

# Hillcrest Encouragement

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## Early Mornings and Holy Dishwater

I don't like cleaning the kitchen.

As I walked into the kitchen to make myself a cup of coffee this first day after Christmas, I saw it: the aftermath of the prior evening's revelry... the kitchen was a mess. Food was out, trash was everywhere, and dishes were dirty. I opened the microwave and it looked like an epic tragedy had unfolded in there. After a brief moment, in which I considered my options of moving to another house, I began to gather trash, bagging it up next to the overflowing trashcan in the corner. I resigned myself to cleaning the kitchen in that early morning hour. Then it happened... a holy moment occurred.

It dawned on me in the quiet of the house where everyone was still sleeping and naught was heard but water running in the kitchen sink, that I am very much like this kitchen. I get very dirty and am in need of a good cleaning, just like our kitchen. Not merely occasionally; no, our kitchen requires cleaning every day, normally multiple times a day during holidays when everyone is home. I'm like that too. I would love to say that God cleanses me occasionally when I slip up, but that I typically remain in a state of cleanliness, but that simply isn't the case. I need to be cleansed every single day, usually multiple times per day. As I stood there in my pajamas washing plates, cups, forks, pots, and pans, I reflected upon how God cleans me like this... every day, multiple times per day. He does so knowing that I will only get dirty again. He wipes the grime of my selfishness away and places me back where I belong knowing that in a matter of hours I'll be dirty again. He bags up the trash that I sloppily leave on the counter of my mind and heart with the full understanding that there will be more. Then he will patiently clean me again, and again, and again.

I don't normally enjoy cleaning the kitchen, but this morning was different. As I scrubbed, and wiped, and scoured I pictured God doing the same to me and I was overcome with gratitude. I put away the sparkling clean plates and the shiny pans with the understanding that in a very short time my family would wake up and come into the kitchen to dirty them again. I smiled. I pictured God scrubbing, wiping, and scouring my stained and filthy heart, and putting it back aright, with the understanding that in a very short time I would wander off to soil myself again. He must surely love me and have infinite patience with me.

I finished cleaning the kitchen just as they arrived – my family. They were hungry for breakfast and began foraging around the pantry and refrigerator looking for something tempting to eat for breakfast. I smiled to myself as I thought I could just faintly make out the sound of holy water running in God's heavenly sink and I pictured Him rolling up his sleeves, getting ready to make me clean later that day. It was a holy moment for sure.

I love cleaning the kitchen!

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

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 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

January 14, 2018

**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: #167 ..... Hosanna  
Welcome ..... Alan Clute  
Prayer ..... Charles Sheppard

### Songs of Praise

Hymn: #60 ..... He Is Exalted  
Hymn: #63 ..... I Will Call upon the Lord  
Hymn ..... Light the Fire

### We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

Hymn ..... Worthy Is the Lamb  
Communion Meditation ..... Everett Ferguson  
Hymn: #239 ..... In Moments Like These\*

### Offering

Prayer ..... Everett Ferguson  
Hymn ..... Ancient Words

### Word of God

Psalms 119:105-112 ..... Coy Roper  
Colossians 3:16 ..... Coy Roper

### "Renew: Open Your Life to God's Word"

Hymn ..... Lord, I Give You My Heart  
*(Parents may escort children ages 2-4 to TLC during this song)*  
Message..... Nathan Burrow  
Hymn ..... Create In Me a Clean Heart

### Responses

Family News ..... Art Green  
Hymn: #608 ..... He Gave Me a Song  
Elder Blessing..... Gary Varner  
*(\*Children's song of the month)*

# Hillcrest Family News

## Today's Speakers

A.M. - Nathan Burrow

P.M. - Bible Class Fellowship - The Welcome class will lead the service in the chapel at 6 p.m.

## Sympathy

Our sympathy to the family of Marylyn Swaim. Memorial service will be Sat., Feb. 3 at 2 p.m. in the Hillcrest Auditorium.

## New Grandbaby

Congratulations to Phil and Elaine Palmer on the birth of a granddaughter, Autumn Jane Hilligoss. Parents are Alan and Aubrey Hilligoss.

**Today** - The Welcome class will meet in Room 17 with the University class. The YO class and Soulful Filling class will meet in the Worship center.

## Teacher Appreciation Lunch - Today

If you signed up, please come to rooms 10-12 after Bible class. Pick up a drink and choose a seat. Your meal will be served to you.

## Hillcrest Singers

Wednesday, January 17 marks the beginning of the Spring season for the Hillcrest Singers. Come and join the chorus as we prepare a selection of songs and hymns from "Great Composers and Great Poets." We will present our program at Senior Living Centers throughout March and April. The Hillcrest Singers meet Wednesday nights in the Chapel at 7 p.m. Contact Greg Straughn for more information (gregory.straughn@acu.edu). Sing to the Lord a new song!

## Babysitter Needed

The Tuesday morning Ladies' class is in need of two babysitters, 9:30 - 1 p.m. This is a paid position. Contact Linda Huff at 575-390-8818.

