

Hillcrest CHURCH

Today's Gathering

January 24, 2016

View from the Hill

Pastor Doug Bartel

Singing

Kelsey Moser and Jesse VanderWeide



Pessimist Prime Meets Thanksgiving

Burke Perry

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

Our next baptism service will be on January 31st. If you are interested in baptism, please talk to Pastor Doug or Pastor Brian today!

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.

Chocolate & Canvas

All Hillcrest ladies are invited to attend and participate in our 2nd annual "Chocolate & Canvas" event to be held on Tuesday, February 16th. Please join us at 6:30 pm in the Family Life Center where Meriah Vander Weide will show us the techniques and guide us in painting a winter scene on an 11x17 canvas. Sign-up will begin on Sunday, January 24th at the table in the front foyer. Cost is \$8.00 at time of sign-up. All supplies will be provided the night of the painting...nothing for you to bring!

Partnering with Parents Class

Sunday, February 28th, after services. Hillcrest is proud to present Tom Henderson, founder and president of Restoration Generation, for a parenting seminar titled "Unpacking Youth Culture: Your Role as a Parent". This seminar is geared for parents with children in elementary, middle, and high school. The cost for the seminar is \$10/couple or \$20/family. Cost includes lunch from Qdoba and childcare (for those who need it). Also, a portion of the cost will be donated to Restoration Generation. Please sign up at the Welcome Center or mark the back of your connection card if you are interested in attending.

Directories

Our new directories have finally arrived! If you got your picture taken for the directory or submitted a photo, make sure to stop at the Welcome Center to pick up your free copy.

Serve

February Mission Focus – Restoration Generation

Restoration Generation is about one thing: Relationships. Students today are living in a world where the majority of them have known nothing but broken relationships – with family, friends and themselves. Restoration Generation exists to partner with schools, organizations and communities to help Restore a Generation of Relationships.

On February 28th, Hillcrest will be hosting a parenting seminar presented by Tom Henderson, founder and president of Restoration Generation. Please see the Partnering with Parents section on page 3 for more information.

Donate from your smart phone!

Hillcrest Church offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give anytime from your smart phone. Simply scan the image you see here using your phone's Quick Response (QR) code reader!



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

** Reminder that next week is a 5th Sunday and there will be no Club House. Children are encouraged to participate in the baptism and communion service with their families.*

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.

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180 Wednesday Nights

Middle School meets at Hillcrest from 6-7:30pm and High School meets from 7:30-9pm. Includes lesson, small group time, snack, & games!

180 Events

180 Super Bowl Party - February 7th, 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 11th-14th 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.

Laser Tag - On Saturday, February 27th, we will meet at Galaxy Gaming for Laser Combat at 7pm. Pay Meriah \$10 to save your spot. Spots are limited. First come, first serve.

Message Notes:

Title: Pessimist Prime Meets Thanksgiving

Scripture: Ephesians 5:20, Philippians 4:4-13

Notes:

For those going deeper:

This week's memory verse

1 Corinthians 16:34 (NLT) Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.

Monday

Subject: The Thankful Leper

Scripture: Luke 17:1-19

Commentary:

In today's story, Jesus encounters a group of 10 lepers. Lepers were considered detestable, ceremonially unclean and were fully shunned by society as a whole. When the lepers began calling to Jesus, referring to Him as "Master", Jesus sent them away to show the priests that they were clean. Only one returned when he realized that Jesus had indeed healed him. This man, a Samaritan, was the only man of the 10 that returned to Glorify God and thank Jesus for the miraculous healing. Jesus was obviously disappointed that the other 9 had failed to return. This story reminds us that a lack of gratitude towards God for His blessings is sinful.

Questions for further thought:

1. Do you have an attitude of thanksgiving?
2. If not, what will you do?

Challenge:

A life of thanksgiving is a life of prayer. Set aside time each day to thank God for His goodness. Reflect on Ephesians 5:20 as you get started.

Tuesday

Subject: Thankful for Family

Scripture: Psalm 127:3-5, Ephesians 1:5,
Colossians 3:18-21

Commentary:

When was the last time you told your spouse you are thankful for them? How about your children, parents, grandparents? Family is a gift from God. It is no mistake that He brought you all together. You are made to love, protect and support one another unconditionally. Unfortunately, sometimes we take these relationships for granted and our relationships suffer and disintegrate.

How about your relationship with God? He is your adopted Father. He adopted you into His family by the saving power of Jesus Christ.

Questions for further thought:

1. Do you consider your family (your entire family) a blessing?
2. Do you consider yourself an adopted child of God?

Challenge:

Give thanks for your family. Make an effort to repair any problems between you. If you are struggling with the concept of being adopted by God, pray that Jesus would come into your heart and be Lord of your life.

Wednesday

Subject: Thankful for Work

Scripture: Ephesians 6:5-8;
Colossians 3:22-24

Commentary:

In his book, "The Purpose Driven Life", Rick Warren writes "work becomes worship when you are dedicating it to God and performing it with an awareness of His presence". Work is one of God's gifts to us. Adam and Eve were given the work of tending the Garden. We are made to work and for work. Many of us have made our work toil. Often it is performed solely for financial gain, not the avenue for worship and service that God desires. Instead of a blessing, we make it a curse.

Questions for further thought:

1. Are you thankful for God's gift of work?
2. Is your attitude at work one of thanksgiving and worship?

Challenge:

It is a real stretch for many of us to think of our jobs as a blessing. Jesus is always there, maybe standing behind your boss, maybe in the midst of the really messy jobs. Try to envision Him. Hear him saying "I see what you do and I am proud of you and appreciate what you do".

Thursday

Subject: Thankful for Life

Scripture: Psalm 28:7, 69:30;
1 Thessalonians 5:18

Commentary:

Think about all the wonderful things this life has to offer. Beautiful sunrises and sunsets, a full moon rising on a clear winter evening, wildlife, a banquet table brimming with all of your favorite foods, a great movie shared with your favorite friend. The list is endless. God has provided endlessly beauty for us here on earth and the promise of endless beauty and joy in heaven. Yet we often overlook the good things in favor of complaining, coveting and sinning.

Questions for further thought:

1. Are you truly thankful for your life?
2. If so, what will you do out of gratitude?

Challenge:

God gives you what you need, not necessarily what you want. Pray a prayer of thanksgiving, thanking Him for meeting your needs. Ask Him to help you be satisfied with the things He has given you.

Friday

Subject: Thankful for a Savior

Scripture: Psalm 118

Commentary:

This psalm is a psalm of thanksgiving and praise to God for His gift of salvation through Jesus. We are fortunate to serve a loving, compassionate God who loves us so much that He sent His Son to be the ultimate sacrifice of each and every one of us. There has been no greater gift given. Jesus is worthy of our gratitude and praise for His saving work on the cross.

Questions for further thought:

1. Are you saved by the grace and power of Jesus?
2. If you are not sure, what will you do?

Challenge:

Glorify God by thanking Jesus today for His gift of salvation. Ask Him for the strength to live your life in a spirit of gratitude and thankfulness.

Saturday

(Looking to Sunday)

Message Series: Pastor's Choice
Message Title: Paul & Silas Leave Prison
Scripture: Acts 16:29-31
Speaker: Tarina Stroh

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.

☐ Attend the Sweetheart Dance on February 6th.

☐ Attend the Partnering with Parents class on February 28th.

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**

