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After High School: What?

Article and photos from one of our collegiate members, Amanda Crawford

After high school, I made the decision to go to Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, LA.

The first thing I knew I wanted to get involved with was the Baptist Collegiate Ministry, more commonly known as BCM. I sort of got involved my first semester. I was trying to figure out what I wanted to be a part of.

At the BCM, instead of committees, we have "clusters". A cluster is a group of student leaders who do things or plan things for the BCM.

At the start of my second semester, I decided to join what we call "Social Cluster." Social Cluster is a group of students who plan social events for the BCM along with planning the weekly snack for before Wednesday night worship. Being a part of this cluster really strengthened my friendships

At one of our Fall Family Group meetings, small groups of us tried our hand at pumpkin carving— a nice way to get to know one another! (Amanda is shown at the left.)



with the other students at the BCM. I attended more events and helped plan more events.

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As part of one of the Social Cluster meetings, a few of us from our group got together to help make refreshments. At this point, six of us were busy preparing "pigs in a blanket."

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Because of my dedication, I was asked if I would be a family group leader for the Fall of 2016 semester. Family groups occur only in the Fall semester after worship on Wednesdays. It is like a Bible study or a devotional group. Everyone who comes to BCM has a chance to sign up for a family group.

There were about twenty or so family group leaders and each had approximately 5-10 students. We met about 10 times throughout the semester. We carved pumpkins and shopped for Christmas shoe boxes together. We literally became like a little family. Having fun, telling stories and making jokes were fun. However, having the opportunity to share what the Word says about how we should live and love is the biggest blessing I took away from being a family group leader.

Because the president of the BCM, Kayla Telano, got to see my leadership capabilities in both the Social Cluster and as a family group leader, she asked me to be the leader of CWOM.



Above: Some of us in my CWOM group helped deliver diapers and wipes to the Natchitoches Women's Shelter as part of our April meeting's Mission Project.

CWOM stands for Campus Women on Mission. The goal of this group is to do mission work on and off campus to win people for God. We meet once a month for fellowship and a mission project. We also have a "Prayer Calendar" for the day that we meet.

The prayer calendar is done by a volunteer. It can be anything that they wish it to be. For an example, the last month's meeting prayer calendar was done on keychains. Everyone who attended got to keep the keychain as well.

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A large group of us at a CWOM meeting in March of this year. "Yours truly" at right end of lower row.



The Diamond Set is at it Again !!!

Photos from Geraldine Crowe and Phillip Smith

This is a group that really looks forward to their regularly scheduled get-togethers during the year. It usually involves eating, but it also involves learning about our area as we get to enjoy fellowship with one another.

Every year, in about May, they love to congregate at the camp of Devon and Delores Thomas' camp overlooking our beautiful Bogue Chitto River. This year was no exception, as you can see below. Several of the men take over the role of chef as they prepare fried catfish, hushpuppies, and fries for everyone. Side dishes are brought from everyone's home to

help make this a real feast for all. An enjoyable time of camaraderie, eating, and sharing tales is usually the plan for the evening. Some of the men usually have a game or two taking place on the sidelines.

There is always a crowd at one of their events— and nobody is allowed to frown or to go home hungry! If you haven't become a part of this group, ask around. They would love to have you stop by. Their age range starts at about 55, but we don't ask!

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## Welcome New Members



**Hudson & Carla Jones  
Transfer of Letter**

## Fourth Sunday Evenings at Hillcrest

Beginning a few months ago, we all decided to let our fourth Sunday evening of each month include a family supper and our Business Meeting.

For the 4th Sunday in May, Bill and Georgie Reynolds' Adult Sunday School class volunteered to be in charge of hamburgers and hotdogs for everyone, along with a few of the fixings. The rest of us brought good side dishes to go with those items.

Below, a few of the class members allowed us to get them at work in the kitchen and at the food table. Shown directly below are Georgie, Rose Bond, and Brenda Parker as they help get things ready in the kitchen.

Bill is shown in a couple of pictures as he takes his food preparation seriously, both in the kitchen and at the serving table. They had some scrumptious burgers and hotdogs.

An important part of this get-together was our monthly business meeting where all members can be informed and take an active part in our church programs and decisions.





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Whatever they choose to work with, they write the names of missionaries whose birthdays are on the day we meet. They also write, if possible, where they are located. The night of our meeting is when we all gather and pray for those missionaries.

I am very excited to have this position at the BCM. I am also very excited to see where God sends me and what He does through me with this mission field.

~~Amanda~~

"Here I Am, Lord" was the theme as the new and upcoming leadership gathered at the Spring Banquet for Northwestern's Baptist Collegiate Ministry. Amanda is first on lower row in this photo.



