

**Hillcrest Church of Christ
Elder Nominee Information Form**

General Information

Personal:

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Employer: AJG Gallagher; Gallagher Insurance
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Consulting)
Age: 64 Christian Since: (since age 18)



Photo of Nominee and Wife Here

Family:

Wife:	<u>Kelly White</u>	Christian Since:	<u>Age:</u>
			<u>11</u>
Child:	<u>Allison Smith</u>	Age:	<u>13</u>
Child:	<u>Amy Durham</u>	Age:	<u>09</u>
Child:	<u></u>	Age:	<u></u>
Child:	<u></u>	Age:	<u></u>
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Church:

How long have you been a member at Hillcrest Church of Christ? Since 1985

In what capacities or leadership roles have you served at this or other congregations? Where and when?

Hillcrest Church of Christ: (1985 to current) Past participant in Greeters Ministry, and Visitation Ministry. Past Classroom Teacher in Pre-School, Children, Youth, Middle school, High School, University and Adult Education. Past Education Ministry Committee Member/Volunteer. Past Adult Class Chairperson. Past Youth Group Huddle sponsor and University Ministry sponsor. Current Deacon and current member and chairman of the Hillcrest Administration Team. Current member of the Hillcrest Safety/Security Team. Past and current member of various appointed Church Committees.

Biography:

Give us a brief biography.

Born in Odessa, Texas (1960) and moved to Temple, Texas as a young child. Member of Western Hills Church of Christ while in Temple, Texas. Graduated from Temple High School in spring of 1978. Attended Abilene Christian University after High School Graduation and graduated from ACU in 1982 with a degree in Marketing and Management.

In 1982, I was hired as a Property/Casualty Insurance Claims adjuster for Floyd West and Company/Crum and Forrester Insurance Group.

I transitioned into a Sales role in 1984 and joined Senter Insurance in Abilene, Texas in late 1984 as a sales associate.

Through mergers and acquisitions, Senter Insurance transitioned into the formation of CBS Insurance LLP in 1992 where I became a part owner and partner.

In 2023 CBS Insurance, LLP sold to AJG Gallagher; Gallagher Insurance. I am currently employed by AJG Gallagher as an Insurance sales associate and retention specialist while performing risk management and consulting duties.

My spouse, Kelly is a retired public-school teacher but works part time for Axon Education, LLC. Our daughters are both married and have blessed us with a total of 4 grandchildren. Allison and family live in Abilene, Texas. Amy and her family reside in Ft Worth, Texas. Kelly and I were married in 1985, and we have lived in Abilene, Texas since that time.

Please give a few examples of spiritual disciplines you practice in an effort to grow in the image of Jesus.

Individual Bible Study each morning (at home). Daily dedicated Individual prayer time. Attend weekly Hillcrest Worship services and Life Group meetings and functions. Fellowship with fellow church members and attendees through various Hillcrest activities and non-Hillcrest activities. I try to focus on others needs first and attempt to practice service to others as much as possible and being available to help and assist.

The questions on the rest of the Information Form were designed to stimulate the introspection of nominees and to provide information to members of the Hillcrest congregation. Therefore, we ask you to give your thoughtful and prayerful attention to the questions that follow.

Please respond in the spaces below to each question. Feel free to use additional paper, numbering each answer to correspond to the question being considered, if necessary.

Section 1: Introspection Related to Self and Family

1. Are you willing to serve to the best of your ability? What motivates you to serve the Lord as an elder at Hillcrest?
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Yes. Service to my Church and Church family is a priority. Love/respect for the word of God, and also love for my Hillcrest Church family and “deep” appreciation for my community. I desire to love, respect and serve others in accordance with God’s direction.

2. After a study of 1 Timothy 3:1-16 and Titus 1:5-9, do you and your family concur that you qualify scripturally to serve as an elder? Yes No
3. Please describe the special circumstances, if any, that you considered in making your determination to question 2 above.

