

Hillcrest Encouragement

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My Art Stinks

A couple of weeks ago I took my daughter to Abilene's Children's Arts & Literacy Festival (CALF). It was great! We listened to dramatic readings of books, saw a magic show, watched the unveiling of a new sculpture downtown, saw some impressive art from a children's book illustrator, listened to some wonderful music, had some great pizza for lunch, and saw many wonderful friends who were also attending the CALF. Whew!

I love art. I love it for many reasons, but one reason I love it is for what it teaches. Art teaches one how to objectively evaluate an object or an idea. I once had a student suggest that no one could define art. I guess that statement was intended to make him sound wise, but I told him that I could define art and, indeed, many people have defined art. There might be many definitions; however, the best ones have much in common. Good art makes the unknown, known. Or as some would say, it makes the esoteric, exoteric. In order to do that we must have the ability to objectively evaluate objects or ideas. This book is "good" while this one is "bad." In our culture we cringe when someone suggests that there are inherent "good" or "bad" qualities in anything. "Who are you to judge?" Well, I'm a human being, made in the image of God. That's who I am.

Art celebrates judgement and teaches us to judge. There is a reason why my illustrations weren't being featured at the CALF... my illustrations aren't good. Now there are many kind people who would look at one of my drawings and smile sweetly at my effort, but realistically, my illustrations stink. I have extensive training in literature. I can read literature and tell you not just if it's good, but why it is good (or bad). I may like it or not (a very subjective opinion) but whether it's inherently "good" or not is not subject to my opinion, but relies upon an objective evaluation of the artifact's inherent qualities. Art trains the mind to make such judgements. Actions and ideas operate in the same manner, despite what our culture preaches.

Why is this ability to judge important? It's important because, as humans, we must make judgements every day. If I have no right to judge an action (as claimed by many today) then how can I make a judgement regarding that action for myself? Logically, I can't. Thus, the claim that we can't make judgements is not only false, but illogical. The World bombards us with this ridiculous message of non-judgement continuously despite that fact that they judge all the time. The real question is the measure by which we judge. Does everyone get to come up with their own standard? Were that the case, then there would truly be no standard and we are back to an illogical conclusion. I suggest that God is the standard. He has revealed his will in the Bible and it is not nearly as subjective as people may think. We, as humans made in the image of God, can think and reason and read and understand the Bible, applying it to ourselves and our lives. If we don't have this ability, why does art exist?

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 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 26, 2016

Worship Leader..... Isaac Wright
Hymn..... He Has Made Me Glad
Welcome.....Justin Hatfield

Songs of Praise

Hymn: #123..... The Steadfast Love of the Lord
Hymn..... Psalm 95
Hymn..... That's Why We Praise Him

Staying Focused on Spiritual Things

Deuteronomy 4:9..... Chuck Anderson
2 Corinthians 5:6-10..... Chuck Anderson
Prayer..... Robert Cole

The Lord's Supper

Hymn..... Lay Your Burden Down
Communion MeditationDik Pittman

Offering

Prayer.....Dik Pittman
Hymn..... Wonderful Merciful Savior
Hymn..... Greatest Commands
(Parents may escort children ages 2-4 to TLC during this song)

"Spiritual Halftime"

Message.....Robert Oglesby
Hymn: #791..... On Bended Knee

Responses

Hillcrest News..... Kyle McAlister
Hymn..... Salvation Belongs to Our God
Family Blessing.....Jim Watts
*(*Children's Song of the Month)*

Hillcrest Family News

Today's Speakers

A.M. – Robert Oglesby
P.M. – Bob Pipes - Rm 10/11 at 6 p.m.

Sympathy

Our sympathy to Charles Loveland, Gary and LeAnn Littlefield, and their families on the loss of Erma Jean. Funeral service is today at 3 p.m. in the Worship Center.

Our sympathy to Jon & Rebecca Bos and family on the loss of Jon's father, John Bos.

VBS - Thank you to all who helped with our VBS! Attendance reached 101 this year!

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.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ

I have been a part of the Hillcrest family for 39 years. I have very positive feeling about this period of time in my life and a deep love for everyone I have known through this period. Marinell, my children, and my new wife, Janiece, have always felt the love of this congregation. I think of Hillcrest as my family and home and hope it will be for many more years.

I served several years as deacon and for the past 19 years as an elder. I cherish those experiences in serving here.

I have come to the decision that it is time for me to step down as an elder. There are very good men now serving as elders whom I have complete confidence in. I believe this congregation has a leadership that will lead them in God's ways and the Lord will be glorified and blessed.

In Christian Love;

Jim Watts

Missions and Faith Sharing

Missions Update

Phil and Elaine Palmer are in East Africa through the end of July. Please pray for their work and travel in Tanzania and Kenya and their work with WBS leaders and students.

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.
- Cliff Barbarick and Phil Ware are in Thailand at Come Before Winter for area missionary men, June 15-26.
- Tony, Shanna, & Elizabeth Morrow from Ukraine are visiting in Abilene, Today, July 3-5, and July 12-15.
- Allison Robinett is in Sophia, Bulgaria on a campaign, June 22-July 6.
- Brian Davis, Greg Gee, and Cam Hurst left 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.

Calendar of Events

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

Hillcrest Ministries

Children's Corner

Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #4)

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 – Bible Hour meets tonight from 6-7 p.m. Infants up to age 3 meet in the nursery. Children ages 4-5th grade will begin in the MPR.

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

HYG – Youth

Today - 12:30 p.m.

MS group leaves for Camp Champion in Lubbock.

Monday - Mumena Campaigners depart from Hillcrest at 1:15 p.m. You are invited to meet us under the covered entrance at 1 p.m. to pray for and bless this group.

Wednesday – 7 p.m.

Class Bring your friends!

Friday - MS group returns from Camp champion at 1 p.m.

Sign up to help with VIP Camp! July 17-20. Ask for a form in class. Be sure to sign up for Pine Springs! July 24-30. More information can be found in the HYG Newsletter.

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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 521	Rm 10/11 66
Classes 515	
Membership 845	
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** – Gary Mabry concludes his series on lessons from the life of King David.
- **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.