

# Hillcrest

## Senior Adult Ministry

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### Hillcrest Senior Adventurers Cruise

7 Day Cruise on the Carnival Conquest  
Sailing from New Orleans to Key West, Nassau, & Freeport



Cost: \$585 - \$705  
(depends on cabin type)

Booking through  
**April 20th**  
(\$250 deposit)

For more information and reservations for events contact:  
Sandra Hancock | Ministry Assistant  
850-476-2233 x12 | shancock@hillcrestchurch.com

**Adventure!**

### Mystery Trip March 29-30

Registration extended to  
Friday, March 23!

Cost: \$165 pp  
Double occupancy  
payable with  
reservation



Cost includes transportation on charter coach, lodging at Hilton property, breakfast, lunch and dinner Friday, and all attractions.

Pack an overnight bag, casual, comfortable attire  
•Leave Hillcrest 8:00 am Thursday, March 29  
•Return to Hillcrest 9:00 pm Friday, March 30

Contact Sandra 476-2233, ext. 12  
shancock@hillcrestchurch.com





We are now booking our Fall 2012 Hillcrest Seniors Caribbean Cruise! AAA Travel is helping us with the reservations...here are the details:

**HILLCREST SENIORS FALL CRUISE! Nov 4-11**

Cost: \$585 - \$705 per person, double occupancy, depending on type of cabin chosen. The cost includes cruise, cabin, all meals, and plenty of on-board activities. Additional costs include: customary gratuities (about \$80), any individual

shore excursions you may choose (costs vary), and trip insurance (\$59 per person). Shore excursions (like swimming with the dolphins, or snorkeling) and travel insurance are optional, though the trip insurance is highly recommended. By the way, I recommend that each traveler have a passport for this style of trip. It is not required, but it just makes everything easier. If you do not want to use a passport, a certified birth certificate (not a copy), along with picture ID, like a driver license, will suffice for all our ports of call, including re-entry to the United States.

We will travel by motor coach to the Port of New Orleans, leaving Hillcrest at 8:00 am on Sunday, November 4, boarding Carnival's "Conquest" shortly after noon, and will sail across the Gulf of Mexico to Key West, Nassau, and Freeport, in the Caribbean. We will return to

Hillcrest on the afternoon of Sunday, November 11.

**Registration/Booking deadline is April 20, through AAA** (Sandra has all the details, numbers, etc.)

It's going to be a great trip! I hope you can join us!

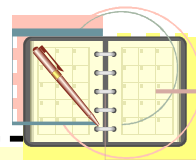
**And don't forget our Hillcrest Seniors "Celebrate Spring" Banquet**

Thursday, March 22, 11:00 am... reservations requested... by Monday, March 19.

Brother Pat



# April Calendar



- Joyful Sounds**  
Mondays 10:00 am | Northwest Hall
- Thursday Morning Coffees (TMC)**  
Thursdays 9:00 am | Atrium
- Office Closed April 6**  
Good Friday
- Easter Worship April 8**  
8:00 | 9:30 | 11:00 | No Life Groups
- Game Day**  
April 19: 9:30-2:30 Northwest Hall
- Seniors Lunch Bunch**  
April 23 Noon | Ryans
- Widow's Mite Dinner**  
April 29 12:30 pm | Northwest Hall

**"Celebrate Spring" Banquet**  
Thursday, March 22, 11:00am  
Northwest Hall  
Catered Meal | Cost: \$5 each  
Special guests: Jubal  
RSVP to Sandra @ 476-2233  
by Monday, March 19

## God's Beautiful Rose

From the creation of time the rose has always been the most beautiful of all flowers. God, Himself, created the rose and gave it to man to cherish and honor. No other flower has as much meaning, nor shows as much love as His rose.

This beautiful flower is placed upon a long stem, lined with many thorns. These thorns represent the stormy and hard times of life that each of us will pass through.

God has promised that He will never leave us nor forsake us. He will carry us when we cannot carry ourselves. He wants to be someone for us to lean upon and help us carry our burdens.

Many times in my own life, I have needed God and have always found Him to be near. He has always been as close as a whisper away. His presence enriches our lives and draws us to Him. We cannot always understand God's ways, but we can always know that His road for us is easier to travel, and He will make our burdens lighter to bear.

God can see tomorrow as well as today, and He can help us each step of our way. He can enlighten our paths and brighten our tomorrow. He sent His Son, Jesus, to be a rose for all to have, and He became the most beautiful rose God ever created. Jesus' purpose in life was to give His life for the redemption of all mankind. All men are sinners and Jesus paid our sin debt on Calvary's cross as He wore His crown of thorns. God allowed His beautiful rose to be hurt, beaten, spit upon, and finally put to death.

