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OUR MONTHLY MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

CONNECTIONS

revival



Dr. Frank Cox

August 27-30, 2017

Sunday

9:00am, 10:30am, & 6:00pm

Monday - Wednesday

6:30pm



Hillcrest Kids



Dates to remember:

- Aug 2 TeamKI D on Mission at 6:15 pm.
- Aug 6 Promotion Sunday
Pastor's Club
Jr. Jam at 10:30 am.
- Aug 9 TeamKI D on Mission at 6:15 pm.
- Aug 13 Jr Jam at 10:30 am, no Kids Jam
- Aug 16 TeamKI D on Mission at 6:15 pm.
- Aug 20 **Kid's Jam & Jr. Jam at 10:30 am**
Soular Celebration at 5:00 pm
- Aug 23 TeamKI D on Mission
- Aug 27 No Kids Jam or Jr. Jam—Revival



SUNDAY AM—CONNECT 9:00 am in the Student Building

Our students hang out, sing together, then divide into age-appropriate Bible study and discussion. After small groups, students are dismissed to attend the main worship service with their families or to serve on one of our other ministry teams.

WEDNESDAY PM—REFUGE 6:00—7:30 pm in the Student Building

This is our weekly student-oriented worship service with games, singing, and teaching from the Bible that is geared for students.



SOULAR CELEBRATION

*Saturday, August 19th
9:30 am—11:30 am
Outreach Day*

*Sunday, August 20th at 5:00 PM
Live Music—Outdoor Baptisms—Games
Free Hotdogs, Chips, & Watermelon*



It is so true God knows what we need and exactly when we need it. Let me illustrate with two recent experiences. Yesterday, one of our vehicles ruptured the radiator hose and caused a moment of panic as steam began to come through the vents inside the car. I was called to the scene (right in front of our local DQ on the busiest road in the city) to diagnose the problem. Mind you, I am no mechanic, but even a ruptured hose is evident to me. After returning from the auto parts store, a young man pulled up and asked if he could help. “If you are a mechanic, I suppose you could,” to which, he replied, “I am.” Hundreds of cars had gone by and this young man was just out riding around when he saw us. He must have recognized our desperation and in short time he helped us make the repair. Then, today, I was dealing with a little discouragement when asked if I could take a phone call. It was a church member who was just calling to offer encouragement. He was totally unaware of the day I was having, but the Lord had prompted him to call.

Both of these situations involved Christians who were just being obedient to the Holy Spirit. Neither of them had to do what they did, but in doing so delivered what God knew I needed. I share these stories because it may be you who needs something from the Lord today or it may be you whom the Lord wants to use to bring into someone else’s life what he/she needs today.

One reason it is so important to continually be fed God’s word and walk with the Spirit of the Lord is so that we are sensitive to when and what God wants to do in our lives. Revival encourages us to be in God’s word and walk in the Spirit of the Lord. With that being said, we are going to have the privilege of hosting one of the greatest pulpiteers August 27th-30th right here at Hillcrest. Dr. Frank Cox will be with us that week and I pray you will be here to be fed and encouraged. It is hard to feed others when you are not being fed yourself. Make plans to join us for each service as we hopefully experience God’s presence and receive just what we need.

Leading Others to Follow Jesus,

Bro. Joe

HBC Library News

New DVDs: *23 Blast* is based on an incredible true story. This is the story of Travis Freeman who lives in a sightless world. A powerful movie the whole family will enjoy.

The Note Collection is two DVD’s with three stories about love, hope, inspiration and second chances.

Books: *Lady of Arlington* is about the life of Mrs. Robert E. Lee. A fascinating and inspiring woman in her own right because she was a devout Christian, a painter, author, legendary hostess, and staunch patriot—the mother of seven children who nurtured her beloved husband’s career even as arthritis crippled her body. Mary Custis Lee’s life is a timeless example of triumph in the face of desolation and loss.

Lights Out—Travis Freeman lost his sight at 12 years old to a severe illness. Travis Freeman’s story and wisdom show us how to live even with the “Lights Out.”



The month of August marks many new beginnings, most notably the beginning of school for our students. August means the beginning of new schedules and routines. The days of staying up late and sleeping in disappear as priorities refocus around everyone getting to school on time.

During this time of refocus, it is important to intentionally schedule time to be with God and with God’s people. Any relationship worth having takes time and effort, and your relationship with God is no different. As you begin to schedule your life around school and extracurriculars, remember to also schedule time with God. It may seem unspiritual to put something like that on your calendar or to-do list, but I can assure you that it is not. You may relish in the spontaneity of your time with God, but your relationship with him will not be healthy if you only work on it when you feel like it. Be intentional and set aside time every day to read the Bible and pray. Consider journaling both your prayers and the things that God is teaching you through his Word.

Remember, also, to intentionally schedule time to be with God’s people this month. We have the joy and privilege to meet together regularly for worship, prayer, and Bible study. We meet to encourage one another and support one another as we follow Jesus all seven days of the week. If you still need help finding a smaller group of Christians to meet with on a regular basis, let us know so we can connect you to one. We have many groups that meet on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights that would love to have you join with them. For students and children, we we’ll be promoting all of our Sunday morning groups on August 6. It is the perfect chance to get plugged into a group as we also refocus this new school year.

Bro. Andrew

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!
Five weeks ago my sister passed away unexpectedly. My father passed away this past Monday. I want to thank Bro. Joe & Tony for praying with our family and for having others pray for us. We are blessed to be part of a caring Sunday School class who cared for us with food and love. Thank you Hillcrest family for the love you have shown us over these five weeks and longer. We thank you for the food, gifts, flowers, love and prayers.
-With Love, Sam & Betty Cherry

I want to thank you all for my prayer cards, flowers, visits, and delicious food while I was out of church sick. Such a wonderful church family. Thank God for you all. -Love, Brenda Lawrence

A donation has been made to the Brazil Mission Group in honor of the *Being the Church* yard crew: Thank you for the great job you did. -Robert & Emma Lou Crenshaw.

Thank you for the love shown and prayers during mom’s illness and then with her passing. Thank you for the meal served to all of her family and the cards of sympathy we received. It was such a blessing during this difficult time in our lives.
-Joiner & Morse families

Thank you for the comfort, inspiration and company you provided for our parents who sought God’s peace when they died within a short time of each another. You always had time to visit Joyce and Ralph throughout their journey. -Family of Joyce & Ralph Williams.

Get Connected

With Our New Members

Rick Hernandez

Barbara Hattenbach

Duane Staude

Shaun & Jessica Andrews

Are **YOU** Looking for a Place to **SERVE**?

Do **YOU**  love **KIDS**?

Come and Serve In our Nursery!

We need volunteers to work during both Services.

Baptism

celebration

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 AT 5:00 PM
CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO REQUEST PARTICIPATION

Girls Night Out
FUN FOOD FELLOWSHIP

August 11 at 6:30 pm
in the Fellowship Hall

Bring a Finger Food

Games, Crafts, and Lots of Fun!

BETERNEVAS
(55 and over)

POT LUCK

Thursday, August 24
11:30 am
in the Fellowship Hall