

Hillcrest CHURCH

Today's Gathering
July 26th, 2015

View from the Hill
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Singing
Kelsey Slade, Kelsey Moser, and Jesse VanderWeide



Tough Times with Mom & Dad
Doug Bartel

For the Kids

From 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Parents can go to the Children's Welcome Center to find out about our Sunday morning options and check their children in. The Children's Welcome Center is located on the east side of the main foyer. See page 5 of the bulletin for more information about opportunities for Children and Students.

Welcome to Hillcrest

New to Hillcrest?

If you are new to Hillcrest, we'd like to say "Welcome!" We're glad you're here this morning. Please stop by the Welcome Center, following the worship service to meet one of our pastors and receive a **free gift**.

Ready to Take the Next Step?

Hillcrest provides many opportunities to get involved with others in the church and the community. If you would like to find out more about classes, Bible studies, and small groups that are offered, stop by the Welcome Center, check out the Ministries section on our web site at www.siouxfallschurch.com, or call the church office at 371-0546.

Our Weekly Bulletin and Devotional

Hillcrest provides this weekly bulletin/devotional to help you connect, serve others and study the Bible throughout the week.

On pages 3-5, you will discover connecting and serving opportunities as well as information regarding Children's and Student's Ministries.

On page 6, you have a place to take notes from the message. Also on page 6 is a memory verse, selected each week by Hillcrest leaders.

On pages 7-12, you will find a short devotional for each day. You will read a new text, some commentary and consider some questions to further your growth, as well as a challenge to help you take what you have studied and start to live it!

On page 13, you will find a Prayer Page, where you can keep track of your daily prayers. On page 14, you will find staff contact info.

Our prayer is that God will speak to you as you study His Word and as a result, it will impact the people in your life.

Want information on even more events happening at Hillcrest? Sign up for our weekly e-mail by marking your connection card and turning it in. Don't forget to include your e-mail address!

Connect

1st Sunday at the Pizza Ranch

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of the month. You are all invited to lunch at the 41st Street Pizza Ranch following the 10:30 service. This is an informal event, so simply show up and enjoy lunch with other Hillcresters. There is no need to RSVP and each person/family will be responsible for the cost of their own meals. Don't forget that you can also get Pizza Ranch SCRIP cards!

Hillcrest Picnic & Bean Bag Tournament

Hillcrest invites everyone to a picnic and bean bag tournament on Sunday, August 23rd at Laurel Oaks Park, following services. The cost is \$2 per person with a family max of \$10. Sign up at the Welcome Center to RSVP for the picnic. Mark on the sign up if you plan to participate in the bean bag tournament (if you have a partner you want to play with, make sure to sign them up as well). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Brian.

Men's Retreat

Brian is speaking at a Men's Roundup August 28-30 at Camp Judson in Keystone, SD and invites any interested Hillcrest men (and their sons) to attend the retreat! Cost is \$95/adult, \$60/kids age 10-17, and \$45/kids 9 and under. Includes meals and lodging at Camp Judson (<http://www.campjudson.org/>). Retreat begins with supper at 6:00 on Friday the 28th and concludes Sunday morning, August 30th. For more information, contact Brian.

YouVersion

Hillcrest is going to resume using YouVersion, an online bible, which includes a mobile app that allows you to interact with Hillcrest's sermons. To get started, download the app to your smart phone or tablet at <https://www.youversion.com/mobile>. Then during Sunday's sermon, open the app, click on "Live" (blue icon in the upper left hand corner), and type our zip code - 57103 in the search area. We will also try to post each week's link on Facebook before Sunday. Once you have accessed our event, you can read the scripture, take notes, send us prayer requests, even fill out your connection card. If you miss church on Sunday, you can also check out the event later in the week to hear a recording of the message. If you use this app, please let us know what you like or don't like about it. We appreciate any and all feedback.

Baptism

Our next baptism service will be on August 30th. Christ asked all of his followers to be baptized, in fact the Apostle Paul said, "Why wait? Get up and be baptized." Baptism is available for any person that has accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior. If you are interested in baptism, contact Pastor Doug or Pastor Brian to reserve a spot.

Serve

July Outreach Focus – Abbott House

Instead of the Urban Plunge, Hillcrest will be partnering with Life 96.5 to support their mission focus for July, which is the Abbott House in Mitchell, SD. Abbott House is a private charity that provides residential treatment services to girls between the age of 7 and 18, who have little or no family support and who have endured extreme trauma, experienced abuse, or who have been diagnosed with depression, anxiety, or ADHD. The agency provides not only intensive treatment but also foster care in a therapeutic home.

