

Hillcrest Encouragement

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TO GROW WHERE I AM PLANTED

“Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow . . .” Matthew 6:28 KJV

This scripture is often quoted as a reminder not to worry—God is present. He cares about the lilies and ravens. He clothes and feeds them and will care for us, too. It is comforting and hopeful.

However, there is more to consider about the lilies of the field. A few years ago, I was praying regularly trying to discern God’s will for me. I was debating job opportunities and the impact various opportunities would have on me and our family. I was praying that God would guide me and I would make the choice that was in His will. Then, during my morning devotional**, this phrase jumped off the page “they grow where they are put.” It caught my full attention. I paused and reread it.

When I consider the lilies of the field, I had never considered where they grow. The lilies of the field grow wherever they are planted. Some grow in gardens to be admired. Others grown along stretches of highways and are seen by thousands travelling that route. We often think of how beautiful the flowers are that we see and we praise God for caring about the lilies and caring about us.

But, let’s consider the lilies that grow in fields unseen by anyone. There are fields where no roads go through and there is no access for people to view. The lilies growing in those fields may never be seen by anyone or, at best, by only a few. And, yet, they grow and are arrayed in beauty just like the ones seen every day by lots of people. God cares for them as he does for the ones seen daily.

Do you ever feel unseen?

Do you think you need to wait for the right time or place to live faithfully as His disciple?

Do you ever think of the things you could do for God, if only He would put you in that job, or give you the spouse you’ve been praying for, or the children you so desperately want?

If so, you are like me. It is comforting to know that you can serve God in whatever role you are in. God wants us to consider the lilies and simply grow where we are planted.

Pam McGrew

**My Utmost for His Highest by Oswald Chambers

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
Age 3	Room 106
Age 4	Room 107
Pre-K.....	Room 110
K.....	Room 118
Gr 1.....	Room 121
Gr 2.....	Room 117
Gr 3.....	Room 120
Gr 4.....	Room 213
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 16
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

December 3, 2017

Staffed nursery for children 2 months to 24 months through back double doors. Training area for children and parents at rear north-side of Worship Center.

Worship Leader Odies Wright
Hymn: #718 We Shall Assemble
Welcome Lance Parrish
Prayer Lance Parrish

Songs of Praise

Hymn: #797 Lord, We Come Before Thee Now
Hymn Come People of the Risen King
Hymn How Can I Keep From Singing

We Celebrate the Lord’s Supper

Hymn Love Came Down
Communion Meditation Kilnam Cha

Offering

Prayer Kilnam Cha
Hymn: #579 Praise the Name of Jesus*
(Parents may escort children to TLC during this song.)

Love Does

Leviticus 19:33-34..... Caleb Callari
Matthew 7:7-12..... Caleb Callari

“What Does Love Look Like?”

Message..... Nathan Burrow
Hymn: 555 Seek Ye First

Responses

Family News Alan Clute
Hymn: #570 A Beautiful Life
Elder Blessing..... Malcom Coco
*(*Children’s song of the month)*

Hillcrest Family News

Today's Speakers

A.M. - Nathan Burrow
P.M. - Coy Roper in the chapel at 6 p.m.

Sympathy

Our sympathy to Eva Post, Greg & Rosalie Post on the death of Eva's brother, Leo Plourde of Maine.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Glenn & Carol Cannon on the birth of a grandson, Clay Bryan Cannon. Parents are Charles & Janabeth Cannon.

Connecting to the Community - Wed., 7 p.m.

This Wednesday evening December 6, in the Chapel, Stan Standridge, Chief of the Abilene Police Department, will be our guest speaker, as we conclude our fall series.

Comfort & Hope Christmas Sacks – This Fri., Dec. 8

Please help prepare sacks of goodies for our families who have lost loved ones this year. Homemade items need to be small loaves of bread (banana, apricot, etc.), cookies and or candy. Please bring items to the church kitchen on Wed. night, Dec. 6, or the church office, Thur., Nov. 7, or by 9 a.m. on Fri., Dec. 8. If you can help assemble on Fri. morning and/or deliver the sacks that afternoon or night, contact Betty Davis (673-7017 or 665-3022). Sign up sheets are in Bible classes this morning.

Breakfast with Santa - Sat., Dec. 9, 9 - 11 a.m., MPR.

Free pancake and sausage breakfast along with crafts for the kids and pictures made with Santa. No RSVP required. This is a community outreach. Bring your neighbor! Sign up to help using the email that has been sent to you.

Grand Old Songs - Chapel, Dec. 10, 6 p.m.

There will be a special song service on Sunday evening, December 10, in the chapel led by John Casada featuring "Grand Old Songs" from years past. Please bring your best singing voice and be blessed.

Teacher Appreciation Lunch

Be sure to mark your calendars for Sunday, January 14. This comes up soon after the holidays! More information to come.

Calendar of Events	
December 8.....	Comfort & Hope Sacks
December 9.....	Breakfast with Santa
December 10.....	Bible Class Fellowship
December 25-January 1	Office Closed/Holiday
January 14.....	Teacher Appreciation Lunch

Share a Christmas Gift with a Child in Zambia

The Children's Ministry and the Adult Education Ministry are teaming up to take part in the M.A.G.I. Project (Making A Godly Impact). Families, or individuals, are encouraged to fill a shoebox-sized container with an assortment of personal hygiene items, school supplies, clothing, and small toys. These boxes will be decorated by our children on Wednesday evening, December 13, as part of the Connecting to the Community Series, and shipped to Namwianga Mission where they will be distributed to needy children.

