

# Hillcrest Encouragement

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## Stay With Me

*Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."*

*Matthew 26:36-38*

I was twelve years old the first time I can remember seeing my dad weep. The moment is impressed in my memory still. I can see the chair where he was sitting when we received the phone call that my grandfather had died. He had not been ill, so the news was a bit of a shock. For my dad, it was a flood of raw emotions that I had never seen in him before. As unexpected as the news was of my grandfather, I was more taken aback by how this news shook my dad who was always so strong and steady. He was immediately confronted by feelings and memories that took him back to his childhood. Losing his father made him feel overwhelmed with sorrow.

Of all the stories in the Gospels, I find myself so often drawn to Gethsemane. I imagine that the disciples felt something like I did so many years ago that night with my dad. For all the time they had spent with Jesus, they had never seen him quite like this. The garden was a place they would have often gathered for prayer, but it felt different this night. The master preacher and miracle worker was hurting and heartbroken. His plea, "Stay here with me."

Though this scene is one of the darkest in Jesus' life on earth, it gives me comfort. Jesus trusts God with the burden of his heart in prayer. He shares his heart with his friends as well. They don't understand the weight of what is happening, but their failure does not inhibit the work of God's salvation. It actually magnifies the story of our God who redeems the fallen. Jesus still does this today. He longs to share God with us in prayer. He is there on our behalf, bearing the full weight of our sin and shame. His invitation to us is simple, "Stay with me." It is in being with Jesus that our lives are transformed and our hearts are healed.

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
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 4, 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: #577 .....	We Bow Down
Hymn .....	Let God Arise
Hymn .....	Arise
Welcome .....	Terry Brown
Prayer .....	Jerry Hayes
Hymn .....	Communion Prayer

### We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

Hymn: #287 .....	There Is a Redeemer
Communion Meditation .....	Richard Greenawalt
Hymn .....	Shout to the Lord

### Offering

Prayer .....	Richard Greenawalt
Hymn: #239 .....	In Moments Like These

### Lord of All

Psalms 24:1.....	Patrick Garcia
Galatians 6:2-10.....	Vicente Rojas

### "God of This City"

Hymn .....	God Of This City
<i>(Parents may escort children ages 2-4 to TLC during this song)</i>	
Message.....	Nathan Burrow
Hymn: #660 .....	People Need the Lord

### Responses

Family News .....	Lynn Luttrell
Hymn: #694 .....	Servant Song*
Elder Blessing.....	Odies Wright
<i>(*Children's song of the month)</i>	

# Hillcrest Family News

## Today's Speakers

A.M. - Nathan Burrow

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

## Sympathy

Our sympathy to Johnnie and Elceone Roberts on the loss of her sister, Joy Barkley, in Burseson.

## New Grandbaby

Congratulations to Neal and Cynthia Coates on new granddaughter, Alice Faye McNeill. Parents are Blake & Rebekah McNeill. She is also the great granddaughter of Glenn and Carol Cannon & Jane Coates.

## Hillcrest 101 & New Member Lunch - Sun., Feb. 11

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 Sun., Feb. 11, at 10:30 a.m. in Rm. 34. The first morning we will have a New Member Lunch following class. RSVP to Kay in the office 691-4200.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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 (jcarp@gmail.com) or Perry Reeves (reevesp@acu.edu).

## 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 request an email at [admin@hillcrestonline.com](mailto:admin@hillcrestonline.com) or call 691 - 4200 for a printed copy.

## Missions and Faith Sharing

### Vienna Baptisms

Reggy Lynn Hiller reports from Austria that a married couple from the Congo were baptized, along with four persons from Uzbekistan. Pictures of the baptisms can be seen on Reggy's Facebook page.

## Adult Education

### Sunday Morning Adult Classes

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

### Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Class - Feb. 6

Fellowship - 9:30 a.m., Class - 10 a.m.: God Who Sees (Gen 16) & God my Peace (Judg 6). Teacher: Lori Ely

### Wednesday Night - 7 p.m.

- Rm 10/11 - Bob Pipes begins a month-long 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.

Beginning this Wednesday, we will be offering a space for spiritual formation led by Justin Hatfield. If you are looking for new ways to develop and deepen your relationship with God, this is the place for you. If you are looking for dedicated time to practice new and old spiritual disciplines, then look no further. We will be in the University classroom at 7 p.m. and invite any who wish to join us.

# Hillcrest Ministries

## Children's Education

### Nursery: 2-24 Months (TEAM #1)

**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! 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

There will be no Middle School Madness or High School Huddles tonight. We'll see you all next week!

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

This Wednesday, join us in the high school youth room 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.

### 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 .....	Bible Class Fellowship
February 11 .....	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

## HillcrestU

**Tonight - 5 p.m. - Super Bowl Party at the Long Family home** (713 Edward Ct.!) Kick-off at 5:30! Come for fun, chili and soup!

**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 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!

### 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.

## For the Record

Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening
A.M. Assembly ..... 648	Chapel ..... 53
Bible Class ..... 584	
Membership ..... 892	Wed. Evening ..... 326
Jan. Offering ..... \$126,850	