During the month of July, the radio station will be doing a drive for Abbott House and will provide drop-offs at each of their "sticker stops." They will take donations for new or gently used jeans and sweatshirts, or new packages of socks and underwear in both girls' and women's sizes. We will also collect these items here at Hillcrest and deliver them to the station.

Hillcrest Ministries

Many volunteers are needed to make Hillcrest run smoothly every week. As the ministries get ready to start working on their schedules for the new school year, we want to invite everyone to get "plugged in" to whichever area fits them best. If you want to try something out before you make a commitment, just let us know. Some of the opportunities that only require a commitment of one Sunday a month include greeting, ushering, Worship Team, or helping out with Student or Children's Ministries. You could even sign up to be a substitute for any of these areas. Lots of other volunteer opportunities are available during the week, too. If you are interested in serving in the church, please mark the back of your connection card, contact Pastor Brian, or stop by the Welcome Center to get more information.

Children's Ministry

All children should stop at the Children's Check-In, located on the north side of the front foyer, before going to their classroom.

9 AM Children's Program

Building Blocks: Infants and 1 year olds
Bird House: 2-4 year olds

10:30 AM Children's Program

Building Blocks: Infants & 1 year olds
Bird House: 2 year olds
Dog House: 3 & 4 year olds
Club House: K-5th Grade

Summer Fun Days – 4th & 5th Grade

Sky Zone & Kick Ball

Sunday, August 9th, 5-9pm

Cost is \$5 and children must memorize the The Lord's Prayer. If you memorized it last year, this year you will memorize Psalm 23. Parents can drop off their kids at Sky Zone and pick them up at Hillcrest. Waiver must be completed on-line prior to arrival at Sky Zone. Please bring Sky Zone socks or \$2. Pick up a brochure with more information and/or sign up in the back foyer.

Contact Tarina Stroh at tarinastroh@siouxfallschurch.com with any questions.

Student Ministry

180 Sunday Classes

This summer, Middle School and High School students will meet together in the Youth Room during the 10:30am service. Students will be watching "AD: The Bible Continues" throughout the summer.

180 Wednesday Nights

This summer, Middle School students meet from 7-8pm and High School students meet from 8-9pm. Includes lesson, small group time, snack, and games!

We will not be meeting this Wednesday, July 15th, but feel free to bring your family to Wild Water West!

180 Events

180 is heading to the Sioux Empire Fair on August 5th! Meet at Hillcrest, and we will ride down to the fair together from 6-9pm. Please sign up at the Welcome Center, mark the back of your connection card or email Meriah to RSVP, so that we have enough spots in cars. Cost of admission is \$7. Feel free to bring additional cash for rides, food, or games.

Message Notes:

Title: Tough Times with Mom and Dad

Scripture: Deut 5:16; Prov 30:11-14; Rom 13:1-2; Eph 6:7;
Prov 1:8-9, 6:20-22, 19:26, 20:20, 30:17; Eph
6:1-3; Matt 15:4-9; Prov 23:22

For those going deeper:

This week's memory verse

Exodus 20:12 (NLT) "Honor your father and mother. Then you will live a long, full life in the land the Lord your God is giving you."

Monday

Subject: What are my options?

Scripture: Deut 5:16, Prov 30: 11-14

Commentary:

The Deuteronomy scripture tells us to honor your father and mother as the Lord had commanded us that we may live long and that it may go well with us. The Proverb scripture addresses those who curse their father and do not bless their mothers—these people are described as one who remain filthy, are arrogant, their teeth are like knives that destroy. We have two choices with two different outcomes. Follow God's commands to honor our parents to we may live long and things will go well or curse them and be someone who destroys.

Questions for further thought:

1. Which choice have you made?
2. Does your life demonstrate your choice?

Challenge:

The scripture tells us this is a command from God. This is not intended to be an optional decision. What can you do today to demonstrate the choice you have made?

Tuesday

Subject: Who's the boss?

Scripture: Romans 13:1-2, Eph 6:7

Commentary:

Often we hear people speak against a governmental official, by making the statement "I didn't vote for them." They may say "they aren't **my** president, senator, mayor or school board commissioner." These scriptures make it clear those in authority are established by God. To rebel against them is to rebel against what God instituted and will bring judgment upon us. We may sometimes feel the same way about our parents, I didn't choose them. Or, I do not have to listen to them; they are not a follower of Christ. What are we to do? We are to serve them with our whole heart as though we were serving God himself.

Questions for further thought:

1. Whose authority do you have difficulty submitting or following?
2. How do you see your parents? Easy or hard to follow?

