

# The Hillcrest Herald

Published by Volunteers

Volume VIII, Issue 3  
March 2017

## Hillcrest Plans for the Future

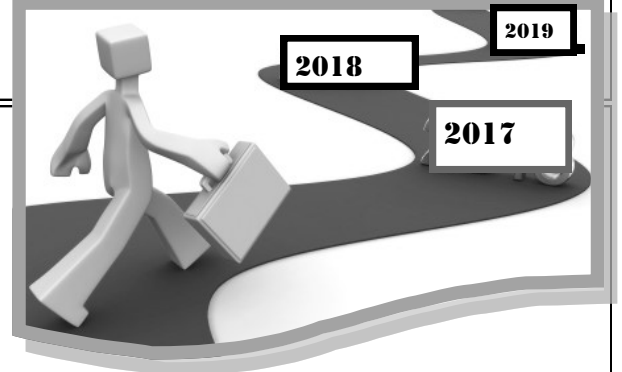
At our highly publicized church conference held at 9:30 a.m. on February 26, several items were discussed which will concern our future.



**First** of all, Bro. Tom Descant will take the role of our interim pastor until our Pastor Search Committee helps to determine who our permanent pastor will be. Bro. Tom has been filling the position until an interim could be named.

**Second**, the deacons will continue their roles as speakers for Wednesday evening adult prayer service, as well as the welcome to members at each of the Sunday morning worship services. This way, Bro. Tom can continue with youth on Wednesdays.

**Third**, Sunday evening services will begin again on Sunday, March 12. The time will be 5:00 p.m.



## 2017 Upward Celebration February 26, 2017



Duane Whitecotton, who has been in charge of the Upward Basketball program this year, welcomed ball players and their guests to a full house in the Hillcrest Sanctuary for their 2:00 Awards Program. Duane is shown on the left.

Aubrey Posey greeted everyone to the gathering. This was followed by special speaker for this year's event. This was Reagan Moody, former basketball star at Bowling Green. She was introduced by her high school coach, Pat King. Reagan is pictured on the right.

Each team was introduced, including its coaches and players. Awards were given to all participants by Bro. Tom Descant.

After the program, everyone was invited to a reception held in the Christian Life Center.

See pages 7+ for some of the team members and coaches.





# Outside— Looking In !!!

Written by Amanda Hebert

Everybody knows what it is like to be on the outside looking in. That loneliness of feeling excluded, of not being able to be a part of 'that' group. It's an unsettling feeling. Nobody really wants to be the outsider.

Some may even say that if you aren't a member of a Church, then you can't participate in activities or functions. I'm here to tell you, that is not entirely true.

My name is, Amanda Hebert. Wife of Eddie Hebert and Mother of Kailyn, Zachary, Jonathan, Alyssa and Nicholas Parfait. Stepmother to Sarah, Owen and Kyle Hebert.

Our family started visiting Hillcrest Baptist Church on Easter Sunday, March 27th, 2016. Eddie and I knew what

we were looking for in a Church family for our family.

Being born-again Christians and our children following in our footsteps, one by one, meant that we must find a Church who can lead as an example for them as well.

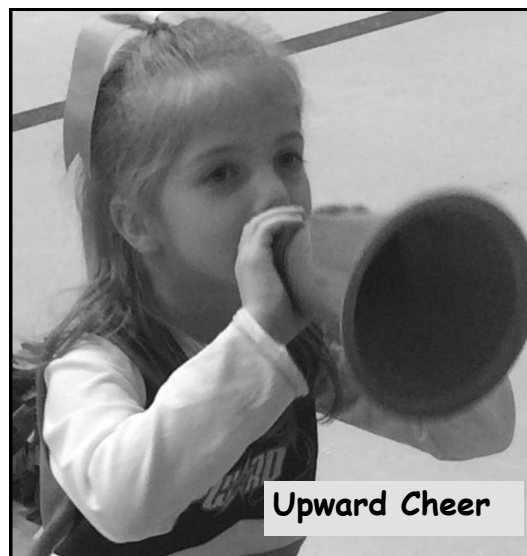
Hillcrest Baptist Church and their members, families and visitors all showed us that day, that this was the Church God had lead us to for our family to worship, learn and praise Him.

During that first visit, we didn't feel like outsiders. We felt loved and wanted. It was a wonderful feeling! No, back pew seating. No, hiding... We were welcomed!!

