

# Hillcrest Encouragement

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## What is the "Host Home" and "Safe Families" Initiative?

In the fall of 2014, Safe Families for Children of Southwest Florida launched to serve children and families in their community facing crisis situations. In just one year, the program impacted the lives of more than 150 children and their families. Thanks largely to the support of local churches and volunteers recruited from their congregations, these children never entered foster care and their families received the support they needed to overcome the challenges they faced and remain together.

In late 2015, Safe Families for Children of Southwest Florida began conversations with FlourishNow about collaborating to increase the impact of the Safe Families program and how to best provide additional resources to families in need. FlourishNow was launched in 2015 as a new way of thinking about how we help those in need. This innovative, faith-based model identifies effective private charities that are successfully reducing child abuse, poverty, and dependency in their communities. FlourishNow works with these organizations to provide the vision, resources, and systems required to increase impact and scale the program beyond what they would be able to do alone. It was this shared vision for helping vulnerable children and families and the opportunity to more than double its impact that inspired Safe Families for Children of Southwest Florida to join with FlourishNow.

On May 1, 2016, Safe Families for Children of Southwest Florida came under the oversight of FlourishNow, a nonprofit organization based in Naples, Florida dedicated to supporting individuals and families flourishing by helping people overcome poverty and welfare dependence, strengthening the family through community-based support structures, and equipping private charities to support self-sufficiency. Safe Families for Children of Southwest Florida elected to join with FlourishNow because of a shared vision for strengthening families and a belief that the collaboration will allow the program to more than double its impact in 2016 and offer more comprehensive supportive services to its clients.

In October 2017, FlourishNow opened their first office in Abilene, TX. While this is a start-up in the Texas office, it has a highly effective model to mirror with SWFL and those successes. Because FlourishNow is a national non-profit, there are continuous support and resources available to ensure the long-term success of the program within the Abilene Community and with the help of vital local community partners to come alongside FlourishNow, the organization is dedicated to serving 60 youth in the first year in Abilene.

Darrin Cox—Homeless Liaison - A.I.S.D.

Emily Cole - City Director - Safe Families

# 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 110
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
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 18, 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: #490 ..... It Is Well with My Soul  
Welcome ..... Nathan Burrow  
Prayer ..... Ron Smith  
Hymn ..... My Task

## We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

Hymn ..... Oft We Come Together  
Communion Meditation ..... John Barton  
Hymn: #694 ..... Servant Song\*

## Offering

Prayer ..... John Barton  
Hymn: #83 ..... God Is So Good

## Songs of Praise

Hymn ..... Faithful  
Hymn ..... He Is Faithful (Awesome God)

## Eyes of Love

Psalms 24:1 ..... Phil Palmer  
Luke 4:16-21 ..... Phil Palmer

## "God of This City - Today"

Hymn ..... God Of This City  
*(Parents may escort children ages 2-4 to TLC during this song)*  
Message ..... Justin Hatfield  
Hymn: #448 ..... Greatest Commands

## Responses

Family News ..... J Sanders  
Hymn ..... Angels Are Singing  
Elder Blessing ..... C.D. Pruett

*(\*Children's song of the month)*

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# Hillcrest Family News

## Today's Speakers

A.M. - Justin Hatfield

P.M. - Bob Pipes in the chapel at 6 p.m.

## Hillcrest 101 - 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 meets at 10:30 a.m. in Rm. 34.

## Storytelling Workshop - Today, 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.

## Woman to Woman Meeting - Today, 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.

## Men's Life Breakfast - Sat., Feb. 24, 8 a.m.

Join us this Saturday at 8 a.m. in room 12 to share a meal and spend some time encouraging one another. We have invited the men from Baker Heights to be our guests. Larry Sullivan will challenge us to be men of integrity. Breakfast will include eggs, sausage, biscuits, gravy, fruit, milk, juice & coffee. Please sign up in Bible class. Please come at 7:15 if you can help cook or set up.

## Men's Softball - Mon., Feb. 26, 8 p.m.

After nearly four months of recovery, it is once again time to gear up for the spring church softball season. Our first practice will be Mon., Feb. 26 at 8 p.m. on Field 1 at Nelson Park. The season will start Monday, March 19 and go through May. Most games will be at 7, 8 or 9 p.m. on Mondays. The cost to play will be \$25 per person. Contact Alan Clute if interested.

## Hilltoppers Luncheon - Tues., Feb. 27 11:30 a.m.

You are invited to participate in a "Sweet Hour of Prayer" as we focus on praising and thanking God and asking him to lead our lives. Signup sheets will be available in class next Sunday.

## 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.

## New Member/Updated Old Member Pictures

Alan will be taking pictures at the side of the worship center next Sunday, February 25, after worship.

## Giving Statements Now Available

To view or print your annual giving statement, go to [hillcrestonline.com/hillcrestconnect/statement](http://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 email [admin@hillcrestonline.com](mailto:admin@hillcrestonline.com) or call 691-4200 to request a printed copy.

## In Case of Emergency

The Safety Committee wants to notify everyone that we now have blood pressure equipment and pulse oximeters available in the event of an emergency. This equipment is available where the AED equipment is kept.

## Missions and Faith Sharing

### Live Beyond Haiti

Jan Miller, Kathy Churchill, and Anne Reno have returned from Haiti, where they were participating in a Live Beyond medical mission.

## Adult Education

### Sunday Morning Adult Classes

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

### Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Class - Feb. 20

Fellowship - 9:30 a.m., Class - 10 a.m.: Dwelling Place, Refuge, Shield, Fortress, Strong Tower (Psa 91). Teacher: Judy Reeves

### 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 17 - Spiritual Formation Class
- 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 #3)

**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! Sean McNeill is teaching the middle school class and Cliff Barbarick is teaching the high school class! We'll see you upstairs!

### Mystery Fun Night - postponed

The Mystery Fun Night scheduled for tonight is being postponed. We will NOT be having Mystery Fun Night tonight. Rescheduling details will be communicated this week.

### 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 - Rosa's Café on Judge Ely - 6 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.

### 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.

Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening
A.M. Assembly..... 627	Chapel..... 41
Bible Class..... 617	
Membership ..... 892	Wed. Evening..... 324
Jan. Offering ..... \$126,850	

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**Tonight:** LIFE groups do not meet tonight as regularly scheduled. Check with your LG student leaders and hosts for additional information.

**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](mailto: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](http://hillcrestonline.com/retreat).

## 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.

### Calendar of Events

February 24 .....	Men's Life Breakfast
February 27 .....	Hilltoppers Luncheon
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 27-29.....	HEB Retreat