

# Hillcrest Encouragement

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## It's About Time

If God wore a watch, would it keep time? Hmm... that's a good question. God created time and, consequently, is outside of it. God is not bound by time; this fact helps me to understand God's nature a little better. For instance, take his omnipresence. We move as a function of time. I was there, but now I'm here. Were it not for the fact that I am bound by time, I would be everywhere at once – like God. However, I am bound by time and am confined to one place at a time. God, unbound by time, is omnipresent.

Sin is also a function of time. The disparity of my moral states is chronicled by time. I was bad yesterday, but tomorrow I'll do better. Were it not for time I would simply be in a state of being without a reference point to good or bad. This then is the nature of God... unbound by time, he is omnipresent and in the state of perfection. God created time and placed me in it to be subject to both time and space as well as my moral subjectivity.

So who cares? Well, that's a fair critique. Is this topic simply a matter of conjecture? Like "how many angels can dance on the head of a pin"? Well, no, because I'm not the only being who is subject to time. Satan is too. We have a propensity to consider Satan as God's evil counterpart; however, this belief is untrue. Satan is a created being and is also subject to time. He, like me, had a beginning whereas God did not. This fact also means that Satan is neither omnipresent nor in a state of being. We make a mistake to underestimate the one who prowls about the world like a hungry lion, seeking to devour those who fall from God, but we also make a mistake in giving him too much credit. Satan is by no means on an equal plane with God. As a created being subject to time he cannot be everywhere at once. He does not know the future. He is not in a state of perfect being, but is subject to the consequences of his choices.

Why should we think on such things? Because it is helpful to understand not simply that, but how God is greater than our adversary. God is the one who can rescue you from the horror and calamity of your own sin. He can deliver you from the hand of Satan. God knows what Satan does not: the future... your future. The future from our perspective is not from God's. There is no future to the one who is unbound by time. Being timeless, God is not confined to one place. He is always with you wherever you are. God is never surprised or taken off guard. He never says, "I didn't see that one coming!"

As for the watch thing... well, I don't know. My guess is that he doesn't wear one. Why would he?

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

October 30, 2016

Worship Leader..... Odies Wright  
Hymn: #126..... The Lord My Shepherd Is  
Welcome.....Terry Brown

### Songs of Praise

Hymn: #167..... Hosanna  
Hymn..... My Life Is In You  
Hymn.....A Thousand Generations  
Hymn: #585..... Lean on His Arm  
Hymn..... The River is Here

### Relying on God

Psalm 40:1-8 ..... Reese Pettijohn  
2 Corinthians 1:3-10..... Logan Cole  
Prayer..... Phil Sullivan

### The Lord's Supper

Hymn..... Beautiful Lamb  
Communion Meditation ..... Dave Copeland  
Hymn..... Had It Not Been the Lord

### Offering

Prayer..... Dave Copeland  
Hymn..... As the Deer Thirsts  
Hymn: #538..... My Hope is Built on Nothing Less  
*(Parents may escort children ages 2-4 to TLC during this song)*

### "Taking the Mask Off of Depression"

Message..... Jack Hardcastle  
Hymn..... We Fall Down

### Responses

Hillcrest News ..... Ron Rosseau  
Hymn: #497..... Whispering Hope  
Elder Blessing..... Gary Varner

# Hillcrest Family News

## Today's Speakers

A.M. - Jack Hardcastle

P.M. - Bob Pipes - Chapel at 6 p.m.

P.M. - Prayer Life Group - Living Room

## Sympathy

Sympathy to Phil, Elaine, & Hannah Palmer on the loss of Phil's brother, Rick Palmer.

**Congratulations** to Bob & Beverley Pipes on their marriage on October 22.

## Trunk Party - Tomorrow, 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! Sign up to help or bring cupcakes in your Bible class. Make plans to participate in our community outreach. Give some thought as how you are going to shed light by your conversations with our guests and your costume selection. Let's take this opportunity to make it a great fall experience!

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

The team will play tomorrow on Field 2 against Baker Heights Team F. Come cheer them on!

## Mumena Dinner and Auction - Thursday, November 3

The annual Mumena Dinner and Auction is coming up soon! If you would like to donate any items or services to the auction, please contact Taylor Cockrell. All proceeds 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.

## Welcome Luncheon for the Burrow Family - Sun., Nov. 6

**Join us for lunch next Sunday** after Bible class, and help us welcome the Burrow family to Hillcrest. Get to know Nathan, Heather, Allison, Micah and Caleb. Let's give them a big Hillcrest welcome! Children can eat with their family, and then child care will be available for children up to 5th grade.

