

# Hillcrest Encouragement

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## Therefore, Go!

As a Christian, you have good news of what Jesus has done for you and that news could change people's lives if only they hear it and accept it. Jesus spoke to the Eleven in Matthew 28:18-20, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. *Therefore go* and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age."

So now that the Eleven are gone, who is Jesus calling to "*therefore go*"? I'm reminded of Isaiah's vision in Isaiah 6:8 when the Lord says, "Who shall we send and who will go?" Isaiah says, "Here am I, send me." Isaiah was very bold! He wasn't like Jonah who did everything he could to avoid God's command to preach, and he wasn't like Moses who tried to convince God he had the wrong man, but he simply said, "Here am I, send me."

We also see from the early Christians in Acts 8:4 that when the Christians were scattered they preached the word wherever they went. We are investing in souls. As stated in Mark 8:36, "What good is it for a man to gain the whole world and yet forfeit his soul." Whether we take the message to a foreign land or we share it right here on Abilene soil, we are investing in souls. Do you have the attitude of Isaiah, "*Here am I send me*"? Good leadership in guiding us in the work of sharing what Jesus has done for us is great, but leadership is not a substitute for us to "*therefore go*."

I was afforded the opportunity to go to Mumena, Zambia, this past summer. In John 4:35, Jesus says, "the fields are ripe for harvest" - I've seen plenty of corn fields ripe for harvest back in Illinois, but I never had a good visual of people being ripe for harvest into God's kingdom until I went to Mumena. The people were eager to hear the Word of God and received the message with great enthusiasm. The most beautiful picture of a ripe harvest I have ever seen! Twenty-eight were baptized into the name of the father, the son, and the Holy Spirit and are currently being taught by the churches in Mumena to obey everything that Jesus commanded. Praise God!

"Are we focusing too much on foreign missions and neglecting local missions?" is a question I've heard asked at Hillcrest. In Acts 11:19-26; 13:1-3; 15:35 we read about the great example of the Antioch church and their effectiveness in local missions, but also their passion and commitment to foreign missions. We don't see them sacrificing one for the other, but instead they had great zeal for both.

Hillcrest, in the past and present, has great passion and leadership in foreign missions. This is a rare combination in our brotherhood, and I strongly believe that God is leading this work. One day we will hear him say, "Well done, good and faithful servants."

You might be able to relate in some ways to Moses, Jonah, or Isaiah. I believe one of the most important things to notice in all these examples is not as much their initial reaction, but their eventual response. They all went. So "*therefore go*."

David Beard

# 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

October 16, 2016

Worship Leader..... Odies Wright  
Hymn: #718..... We Shall Assemble  
Welcome..... Duwain Houston

### Songs of Praise

Hymn: #797..... Lord, We Come Before Thee Now  
Hymn: #781..... Thank You, Lord!  
Hymn: #123..... The Steadfast Love of the Lord  
Hymn..... How Can I Keep From Singing

### Scripture Readings

Hannah's Prayer: 1 Samuel 2:1-10..... Mark Thomas  
Mary's Song: Luke 1:46-55..... Sean McNeill  
Prayer..... Justin Harrison

### The Lord's Supper

Hymn: #315..... When I Survey the Wondrous Cross  
Communion Meditation ..... Dean Pye  
Hymn: #745..... Humble Yourself

### Offering

Prayer..... Dean Pye  
Hymn..... Light the Fire  
Hymn: #68..... Give Thanks  
*(Parents may escort children ages 2-4 to TLC during this song)*

### "Who Then Can be Saved? A Triptych from Luke 18-19"

Message..... Cliff Barbarick  
Hymn: #276..... Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

### Responses

Hillcrest News..... Yancey House  
Hymn: #704..... Bind Us Together  
Elder Blessing..... Gary Varner

# Hillcrest Family News

## Today's Speakers

A.M. - Cliff Barbarick

P.M. - Neal Coates - Chapel at 6 p.m.

**New Members:** Larry & Pam Sullivan

**Congratulations** to Duane and Anne Runyan on the birth of a great grandson, Cole David Runyan. Parents are Houston and Melanie Runyan.

## Baptism

Congratulations to Kurt McMillan on his baptism.

## Men's Softball - Tomorrow, 9 p.m.

The team will play tomorrow on Field 2 against University Church of Christ. Come cheer them on!

## Hilltoppers Luncheon - Tuesday, October 25, 11:30 a.m.

John & Jacque Fewkes will share "Tales from the Trail," Jacque's great grandparents' experiences on the Oregon Trail. The menu will be lasagna, green beans, salad, bread, and tiramisu for dessert. Sign up in Bible class.

## Serving Single Seniors

Do you need help changing a light bulb or the battery in your smoke detector? Need someone to help rotate or flip your mattress? Something moved to a different room or hauled off to the dump? Or some other project in your home or yard you would like done before winter? How about just someone to come and visit, play a game or pray with you? In conjunction with Light on the Hill, we are planning a Hillcrest family service project for the week of November 13-20. If you are a single senior, we ask you to call the office with opportunities for your brothers and sisters in Christ to serve you. These opportunities will be placed on a list and made available for people (families, deacons, Life groups) to sign up. "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." (James 1:27)

## Trunk Party - Monday, October 31, 6-8 p.m.

Come trick-or-treat at the cars in our parking lot! A carnival with air castles, cake walk, and a dunking booth will be in the MPR. Invite your friends! Bins are in the church entrances for candy collection. Sign up to help or bring cupcakes in your Bible class.

