

# The Hillcrest Herald

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## Deacon Ordination Service

Trey Branch was ordained as a new deacon at Hillcrest on Sunday, February 5 in a 2:00 service.

In his ordination sermon, Bro. Tom Descant reminded all of us that from the beginning that deacons were selected to be servants of God.

Most of the deacon group took an active part in the ordina-

tion program, ending with the laying on of hands by all ordained men who were present. Trey joins a group of 13 men who will be serving as deacons for our church this year.

Those men include: Trey Branch, Ricky Byrd, Tim Crawford, Waylon Crowe, Ronnie Hornsby, T-Ninety Johnson, Gerald Jones, Ken Knight, Terry Morgan, Aubrey Posey, Roy

Stevens, Stephen Warren, and Ray Williams.

Officers for the group this year include: Gerald Jones, Chairman; Ronnie Hornsby, Vice-chairman; and Ken Knight, Secretary.

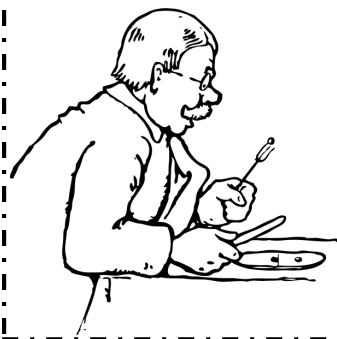
Immediately following the ordination, the deacon wives hosted a reception honoring Trey.



On the left, Trey is shown with his mother, Kay McElveen. He and his wife, Amy are shown standing at one of the reception tables in the Fellowship Hall.



**Upward  
Basketball  
Celebration  
Set for  
Sun., Feb. 26, at  
2:00**



**Men's Breakfast  
7:30 Sun., Feb. 19  
At Mike's Restaurant  
Speaker: Joey Brown**

Wayne P. said that each of you who will be attending should call the church to make sure enough food is prepared.



**Stay attuned for  
details.**

# Youth to D-Now- 2017

Article by Cheryl Westmoreland; Pictures from Rev. Tom Descant and Cheryl W.

*"Then Jesus came near and said to them, 'All authority has been given me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of age.'"*  
Matthew 28:18-20

DNOW weekend was held at Lion King Ministries in Montpelier this year. This meant a new space, a new place and an obstacle course built by the Marines. Little did we know this course would bring us closer together and to build up our youth.

DNOW is meant to grow our youth to be disciples and to help disciple others. We focused on making disciples, to worship and to love. We talked about what these things looked like in us and in others.

It is very eye opening when you stop to think how your life looks to those around you. Do we display our love for our God by how we act, what we say, whom we choose to love?

Do the people, youth and children know that they are worthy of love? The pastor made it point to let each one of us know that we are created in the very image of God, we were created by Him and loved by Him.

Wow! I don't know about you, but how humbling is it to know the God of the universe created us in His image. He designed you and me specifically to go and make disciples. To go and share His love with His children.

Our youth cried and prayed together. We worked at the obstacle course, building each other up. Making sure to let them know as each was completed how worthy of love they were and how fearfully and wonderfully they were created!

Take the time to ask one of the youth about their experiences. For some of them, this was their first trip but I am sure will not be their last.

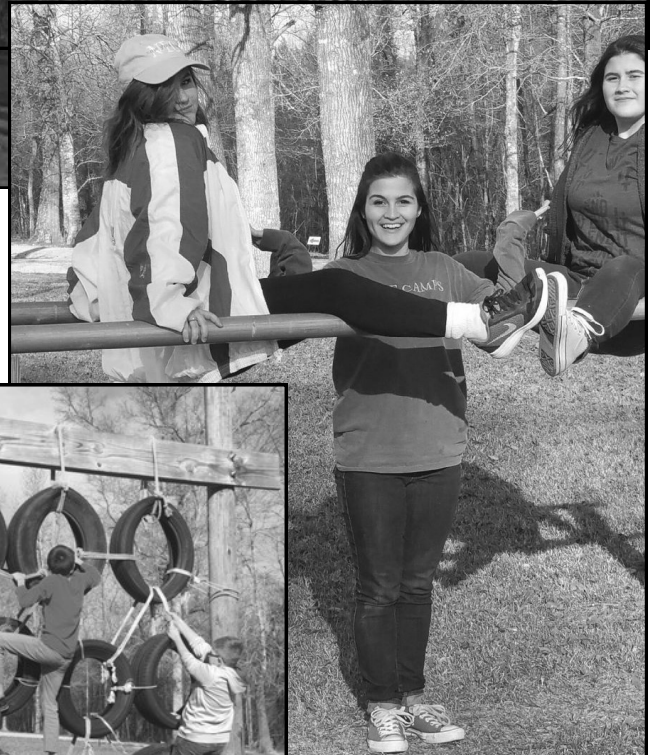
We all walked away with something from this weekend. Remember you are loved. You are worthy. You are created in His image. What does this look like in your life?