Prayer, meditation and careful reading and discernment of Scripture. Requested advice and counsel of current Church leaders and mentors.

4. After a study of Hebrews 13:17 and 1 Peter 5:1-3, are you and your family willing to give the time it will require you to fulfill the duties of an elder? Yes No

Section 2: Introspection Related to your Vision for Hillcrest

5. Describe the Hillcrest congregation as you see it now.

Hillcrest has been blessed (since inception in 1959) with many good works and outcomes from Hillcrest Ministries all in the name of spreading the gospel and providing a safe, secure, and biblically based church family through its varied ministries. Hillcrest has made a positive influence in the lives of many and has actively spread the gospel locally and globally. God is continuing to bless our congregation its people and ministries. Hillcrest has very active and vibrant ministries influenced by God through many energetic members. We have a very healthy and active adult, children, youth, family, retiree, university and pulpit ministry. Our staff and administrative staff work many hours (and as a team) to support each other and each ministry. An enormous amount of time and energy and coordination is taken to communicate and work together (in all activities of Hillcrest) while focusing on the spread of the gospel locally and globally. I feel (we all) need to continue to be on guard for Satan’s influence and to always keep our congregation’s actions and activities based on God, the Bible, and Scripture with the goal of being Christ centered. Since 1959, Hillcrest has weathered many challenges (externally and internally) but God has blessed us with healing and the ongoing opportunity to help others as a healthy and vibrant Church. However, we need to keep that energy and focus and teamwork, and communication to continue to effectively serve the Lord through our congregational ministries. Hillcrest over the years has had excellent leadership within its Eldership Group and that is still the situation today as we have an excellent current Eldership Team made up of great men who work together as “Shepherds” all for the congregation. I also feel we have very effective, active and positive leadership within all ministries and activities. Hillcrest is an older congregation in terms of age/demographics, which I do not see as a negative issue, but rather a positive dynamic for wisdom and mentoring opportunities. Over

time, I hope we can attract more younger individuals and couples to consider Hillcrest as a Church Home to help the continuity of our congregation and its ministries for years to come. Hillcrest has built its history and legacy on faith and Biblical teachings. The past leaders and past members of our congregation embraced that fact, and “set out” and planned a “spiritually strong and Christ focused” course for the Hillcrest of today. Our current Leaders are doing the same.

We (as a congregation) must remember and reflect on the past and “look to the future” (with God as our foundation) as we seek opportunities for continued service in spreading the word of God.

6. Describe the Hillcrest congregation as you would like to see it in five years.

A continued happy and joyful congregation with strong and effective Church ministries and continued Christian Education (at all ages) focused on God’s word. I hope for continued positive work and support of ongoing work and service in all ministries (as was mentioned in question/answer #5) all overseen by healthy Biblically based and Christ focused Elder, leadership team. I pray for continued new service and ministry opportunities be developed and researched for Christian service and support for others while spreading the word of God. I pray that we at Hillcrest remain Biblically based with focus on love, grace and forgiveness while serving and loving others per Christ’s example per scripture and Christ’s teachings.

I hope Hillcrest can be a more diverse membership based on Age, Race and Culture and encourage young individuals and families to consider Hillcrest for a Church home. I pray that Hillcrest continues to focus on meeting the spiritual and physical needs of our community and of our congregation while continuing to expand that focus globally sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

7. What activities would you pursue, or encourage others to pursue, so that the Hillcrest congregation (individually and collectively) can make a greater impact for Jesus Christ in our neighborhood and the city of Abilene?

I would encourage anyone and everyone to get involved in a ministry, class, activity or Hillcrest function and go to work for (and with) any Hillcrest Ministry that fits their personality and interest and skills. Continue to provide opportunities and provide information (to all) as how to get involved and encourage all attendees and members to meet other people and to serve others.

I will continue to encourage others to be involved in a class, Life group, attend services on a regular basis and be an active participant in any Ministry, that interests them.