## Mumena Dinner and Auction - Thursday, November 3

The annual Mumena Dinner and Auction is coming up soon! If you have any items or services that you would like to donate to the auction, please contact Taylor Cockrell. All proceeds from the auction will help to fund the Hillcrest students participating in this summer's campaign. Tickets and table sponsorships are also available for the dinner and auction. Please RSVP by Oct. 27 in the Hillcrest Office or to Cam Hurst. The Mumena mission site is one of Hillcrest's main mission efforts.

## Life Groups

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

## Missions and Faith Sharing

**Send the Light** trips continue during 2016. During October, Susan Green will be serving in Brazil for Continent Care Connection, and Anne Reno will work as a nurse in Haiti during a Live Beyond Medical Mission. In November, Phil and Paula Sullivan and Tommie Ellis will go to Costa Rica for a Let's Start Talking campaign. In December, Matt, Cheryl, and Tyler Merritt will travel to India to work at Sanctuary Ministries.

**Tickets are now available** for the Oct. 21 Tree of Mercy Luncheon benefiting the hospital and medical efforts at Namwianga, Zambia. See the missions bulletin board or contact Ellie Hamby for more information.

**Prison Ministry** - There were 70 baptisms in the month of September. The total for the year is 743.

## World Christian Broadcasting

World Christian Broadcasting operates short-wave radio stations in Alaska and Madagascar that beam the Gospel to the world. Christians everywhere are asked to participate this October in a collection for additional language programming staff and generator fuel. If you would like to donate, the Missions Team has put donation envelopes on the missions bulletin board in the large hallway.

## Calendar of Events

October 21.....Tree of Mercy Luncheon  
 October 25..... Hilltoppers Luncheon  
 October 30.....Faith at Home  
 October 31..... Trunk Party  
 November 3..... Mumena Dinner  
 November 6.....Daylight Saving Time Ends  
 November 13..... Care Group  
 November 13.....Light on the Hill Contribution  
 November 17..... Thanksgiving LAFF

# Hillcrest Ministries

## Children's Corner

**Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #3)**

**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 three meet in the playroom of the children's wing. To find the playroom, walk down the main hall of the children's wing and take a left after you pass the two water fountains. Children ages 4 -5th grade will begin in the MPR.

**Eastern European Missions:** Our kids have now raised a total of \$91.14 which is enough to print 18 Bibles. These Bibles will be placed in a school in Eastern Europe. The final day to make a contribution is Sunday, October 30. A collection jar is on the desk in the children's wing.

## HYG – Youth

**Today** - Huddles will meet this evening. 6-7 pm

**Wednesday – 7 p.m.** Class – Bring your Bible!!

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

**TNT - 7-8:30**

**Friday-Sunday, High School Retreat** - You must sign up by Wednesday in order to go on the retreat. Cost, \$50 per student. You must let Taylor know in advance if you are unable to depart with the youth group on Friday afternoon. Further details will be sent to participants this week.

**Sign up for Encounter LE at [lcucamps.com](http://lcucamps.com).**

## Hillcrest - U

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

Step 4: Forgiveness

G1: SND (2533 Lincoln Dr.) G2: Whitlock (1317 Lakeview)

G3: Goodman (702 Serrot Ct) G4: Harrison (1997 B FM 89)

**Wednesday Class – 7 p.m.** - LIFT Come Share YOUR Story.

**Thursday - 11 a.m.** - Prayer chapel at Jacob's Dream

**Thursday - 4-5:30 p.m.** - **Reach:** Canterbury Crossing Apts.

**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** – Today is the last lesson in the series on "Practicing the Christian Disciplines." Next week we begin a series on Isaiah. The first lesson is from chapter 1. Please read it before next week.

**Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Class - Oct. 18:** "How to Really Love our Enemies" Matt. 5:31-37, 19:3-9. Teacher Mary Barton.

## Wednesday Night Classes

- **Rm 10/11** - Houston Heflin continues his series titled "Who is this? Jesus in Mark 1-8."
- **Rm 12 - Hillcrest 101**
- **Rm 30 - ESL Class**
- **Rm 16 - Congregational Singing:** Join Odies Wright for a time of Worship in song!
- **Rm 52 - Divorce Care**
- **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" Our worship time will focus on learning to rely on God at times where things seem hopeless, and how we can combat spiritual depression in our lives. We will also have a workshop in the auditorium during Bible classes on "What do I do with Depression?" with some local experts. Don't miss it!

## For the Record

Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening
A.M. Assembly..... 665	Chapel.....Care Group
Classes..... 633	
Membership..... 864	<b>Wednesday..... 373</b>
Sept. Offering ..... \$91,082	