

Hillcrest CHURCH

Today's Gathering

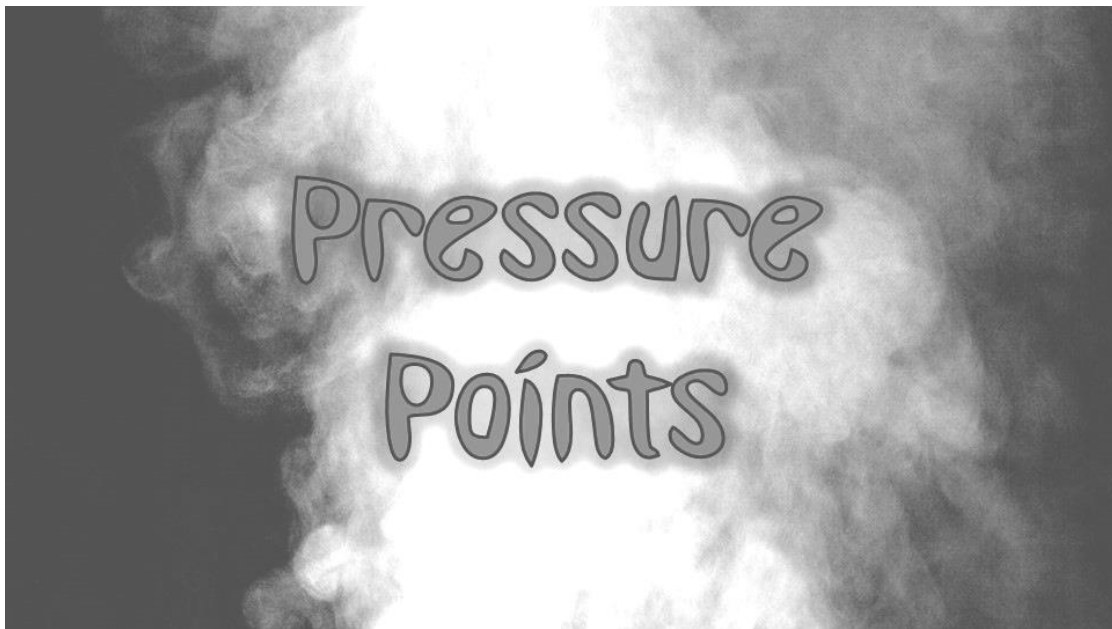
October 18th, 2015

View from the Hill

Pastor Brian Stroh

Singing

Aimee VanderWeide and Jesse VanderWeide



Looking Down on Others

Pastor Doug Bartel

For the Kids

*Parents can go to the Children's Check-In to find out about our Sunday morning options and check their children in. The Children's Check-In is located on the north 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.sioxfordchurch.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

Baptism

Please join us in celebrating Conner and Carter VandeVoort on their decision to publicly accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior through baptism today. Our next baptism service will be on November 29th. If you are interested in being baptized, please contact Pastor Doug or Pastor Brian.

Hillcrest Business Meeting

Hillcrest will have its semi-annual business meeting on Sunday, November 8th after the second service. Food will be served. Cost is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children and students with a family max of \$12. Agendas and reports will be available the week before the meeting. If you would like to attend, please sign up at the Welcome Center, mark your connection card, or contact Pastor Brian.

Trunk or Treat

This year's Trunk or Treat event will be held on Sunday, October 25th from 12:30 pm to 2pm at the parking lot behind the Powerhouse Tutoring Center (1708 E. 6th St.) Decorate your trunk and dress in costume with a theme, while handing out candy to the neighborhood kids. There will be food and games, provided by Wesley United Methodist Church, too! If you are unable to attend, you can also donate candy to hand out and give away as prizes on that day. Sign up for the event at the Kids Zone in the back foyer or drop off your candy donation near the Children's Check-In.

Serve

October Outreach Focus – Feeding South Dakota

Hillcrest's October Mission Focus is Feeding South Dakota. We'll be taking an offering for the Backpack Program during the services on Sunday, October 11th. It costs approximately \$150 to sponsor a backpack for the school year. Each Friday, Feeding South Dakota backpacks go out to under-resourced students throughout the region, ensuring students have food to make it through the weekend. A representative from Feeding South Dakota will also be here on Sunday, October 11th.

Hillcrest Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale

On Saturday, October 24th, 9am to 3pm, Hillcrest will be hosting a craft fair at the church. There will also be a huge bake sale and breakfast, lunch, and snack items for sale. This is a fundraising event for the Powerhouse Tutoring Center. We currently have 42 crafters and vendors registered, which will make it the biggest we've ever had! Hillcresters can help by making items for the bake sale and volunteering before, during, and after the event. Many different opportunities and shifts are available. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you are interested in helping out.

Facility Work Day

On Saturday November 7th, starting at 8am, join others for Hillcrest's Fall Facility Clean Up Day! We have lots to do both inside and outside. Come for however long you can! Sign up at the Welcome Center or mark the back of your Connection Card if you plan to volunteer.

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

Baby Owl House: 0-4 year olds
(pre-schoolers will break off into a small learning group)

10:30 AM Children's Program

Baby Owl House: Infants & 1 yr olds
Bird House: 2 year olds
Tree House: 3 year olds
Dog House: 4 year olds
Club House: K-5th Grade

Bingo Night

On Sunday, November 15th from 2:30-3:30, we'll be singing Christmas carols, playing Bingo, and having a snack with the residents of Stoney Brook Assisted Living! Children must be accompanied by an adult. Sign up in the back foyer if your family plans to attend.

