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Be on the lookout for our Angel Tree in the Gathering Area. We will provide Christmas gifts to children in need who attend Hillcrest. Please consider this opportunity to minister to others. Each \$25 donation provides gifts for one child. Make your check payable to Hillcrest Baptist Church.

Little Flock (nursery ministry) Parents, please be mindful of our health policy concerning sick children. We can only allow well children in the nursery. Health policies are listed in the Little Flock brochure at the Welcome Desk. Thanks!



Help Support our **Guatemala Mission Team** by purchasing an HBC Sweatshirt! See a team member in the Gathering Area during November.



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OUR MONTHLY MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

C O N N E C T I O N S

Happy Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.
His love is eternal.

Psalms 136:1



What are we aiming for?

Building Plans Information

- **Ministries touched**
 - ◆ Senior Adults, Music, Preschool, Recreation, Adult Sunday School, Staff Team, Media Library
- **Traffic Congestion Relieved in Gathering Area and Flow to Classrooms**
- **Additional 11 Sunday School rooms added**
- **Additional 9 Sunday School rooms can be facilitated in Family Life Center**
- **640+/- Seating for Banquet/Fellowship**
- **750+/- Seating for Worship/Meeting (set-up in theatre style using bleachers)**
- **250+/- Seating for Recreation Ministry**
- **Approximate Bldg. Cost: \$5.25 million+/-**
- **Approximate Furnishing Cost: \$150,000**
- **Additional 150+/- Parking Spaces Gained**
- **Renovating Youth Bldg. (ceiling, classes)**

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Reaching to Give - Giving to Reach
2 Corinthians 8:8-9

**HARVEST CELEBRATION
and RECEPTION**

Sunday, November 24 5-7pm
James E. Bruce Convention Center

Within the last two weeks, I have had multiple church members asking me about the outreach we do on Monday nights at 6:30 p.m. Those asking wanted to know if they would have to go by themselves and who would they be visiting. I assured them they would not go alone and that we visit those who have visited Hillcrest recently, as well as church members who may have gone missing for some reason or the other.

I am always excited to go visit newcomers, but am equally thrilled to speak with a church member who needs a word of encouragement to return to the fellowship of God's family. We must demonstrate we are thankful for every person associated with the Hillcrest family. Thankfulness can be demonstrated in a number of ways, but nothing expresses appreciation like spending a little quality time with someone. If you cannot think of someone who needs a visit, we have plenty of names from which to choose.

Recently, while attending a Sunday School fellowship, our son, Ryan, realized he had lost his favorite pocketknife while running around in the yard. Unfortunately, darkness had already set in on us. To make matters worse, his knife had a camouflage handle and a black blade. A half dozen people joined in the search with flashlights in hand and after searching for a while Ryan found the knife buried in the grass. We all celebrated, especially those of us who had helped in the search. Similarly, Jesus told the parable of a woman who lost one of her ten silver coins. She could have been content that she still had nine others, but she searched UNTIL SHE FOUND IT. She then called her friends and they rejoiced together. Jesus said, "Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents" (Lk. 15:8-10)

Let us not forget what causes joy in heaven. Let us be thankful for the people God has led to Hillcrest and let's show them how thankful we are by going to them and demonstrating it!

In Christ,

Bro. Joe

P.S. - I hope you have a Happy Thanksgiving!



As 2013 comes to a close, we have an abundance of things for which to be thankful. We would call those God-sightings, times when we felt God's presence or seen Him at work in an unmistakable way. Although it may be difficult to acknowledge, some of the circumstances of life in 2013 were not what we had hoped for. Some of those times were disappointments, some tragedies, and some regrets we wish we could redo.

It's Thanksgiving. It seems this time of year marks when we annually take inventory of our lives and how God may have advanced His kingdom or matured us. This inventory can be an encouragement to us, or conversely, we see how blatantly far we have fallen short of our goals. As you take this inventory, how will you measure success?

Paul gave some very clear directives regarding how to live **for** Christ. Concepts like abstaining, forsaking, rejoicing, and supporting are just a few of the ways to live **for** Christ. However, he was more pointed about how to measure life **in** Christ. He used his own life as an example. In Philippians 3, Paul lists his accomplishments and his position in culture. Frankly, it's impressive. He's a rock star. He had all the accolades that would signify his worth and credibility, yet he calls it rubbish or refuse.

Paul declares the worth of knowing Jesus as far superior to earthly accomplishments. His confidence rests upon his relationship to God. Paul understood that **BEING TRUMPS DOING**. We often measure success by the things we do. But God is far more interested in who you are becoming.

Is it time to change the measuring stick? Although 2013 may be marked by both highs and lows, how did God use each circumstance to grow you in Him? How was His grace poured out on you? God has placed great value on you and me. It's now time to take inventory and really... really give thanks!

Happy Thanksgiving from all in our home!

