

Hillcrest Encouragement

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DOORS

*"For a wide door for effective work has opened to me,
and there are many adversaries."
1 Corinthians 16:9*

I can remember the very first doors that I ever walked through. I was born in Houston, TX. Many people have been (my beautiful wife comes to mind), but not many were born in the house where they grew up. It wasn't planned that way. I was "like one untimely born" (1 Cor. 15:8). My mother thought I was just a case of indigestion.

My earliest childhood memories take me back to the hallway of that little house at 9918 Tilltree. I can see the doors of the dimly lit hallway. Walking through those doors is where my story begins. They were the very first doors that God ever put before me. They are filled with joy, love, and family. Many years ago, I drove by the old house. I stopped and stared. I didn't go through the door.

We all have doors. You did not choose the first door. God put it there. Sometimes we may wonder why. Why this family? Why this place? But, we started out somewhere God had placed us. In many ways, our entire lives are a series of doors. Like stages throughout the day, we pass through from one to the next, different doors at different times. Some, like my door on Tilltree, we don't get to go back to. That door has closed for me. That time has passed. How do we know which door to go through next? How do we know the right direction?

At the time of the writing of 1 Corinthians, God had a door for Paul in Ephesus. Much to the Corinthians surprise, it was a door for Timothy God opened at Corinth. In ministry, there is the lead of the Spirit through God's calling. That same lead and guide is at work in the life of Christians. God has a door for you. We often try to ignore it and make our own way. Those doors lead to much destruction. When we trust God with our lives, we are led through many doors we may not have chosen for ourselves. Following God's lead is not without "adversaries." The path of Jesus cannot be made without its share of suffering. However, suffering is not forever. Life eternal is.

Living in obedience to Jesus Christ will lead you through the most challenging doors you could ever imagine, but they are also the most exciting, fulfilling, and rewarding. Prayer is one of the most important tools on this journey. Before you walk through the door, seek God first. Is this the door He would have you go through

? Does this fit with the Lord's will and plan? Walk in step with God's Spirit each day.

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

April 23, 2017

Worship Leader Odies Wright
Hymn Here I Am to Worship
Welcome Perry Reeves

Favorite Songs of the Young Professionals Class

Hymn: #851 I'll Fly Away
Hymn: #881 Mansion over the Hilltop
Hymn Mansion, Robe, and a Crown

The Path of Life

Psalms 16:8-11 Jim Carpenter
Luke 24:13-27 Wayne Williams
Prayer Rick Riddle

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

Hymn: #218 Blessed Jesus
Communion Meditation Ron Rosseau
Hymn: #364 Come, Share the Lord

Offering

Prayer Ron Rosseau
Hymn: #394 Walk with Me

"Hope for the Journey"

Hymn: #214 Have You Seen Jesus My Lord?
(Parents may escort children to TLC during this song.)
Message Nathan Burrow
Hymn: #383 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Responses

Family News James McGee
Hymn: #77 Glorify Thy Name*
Elder Blessing Jack Stewart
(Children's Song of the Month)*

Hillcrest Family News

Today's Speakers

A.M. - Nathan Burrow
P.M. - Coy Roper- Chapel at 6 p.m.

Sympathy

Sympathy to Justin & Kari Hatfield on the loss of Kari's grandmother, Thelma Pindergrass.

Baptism

Congratulations to Owen Cannon, grandson of Glenn & Carol Cannon, on his baptism here at Hillcrest last Sunday.

New Member/Updated Old Member Pictures

Alan will be taking pictures at the side of the worship center today after worship.

Hillcrest Softball - Tomorrow, 7 p.m., Field 2

Tomorrow's game is against Pioneer Drive Baptist Church.

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.

Hilltoppers Luncheon - Tues., April 25

Join us this Tuesday for the last luncheon of the school year. Carol Horton & Marian Rowe will introduce a video entitled "Being Mortal" and distribute information about end of life decisions. The menu will be pork roulade, potato casserole, buttered squash, green salad, rolls & chocolate layered dessert. Sign up in Bible class. Put a star beside your name if you can help prepare food at 7 p.m. on Monday or 9 a.m. on Tuesday. The cost is \$3 per person.

Baby Shower - April 30, 2:30 p.m.

Honoring Tyler & Elizabeth Burton and their soon to arrive baby at the home of Dave & Laura Copeland (1451 Tanglewood Rd.) Everyone is invited. Bring your entire family, children too. Selections: Amazon.com and Little Giant Kids.

Teachers Needed in Jail Ministry

Taylor County Jail Women's Ministry, part of our local evangelism ministry, would like to invite you to volunteer to teach or assist with our jail ministry team. Contact Joy Powers at 559-260-7988 for more information.

Cajun Fest Loaves & Fishes Fellowship - May 3, 5:30 p.m.

