
Hymn: #709..... How Sweet, How Heavenly
Welcome..... Charles Perkins
Hymn: #704..... Bind Us Together

Becoming Jesus' Family

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12..... Justin Walker
Matthew 18:1-10..... Brandon Brown
Prayer..... Stephen Powers

Songs of Praise

Hymn: #718..... We Shall Assemble
Hymn..... Sanctuary
Hymn: #703..... I Love You with the Love of the Lord*

The Lord's Supper

Hymn: #364..... Come, Share the Lord
Communion Meditation..... James McGee
Hymn: #186..... Christ, We Do All Adore Thee

Offering

Prayer..... James McGee
Hymn: #731..... Take Time to Be Holy
Hymn: #214..... Have You Seen Jesus My Lord?

The Connected Life: To One Another

Message..... Phil Ware
Hymn: #705..... A Common Love

Responses

Hillcrest News..... Kyle McAlister
Hymn: #742..... When Upon Life's Billows
Family Blessing..... Terry Brown

(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 Speaker

A.M. – Phil Ware

P.M. – Care Group – The Welcome class will be leading the service in Rm 10/11 at 6 p.m.

Sympathy

- Sympathy to the family of former member, Clif Richey.
- Sympathy to Ralph & Mary Pope on the loss of Mary's grandson, Abe Lowder.

Financial Peace University – Rm 16 – Tonight, 6-7:30 p.m.

If you signed up for this class, our first session begins tonight.

Hillcrest Singers – This Wed., Jan. 13

Calling all singers – This Wednesday marks the beginning of the spring season for the Hillcrest Singers. Come and join the chorus as we prepare a selection of "Singers Favorites" for Senior Living Centers throughout the city. We will also sing at a couple of area churches toward the end of April. We meet Wednesday nights in the Chapel at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Greg Straughn (gregory.straughn@acu.edu). Sing to the Lord a new song!

Baby Shower – Sunday, Jan. 17, 2-3:30 p.m.

Honoring Christina Duncum and baby girl, Reagan, at the home of Laura Copeland, 1451 Tanglewood. Selections at Target, Walmart and Amazon.

Teacher Appreciation Lunch - Sunday, Jan. 24

All church members are invited to our annual Teacher Appreciation Lunch, which is to take place at noon, Sunday, January 24, in the MPR. You may R.S.V.P. in your class today or R.S.V.P. online at www.hillcrestonline.com. This is to honor teachers of all ages. The lunch is free.

Sybil Faubus Memorial Award – Each year the Sybil Faubus Memorial Award is presented to a person or couple from Hillcrest who exhibits outstanding qualities as a teacher of children, teens, or adults. Nomination forms can be found in the southwest foyer, children's wing, or in the chapel area, or you may submit your nomination online at www.hillcrestonline.com. The deadline to make your nomination is January 17. This person or couple will be recognized at the Teacher Appreciation Lunch on January 24.

Wedding Shower – Sun., Jan. 24, 2-3:30 p.m.

Honoring Katie Miller and Morgan Lineberry, at the home of Kim Hancock, 1841 Marathon Ct. Selections at Dillard's and Target.

"What You Didn't Know About Mom & Dad" – Hosted by Hilltoppers – Chapel - Thursday, January 28, 7 p.m.

Lauren K. Templeton, D.O., Hendrick Hospice Care Medical Director, will speak on the topics of aging, loss of identity, loss of control, medication issues, staying home and advance directives. Anyone is welcome. It is designed for those taking care of parents.

Missions & Faith Sharing

Send the Light Applications

See Missions Team Chair Neal Coates to pick up an application to participate in the April special collection for short-term mission trips. Applications are due January 12.

Service Opportunities in Missions

The Missions Team invites you to assist in any of the following activities at Bontke Brothers Construction, which benefit some of our summer mission sites:

- Sat., Jan. 16, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. – Clean-up missions storage building.
- Sat., Jan. 23, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. – Box prep for Zambia Medical Mission.
- Sat., Jan. 30, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. – Load container for Zambia Medical Mission.

Calendar of Events

January 10..... Care Group
 January 10..... Financial Peace University Begins
 January 17..... Remembrance of Lives Lived
 January 24..... Teacher Appreciation Lunch
 January 26..... Hilltoppers Luncheon
 January 28..... "What You Didn't Know About Mom & Dad" Seminar, Hosted by Hilltoppers
 January 30..... Movie in MPR: *War Room*
 January 31..... Faith at Home Sunday
 "Legacy Living: Building Stronger Relationships"
 February 7..... Care Group
 February 28..... Ugly Tie Luncheon
 March 6..... Care Group
 April 2..... Hillcrest Bible Bowl
 April 3..... Church-wide Picnic/Care Group
 April 20..... Cajun Fest LAFF
 April 29 - May 1..... Family Retreat at HEB Camp

Hillcrest Ministries

Children's Corner

Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #2)

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. Enjoy your Care Group!

HYG – Youth

Tonight – 6 p.m. – Huddles

Wednesday – 7 p.m. – Join us in the youth room to hear several of our students share their stories!

Mandatory meeting for Mumena Campaigners and parents at 7 p.m. \$130 deposit is due.

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

TNT! Thursday Nights Together! 7:30-9 p.m. – Meet in the youth room. This will be a weekly time for us to gather together and just have fun. Bring your friends!!

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Welcome Back!!

Tonight – 6 p.m. – Welcome Back! in the MPR. Come catch up over pizza and games!

Wednesday – 7 p.m. – LIFT Praise night.

Coming Soon!

Jan. 22 - First Thursday Prayer chapel at 11 a.m. in room 112 of the Bible Building.

REACH Ministry! - We have an excellent opportunity to engage in outreach beginning this semester! We are going to be building relationships and sharing our faith with the children of Canterbury Crossing Apartments! We'll engage them in games, crafts and Bible stories. Beginning Thursday, January 28, and every Thursday, after we'll meet from 4-5:30 p.m. at 1250 Yeomans Rd. I sincerely hope you choose to be a part of this ministry!

Adult Education Corner

Sunday Morning Adult Classes – This morning we begin a new series of lessons on the Gospel of Mark.

Wednesday Night Class - Rm 10/11 – Everett Ferguson is teaching a series on the book of Colossians.

Wednesday Night Class – Rm 12 – Cliff Barbarick is leading a study titled "A Christian View of Homosexuality."

Wednesday Night Class – Rm 30 – ESL Class.

Wednesday Night Class – Rm 16 – Join Odies Wright for a time of Worship in song!

Tuesday Women's Bible Study – January 12 – 10 a.m.

Classes meet together. Taylor Cockrell will be speaking.

Family Ministry

Wednesdays – Rm 14/15 – 7 p.m.

Future Family: You Have A Choice In The Matter -

When it comes to family, what does a preferred future look like? What exactly are we aiming for? Whether you are starting a new family or leaving an old one, this class will help you decide what you want your family's future to look like, and help you plan to get there.

Faith at Home Weekend – January 30-31

- New Life Milestone Event – Saturday, Jan. 30 - Noon
- Family Movie in MPR – Saturday, Jan. 30, 7 p.m. – Bring your lawn chairs or a blanket and watch the movie *War Room*.
- Special Speakers – Sunday, Jan. 31 -- Legacy Living – Building Stronger Relationships with Damon & Melody Parker.

For the Record

Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening
A.M. Assembly..... 716	Rm 10/11 101
Classes 674	
Membership 900	Wed 327
Dec. Offering..... \$98,089	