

Hillcrest Encouragement

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Following the Spirit During Ground Zero

In the weeks leading up to Ground Zero, I was somewhat anxious. I thought the endeavor would be too unorganized and impromptu to be successful. It felt as if we were going into the mission "trip" blind, without even an idea of what kind of work we'd end up doing, if any. There were no assigned service projects because we were going door to door hoping that someone would give us some work to do. We had no idea if anyone would open their door to us.

On Sunday, the first day of Ground Zero, we were given a fairly large sum of money and simply told to go spend it on people. Without having been given a specific task, our work group took longer trying to figure out what we were going to do than to actually do it. We ended up buying flowers and gift cards and giving them to people outside of Wal-Mart and gas stations, as well as praying with them. I was shocked by how many people were surprised and filled with joy by our actions. We found out as we asked for prayer requests that a large percentage of these people were going through particularly hard times in their lives. They were immensely appreciative that people care about others enough to go out of their way (and certainly out of their comfort zone) to bless complete strangers.

The next day, when we knocked on doors to pray over people and to request work that we could do for them, I was somewhat discouraged to find that few people answered their doors. However, this small number of people we talked to was more than what I had expected, and our efforts managed to fill up the week with jobs. It ended up being a good amount of work, and the work was very much appreciated.

As the week went on, it occurred to me that despite its spontaneous nature, the mission trip was going very well. Throughout the rest of the mission trip, I pondered how this could be. In time, I came to the conclusion that perhaps the success of Ground Zero wasn't *in spite of* its spontaneity, but *because of* it. The Holy Spirit can work through people, and our creating a strict schedule may interfere with the Spirit's work. If we allow room for the Spirit to work through us, then it becomes easier to be a part of God's plan. I believe it was God's plan to put those people in need in our path. I learned that the Spirit leads to better things than our human-made plans could.

The phrase, "however the Spirit moves me" is often taken lightly, and is even used jokingly by some; however, the Holy Spirit should be seriously considered and should be allowed to work through us. It is often hard to relinquish control and entrust our plans to the Spirit. It sometimes even means that we will do things we don't want to do or are uncomfortable doing, but the Holy Spirit will always lead to the betterment of God's kingdom and the furthering of His plans.

Matthew Bos

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 2Room 100	Gr 1.....Room 121
Age 3Room 106	Gr 2.....Room 117
Age 4Room 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 219
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

June 19, 2016

Worship Leader..... Odies Wright
Hymn: #867..... To Canaan's Land I'm On My Way
Welcome..... Duwain Houston

The Compassion of a Father

Psalm 103:1-5, 11-18 Bradley Kern
Ephesians 5:25-6:4 Rodney Goodman
Prayer Darrin Cox

Songs of Praise

Hymn: #266..... Majesty
Hymn..... We Will Worship You
Hymn: #577..... We Bow Down

The Lord's Supper

Hymn: #351..... He Bore It All
Communion Meditation Collin Pittman
Hymn: #694..... Servant Song*

Offering

Prayer..... Collin Pittman
Hymn..... That's Why We Praise Him
Hymn: #51..... Father of Mercies
Hymn: #777..... Father, Hear the Prayer We Offer
(Parents may escort children ages 2-4 to TLC during this song)

"How Deep the Father's Love"

Message..... Terry Brown
Hymn: #948..... I Am Resolved

Responses

Hillcrest News Chip Whitlock
Hymn..... Anywhere Is Home
Family Blessing..... Jim Watts
*(*Children's Song of the Month)*

Hillcrest Family News

Today's Speakers

A.M. – Terry Brown
P.M. – Coy Roper - Rm 10/11 at 6 p.m.

New Members

Richard and Karen Jinkerson

VBS – June 19-22, 6 - 8 p.m. - ages 4 through 5th grade.

VBS begins tonight!!!! Registration forms are at the VBS table. Registration for those who have not pre-registered will begin at 5:30 in the auditorium. The program will begin at 6 p.m. Bring a guest!

60th Anniversary Reception - June 25, 3-4:30 p.m.

Honoring Everett & Nancy Ferguson on their 60th anniversary at the home of Ray & Star Ferguson. (2533 Lincoln Dr.)

Wedding Shower - Sunday, June 26, 2-3:30 p.m.

Honoring the marriage of Michael & Kirsten Price (Michael is the son of Shane & Carmen Price) at the home of Linda Varner, 13 Hilliard Circle. Selections at Dillard's and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

Hillcrest Neighborhood Parade - Monday, July 4, 10 a.m.

The 20th annual July 4th parade will begin at 10 a.m. (starting at the corner of Bacon and Campus Court) followed by homemade ice cream in the MPR. Sign up in Bible class to bring homemade Ice cream, cookies, to set up or clean up the MPR or receive ice cream at 9 a.m. Several ice cream freezers are available to borrow. Contact Alan Clute.