So, our journey began with Hillcrest Baptist Church. As weeks turned into months, we



Amanda



Upward Cheer

as a family were gradually learning and involving ourselves into each activity we possibly could within the church. These included but were not limited to the following:

Wednesday Suppers, Faith Weavers, Bible Study, Prayer Meeting, Youth Bible Study, YEC, Upward Basketball, Upward Cheer and most recently CNOW.

Up next, will be Flag Football and our son, Zachary can't wait!

(continued on p. 3)



Eddie

Amanda

The Family

(continued from p. 2)

I bring all of these things up, as I tell you a little bit about our family, because I want people to know that even though it may seem as though our family is on the outside looking in, we are far from it!

We may not all be members just yet, (just our son, Kyle) but the day we walked through those Church doors and our hearts were filled with the grace of acceptance from those that were here that day and every day after, has gone along way with wanting us to come back more and more.

Our family has grown in so many ways. Our children have even taught Eddie and I a thing or two from their Bible Study Classes. Which to both of us is amazing! We feel so blessed to have found such a wonderful Church with just amazing and very humble, loving people.

I look forward to seeing what God has planned out in the future and growth with Hillcrest Baptist Church as we continue our \*Walk with Christ.



At YEC



Upward Basketball



Christmas Celebration



Baptism

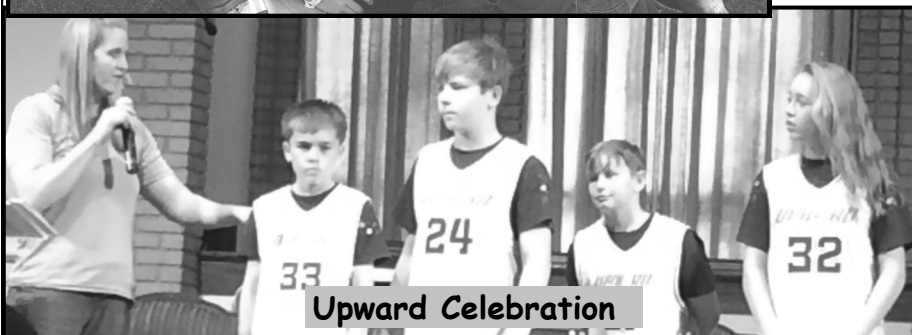
**\*If you haven't started your Walk with Christ yet, what are you waiting for??**

**You are missing out on an amazing, pure, adventure that He has in store for you.**

**Grab hold of Him now and enjoy your life to the fullest as long as you can!! Don't wait....you're not promised tomorrow. Do you know where you will go?**



Break time at YEC



Upward Celebration

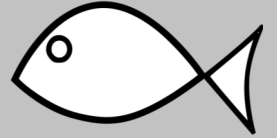
Thank you and God Bless!!

~ Amanda G. Hebert ~



# The Diamond Set Descends on Stogner's Fish House in Tylertown

Pictures from Birtierie Schilling, Bro. Tom Descant, & Phillip Smith



Part of the fun of taking part in some of these events is the bus ride over and back. It gives everyone a good opportunity to visit and share stories. Around 40 Diamond Set members made this trip. Directors: Devon and De-  
lores Thomas.



Nobody went hungry !!!

## VBS:

IT'S FAST APPROACHING. SEE DEBRA BYRD IF YOU WANT TO HELP IN ANY WAY.



## "Faith Walkers" Get Together Again !!!

Pictures from Terry and Carol Morgan

The name of their Sunday School class is "Faith Walkers."

They walk together "In Faith" as they study God's Word and grow. They are made up of a diverse group of individuals who love being together, not only in class, but also in regular get-togethers to eat and enjoy one another's company.

These photos are from their latest fun time. They grilled hamburgers at the home of Robert Yates. As you can see from the pictures, there were quite a few other goodies there, too— Right Carla!!!

You can visit them in their classroom directly across the hall from the center Sanctuary doors.

Terry and Carol Morgan lead this group. Serious Bible study is a major part of their Sunday morning venue. They also keep up with the needs of others.

If you are looking for a good Bible Study class, give them a visit. They welcome you with open arms!!!