Student Ministry

180 Sunday Classes

Students meet upstairs in the Youth Room at 10:30am for snacks and games, then break up into small groups for lessons and discussion time.

180 Wednesday Nights

This Wednesday, October 21st, 180 will be doing their regular programming at the Power House. During small group time the students will bake cookies, which will be sold at the Hillcrest Craft Fair. Proceeds support the Power House Tutoring Center. Middle School students will meet from 6-7:30pm and High School students meet from 7:30-9pm.

180 Events

Skate Party - On October 28th from 6-8pm we will meet at Skate City for a night of costumes and skating! All students welcome. There will be a costume contest for Obscure Biblical Characters with prizes awarded to the winners. Come have fun! Invite Friends!

Girls Sleepover - On Saturday, November 14th starting at 7pm, 180 Girls will have a sleepover including games, snacks, crafts, movies, and fun! Invite Friends. Cost is \$10. Stop at the Welcome Center to pick up a registration form.

Message Notes:

Title: Looking Down on Others

Scripture: James 2:1-13

For those going deeper:

This week's memory verse

Matthew 7:4 (NLT) How can you think of saying to your friend, 'Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,' when you can't see past the log in your own eye?

Monday

Subject: Courage

Scripture: Proverbs 28:1

Commentary:

The wicked flee when no man pursueth,... Through the terrors of a guilty conscience, as in Cain and others; who fear where no immediate cause of fear is, are frightened with their own shadows; and as Gaal was with the shadow of the mountains, he took for an army of men, as his friend told him, [Judges 9:36](#); they are chased with the sound of a shaken leaf, and fancy men are at their heels to destroy them, and therefore with all haste flee to some place of safety; (Gills Commentary)

Question for further thought:

1. Are you bold for Christ?
2. Do you teach your love ones to be bold for Christ?

Challenge:

Do not flee; be bold.

Tuesday

Subject: Take Refuge

Scripture: Psalms 118:8

Commentary:

Every answer to our prayers is evidence that the Lord is on our side; and then we need not fear what man can do unto us; we should conscientiously do our duty to all, and trust in him alone to accept and bless us. Let us seek to live to declare the works of God, and to encourage others to serve him and trust in him. Such were the [triumphs](#) of the Son of David, in the assurance that the good pleasure of the Lord should prosper in his hand. (Matthew Henry)

Question for further thought:

1. Are you living life to declare the works of God?
2. Are you encouraging others?

Challenge:

Believe that God's love for you will never falter?

Wednesday

Subject: Humility

Scripture: Proverbs 27:12

Commentary:

Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth,.... Men should do those things which are praiseworthy; and should do them openly, that they may be seen and praised for them: for it is honorable to have such a character as Demetrius had, who had a good report of all men; and as the brother had, whose praise in the Gospel was in all the churches. To be commended by others, by any but a man's self, is to his credit and reputation; but nothing more hurtful to it than self-commendation.

Questions for further thought:

1. Do you do things that are praiseworthy?
2. Do you rely on others for self-worth?

Challenge:

Find time to teach praise to others.

Thursday

Subject: He will sustain you

Scripture: Psalm 55:22

Commentary:

"Thy burden," or what thy God lays upon thee, lay thou it "upon the Lord." His wisdom casts it on thee, it is thy wisdom to cast it on him. He cast thy lot for thee, cast thy lot on him. He gives thee thy portion of suffering, accept it with cheerful resignation, and then take it back to him by thine assured confidence. "He shall sustain thee." Thy bread shall be given thee, thy waters shall be sure. Abundant nourishment shall fit thee to bear all thy labors and trials. As thy days so shall thy strength be. "He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved." (treasury of David)

Questions for further thought:

1. Are you assured God will sustain you?
2. Do you lay your burdens upon the Lord?

Challenge:

Meditate in God's word this week.

Friday

Subject: Stand firm in the faith

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 16:13

Commentary:

Be strong – Put forth all the vigor and energy which God has given you in maintaining and propagating the truth, and your spiritual strength will increase by usage. The terms in this verse are all military: Watch ye, **γρηγορεῖτε**, watch, and be continually on your guard, lest you be surprised by your enemies; keep your scouts out, and all your sentinels at their posts, lest your enemies steal a march upon you. See that the place you are in be properly defended; and that each be alert to perform his duty.

Questions for further thought:

1. Do you watch for opportunities to do good?
2. Do you watch over each other in love?

Challenge:

Be strong – Put forth all the vigor and energy which God has given you.

Saturday

(Looking to Sunday)

Message Series: Pressure Points
Message Title: Doing Good
Scripture: James 2:14-26
Speaker: Pastor 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.

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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.

☐ Volunteer for the Craft Bazaar & Bake Sale on October 23rd or 24th.

☐ Volunteer for Facility Work Day on November 7th.

☐ Attend Business Meeting and lunch on November 8th.

Additional Comments:



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Name _____ Address _____

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

Check all that apply:

- ☐ 1st Visit --- How did you hear about Hillcrest? _____
- ☐ 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 Hillcrest Informational E-mail.
- ☐ joining a small group ☐ becoming a member of Hillcrest
- ☐ volunteering ☐ praying for my Hillcrest 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**