**Let's start welcoming them now.** Feel free to encourage Nathan and Heather by contacting them on their shared Facebook page [facebook.com/nathanandheather.burrow](https://www.facebook.com/nathanandheather.burrow) or email Nathan at [nathan@hillcrestonline.com](mailto:nathan@hillcrestonline.com) or [wbfamily7@gmail.com](mailto:wbfamily7@gmail.com) (Heather)

**A prayer journal** is in the living room if you wish to write a prayer for this couple's ministry or pen a scripture that would bless them as they partner with us. You can also email your thoughts to [kconley1954@gmail.com](mailto:kconley1954@gmail.com) to be copied and pasted in. Thank you for your continued prayers for this wonderful couple!

## Disc Golf Tournament - Saturday, November 12, 2 p.m.

Join us at the Rocky Hills Disc Golf Course (Cam Hurst's ranch) for the 2nd annual Grandfather/Father/Son Disc Golf Tournament. If you don't own any discs, some will be made available. A hamburger supper will be provided after 18 holes. This is a FREE event, but please RSVP so we know how many to expect. Come out and spend some quality bonding time!

## Light on the Hill - November 13

On Sunday, November 13, we will have our Light on the Hill special contribution. The goal is \$50,000. This contribution will go toward Benevolence and Local Evangelism. We will also be collecting sacks of food for the local needy.

## Serving Single Seniors

In conjunction with Light on the Hill, we are planning a Hillcrest family service project for the week of Nov. 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)

**Laptops Needed:** If you own a laptop that is no older than three years and you are no longer in need of it, please consider donating it to the children's ministry. To make a donation, contact Cynthia Coates at 325-201-1124.

## Missions and Faith Sharing

**Send the Light** trips continue during 2016. 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.

If you are considering leading or joining a Hillcrest short-term mission trip in 2017 and want to be a part of the April 2 Send the Light special collection, contact Neal Coates. The Send the Light application is due no later than Jan. 1. Mission trips are already being planned for Mumena, Zambia (contact Cam Hurst) and Zambia Medical Missions (contact Ellie Hamby or [www.zambiamission.org/medicalmission](http://www.zambiamission.org/medicalmission)).

# Hillcrest Ministries

## Children's Corner

**Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #1)**

**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** - The children will begin in the MPR.

**Eastern European Missions:** Our kids have now raised a total of \$230.79 which is enough to print 46 Bibles. These Bibles will be placed in a school in Eastern Europe. The final day to make a contribution is today. A collection jar is on the desk in the children's wing.

## HYG - Youth

**Today** - No MS Huddle. Junior Huddle will meet at the church building at 4:30 p.m. to head out to the Kern's place and will return to the building around 8:30 p.m. Bring a friend and a pumpkin! All other Huddles will meet this evening. 6-7 pm

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

**Thursday - No Prayer Breakfast**

**No TNT**

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

## Hillcrest - U

**Today** - Is Fall Break and there are 37 of us on the retreat! If you are in town, the University class will meet in the worship center for a special presentation.

**Tonight - 5 p.m.** - Regular LIFE groups will not meet. If you are in town, meet at Wholly Cow at 6pm for dinner!

**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.

## For the Record

Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening
A.M. Assembly..... 779	Chapel..... 46
Classes..... 646	
Membership..... 876	<b>Wednesday..... 310</b>
Sept. Offering ..... \$91,082	

## Adult Education Corner

**Sunday Morning Adult Classes** - This morning most Adult Classes will meet in the Worship Center for the Faith at Home program on "Taking the Mask off of Depression." Next week we continue the 8-week series on the book of Isaiah with the focus being on Isaiah's call as described in chapter 6.

**Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Class - Nov. 1 at 10 a.m.** "Pattern for Dynamic Prayer" Matt. 6:7-15. Teacher Elceone Roberts.

## Wednesday Night Classes

- **Rm 10/11** - Terry Brown will be teaching on "Lessons from the Pastoral Epistles."
- **Rm 30 - ESL Class**
- **Rm 16 - Congregational Singing:** Join Odies Wright for a time of Worship in song!
- **Rm 52 - Divorce Care**
- **Rm 212 - Young Professionals:** Video Series *Nooma* by Rob Bell led by Caleb Callari
- **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.

*Deal or No Deal: Making Choices in a World of Chaos*  
How do we as families "deal" with the things the world is throwing at us right now? In this study of the book of James, we will look at what the Bible says about how we should live as husbands, wives, parents and individuals of faith in a world of faithlessness. This class is for all ages!

## Calendar of Events

October 30.....	Faith at Home
October 31.....	Trunk Party
November 3.....	Mumena Dinner
November 6.....	Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 6.....	Burrow Family Welcome Luncheon
November 12.....	Disc Golf Tournament
November 13.....	Care Group
November 13.....	Light on the Hill Contribution
November 16 (Correction).....	Thanksgiving LAFF