Join us on May 3, in the MPR for shrimp, sausage, wienies, corn on the cob, and potatoes, and then wash it all down with a Cajun Cone! Being seated at tables begins at 5:30 p.m. Please sign up in Bible class if you can help set up tables on Tues., May 2, at 5:30, prep food on Wed., May 3, at 12 or 3 p.m., help serve at 5 p.m., or help clean starting at 6:30 p.m.. This church-wide meal is funded by your donations. Hillcrest Singers will present their spring performance in Rm 10/11 afterward.

Bridal Shower - May 7, 2-3:30 p.m.

Honoring Sierra Ware (daughter of Ken & Lorri Ware, granddaughter of David and Linda Lawrence) at the home of Linda Varner (13 Hilliard Cir.) Selections: Dillard's and Bed, Bath, and Beyond.

Senior Sunday - May 21

Hillcrest will be celebrating our High School graduates soon. We will be placing bins in the hallway across from the MPR beginning the month of May so that you can have the chance to give a gift to our graduating Seniors. Graduating High School Seniors:

Carisa Brawley	Thomas Light
Ashlynn Brooks	Colin Longoria
Dylan Cox	Jade Martinez
Molly Earles	Allen Price
Tatum Hines	Kaleb Watson
Kendall Houston	

Missions and Faith Sharing

Please join African Christian College in celebrating its 50th Anniversary of work for God in Swaziland. The free event is Monday, May 15, at 6:30 p.m. at Southern Hills Church of Christ, and includes a meal with macadamia nuts grown on the school's property. You will meet some graduates of the college and hear inspiring stories from Brad Carter, ACC President. Registration for this free event is at www.AfricanChristianCollege.org/Abilene50 or 325-261-9207. Hillcrest formerly supported this ministry when it was called Manzini School of Preaching.

For the Record

Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening
A.M. Assembly..... 809	Chapel.....63
Bible Class..... 668	
Membership 888	Wed347
Mar. Offering \$96,281	

Calendar of Events

April 25	Hilltoppers Luncheon
April 28-30	HEB Family Retreat
May 3	CajunFest LAFF
May 7	Bible Class Fellowship
May 21	HYG Senior Sunday
May 24	Mesos Pylona

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 - 6 p.m.

VBS - June 18-21, 2017

Register online at www.hillcrestonline.com/events/vbs/

HYG – Youth

Tonight - 6 p.m. - No Huddles for Juniors. All other huddles meet as usual.

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

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

MS Retreat - May 5-6 (Camp Butman) Sign up through your newsletter or hillcrestonline.com/ministries/youth

Sign up for LCU summer camps through youth newsletter or www.hillcrestonline.com/ministries/youth/

Encounter (June 11-17) for those entering 9th grade - graduating seniors

Camp Champion (June 28-July 3) for those entering 6th-8th grade

Hillcrest - U

Today - 5 p.m. - Split Guys and Girls LIFE groups

Girls - Harrison Home 166 Buffalo Creek Ln

Guys - Kastner Ranch 7357 CR 453, Baird TX (Meet at Hillcrest at 4:30 to carpool)

Wednesday - 7 p.m. Share YOUR Story

Thursday

11 a.m. - HillcrestU Prayer Chapel - Jacob's Dream

4-5:30 p.m. - REACH

Mark your calendars!

April 30 - Sponsor Appreciation Dinner! Hillcrest, 6 p.m.

May 7 - Graduation Celebration! 5 p.m. at the home of Neal and Cynthia Coates!

Adult Education Corner

Sunday Morning Adult Classes – Today we continue the 8-week study of the book of Philippians.

Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Class - April 25, 10 a.m.

Psalm 74 - Teacher Mary Barton. May 9, will be the last class and salad luncheon.

Wednesday Night Classes

- Rm 10/11 – Houston Heflin continues his series on the Gospel of Mark.
- 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 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., Rm 14/15, April 26
Baptism - Sharing the Story as A Family

Everyone knows someone, whether a friend or family member, who has not made the choice to be baptized. You may have a friend that is struggling with the thought of Christianity, but don't know how to approach them biblically. You may be a parent of a child that is getting close to "that age" and you're concerned, but don't know how to approach it. In this class, you will not only learn ways to share the gospel with someone you know, but as a parent you can bring your whole family and share in a guided study together! After a short intro, small groups (or families) will go through a guided Bible study together, and then close with a short discussion all together. Don't miss this great opportunity to share in a guided Bible study that will strengthen your own faith, as well as help you in sharing your faith!

HEB Retreat is Now Full

We look forward to a great weekend! If you missed the deadline and would like to get on the waiting list, contact Jack at the office. We sometimes have cancellations at the last minute and would be glad to plug you in. If you have any other questions, call the office or check out the website at www.foundationfreecamps.org/campsites.