Boxes, with detailed instructions about items to be placed in the box, are available in the Children's Wing and near the south wall of the Worship Center. Approximate cost of the items to be placed in the box should not exceed \$15. We are also requesting a \$10 donation with each box to cover transportation costs to Zambia.

Service Project

Our Hillcrest youth group is collecting bars of soap and wash cloths to send to Zambia. The soap and wash cloths will be given out at the Medical Mission. Please consider donating to this project! There are marked bins in the hallway for you to place the donated items. Thank you for helping us make a difference!

Missions and Faith Sharing

Cebu City

Please be in prayer for Caleb and Vanessa Callari as they prepare to leave in early January for their mission work in Cebu City, Philippines.

Send the Light

If you are considering leading a Hillcrest short-term mission trip in 2018 and want to be a part of the April 8 Send the Light special collection, contact Neal Coates for an application. The applications are due January 1.

Loy Mitchell Scholarship Fund Update

An update on the Loy Mitchell Scholarship Fund is available by the Missions bulletin board in the main hallway. If you would like to make a contribution to this fund, those funds will continue to be used wisely.

For the Record	
Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening
A.M. Assembly..... 658	Chapel..... 48
Bible Class 622	
Membership..... 892	Wed. 362
Sept. Offering \$112,589	

Hillcrest Ministries

Children's Corner

Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #1)

Training & Learning for Children (Children's Church for ages 2-4) Parents may escort their child to the Children's Wing during the song before the sermon.

HYG - Youth

Today - Join us after worship for Bible class! James McGee will be teaching the junior high class, and Lance Parrish will be teaching the high school class!

LTC Interest Luncheon Meeting – Today, Rm 10,11 &12,

Parents, today after Bible class Cynthia and Lance will be having a Leadership Training for Christ (LTC) interest & information luncheon. If you are interested in learning more about LTC, and the possibility of Hillcrest participating in LTC in the future, you are invited to join us for this luncheon meeting.

Middle School Madness & High School Huddles – Tonight

6th-8th Grade - MPR, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
9th & 10th Grade - 1341 Piedmont Dr., 5:45-7:15 p.m.
11th Grade Location: 2626 Garfield Ave., 6 - 7:30 p.m.
12th Grade - 2434 Township Ct., Time: 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday - 7 p.m. - Join us in the youth room at church for a fun game, a time of worship, and a devotional. We'll see you there!

Prayer Breakfast - Thurs., 7 a.m. - This week's prayer breakfast will be at the north side Chick-fil-a (on Hwy 351) from 7 - 7:45. Everyone is welcome to join us!

Christmas Party - December 17

Mark your calendars for the youth group Christmas party on Sunday December 17. The party will be at Timothy Coates's house. More details will be coming soon. Get your ugly Christmas sweaters ready for a good time!

Christmas Worship Night - December 20

All youth ministry families and youth ministry volunteers are invited to join us at the Chapel on the Hill at the ACU College of Biblical Studies on Wednesday evening December 20th for a special Christmas worship service. We hope you and your family will make plans to attend.

Adult Education Corner

Sunday Morning Adult Classes

This morning's lesson is "Can I really 'love the sinner' and 'hate their sin'?"

Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Class - Dec. 5

Fellowship - 9:30 a.m., Class - 10 a.m.: "Two Sons, One Obeys" (Mt 21:28-32) Teacher, Pat Pamplin (salad luncheon following class)

Wednesday Night - 7 p.m.

- Rm 11/12 - Rodney Ashlock will be speaking.
- Rm 16 - Congregational Singing: Join Odies Wright for a time of worship in song!
- Rm 34 - ESL Class
- Rm 51 - Class for Singles led by Glenn Tuttle
- Rm 52 - Divorce Care
- Rm 219 - Women's Bible Class: Will resume in Jan. 2018.
- Chapel - Connecting to the Community

Family Ministry

Route 52 - Psalms - Wed., 7 p.m., Beginning Jan. 2018 Hillcrest Roadtrip 2018

This will be a year long mental road trip (52 weeks) for anyone who would like to go deeper into the Psalms, with special emphasis each session for families, marriages, and singles. Participants will be able to use this as a springboard for personal use in the home. Each session will be interactive with scripture, handouts, media you can use at home and group discussion tools.

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Tonight - All LIFE groups meet.

- G1 – African Safari Group (2533 Lincoln Dr) - 6 p.m.
- G2 – Hancock (1841 Marathon Ct) - 5 p.m.
- G3 – Goodman (702 Serrot Ct) - 5 p.m.
- G4 – Hatfield (2434 Independence) - 6 p.m.

Wednesday - 7 p.m. - Share YOUR Story

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

Mark your calendars!

Dec. 10 - Christmas Party! 6 p.m. at NCCIL in downtown Abilene! We will have a gift exchange and an Ugly Christmas Sweater contest! You won't want to miss it!