

Hillcrest Encouragement

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Communion Meditation

In Mark 10:38, Jesus asked James and John, "Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" By these images of drinking a cup and being baptized Jesus referred to his death. He compared his death to a baptism and to drinking a cup. Baptism is here used in its common metaphorical sense "to be overwhelmed." In his death, Jesus was overwhelmed with suffering. Suffering was not sprinkled upon him or poured upon him. He was immersed in suffering.

Among the figurative uses of cup was to refer to a cup of suffering or punishment, as in Isaiah 51:17, "you have drunk at the hand of the Lord the cup of his wrath." And in Jeremiah 25:15 God said, "Take from my hand this cup of the wine of wrath, and make all the nations to whom I send you drink it." This usage continued in Revelation 14:10, "Those who worship the beast and its image . . . will also drink the wine of God's wrath, poured unmixed into the cup of his anger." In his death, Jesus drank the cup of God's wrath against sin.

As Jesus compared his death to being baptized and to drinking a cup, we may reverse the imagery. In a literal sense, both baptism and the cup of the Lord's supper point to the death of Jesus. According to Romans 6:3-4, a person is baptized "into the death of Jesus." Jesus at his Last Supper according to 1 Corinthians 11:24-25 connected the bread with his body given for us and the cup with the blood poured out in his death. In the Lord's supper, we give thanks that Jesus drank the cup of God's wrath against sin.

Our emphasis on baptism and the Lord's supper is not following a ritual or following a custom of churches of Christ. Baptism and the Lord's supper are connected to the heart of the gospel. In breaking bread and drinking from the cup, we share in the death of Christ by which we are saved.

We give thanks for Jesus and his death, that he was overwhelmed in suffering and gave his body for us. May we take up our cross and give our bodies in his service. We give thanks that Jesus drank the cup of your wrath against sin and did so in our place. We give thanks for the new covenant in his blood. Through Christ and his death, we can come to you in prayer. Amen.

Everett Ferguson

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 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 25, 2016

Songs of Praise

Worship Leader.....	Odies Wright
Hymn: #66.....	Doxology
Hymn.....	Mighty to Save
Hymn.....	Let God Arise
Welcome.....	Neal Coates
Video.....	Neal Coates

Into All the World

Isaiah 2:1-5.....	Bob Hale
Acts 1:1-8	Bob Hale
Video	Neal Coates
Prayer	Cam Hurst

The Lord's Supper

Hymn.....	Communion Prayer
Communion Meditation	Neal Coates
Hymn: #376.....	He Paid A Debt*

Offering

Prayer.....	Neal Coates
Hymn: #626.....	Christ for the World We Sing
Hymn.....	Shout Hallelujah
<i>(Parents may escort children ages 2-4 to TLC during this song)</i>	

"Here, Near, and Far"

Message	Larry Sullivan
Hymn.....	Here I Am to Worship

Responses

Hillcrest News	Kelly Moore
Hymn: #66.....	Doxology
Elder Blessing	Phil Vardiman
<i>(Children's Song of the Month*)</i>	

Hillcrest Family News

Today's Speakers

A.M. - Larry Sullivan

P.M. - Coy Roper in the Chapel at 6 p.m.

Sympathy

Our sympathy to Dave and Laura Copeland on the loss of Dave's mother, Lullaween Copeland.

Congratulations to Kim and Steve Conley and Mark and Jan Miller, on the birth of a grandson, Beau Steven Miller on Sept. 18. Parents are Lane and Melinda Miller. Great grandparents are Ray Blackwell and Bootsie Conley.

New Members - Tillman & Sandra Houston

Reception for Larry and Pam Sullivan - Today

The Missions Ministry is hosting a come-and-go reception for **Larry and Pam Sullivan** immediately after Bible classes this Sunday, September 25, 2016, in the MPR. This reception is to honor Larry and Pam for their 26 years of service as missionaries in Germany and other European countries. Hillcrest is pleased to have been involved with them for many of those years, and continues to be in contact with them since they returned from the mission field several weeks ago.

Adoption Shower- September 25, 2 p.m.

Honoring Luke Darrow, the newly adopted toddler joining the family of Scott, Pam, and Seth Darrow at the home of Megan Forsberg, 1309 S. Leggett. The family would enjoy books or educational toys; or a gift in Luke's honor could be made to Christian Homes of Abilene.

Life Groups

If you would like to join a Life Group, contact Terry Brown or the church office.

Men's Softball - Tomorrow, 8 p.m.

The team will play tomorrow on Field 2 against First Baptist Blue. Come cheer them on!

Hilltoppers Luncheon - Tues., Sept. 27, 11:30 a.m.

Andy Baker from World Christian Broadcasting will be sharing about the new tower in Madagascar and the spreading of the gospel around the world. The menu will be Mexican pile up, el charro beans, guacamole, pico de gallo and flan for dessert. Sign up in Bible class.

Caterpillars and Butterflies - September 27, 4:30 p.m.

Will meet Tuesday at Hillcrest at 4:30 in Room 10. Please come in the Kitchen door. Refreshments will be served, an explanation of the program will be given, and a craft will be enjoyed.