Challenge:

Consider your answer to the questions. How can you begin to pray for this? Ask God to help you get started today.

Wednesday

Subject: How to treat your parents

Scripture: Prov 1:8-9, 6:20-22, 19:26,
20:20, 30:17

Commentary:

As a teenager and young adult I struggled with the authority of my parents. They didn't seem all that smart or wise. In fact, everyone else in my life seemed smarter than them. As I grew in age, they seemed to grow in wisdom and intellect. We didn't always agree on everything, nor did I always do what they suggested, but I did take advice into consideration. As a parent, it was very painful when my children did the same thing to me. I had wisdom and life experiences to share with them. I had their best interest in mind, but they weren't always ready to hear it.

Questions for further thought:

1. What do these scriptures teach us about how to treat our parents?
2. What are the benefits or consequences for how we treat them?

Challenge:

All parents are not wise and my never give good advice. What can you do to treat them with love and respect in spite of that?

Thursday

Subject: Honor and obey

Scripture: Eph 6: 1- 3

Commentary:

When we are children we are to obey our parents. We have so much learning to do and we need to listen to them so we can stay safe and free from harm. As we grow and have less need for instruction our parent- child roles change. We may move out of their house, get married and have children of our own. Our interactions with our parent's transition from them instructing us to us honoring and caring for them. These transitions can be tough and may be even more difficult when relationships are strained due to conflict, different beliefs or unresolved hurt. As my parents have aged, and they have more needs and require more care. There has been significant healing as the opportunities to honor them have occurred. Without realizing it forgiveness has happened.

Questions for further thought:

1. Is it easier to obey or honor your parents?
2. How are you doing in the phase you are in?

Challenge:

Forgiveness may be the key to being able to honor your parents. Ask God to show you what you should do.

Friday

Subject: What does it mean to honor?

Scripture: Mat 15:4-9, Pro 23:22

Commentary:

When I was a child my parents did the best job they could raising their children. They were wonderfully attentive and involved when I was little. As an older child they seemed overwhelmed with the six of us, so the older children helped the younger ones with homework etc. During my teen years it was painful for both us—they were old and uninformed. (They were in their 30's 😊). We had many years when our children were young that our interactions were limited due to time and strained relationships. Now my parents are in their 80's and they look to us for almost everything—advocating for them, caring for them, socializing with them and the list goes on. How grateful I am to have the opportunity, for however much time they have left, to honor them.

Questions for further thought:

1. How connected are you with your parents right now?
2. What can you do now to honor them?

Challenge:

Recognizing that my parent's time on earth is limited – it is important to spend time with them and to show them love. I cherish the memories we are making with them; happy to see their joy.

Saturday

(Looking to Sunday)

Message Series: X Commandments for Today
Message Title: The Serial Killer in All of Us
Scripture: Rom 13:9-10; 1 Jn 2:4-6, 3:15-18,
4:20-21; Matt 5:21-24, 5:43-45; Rom
12:19-21
Speaker: Doug Bartel

What do these passages say to you?

Prayer Page:

Write down the prayer concerns and praises you want to remember throughout the week. Pray every day!

If you would like to receive the email prayer chain, check the box on the Connection Card. You can also submit prayer requests through the church web site or by calling the church office.

James 5:16

Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

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Connection Card

Please fill out, tear at perforation and place in collection plate or drop off at Welcome Center as you leave.

PRAYER REQUESTS **Keep confidential (Pastoral staff) or** **Put on the Prayer Chain**

My next step today is to:

- Read and study the scriptures and devotionals, provided on pages 6-12.
- Attend picnic on Sunday, August 23rd.
- Attend Men's Retreat August 28th – 30th.
- Volunteer in a Hillcrest Ministry. (Please write your interests below)

Additional Comments:



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Connection Card

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Name _____ Address _____

E-Mail _____ City/State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Check all that apply:

- 1st Visit --- How did you hear about Hilcrest? _____
- 2nd Visit _____
- Returning Guest
- Regular Attender
- Members

(web site, newspaper, radio, name of person who invited you, etc.)

I am interested in:

- beginning a relationship with Jesus being baptized
- receiving the Hilcrest Informational E-mail.
- joining a small group becoming a member of Hilcrest
- volunteering praying for my Hilcrest family (received via e-mail)

One of the pastors will contact you with information on these subjects.

Your Age Group:

- 18-24 25-35
- 36-45 46-55
- 56-65 over 65

- Single Married

- Divorced
- Widowed

Other: _____

Names & Birthdays of members of your household
