

Hillcrest Encouragement

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Opening the Door

They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

Mark 2:2-5

This past Sunday, I shared the story of a father who had recently felt the hospitality of Christ. My parents serve at a very small church in a small town on the western edge of Houston. The church building is located in the middle of a neighborhood. They have been making an effort recently to really try to connect to the families living around them. Many of them have never been in church, and a lot of them are dealing with a variety of struggles and hardships. My mom shared with me about a father and his three-year-old daughter. The daughter has been behind in her speech development and doesn't speak very much. After months of coming to the church, the father shared how the church was affecting his family's life. He said that his little girl had shocked him one day when all of a sudden she spoke and said, "Daddy, I love Jesus and I love you too!" He was so moved because she had never spoken like that before. Seeing what God had done, he went on to tell my mother, "Thank you for opening the door for us."

Stories like the one above remind me how we may take for granted how hard it can be to get into the door to see Jesus. I love the imagination of the men who carried their friend to Jesus in Mark 2. I have heard of some creative ways to bring people to Jesus, but I think this one is the winner. The four friends who carried the paralytic to Jesus go unnamed, but their determination is legendary. They could have given up when they came to the house finding no way in the door to see Jesus, but they didn't let that barrier stop them. Instead, they looked above and found inspiration for opening the door.

There are people in your life right now that need the healing mercy of Jesus. Who is going to carry them and lay them at Jesus' feet? In many ways, this story captures the work of the church in our world, to carry people to Jesus. We do not always know how to get through the barriers in front of us, but rather than being discouraged, God is calling us to look above to find inspiration for opening the door. May this be a prayer of the church as we think about our community.

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 110 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
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

February 11, 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: #227 On Zion's Glorious Summit
Welcome Perry Reeves
Prayer Richard Jinkerson

Songs of Praise

Hymn: #300 Praise Him! Praise Him!
Hymn Here I Am to Worship
Hymn: #218 Blessed Jesus

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

Hymn: #228 O How He Loves You and Me
Communion Meditation Carlin Brooks
Hymn: #694 Servant Song*

Offering

Prayer Carlin Brooks
Hymn: #83 God Is So Good

Eyes of Love

Psalms 24:1 Kilnam Cha
Luke 7:40-47 Kilnam Cha

"God of This City - Give Us Eyes to See"

Hymn God Of This City
(Parents may escort children ages 2-4 to TLC during this song)
Message Nathan Burrow
Hymn: #276 Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

Responses

Family News Bill Walker
Hymn Holy Spirit Dwell In Me
Elder Blessing C.D. Pruett

*(*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 Jack and Donna Goble on the loss of Jack's brother.

New Baby

Congratulations to Ryan & Jenna Brumley on the birth of a son, Jameson Wade Brumley. Grandmother is Vicki Brumley.

Hillcrest 101 & New Member Lunch - Today

If you are a new member, are considering making Hillcrest your church family, or would simply like to learn more about Hillcrest, you are invited to attend the Hillcrest 101 class. This class begins today at 10:30 a.m. in Rm. 34. The New Member Lunch will be today after class.

Storytelling Workshop - Feb. 18, 2 p.m. in rooms 14-15

Offered by Renee Cobarruvias, this is for anyone who wants to perfect their skills with storytelling. Teens going on mission trips and anyone working in ministry are invited. Please RSVP to cynthia@hillcrestonline.com.

Woman to Woman Meeting - Feb. 18, 3:30 p.m.

We will have a planning meeting for all members of the Woman to Woman steering committee. We will meet from 3:30 - 5 p.m. at the home of Megan Forsberg (610 Green Valley Dr.). Tea, coffee, and cookies will be served. RSVP to Megan at 325-267-1088 or Jackie Vardiman at 325-370-7502.

Interested in a 5:30 p.m. Bible Class on Wednesdays?

Sometimes work and life schedules make it difficult to attend Wednesday night classes at the building! Do you miss mid-week Bible study, prayer and fellowship with fellow Christians? The Adult Education Ministry is attempting to find if there is sufficient interest in beginning a small-group Bible study that meets earlier on Wednesday. If you have an interest in being part of a class like this, or just would like additional information, please contact Jim or Iliana Carpenter (ijcarp@gmail.com) or Perry Reeves (reevesp@acu.edu).