## Nominating Committee Is Busy At Work



The Nominating Committee has been formed and has begun work.

Making up this committee are Chairman of the Deacons, Sunday School Superintendent, Staff members, and six at-large members who were voted on by the church.

These folks are: Kelly Whitecotton, April Warren, Michelle Watson, Sylvia Smith, Wayne Patterson, Gerald Jones, Scott Moody, and Alan Stafford. These will be accompanied by Bro. Tom Descant and Bro. Daryl Dunigan. Chairperson of the committee is Kelly Whitecotton.

**Survey sheets** were made available

to all church members in which each person could indicate positions of service in which he or she might be interested in volunteering or agreeing to fill.

We want to fill each position with folks who really feel led to help in each certain area.

Whether you feel that you would be most useful greeting folks at the door, helping serve as a church hostess, teaching a class, helping to count church offerings, keeping the busses running...etc. — you are needed!!! Each survey sheet is being used wisely as we strive to fill each position.

Committee members are attempting to reach each of you individually before your name is put into a position. We want to be sure you can and want to fill the spot.

New committees, ministry positions, teaching positions, etc. will begin their jobs in September.

**Please let them know where you feel that you can best serve!**

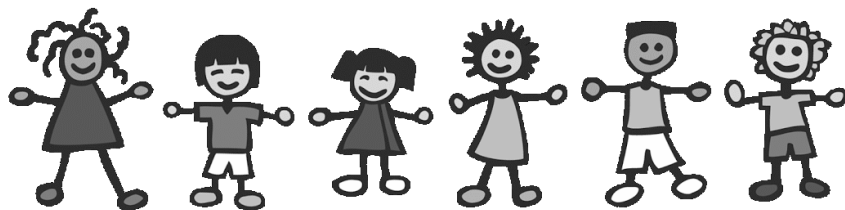


# Vacation Bible School

June 19-23

8:30 a.m.- noon

Noon lunch served



## Upward Flag Football Skills Day

June 17  
9:00 am—noon

**Cost: \$65.00**

**You can register in the church office.**

**For boys and girls  
Ages 6 years through 8th grade**

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact the church office.

***Samantha Descant***  
***Director***



## Pastor Search Committee Is Hard at Work !

Our pastor search committee is hard at work as they make inquiries and go over resumes for potential pastoral candidates for our church.

Please be in prayer for them as they go through with this tremendous task .



### Remaining K-Motion Schedule

June 27- Gator Farm

July 11- Elevation Station

July 25- Jump House and Swimming



**FaithWeaver Friends**  
**Will resume in the fall.**  
**No summer Classes.**



## Mother's Day Breakfast is a Big Deal for Us

The men of our church do a good job of honoring our mothers on Mother's Day. This year, the men not only cooked a scrumptious breakfast for our ladies, but they waited on them individually. Many of the ladies were lucky enough to be escorted to their seats by some of our best-looking gentlemen.



**Sunday Services**

- 8:30 Traditional Worship Service  
 9:45 Bible Study  
 10:45 Contemporary Worship Service  
 11:00 Kids Own Worship- ages 3 - grade 2  
 4:00 Sanctuary Choir Practice  
 5:00 Evening Worship Service

**Wednesday Schedule**

- 9:30 Ladies' Prayer group- Fellowship Hall  
 6:00 Youth Bible Study  
 Adult Prayer Meeting  
 Praise Team Practice

**Other Upcoming Dates to Remember**

- Sat., June 17- Flag Football Skills Day  
Sun., June 18- 7:30- Men's breakfast-  
 No Deacon's Meeting & no Evening Service  
Mon-Fri., June 19- 23- VBS  
Sun., June 25- 5:00- Potluck Supper and Ch. Conference  
Mon-Fri., June 26-30- Youth MX-Fuge Camp -Houston, TX

**No Evening Service  
 On Father's Day !!!**

**Sunday Evening Worship Services  
 Each Sunday evening at 5:00**

**1st—3rd Sundays- worship**

**4th Sunday- Pot Luck Supper and Church  
 Conference**

**5th Sunday- 5th Sunday Sing**



**See you there !!!**



**Men's Breakfast  
 Father's Day**

**Sunday, 7:30 am  
 June 18**

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**Hillcrest Baptist Church**

Tom Descant, Interim Pastor &  
 Assoc. Pastor to Families  
 Daryl Dunigan, Minister of  
 Music/Education  
 Karis Wimbish, Intern for  
 Children's Work  
 Rose Bond, Ministry Ass't  
 Jean Turner, Financial Secty  
 T-Ninety Johnson, Custodian

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