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Ladies Conference in Pensacola

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Trust Him!

Proverbs 3:5-6

I was so blessed to spend my weekend with some amazing women! Oh and I can't forget Bro. Gerald. We are so gracious he took on the wonderful task of driving around 16 pretty ladies. It takes a brave man to accept a challenge that big.

It may seem small, but the bus ride is one of the best parts. It is a great time to bond with the other women, and stopping at a fancy BBQ place is just an added bonus. The Shed in Mississippi has the best potato salad!

Once arriving at Pensacola we checked into our hotel rooms with a brief time to nap or sing worship songs into our hairbrushes. Then we headed to the conference. The conference was held at the Pensacola Bay Center which is a hockey rink. So when you come with us next year be sure to pack a jacket and blanket!

Our first speaker was Kay Robertson. She spoke about her and Phil's troubled past that eventually lead them to the Lord. A couple of things she said that touched me were: "God can work through anybody to do anything" and "Give someone your faith. Our faith can lead others to their faith."

Our night was then ended with a concert by Sidewalk

Prophets. They are a contemporary Christian music band from Nashville. Their light show was so great that I had to close my eyes a few times!



Our first speaker the following day was Sheila Walsh, and she was amazing! She said, "Where you stand changes what you see. Where you kneel changes

who you are." Sometimes we have to kneel and trust that God has every situation, because He does!

Then Shelene Bryan said, "Get comfortable with God making you uncomfortable." How true!? We all want a comfortable and easy life. God calls us to bigger and better things other than comfort. How are we supposed to grow in faith if we live a comfortable life!?

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Posed and ready to leave for the conference are most of the ladies who took part: Back row: Reba Sanspree, Tiffany Ochsner, Darlene Bennett, Evelyn Jones, Melissa Donnalley, Carol Morgan, Denise Todd and Denise Bales. Front row: Alison Watson, Cindy Richards, Michelle Watson, April Warren, Lauri Sharp, Corinn Wallace, and Kelly Whitecotton.



Outstanding 5th Sunday Sing — April 30

Photos by Charlotte Hornsby, Kelly Whitecotton, & Phillip Smith



Sometimes we forget just how much musical talent is in this one church. We were reminded at our 5th Sunday Sing held recently as can be seen by the following photographs and captions.



1. Abby Descant plays piano solo; 2. Rodney and Dixie Thomas with Bogalusa friends, Tim Duncan and Mike Davis, Sr. , wonderful quartet of popular hymns; 3. Corinn Wallace's acapella solo of "Forever;" 4. Brenda Westmoreland, Kaye Williams, Ann Warner, Peggy Patterson, Stephen Warren, and Wayne Patterson's mixed chorus selections; 5. Susan Varisco accompanies her own vocal solo on the piano; 6. Madison Dunigan performed a flute solo accompanied by her mother, Robin, on the piano; 7. Stephen Warren sang a popular hymn. -----



Check to see when we have another Fifth Sunday Sing. Prepare a musical entry for you, your family, or your group to perform.

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I'm really struggling trying to decide what quote I want to write from Liz Curtis Higgs. She was over the top funny yet so wise. She said: "Something in your present day will rob you of your sense of joy." , "God's love isn't based on our goodness, but on His goodness!" and "When you are ready for God; He is ready for you!"

After our lunch break we heard from Kasey Van Norman. She said, "Don't miss what God is doing during the mending and washing." When we fall into the valley, we have to graze in order to build strength. When we are struggling God is making and molding us into something greater than we can imagine. We need to stop trusting ourselves in the difficult times and start fully trusting God!

Our last speaker was Angela Thomas. She ended by encouraging us to go home changed and on fire! She said, "Don't be afraid to go all in." God calls us to lead the lost to Him. Sometimes we have to get out of our comfort zones and follow God's call. We must obey when He calls!

We had such an amazing weekend with women of all ages. The Holy Spirit was definitely at the conference. I hope all of the women join us next year; its life changing. I ask that you continue to pray for the women that went. Pray our hearts hear and listen when God calls. Trust Him ALWAYS!

~Melissa N. Donnalley~



Above: top row: Darlene Bennett and her two daughters, Tiffany Ochsner and Myranda Stafford. Bottom row: Carol Morgan, Denise Todd, and Denise Bales.

Below: April Warren, Melissa Donnalley, Laurie Sharp, and Kelly Whitecotton in the Pensacola Bay Center Hockey Rink.

At left below: Kelly Whitecotton and daughter, Corinn.



What an awesome church family I have...
How good it made me feel to look over the congregation at my brother's Memorial Service and see so many of your faces.

And for the phone calls, beautiful cards and food brought to my house... Thank You
To the ladies that prepared and served lunch to my family...Thank You
To Bro Tom, Bro. Gene, Daryl and T-Ninety...Thank You
Please continue to remember us in your prayers.

Robbie Lindsey and family

Thank you

Welcome New Members

Photos by Jeff Jones and Phillip Smith



Brandi Welch
Transfer of
Letter



Allie Stevens
Profession of Faith
Baptism



Jordan Colley
Profession of Faith
Baptism



Rhett Brignac
Profession of Faith
Baptism

Bill Reynolds' Sunday School Class Enjoys an Outing

Photos from Becky Crawford



A good portion of Bill and Georgia's class enjoyed eating at White's in Husser for one of their get-togethers. Shown in this photo are Bill and Georgia Reynolds, Tim and Becky Crawford, Rose Bond, Tom and Samantha Descant, Steve and Leanne Adcox, Ricky and Debbie Byrd, Kendall and Brenda Parker, and Duane and Kelly Whitecotton. They all enjoyed their visit and their food!

