

# Hillcrest CHURCH

## Today's Gathering

January 17, 2016

## View from the Hill

Pastor Doug Bartel

## Singing

Aimee VanderWeide, Gary Rakebrandt, and Jesse VanderWeide



## You're Wearing the Wrong Hat

Meriah VanderWeide

## 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](http://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

Our next baptism service will be on January 31st. 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.

### Sweetheart Dance!

Treat your princess to a night of dancing and fun! February 6th from 6:30-8pm. Cost is \$5 per child/adult couple. Sign-ups start at church Sunday, January 17th. Any other questions please contact Jessi Copeland or Tarina Stroh.

### New Small Groups!

If getting plugged in or studying your bible more or making new friends is a part of your New Year's Resolutions, whether they were standard or just one word, Hillcrest has lots of new options for you to choose from. You can see a complete list of our open small groups on our web site or pick up a list at the Welcome Center. Contact Pastor Brian if you have any questions about a small group or need help finding the right one for you.

### Men's *Stepping Up* Class

Join nationally renowned men's ministry leaders and teachers on the most important journey of your life: the journey to courageous manhood. This 10 week video series, led by Jason Lounsbery, will meet in the Upstairs Classroom on Mondays from 6:30-8pm, starting January 25th. Cost for the book is \$15. Please sign up at the Welcome Center or contact Jason if you are interested.

### Women's Studies

The Saturday morning women's bible study will be doing the study *Restless* by Jennie Allen starting January 16th at 9:00 in the Fireside Room. Please sign up at the Welcome Center or contact Missy Davis if you are interested in joining.

Women's Monday night study will start new book on January 18th. Gospel of John by Max Lucado. Meets 6pm - 7:30 in the Fireside Room. All women are welcome. For any questions call Vicki at 605-201-7955.

## ***Bridges: Christians Connecting with Muslims – Bible Study***

This class, led by Pastor Doug Bartel, will meet in the upstairs classroom from 6pm–7:30pm, on Wednesdays, starting January 20<sup>th</sup>. It will run for 6 weeks, ending February 24<sup>th</sup>. By focusing on similarities, instead of differences, *Bridges* seeks to replace fear and intimidation with love and gentle boldness, reshaping the way Christians view and respond to their Muslim neighbors. You can find more information on our web site or in the weekly informational email. The cost of the book is \$15 and you can sign up at the Welcome Center.

## **On-Line Study Group**

This new group will be a bit of an experiment, as it will be completely paperless, everyone will participate each week in their own time, and it's FREE. Starting the week of January 17<sup>th</sup>, we will watch the 6 week *Work as Worship* video series (each on our own) on Right Now Media. Then each person will respond to the list of weekly questions on a private Facebook group, which will hopefully generate additional discussion. We will meet at the church for a social event at the end of the study on Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Jennifer Simons via email or Facebook (to keep it "paperless".) She will then send you an invitation to the Facebook group to get started.

## **Serve**

### **January Mission Focus – The Banquet**

The mission focus for January will be serving at the Banquet. We need approximately 35 people to serve on Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:15 pm to approximately 8pm. We will also need 6 to 8 volunteers to prepare the meal on Friday afternoon from 2–4pm. All children are welcome with adult supervision, but there are limited jobs for them if they are under 13 years old. Sign up at the Welcome Center or mark your connection card if you are interested in volunteering.

## 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-5<sup>th</sup> Grade

## Family Movie Night

On January 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, Children's Ministries invites all families to join us as we watch the movie "Inside Out"! We'll provide popcorn, cocoa, and other snacks, as well as the photo booth! It's a great movie and a good opportunity to connect with your family and other families! Sign up at the Children's Ministry table in the back foyer or mark your connection card if you plan 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, January 13<sup>th</sup>, we will join other Hillcresters at Tut Hill for some winter fun! See page 3 for more details. This will take the place of our regular Wednesday activities.

### 180 Events

Sunday School Service Project - During Sunday School on Jan 17<sup>th</sup> we will be making hygiene packs to be given out at the Banquet on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

180 Super Bowl Party - February 7<sup>th</sup>, we will meet at the Davis' house at 5pm for food and watching the Game. Bring a 2 liter soda & a snack to share or \$5. There will be a group playing board games and watching the commercials in a different room if you simply want to come to hang out. Contact Meriah to RSVP and for directions.

Winter Camp - Feb 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> We will head to Minneapolis and stay at Riverview Baptist Church while we ski, shop, and grow together. For more information, pick up a brochure and registration form at the Welcome Center.

# Message Notes:

Title: You're Wearing the Wrong Hat

Scripture: Ex 18:13-27; Lk 10:38-42; Rom 12:6-8; 1 Cor 12:4-11, 12:28; Eph 4:1-16; Matt 28:16-20

Notes:

For those going deeper:

This week's memory verse

Romans 8:28 (NLT) And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

# Monday

Subject: The Mentoring Hat

Scripture: Exodus 18:13-27

## Commentary:

Moses was overwhelmed. He had an amazingly huge responsibility in leading the Israelite people to the God ordained promise of Canaan. However, he had found himself in a day and night cycle of serving the people in practical matters of social justice to refereeing inconsequential squabbles between neighbors. God, being rich in mercy, sends Jethro, Moses' father-in-law to give him some much needed wise council. As it turns out, Jethro's practical wisdom of delegation and management organization was of immense benefit to Moses and Israel alike. Woven into Jethro's advice were statements about God and the virtues of Godly men that should cause us to look at him as an example of faith integrating into thinking and action.