Book Donation

The nursery is in need of books suitable for children ages 3-5. If you have any books that you would like to donate, please leave them in the red bin at the desk in the children's wing. Thank you.

Giving Statements Now Available

To view or print your annual giving statement, go to hillcrestonline.com/hillcrestconnect/statement on Hillcrest Connect for instructions. If you have never logged in to Hillcrest Connect, choose the Sign Up option. You may also request an email at admin@hillcrestonline.com or call 691 - 4200 for a printed copy.

Thank you from Christian Homes

To all the saints at Hillcrest Church of Christ....*THANK YOU* for your generous gift to Christian Homes & Family Services through your Light on the Hill collection. Because of you, more babies will now grow up in loving Christian families and will know the salvation that only Jesus provides. You are changing not only lives, but *eternities* as well! Thank you again, and may God pour out his richest blessings on you all!

Missions and Faith Sharing

Live Beyond Haiti

Jan Miller, Kathy Churchill, and Anne Reno are in Haiti participating in a Live Beyond medical mission, Feb. 10-16.

Adult Education

Sunday Morning Adult Classes

Today's lesson focuses on Mission and Exile (Jeremiah 29).

Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Class - Feb. 13

Fellowship - 9:30 a.m., Class - 10 a.m.: Creator (Gen 1) God Almighty (Gen 17), & Lord Master (Psa 16). Teacher: Pat Bratcher

Wednesday Night - 7 p.m.

- Rm 10/11 - Bob Pipes continues a study on the book of Colossians.
- 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
- Chapel - Hillcrest Singers
- 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.

Hillcrest Ministries

Children's Education

Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #2)

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

HYG - Youth

Today - Join us after worship for Bible class! Lance Parrish is teaching the middle school class and Cliff Barbarick is teaching the high school class! We'll see you upstairs!

Middle School Madness and High School Huddles - Tonight

6th-8th Grade - Hillcrest - 5:30-7 p.m.

9th-10th Grade - 1341 Piedmont Drive - 5:45-7:15 p.m.

11th Grade - 2626 Garfield - 6-7:30 p.m.

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

Wednesday Bible Class - 7 p.m.

This Wednesday, join us in the high school youth room for a time of singing, discussion, and spiritual discipline! 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.

Mystery Fun Night - Feb. 18

Sunday evening, Feb. 18 we are planning a mystery fun night for all teens and their friends. This will begin at 8 p.m. and will go until midnight. More details coming soon!

Family Mission Trip to South Texas - Mar. 10-14

Registration for our Spring Break mission trip to the Houston area is now open and will close on Sunday Mar. 4. Cost is \$25 per person, but if the whole family comes you'll receive a 20% discount.

Calendar of Events

Today	Hillcrest 101/New Member Lunch
February 24	Men's Life Breakfast
March 4	Bible Class Fellowship
March 9-16	University Mission Trip
March 10-14	Youth Group Family Mission Trip
April 8	Send the Light Sunday
April 8	Church-wide Picnic
April 13-15	University Spring Retreat
April 27-29	HEB Retreat

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TONIGHT: All Life groups meet.

G1 - 2533 Lincoln Dr - 5 p.m.

G2 - Whitlock (1317 Lakeview) - 6 p.m.

G3 - Cole (3077 FM 3034) - 6 p.m.

G4 - Hatfield (2434 Independence) - 5 p.m.

Wednesday - 7 p.m. - Spiritual Formation class

Thursday

Small group chapel in room 104 of the Bible building or at Jacob's Dream if the weather is nice!

REACH - 4:30 p.m.

Our apartment ministry is continuing this Thursday at Canterbury Crossing. If you would like to participate, please contact Kaylie Davis at knd14b@acu.edu.

Spring Break Mission Trip - March 9 - 16

We will be returning to south 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!

Spring Retreat - April 13-15

Our theme is Selah and our focus will be on spiritual discipline. We will be canoeing, horseback riding and spending time working on our relationship with God. Sign up at hillcrestonline.com/retreat.

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

Family Ministry

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.

For the Record

Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening
A.M. Assembly627	Chapel 41
Bible Class617	
Membership892	Wed. Evening367
Jan. Offering.....\$126,850	