Below: Tim can't believe he ate all that!



At left, Sam just couldn't get enough of that ice cream!

If you need a Sunday School class, give Bill and Georgia's a try. Their classroom is at the right end of the hall past the sanctuary. You will feel very welcome in their midst.

Every Sunday morning at 9:45 is Bible Study time for all classes. Give one of them a try!!!



Youth Fruit & Vegetable Sale

Another fund raiser for our youth and their summer camps. This is a popular activity because the frozen fruits and vegetables are top notch. They are brought to Hillcrest in freezers and meticulously handed out based on the paid orders we turned in. Youth members and leaders, with

Bro. Tom, make sure to get the proper items to each customer. Some customers are back each year with food orders from their friends.

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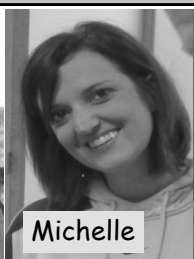
## Nominating Committee Ready to Begin Work



Kelly



April



Michelle



Sylvia



Scott



Alan



Gerald

The Nominating Committee has been formed and is ready to begin work.

Making up this committee are Chairman of the Deacons, Sunday School Superintendents, Staff members, and four 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** are being handed out to all church members in which each person will indicate positions of service in which he or she might be interested in volunteering/agreeing to fill.

**Please give prayerful thought to taking these surveys seriously.**

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 will be used wisely as we strive to fill each position.

We will make sure to speak to each of you individually before your name is put into a position to make sure you can and want to fill the spot.

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

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



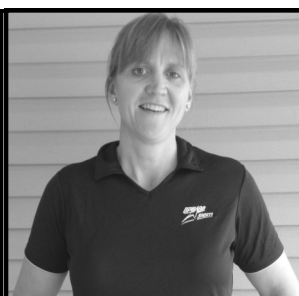
## Senior Recognition Sunday

Photos by Denise Todd & Phillip Smith

Four of our high school and college graduates were introduced to the congregation on Sunday, May 7. Those shown are Kacie Martin, Megan Whitecotton, Katie Wimbish, and Karis Wimbish. All are high school graduates except

for Katie who graduated college with a degree in Nursing from SLU.

Using her vocal talents for both morning services was Karis Wimbish singing El Shadai.



## Upward Flag Football Begins

May 6th Hillcrest Baptist church had its first Upward flag football skills day. Several girls and boys that will be in 1st-8th grade next year participated in this event.

Thank you to all our volunteers who helped with greeting, registration, sizing uniforms and who kept record of evaluations.

We are looking forward to the next one which will be June 17th, 9 am-12 noon. Any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact the church office.

*Samantha Descant*



## Pastor Search Committee Is Hard at Work !

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



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

## Balance due now for Youth and children's Camps

**Mission Fuge  
For Youth —Houston, TX  
June 26-30  
&  
Children's Camp  
at Tall Timbers  
June 12-16**

## K-Motion Summer Schedule

May 30- Global Wildlife  
June 6- Blueberry Farm and Jump House  
June 27- Gator Farm  
July 11- Elevation Station  
July 25- Jump House and Swimming



**VBS-  
June 19-23**

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



## The Youth Jambalaya Meal Was a Success

Photos by Anissa Wimbish and Phillip Smith

The youth wish to thank everyone who helped them in any way in this, one of their main fundraisers for the summer. This will do much to help pay for youth camps and activities.

Many individuals and many Sunday School classes lent a hand in helping to make this a success. Thanks to all of you for cakes, monetary donations, etc.

A special thanks to Jeff Jones for cooking



youth filling the plates



the jambalaya and to Stephanie Wimbish for spearheading the project from beginning to end. THANKS !!!

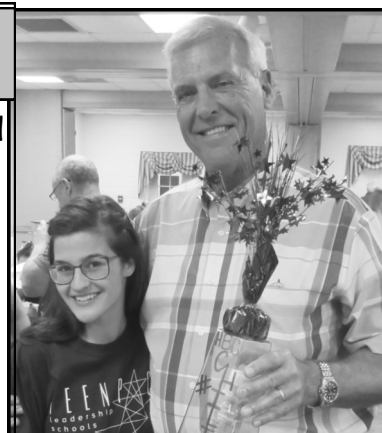


## Church Conference and Men's Chili Cook-off on April 23

Photo by Charlotte Hornsby

A large crowd was present for our 4th Sunday Church Conference and Pot Luck Supper. A highlight of the meeting was the Chili Cook-off inspired by the deacons. Winning this tough competition was Ronnie Hornsby. Not bad for a first attempt at chili making! The judging was done by our new Children's Intern, Karis Wimbish, shown here with Ronnie.

A pot luck supper has become a normal part of our Sunday evening service for each 4th Sunday at 5:00. Please join us!!! Good food and mingling with friends is a special part of the evening, too.



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

- Sun., May 21- 7:30- Men's breakfast- 1:00- Deacons and Wives Meetings
- Mon., May 25- Memorial Day- Office closed
- Sun., May 28- 5:00- Potluck Supper and Ch. Conference
- Mon., May 29- Mem. Day- Office Closed
- Tues., May 30- K-Motion Trip to Global Wildlife

**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**  
**Sunday, 7:30 am**  
**May 21**

**See you there !!!**

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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