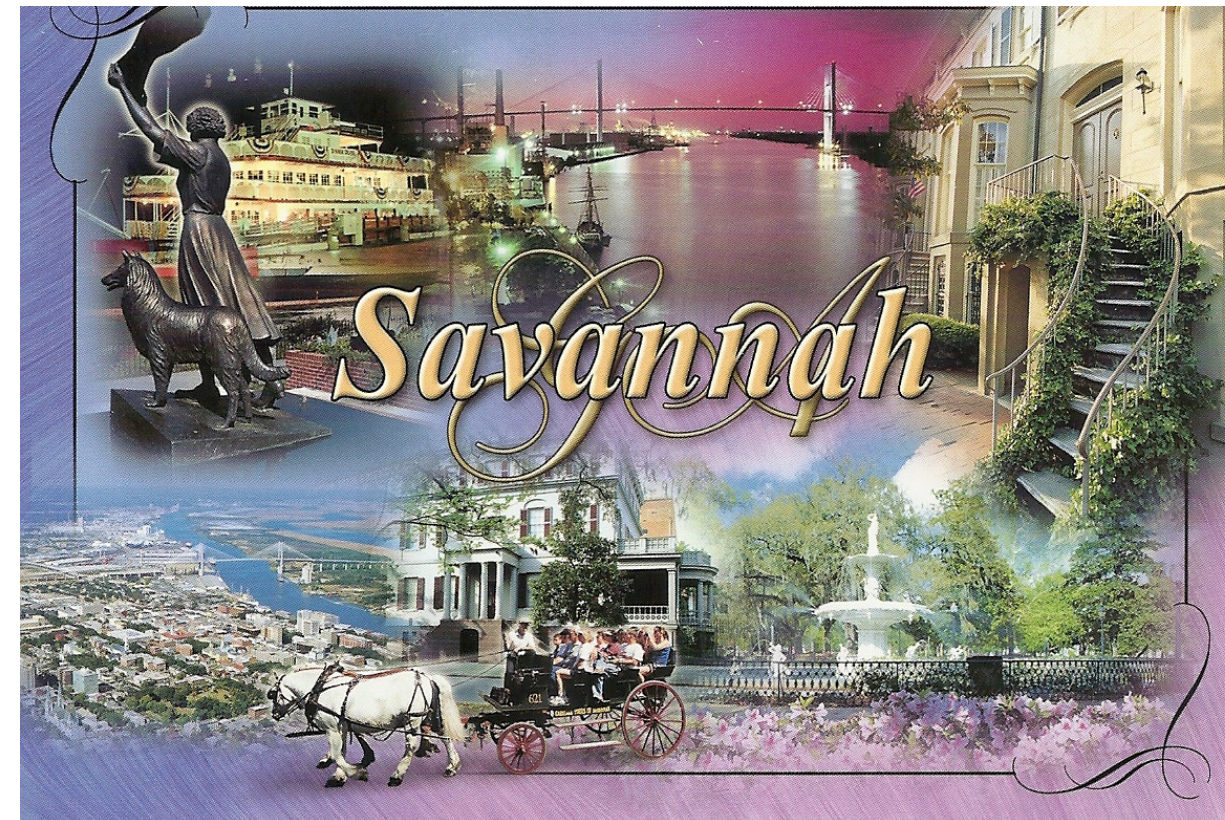
His burial place has never been found nor will it ever be. He rose from His grave and defeated death and the devil, and today He is preparing a place in heaven for His followers. He wants to be the Savior of all mankind, but He will not force anyone to accept Him.

He will come to us only when we seek and invite Him, and once He comes into us, He will never depart from us. He died as a mortal man, but He rose from His grave as "The King of Kings." To all who come to Him, seeking salvation for their soul, He will give eternal life and abide with them forever.

This Easter, let us all thank God for His beautiful Rose, and all that He has done for us. He showed us what love is all about, and as we serve Him, let us continue to find ways to help and serve one another.

By James G. Simpson, Sr.

## Hillcrest Senior Adventurers Spring Tour May 14-18



**Cost: \$625 per person (double occupancy)**  
**Deposit : \$100**  
(balance due by April 30)

**REGISTRATION Through April 9**

Cost includes motor coach transportation, four nights lodging at the Hampton Inn Historic District, and several other group activities including a trolley tour, riverboat dinner cruise, a museum or two and a carriage ride. Enjoy on-your-own activities also such as walking tours, shopping, etc.