



Today's Gathering

February 14, 2016

View from the Hill

Cheri Guse

Singing

Cindy Cummins, Tarina Stroh, and Doug Bartel



Sex & Marriage

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

Hillcrest Camping Trip

This year, our annual camping trip at Newton Hills State Park will be held June 10th-12th, the weekend after VBS. On Saturday evening, June 11th, we will also have a picnic for everyone, even if you are not camping. This is an annual tradition at Hillcrest and we encourage everyone to join in whatever way they can. In order to secure enough spots, we will need to make reservations for camping sites and cabins on March 12th, so please sign up for camping and have your **payment in no later than Sunday, March 6th**.

- Cabin - \$100 for weekend
- Electrical Site - \$19 a night; \$38 for weekend
- Tent site - \$15 a night; \$30 for weekend

Spots (especially cabins) are limited. Those staying in tents & campers may register for Friday night, only, or for Friday and Saturday night, but preference for cabins will be given to those that can stay the whole weekend. Checks and credit cards will be accepted at the Welcome Center or you can pay on-line by through the online giving option on our web site, and choosing "Events." If you would like to use SCRIP, please contact either Brian or Jennifer. There will be no refunds, unless we are unable to secure your spot. Reminder that if you do not have a yearly pass, the state park entrance fee of \$6 per day (per vehicle) will also be required at the time of arrival.

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.

Family Bowling Night

Hillcrest's Children's Ministries invites all Hillcresters to Family Bowling Night Sunday, March 13th from 6-8 PM at Eastway Bowl! Cost is \$8.42 per person and includes shoes and 2 games. Sign up in the back foyer or mark your connection card if you plan to attend.

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 VanderWeide 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!

Zumba Class

There will be a free 45 minute Zumba class open to any age (parental approval needed if under age 18). We will meet Sunday evenings from 6:30-7:15pm upstairs in the Club House. The class will run February 21st to May 22nd. There will be no classes on the following dates: March 27th, May 1st, and May 8th. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you are interested in participating.

Dance Ministry

Looking for dancers to learn a dance to be performed on April 10th during 1st and 2nd services. Participants must be able to be at the entire practice on February 27th from 8am-12pm, and both performances on April 10th in order to participate. Any age is welcome, but it would be beneficial to have some dance training, especially if you are younger than 5th grade. The group will meet every Sunday after church for 30 minutes to review the dance. There will also be a practice April 9th from 9am-10am in the gym. Attendance at these practices is not mandatory, but it is highly recommended that you attend as many as possible for the benefit of all involved. The group will be limited to 15 people and there is a cost of \$50 for outfits and shoes. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you are interested in being a part of this performance.

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.

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

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

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

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.

Summer Camp – While the weather outside can be frightful, we're already thinking about summer camp at Village Creek! Your middle or high school student is not going to want to miss camp! Current high school students will be attending Senior High Camp June 19-25. Current middle school students will be attending Teen Camp 2 July 10-16. To secure the best (i.e. lowest!) price, registrations are due with a \$75 deposit by March 10. You can turn in registrations to Hillcrest and we'll mail them off together. Registrations are available at the Welcome Center, or at <http://villagecreek.net/summer/2016-camps-dates>. As a bonus, for every 4 registrations turned in by March 10th, one lucky camper will receive \$50 off of camp! If there are 8 registrations by the 10th, we will draw 2 winners (and so forth).

Message Notes:

Title: Sex & Marriage

Scripture: Genesis 2:22-24; Matthew 19:4-6;
1 Corinthians 7:1-16; Mark 10:6-9;
Hebrews 13:4-7

Notes:

For those going deeper:

This week's memory verse

Proverbs 5:15 (NLT) Drink water from your own well— share your love only with your wife.

Monday

Subject: Grace

Scripture: Ephesians 2:8

Commentary:

On one side, we must look at God; and, on the other, at man. God declares, that he owes us nothing; so that salvation is not a reward or recompense, but unmixed grace. The next question is, in what way do men receive that salvation which is offered to them by the hand of God? The answer is, by faith; and hence he concludes that nothing connected with it is our own. If, on the part of God, it is grace alone, and if we bring nothing but faith, which strips us of all commendation, it follows that salvation does not come from us.

Questions for further thought:

1. Have you in your own life, recognize Grace as a fruit of the spirit?
2. Would friends describe you as patient?

Challenge:

Understand that the Word is the implantation of God's Grace.

Tuesday

Subject: God's Love

Scripture: Isaiah 54:10

Commentary:

The mountains shall depart, the emblems of eternity shall crumble and change and pass, and the hills be removed; but this immortal, impalpable, and, in some men's minds, fantastic and unreal something, 'My loving kindness and the covenant of My peace,' shall outlast them all. And this great promise is stamped with the sign manual of Heaven, being spoken by the Lord that hath mercy on thee.'

Questions for further thought:

1. Do you agree?
2. Is God's Love stamped in your heart?

Challenge:

Share the truth with someone this week who needs to know the TRUTH about Gods Love.

Wednesday

Subject: Be Kind

Scripture: Ephesians 4:32

Commentary:

The secret of true politeness is "benevolence," or a desire to make others happy; and a Christian should be the most polite of people. There is no religion in a sour, misanthropic temper; none in rudeness, stiffness, and repulsiveness; none in violating the rules of good breeding. There is a hollow-hearted politeness, indeed, which the Christian is not to aim at or copy.

Questions for further thought:

1. Do you know someone you could forgive?
2. Are you as kind as you should be?

Challenge:

Find someone to forgive!

Thursday

Subject: Love of God

Scripture: 1 John 3:1

Commentary:

When we remember how insignificant we are as creatures, and how ungrateful, rebellious, and vile we have been as sinners, we may well be amazed at the love which would adopt us into the holy family of God, so that we may be regarded and treated as the children of the Most High. A prince could manifest no higher love for a wandering, ragged, vicious orphan boy, found in the streets, than by adopting him into his own family, and admitting him to the same privileges and honors as his own sons; and yet this would be a trifle compared with the honor which God has bestowed on us. (Barnes Commentary)

Questions for further thought:

1. Are you amazed of His Love?
2. Do you regard others as children of the most high?

Challenge:

Model the forgiveness you have received in Jesus Christ through repentance and faith in Him.

Friday

Subject: Give Freely

Scripture: Matthew 5:42

Commentary:

Give to him that asketh thee,... To every man, [Luke 6:30](#) whether Jew or Gentile; friend or foe; believer or unbeliever; a good, or a bad man; worthy or unworthy; deserving or not, that asketh alms, whether food or money; give it freely, readily, cheerfully, according to your abilities, and as the necessity of the object requires: for such rules are always supposed, and to be observed; and though all are to be relieved, yet the circumstances of persons, and their relation to men, are to be considered, and special regard is to be had to the household of faith (Gills Commentary).

Questions for further thought:

1. Do you give according to your abilities?
2. Do you give freely?

Challenge:

Be more in tune to God's voice this year.

Saturday

(Looking to Sunday)

Message Series: God & Sexuality
Message Title: Transgender Issues
Scripture: Genesis 1:26; Deuteronomy 22:5;
Matthew 19:12; Psalm 139:13-16
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.

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

☐ Attend family Bowling Night on March 13th.

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 _____

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**

