

Hillcrest Encouragement

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How Long Is Your Nose?

The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Exodus 34:6

When I was in high school I used to love playing basketball. A group of us guys had made a regular habit of playing every Saturday. It was good exercise and good for developing friendships. However, there were some times when, in the heat of battle, tempers would fly. One such day, I lost my cool on my friend who was having the game of his life. My defense turned into rage and I tackled him to the ground. He responded to my foolishness as a Christian should, calm and in control of his emotions. I was ashamed of my behavior. I admired him for not reacting to my outburst. He forgave and loved me in spite of my weakness. I learned a valuable lesson about what can happen when we let our anger go unchecked.

One of my favorite passages in the Bible is Exodus 34:6. God reveals himself to Moses by declaring his holy name before him, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness." The phrase "slow to anger" is an English translation of a Hebrew idiom that literally means "long of nose." This is not meant to be a literal description of God's appearance; rather, it is a Hebraism that describes God's character. My friend displayed that same character when I was enraged. While my nose was short and flared in my anger, his was long and calm, so to speak. Today, we would say someone with a short temper has a "short fuse" rather than a "short nose," but you get the idea. God is long suffering, patient, and slow to anger because he loves all. He forgives our many sins time and again. We could all do well to have such a long nose.

Nathan Burrow

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

Nursery 2-24 mo.
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
Soulful Filling (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

March 12, 2017

Worship Leader Odies Wright
Hymn: #417 Where He Leads I'll Follow
Welcome Alan Clute

March to Forgiveness

Exodus 34:4-9 Jeff Ayers
Matthew 5:43-45 Jeff Ayers
Prayer Gary Mabry

Songs of the Welcome Class

Hymn: #957 This World Is Not My Home
Hymn: #387 Tell Me the Story of Jesus
Hymn: #113 His Grace Reaches Me

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

Hymn In Christ Alone
Communion Meditation Odies Wright
Hymn: #595 I Come to the Garden Alone

Offering

Prayer Odies Wright
Hymn: #57 Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Hymn: #543 Wonderful Words of Life
(Parents may escort children to TLC during this song.)

"March to Forgiveness"

Message Nathan Burrow
Hymn: #129 Amazing Grace

Responses

Family News Jack Wilson
Hymn: #853 When We All Get to Heaven
Elder Blessing Robert Marion

Hillcrest Family News

Today's Speakers

A.M. - Nathan Burrow

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

Baptisms

- Congratulations to Ansley House on her recent baptism. Her parents are Yancey & Jennifer House.
- Congratulations to Eric Willingham on his recent baptism.

Get to Know Nathan

If you haven't had a chance to meet or visit with Nathan, feel free to drop by the office any Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. His door will be open.

Hillcrest Softball

We plan to practice tomorrow at 8 p.m. on field 2. The season will start Monday, March 20. Contact Alan Clute.

Baby Shower - March 26, 2-3:30 p.m.

Honoring Jazmine & Covin Mitchell and baby boy Easton at the home of Shane & Melissa McClung. (GPS rarely works. Please find written directions on the classroom invitations which includes more information.)

Hilltoppers Trip to Sagerton Hee Haw - March 30

Make plans to attend the Sagerton Hee Haw on Thursday, March 30. We will plan to leave from the Hillcrest parking lot at 5 p.m. Sagerton is about an hour away, between Stamford & Aspermont. They offer a sandwich meal, (choice of ham & cheese, pimento cheese or chicken salad) with chips, drink & homemade pie for \$5 in the cafeteria, and then music begins in the Sagerton Community Center auditorium at 7 p.m. with the Hee Haw to begin at 8 p.m. The cost for the show is \$5 per person. Additional costs include meal & fuel. We are limited to the first 25 who sign up.

Send The Light - April 2

Each April, the Hillcrest family collects funds to support short-term mission work around the world. On April 2, Send the Light will help send 65 people to 11 efforts in 9 countries. Our financial goal is to provide half of air travel, and double support for directors and medical personnel. We also contribute toward medicine needed for the Zambia Medical Mission. Please be praying for these efforts and consider how you can contribute. In addition to the special contribution on April 2, we have made online giving available this year at hillcrestonline.com/give.

Labor for Your Neighbor - April 9

Could you or someone you know benefit from some free labor? Yardwork, hauling stuff off, helping spring clean around the house and other jobs would be considered. Sign up for a labor of love at the side of the auditorium starting Sunday, April 9. Then you can do your work on Sunday, April 9 or any other time during Passion week leading up to Easter, April 16. If you are unable to do physical work, but still want to participate, how about going to visit a shut-in? Please contact Alan Clute if you or someone you know has a job that needs to be done.