Bro. Bob



Petermeva's

Is this a Greek word meaning "Senior Citizen?" Or maybe somebody just can't spell? Neither! It is the name of the Hillcrest Senior Adult Ministry which began back in the early 80's and is open to members and regular attendees of Hillcrest and at least 55 years old. Our next meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 5, here in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30am. This will be our annual Holiday Banquet. If you want to attend, call Terri Parker @ 839-8091 or 886-2351 since we will need an accurate count for our caterer. Back to the name - Alex Littlefield, former Minister of Music, chose the name when he started the group. In good proper English it means "Better Than Ever." But if you knew Alex, you can just hear him saying, "Better 'n evah!"



Change the World One Child at a Time

BE A FOSTER PARENT!

Foster parents have a direct influence on our future politicians, doctors, scientists, lawyers, homemakers, and other leaders of our community. These same foster parents also provide stable, loving homes that prevent many of the issues that plague our society today, such as drug abuse, domestic violence, and child abuse.

Begin a journey in helping a child find the road to a better life by calling the Pennyroyal Center's Therapeutic Foster Care Program at 1-877-473-7766. They provide free training, a supportive staff and competitive reimbursement.

Music Notes

Psalm 100:1-4 "Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands! Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. Know that the Lord, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise.

We have so much to be thankful for in our personal lives, our families, and in our church. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of our Hillcrest family for your prayers and your acts of kindness. God has truly blessed our family with the adoption of Lucas Blane Kusterle to Blane and Melissa Kusterle. He is truly a blessing from God and an answer to our prayers. Now we are praying for the day that Lucas will accept Christ in to his heart and life. To God be the Glory.

Remember the Guatemala Mission Team that is preparing for our trip in January of 2014. In the near future we will place a list in the bulletin and in the Sunday School packets for some personal items you can donate to help us put together blessing bags for the Village of Las Palmares, Guatemala. This is the village that Hillcrest has invested in building a Fresh Water Well and built the building for the Zion Church. We will be building onto the existing church building, conducting VBS, working in the newly opened Hospital at Hope of Life, going door to door praying for the folks and passing out blessing bags, and trying to share our faith as much as possible.

God Bless each of you,

Bro. Tom



Baby Dedication

Sunday, November 17
See Robin Henderson to participate

Women's Ministry

Bible Studies
Wednesdays @ 6:15pm

Stronger by Angela Thomas
facilitated by Suzanne Hardison, Room 210

Seven by Jen Hatmaker
facilitated by Sabrina Glover, Room 215

Details at www.hillcrestbc.net/womensministry

Girls Night OUT - a place for fun & fellowship
Nov. 8th 6:30 - 10:30pm
Fellowship Hall



I have had too many reminders lately about the importance of a families "common" experiences. Last month our kindergartner son had his first real break from school. this was our first break as a family

together and we had some much fun together. We didn't do anything really huge; we simply planned things to do together.

It is no secret that our children live in a different world than their parents. They have their own subculture, and that subculture has a wide range of subcultures within it. Younger and younger children have personal social media platforms. This is resulting in a parent being a distant voice in the development of their child's worldview. When this happens children and parents begin to look at the exact same things and see two completely different things. These differences can be held in check I believe with intentional "common" times together.

"Uncommon" looks like everyone in the house on their devices all the time. The increase of media intake is increasing for both parents and children. Media is in of itself not the evil. Yet, my fear is that we are allowing media to be the hands that mold our students' worldview, there understanding of God, and ultimately their need and response to Him.

Allow this month to be more intentional in "common" moments. Plan to do things where everyone is focused on the same thing. Conversations, games, dinner, park, and car rides all are ideas of "common" time. To properly disciple our children it is either submerge into their culture completely or create common times. Let's face it we are getting old and they have too much free time on their hands! Love on your family this month! Happy Thanksgiving from my family to yours!

Cody



Intentional Outreach

Mondays @ 6:30pm

Each Sunday School class represented once a month, sharing the hope found in Jesus.

* Limited childcare available. Register by calling the church office.

This is what it is all about!

THANK YOU!

We want you to know how much our family appreciated the prayers, meals, gifts and visits as we welcomed our new baby girl, Lydia, to our family. We feel so blessed to have such a caring church family. Thank you!
Mathew & Rachel Spurlin

Congratulations to Blane & Melissa Kusterle on the birth of their son, Lucas Blane, born September 28, 2013. Proud grandparents are Tom & Barb Drake.

HBC Library News

NEW BOOKS

Sophie's Daughters Series (3 books) by Mary Connealy
The River Haven Series (3 books) by B J Hoff
Mark of the Lion Series (3 books) by Francine Rivers
The Frontiersman's Daughter by Laura Frantz
Lassoed in Texas Trilogy (3 books in 1) by Mary Connealy
Montana Marriages Trilogy (3 books in 1) by Mary Connealy
Tears in a Bottle by Sylvia Bambola
The Discovery by Dan Walsh
Beside Still Waters by Tricia Goyer
Kentucky Chances by Cathy & Kelly Hake

MOM Monday Moms
Hillcrest Baptist **MOM**

Mondays 9:30am-11:00am

If you'd like more information about being a part of this group or volunteering for childcare, contact Stephanie Boyd @ 881-3925.

Monthly calendar & articles of interest to women. Find it at www.hillcrestbc.net



R & R
Women's Brown Bag Lunch
will resume in January