**We have  
Sunday School Classes  
for every age  
and interest  
group.**



**9:45  
On Sunday Mornings**



## Why Sunday School?

Written by Daryl Dunigan  
Minister of Music/Education

Sunday School, Weekly Bible Study, Small Group, Family Group – all for these describe the vitally essential time for any Bible believing – Gospel sharing churches. Regardless of the title adopted by a church to best describe the organization that is tasked with reaching people, teaching people, and ministering to people, it is an organization that is very important to the health of that church. We at Hillcrest are excited to share that we are in the process of refocusing on the mission/purpose of our Sunday School.

One of the first things we are doing is engaging our teachers and future teachers in dialogue and training that helps all of us to clearly focus our attention on the main purpose of our Sunday School which is

- 1) Reach people,
- 2) Teach people,
- 3) Minister to people.

We are using Matthew 9:35-38 as our scriptural basis for these purposes.

35 Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore to send out workers into his harvest field."

"proclaiming the good news of the people"- **REACH PEOPLE**  
 "teaching in their synagogues"- **TEACH PEOPLE**  
 "healing every disease and sickness"- **MINISTERING TO PEOPLE**

Everything we do within our Sunday School classes should be focused on those three purposes. The Sunday School leadership has adopted a year-long strategy to aid in achieving each goal set forth for

the coming year. The strategy includes regularly scheduled teacher's and officer's meetings, high attendance promotions, teach training events, and other events to tie our Sunday School into several main ministries of the church such as Upward Basketball/Football and Vacation Bible School.

First off, if you are not regularly attending a weekly Sunday School/Bible Study class, now is a great time to join one. Also, if you are interested in teaching or helping in a Sunday School class, now is the time to make that known.

Please contact one of our Sunday School Directors, Scoot Moody and Stephen Warren, and make that known.

Our church will never be healthier than our Sunday School!

*~Daryl~*

**30+ were present for our recent Teachers and Officers meeting as we began to plan for the coming months.**

High Attendance Sunday was a real success. We surpassed our goal for Sunday School and had 217 present. It reached over into our attendance for our Sunday night service with over 100 present. Sunday night programs for our children to be added.

*Thank you from the Audry Stafford family*



*Thank you to the HBC family from the family of Audry Stafford. Thanks for all the phone calls, texts, cards, and encouragement you have given us during these days. Thank you to all those who prepared food and served our family with the wonderful meal after her funeral. She was an amazing servant! The bereavement and hospitality ministry of our church to deceased families was very special to her.*

*Praise be to God for our mom and our church family!*

*Alan, Pam, & the rest of the Stafford family*



Not quite all the coaches and players were able to be shown in this article. One thing that was very obvious in this crowd was the enthusiasm displayed by all who were there. One of

the young men who, because of age, will not be able to play next year, gave an impressive talk on his love of his time playing with Upward over the years.

Much thanks to all who did participate in the program.

**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**

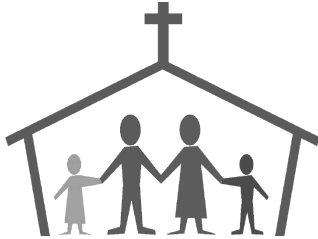
- 9:30 Ladies' Prayer group-Fellowship Hall  
 5:00 Faith Weaver hotdog supper  
 6:00 FaithWeaver Friends Classes  
 Youth Bible Study  
 Adult Prayer Meeting  
 Praise Team Practice



One more Upward team that received awards

**Other Upcoming Dates to Remember**

- Sun., March 19- Men's Breakfast- 7:30  
Sun., March 19- Deacons' & Wives Meeting- 1:00  
Sun., March 26- 5:00 Potluck Supper and Church  
 Conference



**Sunday Evening Worship Services  
 Begin again !!!**



**Each Sunday evening  
 at 5:00  
 See you there !!!**

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**Hillcrest Baptist Church**

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

2201 E. Washington Street  
 P O Box 695  
 Franklinton, LA 70438  
 985-839-4703  
[www.hbcfranklinton.com](http://www.hbcfranklinton.com)

Newsletter comments/articles  
 Can be sent to:  
[newsletter@hbcfranklinton.com](mailto:newsletter@hbcfranklinton.com)

PRSTSD  
 Postage Paid  
 Non-Profit Permit No. 26  
 Franklinton, LA

Hillcrest Baptist Church  
 P. O. Box 695  
 2202 Washington St.  
 Franklinton, LA 70438