Men's Event - September 30 - October 1

Many of us men struggle with temptation, secret sin or addiction, or we know someone who does. We can win the victory over sin through Jesus! Join us for "The Lord's Spiritual Battle Plan" presented by Kent Dickerson, Fri., Sept. 30 & Sat., Oct. 1. Pick up a brochure at the side of the Worship Center and sign-up in Bible class. "The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light." Romans 13:12

Sanctuary Ministries Meal, Next Sunday October 2

Hillcrest members are invited to eat lunch in the MPR after Bible Class. The meal is FREE, but we're hoping you will donate to help support Sanctuary Ministries and the Send the Light mission trip in December to India by Matt, Cheryl, and Tyler Merritt.

Hillcrest 101 & New Member Dinner - October 5

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 Wed., October 5, at 7 p.m. in room 12. The first night we will begin at 5:30 with a New Member Dinner in the MPR. Terry Brown & Alan Clute will facilitate. RSVP to Kay in the office 691-4200.

A Hillcrest Singing - Oct. 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Rm 10/11

Come join us as we learn new songs and sing old hymns, have delightful conversation, and enjoy games and snacks together.

Thank you to our elementary age girls who baked the bread for August's Bread For The Journey.

Missions and Faith Sharing

Missions Sunday - Today

We will share in a time of thankfulness and praise to God for the successful Send the Light campaigns this year.

Calendar of Events

September 25..... Missions Sunday
 September 27.....Hilltoppers Luncheon
 September 30, October 1.....Men's Event
 October 5..... New Member Dinner/Hillcrest 101
 October 9..... Care Group
 October 14..... A Hillcrest Singing
 October 31..... Trunk Party
 November 3..... Mumena Dinner

Hillcrest Ministries

Children's Corner

Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #4)

Training and 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.

Bible Hour Tonight – Infants up to age 3 meet in the playroom of the children's wing. Children ages 4-5th grade begin in the MPR.

Eastern European Missions: Our annual fund raiser for Bibles for the children of Eastern Europe has begun! A collection container is on the children's desk on Sundays for this purpose. The last Sunday of the collection will be October 30. We would like to reach a goal of \$750. Check our bulletin board to see our progress.

HYG – Youth

Today - Huddles meet from 6-7 p.m.: There is a huddle group for students in grades 6-12! Make sure you get plugged in with a huddle!

Wednesday – 7 p.m. Class: Parents are invited to join.

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

TNT - 7-8:30 p.m.

Friday - Prayer Breakfast Chick-fil-A (Southside) at 7 a.m. If you are a student who lives on the south side of town, come join us for our south side prayer breakfast.

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Tonight – 5 p.m. - All LIFE groups meet tonight

G1: Pruett (14 Hilliard Cr) **G3:** McAlister (2573 Lincoln Dr)

G2: Whitlock (1317 Lakeview) **G4:** Straughn (1633 Hillview)

Wednesday Class – 7 p.m. - Join us for LIFT worship. We are continuing "Come Share YOUR Story." We hope you'll join us for this uplifting experience.

Thursday - 11 a.m. - Prayer chapel at Jacob's Dream on ACU's campus.

Thursday - 4-5:30 p.m. - REACH

We hope you will join us in this amazing outreach ministry to the children of Canterbury Crossing Apartments!

Thursday - 7:30 p.m. - Freshman Bible study in the Amphitheater on ACU's campus.

Mark your calendars! October 28-30 - Fall Break Retreat Make plans now to attend our Fall retreat focused on Spiritual Disciplines! The cost is only \$30!

Adult Education Corner

Sunday Morning Adult Classes – Have you ever wondered how God changes people? The first series of the fall focuses on the spiritual disciplines. Today, we will explore "Meditation." Check the Adult Education ministry page to see lessons added weekly. www.hillcrestonline.com/ministries/adult/

Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Class - Sept. 27: "The Heart of the Law" Matthew 5:17-20. Teacher Pat Varner.

Wednesday Night Classes

- **Rm 10/11 - Reports from Summer Mission Trips:** Zimbabwe: Mutare campaign - Cam Hurst.
- **Rm 30 - ESL Class**
- **Rm 16 - Congregational Singing:** Join Odies Wright for a time of Worship in song!
- **Rm 52 - Divorce Care**
- **Chapel - Hillcrest Singers**
- **Rm 219 - Women's Class: *Living Stones*** by Casandra Martin. Women of all ages are invited.

Family Ministry

Wednesday Class - Rm 14/15 - 7 p.m.

Raising Kids Who Turn Out Right

This eight week series is for anyone who wants to have a practical strategy for positive parenting! Topics include parenting with a purpose, meeting needs, having a plan, the importance of a kind heart, having passion, parenting by example, parenting with courage, and parenting by grace.

Coming on October 30 - Faith at Home Weekend

"Taking the Mask Off of Depression"

For the Record

Sunday Morning

A.M. Assembly..... 769
 Classes..... 698
 Membership..... 864
 August Offering ... \$95,901

Sunday Evening

Chapel..... 66
Wednesday..... 349