## 2018 Bible Class Fellowship/Chapel Service

Jan 14 - Welcome Class

July 8 -

Feb 4 - Soulful Filling

Aug 12 -

Mar 4 - Sunrise Class

Sept 9 - YO Class

Apr 8 - Church-wide Picnic

Oct 14 -

May 6 - Travelers Class

Nov 11 - H.O.P.E. class

June 10 - F.U.N. Class

Dec 9 - CIA Class

If your class has not signed up to lead a service please contact Alan Clute.

## Missions and Faith Sharing

### WBS Trip to East Africa

Phil Palmer is currently on a 17 day trip, returning Jan. 24, to World Bible School Service Centers in Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania, and establishing a new service center in South Sudan. He will also hold training sessions for WBS Follow Up Partners in Kenya.

### Neema Village, Tanzania

Four Hillcrest members, Connie Adams, Peggy Goodwin, Carol Horton, and Janiece Watts are serving orphaned babies at Neema Village Rescue Center in Arusha, Tanzania, Jan. 16-Feb. 2.

### Sunset Vision Workshop

You are invited to attend the Sunset International Bible Institute annual Sunset Vision Workshop, Jan. 24-27 in Lubbock. There is a flyer in the bulletin today. This is a time to remind one another of the great deeds of God and of His divine power.

### ZMM Work Day and Container Loading

You and your Life Group or Bible Class can help send off the next Zambia Medical Mission! On Jan. 20 (Sat.) at 9 a.m., come help prepare boxes, used clothes, and other items during a "ZMM Work Day" at Bontke Construction, 102 College Drive. Also, please come Jan. 27 (Sat.) at 9 a.m. at Bontke Construction to help load the 40-ft. container that will leave later that day for Zambia.

### For the Record

Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening
A.M. Assembly..... 811	Chapel ..... 38
Bible Class..... 641	
Membership ..... 892	Wed. Evening ..... 384
Dec. Offering ..... \$142,838	

## Calendar of Events

Today .....	Teacher Appreciation Lunch
Today .....	Bible Class Fellowship
January 21 .....	New Life Blessing
January 30 .....	Hilltoppers Luncheon
February 11 .....	Hillcrest 101/New Member Lunch
April 8 .....	Church-wide Picnic
April 27-29 .....	HEB Retreat

# Hillcrest Ministries

## Children's Corner

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

**Training & Learning for Children** (Children's Church for ages 2-4) Parents may escort children to the TLC during the song service. (see worship order).

## HYG - Youth

**Today** - Join us after worship for Bible class! James McGee is teaching the middle school class, and Lance Parrish is teaching the high school class! We'll see you there!

### Middle School Madness and High School Huddles tonight

Middle School Madness (6th-8th Grade) - Not meeting tonight

9th & 10th Grade - Not Meeting tonight

11th Grade - Not meeting tonight

12th Grade - 2434 Township Ct, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

### Device-Free Game Night - Tonight

Join us tonight in the youth room at 7:45 p.m. for a game night! Bring your favorite game, a snack, and a friend - but leave your phones and other devices at home. This will be a fun time to play, connect, and hang out. Pick up is at 9:30 p.m. See you tonight!

### Wednesday Bible Class - 7 p.m.

This Wednesday, join us in the high school youth room at 7:00 for a fun game, singing, and devotional! Bring a friend and we'll see you there!

### Prayer Breakfast - Thursday - 7 - 7:30 a.m.

All students are welcome to join us at Chick-fil-a on the North Side (Hwy 351) for prayer breakfast this Thursday. Parents who can help give rides to school are encouraged to attend as well.

### Youth Ministry Lunch & 2018 Planning Meeting - Jan. 21

Next Sunday, all youth ministry students, families, and volunteers are encouraged to attend a luncheon after Bible class in rooms 10-12. We will enjoy a meal together and go over the calendar of events for 2018 - highlighting the spring plans. I hope that you and your family will make plans to attend this lunch. Lunch will cost \$4 per person. See you next Sunday!

## Adult Education Corner

### Sunday Morning Adult Classes

Today's lesson focuses on Genesis 1 and addresses the question of "Why did God place man on earth?".

### Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Class - Jan. 16

Fellowship - 9:30 a.m., Class - 10 a.m.: "The Lord My Banner" (Ex 17). Teacher: Mary Barton

### Wednesday Night - 7 p.m.

- Rm 10/11 - Everett Ferguson continues his series on the Lord's Supper
- Rm 12 - Glenn Rogers continues his series on the Gospel of Mark.
- Rm 14/15 - Route 52 - Psalms
- 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 - *Don't Hurry the Sunrise* Women of all ages are invited.

## Family Ministry

### Route 52 - Psalms - Wed., 7 p.m.

### 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.

## HillcrestU

**Tonight - 6 p.m.** - For those who are in town a group will be meeting at Rosa's.

**Wednesday - 7 p.m.** - Welcome Back Praise night.

The new semester starts on Tuesday! Let's be praying for a great semester!

### Spring Break Mission Trip - March 9 - 16

We will be returning to Beaumont, TX to continue Hurricane Harvey relief work. The cost is \$25. The sign up deadline is February 16. Visit our facebook page for instructions on how to sign up!