For some, getting involved may be difficult for varied reasons, so we need to be able to continue to recognize this, and help those that are having trouble becoming involved and provide opportunities to serve. I will personally, along with my family, attempt to practice the above and become immersed in the activities and functions and ministries of Hillcrest while practicing prayer, study, fellowship, love and discernment.

Section 3: Introspection Related to the Spiritual and Congregational Health of Hillcrest

8. What do you view as the single most important task of an elder at Hillcrest?

Creating and maintaining a healthy Church environment (full of excitement, joy and love) where many opportunities for involvement in ministry exist based on scripture and the Christian example. As a spiritual leader and example, constantly and accurately addressing and interpreting scripture while protecting the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of our congregation and its people. Also, focusing on addressing the physical and spiritual and emotional needs and opportunities within our local and global community through Hillcrest Ministries.

9. How would you relate the following scriptures to yourself and to the Hillcrest congregation?

Ephesians 4:11-16

Everyone has different gifts/talents to serve others through Love and Compassion by serving the Lord by ministry and by help to each other. Through discernment, I will use my gifts and overcome my faults and shortcomings to help and serve our God by helping others and hopefully strengthen/protect our Church Body. I desire to help protect the Church and its people while offering Hillcrest as an option to the local and global community to become like minded in Christ.

Acts 20:25-31

Read the word of God and watch and listen for guidance from God. Spread the good news of Jesus Christ and remember the sacrifice Jesus made on the Cross. I need to make sure my actions and teachings are in line with scripture and that I align with the message that the Bible delivers. I need to be aware of false teachers and false messages from the "world, and I need to follow a Biblical template for Christian living. Never forget the sacrifice on the Cross and the resurrection story/message/promise.

John 10:2-5

Guard the Church and its people...be aware.... Know the Church and its people and guard and protect them physically and spiritually while being careful of my actions, thoughts, and words. Protect the Church and know the Church so leadership is accepted and followed.

Hebrews 13:17

Prayerfully discern and make Christlike decisions based in scripture with grace, love and humility. Strive to create/maintain an atmosphere of cooperation, teamwork, happiness and joy. Submit to leaders and to their decision and authority in Church matters. Know the Church members and be known so you can lead and protect the Church and its members. Leaders must be vigilant in their duties and responsibilities as a "shepherd" for the Church and be held accountable for their actions and leadership.

10. What are the greatest challenges facing the Hillcrest congregation in the coming days?

Satan's attack on Christian principles and Satan's influence/attack on the family unit and our beliefs. Satan undermining individual character, behaviors and beliefs and causing doubt and hurt and chaos. Modern society's attack on the Church and biblical teachings through very manipulative means and very subtle activities/attractions. We must always be on guard to make sure we are prayerfully following the teachings/commandments of the Bible and always looking for opportunities to serve and minister to others. I hope we never become "lazy" or unmotivated in serving others or become complacent in our faith and actions and ministries.

11. How do you view modern culture's impact on today's Church (for example, in the areas of personal morality, sexual identity and behavior, gender issues, racial bias, politics, etc.) and how should the Church respond?

Modern culture's message on the above is messaged to us each and every day. We as a congregation have to be strong in our convictions while practicing and modeling Biblical principals. We as a church body need to be in prayer and discernment regarding these issues so we can individually (and as a church body) know how to respond in a non-judgmental loving Christ focused manner.

All responses or communication should be grounded in love, forgiveness, concern, grace and acceptance while emphasizing Christ's teachings. Unconditional Love should be practiced as well as "tough Love" with prayer as a guide to know what to practice and when.

12. I have read the beliefs document (expanded version) posted on the Hillcrest website and the Hillcrest policy manual. Yes No

I can serve as an Elder at Hillcrest in support of these beliefs and policies. Yes No

If you have any reservations about serving in support of either document, please describe your reservations:

No reservations

13. This space is for further comment on any subject. If in reference to a question above, please begin your comments with the number of the question being discussed.

Judd White

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Name (please print)

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Name (signature)

Date