A Community Singing - April 21, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Come join us as we sing new and old hymns, have delightful conversation, and enjoy snacks that are shared among the participants. During the first hour or so, we will learn four new songs, take a break, and then return for a time of singing familiar hymns. Near the end of our time of singing, we will review the new songs. After our singing time, we will enjoy snacks, games, and conversations. Join us. Please RSVP to our church office (691-4200). Babysitting is available.

Missions and Faith Sharing

Memorial Scholarship Fund for Loy Mitchell

The Hillcrest Foreign Missions Team is very pleased to announce a Scholarship Fund in memory of Loy Mitchell, veteran missionary in Zimbabwe and worker with the Mutare School of Preaching. The scholarship for preaching students at the School will effectively remember and continue Loy's decades of spiritual service. We invite you to contribute to this special fund. For more information about Loy's work and this missions opportunity, you can pick up a brochure on the foyer tables or talk to Cam Hurst or John Fewkes.

Calendar of Events

March 28.....	Hilltoppers Luncheon
March 30.....	Hilltoppers Trip
April 1.....	Men's Life Breakfast
April 2.....	Send the Light Sunday
April 2.....	Church-wide Picnic
April 6.....	Woman to Woman
April 9.....	Labor for Your Neighbor
April 21.....	A Community Singing
April 23.....	Leadership Luncheon
April 25.....	Hilltoppers Luncheon
April 28-30	HEB Family Retreat
May 3	CajunFest LAFF

Hillcrest Ministries

Children's Corner

Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #2)

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 - 6 p.m.

Wednesday - 7 p.m.

Pre-K through 3rd grade, will meet together in the Kidzone. There will be singing, story, craft and video. You are welcome to come help!

HYG – Youth

Today - Ski Trip participants need to bring your suitcase to load the trailer today at 5 p.m. Be at Hillcrest at 5:30 a.m. on Monday March 13 prepared to load the vans and leave for Winterpark. Please remember you can only bring one suitcase to be loaded on the trailer and one pillow and backpack for the van.

Tonight - 6 p.m. - Huddles

Wednesday – 7 p.m. - Bible Class in the youth room.

Thursday - No Prayer Breakfast

Retreats - SAVE the DATE

High School - March 31 - April 2 (Solid Rock camp in Eastland) Depart Hillcrest at 6 p.m. March 31, Return 11:30 am April 2nd. Sign up on line at Hillcrest Connect/Link is also in the newsletter, \$30 per student (9th-12th grades, boys and girls)

Middle School - May 5-6 (Camp Butman)

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SPRING BREAK!

This week is Spring Break week and all of our usual events and activities are on hold until next Sunday! Safe travels and have a great week!

Adult Education Corner

Sunday Morning Adult Classes – Today we begin a 4-week study on the "Grace of Forgiveness." On June 17, 2015, Dylan Roof killed nine people who had gathered at a Charleston, South Carolina, church for Bible study. The sister of one of the victims said to Roof during the sentencing portion of his trial, "I wanted to hate you, but my faith tells me no. I wanted to remain angry and bitter, but my view of life won't let me." Come to class as we examine our own ideas about justice, mercy and forgiveness.

Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Class - March 14
No Class - Spring Break.

Wednesday Night Classes

- Rm 10/11 – Everett Ferguson continues his series on "The Rule of Faith"
- Rm 16 – Congregational Singing: Join Odies Wright for a time of worship in song!
- Rm 30 – ESL Class
- Rm 51 – Class for Singles led by Glenn Tuttle
- Rm 52 – Divorce Care - Will take a break for the spring & summer. Divorce Care will resume in the fall.
- Rm 212 – Class for Young Professionals
- Rm 219 – Women's Bible Class: Daring Faith by Randy Harris and Greg Taylor. Women of all ages are invited.

Family Ministry

New Wednesday Night Class - 7 p.m., March 15, Rm 14/15
It Starts at Home

Learn to Confidently Teach Your Kids about God

In these busy, hectic days we take our kids to sports practices, games, music lessons, school tutoring and other activities to give our children the best opportunities for success. But what if we're missing the chance to teach them what matters most? In these six sessions, we will explore biblical and tangible ways that parents—couples, single parents, blended families and grandparents—can build a legacy of faith for their children.

For the Record

Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening
A.M. Assembly..... 721	Chapel..... 93
Bible Class..... 632	
Membership..... 883	Wed 345
Feb. Offering..... \$103,202	