Missions and Faith Sharing

Missions Update

Phil and Elaine Palmer leave June 20 for a six-week mission effort in East Africa. Please pray for their work and travel in Tanzania and Kenya.

Larry and Pam Sullivan, long-time missionaries from Germany since 1992, have returned to the States and are living in Abilene. Please continue praying for them as they adjust to their "new" lives and work on their home here in Abilene.

The Missions Team is busy this summer, more than usual. Along with involvement in Hillcrest's regular mission sites, the Team is evaluating future missions efforts for our congregation. This involves research, meeting with prospective missionaries, and considering how to use the blessings and resources that God has given us.

Send the Light Update

- All Send the Light participants! Choose a photo or two from your mission trip, and post it on the missions bulletin board in the hallway!
- Ongoing Send the Light effort - Callie Houston is in Ghana on World Wide Witness during June and July. Check out her pictures on Facebook.
- Upcoming Send the Light effort - Cliff Barbarick will be in Thailand at Come Before Winter for area missionary men, June 15-26.
- Tony, Shanna, & Elizabeth Morrow from Ukraine will be visiting in Abilene June 20-25, July 3-5, and July 12-15.
- Another upcoming Send the Light mission trip - Allison Robinett will be in Sophia, Bulgaria on a campaign June 22-July 6.
- Brian Davis, Greg Gee, and Cam Hurst will leave for Mumena, Zambia on June 21. The rest of the Mumena Mission Campaign will be there June 27-July 11. They are David Beard, Jamie Caldwell-Rhodes, Taylor Cockrell, Averie Davis, Harrison Hancock, Derek & Hayden Hood, Holly Pettijohn, Rebecca Tindol, and Marysa Travieso.

Prison Ministry

During the month of May the Middleton Unit had 34 baptisms bringing the total for the year to 379.

Calendar of Events

June 19-22 VBS
June 27-July 11 HYG Mumena Mission Trip
July 4.....Hillcrest Neighborhood Parade
July 10.....Care Group
July 17-20VIP Camp
July 24-30HYG Pine Springs Camp
August 14.....Care Group

Hillcrest Ministries

Children's Corner

Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #3)

Training and Learning for Children: (Ages 2-4)

Parents may escort their child to the Children's Wing during the song before the sermon.

Bible Hour – No Bible Hour tonight.

VBS: VBS begins tonight!!!! Registration forms are at the VBS table. Registration for those who have not pre-registered will begin at 5:30 in the auditorium. The program will begin at 6:00 p.m. Bring a guest!

VIP Camp: July 17-20, Children who have completed 1st grade through 5th grade. Theme: Walk This Way.

HYG – Youth

Today - 5:30 p.m.

Summer Sunday Night! Meet at the Cockrell's at 5:30 (250 5th Street, Hawley, TX 79525). Transportation will be provided back to Hillcrest at 7.

Wednesday – 7 p.m.

Class Bring your friends!

Thursday - 10 a.m. - Prayer Brunch.

Next Sunday - Middle School Students leave for Camp Champion. It is not too late to sign up. Visit www.lcucamps.com for more information.

Be sure to mark your calendars for VIP Camp and Pine Springs.

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Today – Class

Tonight – 7:30 p.m. – Movie Night at the Hatfield House.

Wednesday – 7 p.m. - Class - BASIC

For the Record

Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening
A.M. Assembly 630	Rm 10/11 100
Classes 574	
Membership 864	Wed 336
May Offering..... \$112,255	

Adult Education Corner

Sunday Morning Adult Classes – Remember that all adult classes are studying subjects of their own choosing during the summer months. Ask your class chair for more information concerning topics and teachers.

Wednesday Night Classes

- **Rm 10/11** – No Class
- **Rm 30 – ESL Class:** Meets every week
- **Rm 16 – Congregational Singing:** Join Odies Wright for a time of Worship in song!
- **Rm 219 – Women's Bible Class:** "Living Stones" by Casandra Martin. Women of all ages are invited.

Family Ministry

Wednesdays, June 15-29 – Rm 14/15 – 7 p.m.

"Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage"

New Wednesday Class - Starts July 6 - Rm 14/15 - 7 p.m.

"When Helping Hurts - Empowering The Impoverished"

The challenge of helping the poor families of our community takes a certain type of care and compassion and looking within ourselves at our own brokenness. This class will reveal a new paradigm in helping the poor, based on a biblical framework on the root causes of poverty. If you'd like to be involved in a local mission effort that changes lives, then this class is for you!



www.hillcrestonline.com/members/search

Prayer Room for the Preacher Search – Living Room

Open during office hours and anytime on Sunday and on Wednesday nights.