

Certain Growth

2 Peter 1:3-8 | Paul Bauman

Two Reminders

- 1) Jesus has generously given us all that we will ever need to live godly lives.
 - 2) Jesus has given us promises that are life-changing.
 - a) We begin to take on the family likeness of Jesus right now.
 - b) We are able to live free from the corruption and slavery of our sin nature.
- ❖ God will do all that He has promised to bring us to a position of deep intimacy with Him now and in the future!

A Challenge

- Virtue or goodness – a rigorous pursuit of what is morally right and helpful in all relationships
- Knowledge – wise practice in daily life of what one has learned concerning God's will
- Self-control – saying no to ungodly passions
- Steadfastness – far sighted endurance
- Godliness – devotion to God in action
- Brotherly affection – affection for other believers that is informed by our own experience of Christ's love for us
- Love – a sacrificial desire for the good of the other

Insight

- ❖ Helplessness is how the Christian life works. (cf. Colossians 2:6)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026



Newcomer Lunch: Looking to get connected at Hillcrest? The Newcomer Lunch is a relaxed opportunity to enjoy lunch together, meet people in the church, and learn about ways to get connected. Join us next **Sunday, September 20 at 11:45 AM**. Scan the QR or stop by the Welcome Desk to RSVP.

Membership Class: The Membership Class is a great opportunity to hear more about who we are, what we believe, and what membership at Hillcrest looks like. Our next class is **Saturday, October 3 from 9-11 AM**. Scan the QR or stop by the Welcome Desk to sign up.



Intro to Gospel Community: Ready to take a step toward deeper community at Hillcrest? This **three-week class** will help you understand what Gospel Community looks like, meet others seeking community, and explore opportunities to join or form a group. **The class begins Wednesday, October 14, from 6:45-7:45 PM** at Pastor Paul and Suzie's home. Scan the QR or stop by the Welcome Desk to sign up!

Care & Counseling Pastor Position: The elders have commissioned a team to begin the search for Hillcrest's next Care & Counseling Pastor. This pastor will help strengthen Hillcrest's care and counseling ministry by equipping and overseeing lay leaders while also providing direct care and counseling as needed. We are looking for someone with the heart of a shepherd, experience in counseling and leadership development, and a strong alignment with Hillcrest's mission and ministry values. Please pray for the search team, the person God may be preparing for this role, and the Spirit's guidance throughout the search process. You can pick up a copy of the job description at the Welcome Desk.

Project Now Goal: \$500,000

Project Now Received & Committed: \$307,309



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