## Questions for further thought:

1. Have you ever considered coming alongside someone as a mentor or considered being mentored myself? Why or why not?
2. How could I put this mentoring plan into action today? Who could I approach for advice?

## Challenge:

Plan to consider an action plan to put a mentoring relationship together. It may be as simple as going to breakfast or lunch.

# Tuesday

Subject: The Hat of Many Colors

Scripture: Romans 12:3-8

## Commentary:

Just as some hats have many colors, so it is in the body of Christ. God has sovereignly given the body of Christ a unified diversity. He has given His children gifts of grace which are undeserved and unmerited. These gifts, the specific way in which they are used, and the spiritual results are all sovereignly chosen by the Holy Spirit apart from our personal merit. Thus, He has given a spirit of unity in which all parts of the body can function as a whole. Gifts such as prophecy (proclaiming the Word of God), compliment service, which compliments the gifts of teaching and exhortation. Our God is not a God of chaos. He is a God of order and execution. This should cause us to seek to use our gifts to further His kingdom and to give Him glory.

## Questions for further thought:

1. If I was asked what my spiritual gift was, how would I answer?
2. What is the evidence to which I would point to substantiate my claim?

## Challenge:

Plan to spend some time discovering your spiritual gift. If you already know, find a way to implement that gift within the local church.



# Wednesday

Subject: The Specialized Hat

Scripture: 1 Cor. 12:1-11

## Commentary:

Spiritual gifts are divine enablements for ministry that the Holy Spirit gives in some measure to all believers and that are to be completely under His control for the building up of the Church to Christ's glory. They are not natural talents, skills, or abilities, such as are possessed by believers and unbelievers alike. These gifts are sovereignly and supernaturally bestowed by the Holy Spirit on all believers enabling us to spiritually edify each other effectively and as such honor the Lord. Moreover, the Lord gives believers unique ministry areas in which to fulfill our giftedness, and provides ample power by which to energize and accomplish them.

## Questions for further thought:

1. How have I used my giftedness from God to edify those around me?
2. With all this knowledge of spiritual gifts, how will I pursue what God is calling ME to do?

## Challenge:

Re-read the passage referenced above. In what areas do you see God has gifted you?

# Thursday

Subject: The Unity Hat

Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-16

## Commentary:

"Walk in manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called" (v.1). "Walk" is frequently used in the NT to refer to daily conduct. "Worthy" has the idea of living to match one's position in Christ. How are we doing in this area? Are we pursuing unity in the body of Christ or are we content in our disjointedness? God calls us to a spirit of humility, gentleness, and patience as we bear with each other in love. We are to pursue unity of the Spirit through one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of all. However, each of us as believers has been gifted uniquely in a way God designed. In other words, we all pursue unity through our unique giftedness that God has graciously bestowed upon us. Let us not waste what God has so freely given to us for His glory.

## Questions for further thought:

1. In what ways do I see my unique giftedness as a bridge to pursuing unity?
2. How can I use this gift today to encourage someone within the body of Christ?

## Challenge:

Is there someone you need to pursue unity with today? Take the steps necessary to bring it to pass.

# Friday

Subject: If the Hat Fits....

Scripture: Ephesians 3:14-21

## Commentary:

I once heard it said that refusing to pray is like owning a field filled with buried treasure but refusing to pick up a shovel and dig. I found that interesting as we struggle through this thing called prayer. Is there something special wording formula for prayer? Do I have to pray at a certain time or in a certain place? This passage exhibits one of Paul's prayers as he is praying for spiritual strength. And what is God's response to our petitions? He acts on our behalf, for He longs to hear His people cry out to Him "I need you!" However, this strength may not be what we would expect. Strength comes from knowing and understanding the love of Christ. Christ passionately desires that we would be filled with the fullness of God. He continues to give us strength daily as we pray for the filling of His Holy Spirit. Now that is something to be excited about.

## Questions for further thought:

1. What are the areas of weakness in my life that I need His strength?
2. How will I go about pursuing that strength today?

## Challenge:

Be encouraged. It is the desire of the Lord to fill ALL of you with ALL of Him. Work to appropriate that strength in humble servanthood to Him.

# Saturday

(Looking to Sunday)

Message Series: Pastor's Choice  
Message Title: Pessimist Prime Meets Thanksgiving  
Scripture: Ephesians 5:20, Philippians 4:4-13  
Speaker: Burke Perry

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.

☐ Join a new small group or study\_\_\_\_\_ (which one?)

☐ Volunteer to serve at the Banquet on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

☐ Attend the Sweetheart Dance on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

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Additional Comments:



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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Check all that apply:

- ☐ 1<sup>st</sup> Visit --- How did you hear about Hillcrest? \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ 2<sup>nd</sup> Visit \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Returning Guest \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Regular Attender \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Members \_\_\_\_\_

***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**