*Cheryl*

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In this D-Now weekend for Youth on Jan. 27-28, a few of our girls are shown comfortably seated in their "home" for one of their Bible Studies. These sessions were led by Karis Wimbish and Kacie Martin, two of our youth.



Notice that there were helpers and encouragers on both sides of each obstacle on the route.

This obstacle course built for Lion King Ministries in Montpelier by the Marines was a hit with all of the Hillcrest crew. Working together to build one another up at each obstacle helped everybody see how worthy of love each of us is— and how wonderfully and fearfully made each of us is created. Struggling together, helping one another to overcome weaknesses and to see some of their strengths was awesome.

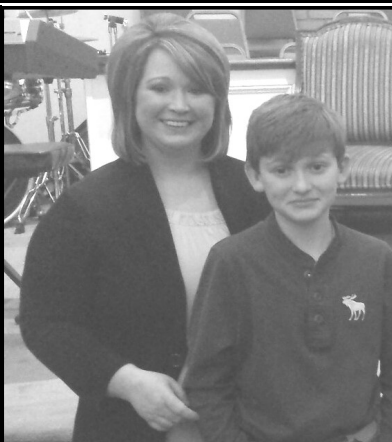
Not only did God make us able to conquer obstacles, but He also made us to go and make disciples to share His love with those around us.

Thanks to all the youth and the chaperones who made this endeavor so meaningful. This event will remain in their memories.

## Welcome New Members



**Angel Cooper  
Profession of Faith  
Baptism**



**Bryson Thomas  
Profession of Faith  
Baptism**



In a specially called church conference on January 29, Bro. Tom presented Karis Wimbish to the congregation. The Hillcrest church body unanimously recommended Karis as a student in the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Karis plans to prepare for work in Children's Ministry. She is shown here with her mother, Stephanie Wimbish, a youth volunteer and Sunday School teacher here at Hillcrest.



Give Prayer Meeting a try! You might like it!  
Wed. evenings at 6:00– Fellowship Hall. Y'all come!

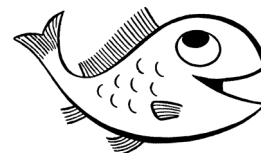
## The Diamond Set is ready for some Fish !!!



**They are going to  
Stogner's  
in Tylertown  
on Sat., Feb. 18**

**Meet at the church.  
The bus will leave no  
later than 4:00**

**Sign up now!**



## Sunday School Teachers & Officers Kickoff meeting

**Sun., Feb 26  
3:00**

**See Daryl D., Scott M.,  
or Stephen W.**

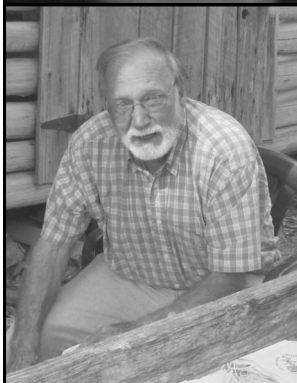
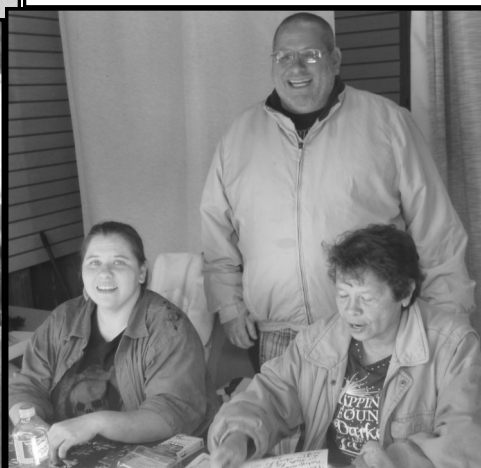
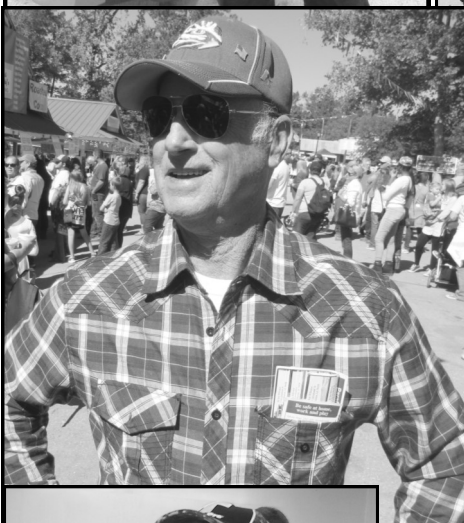


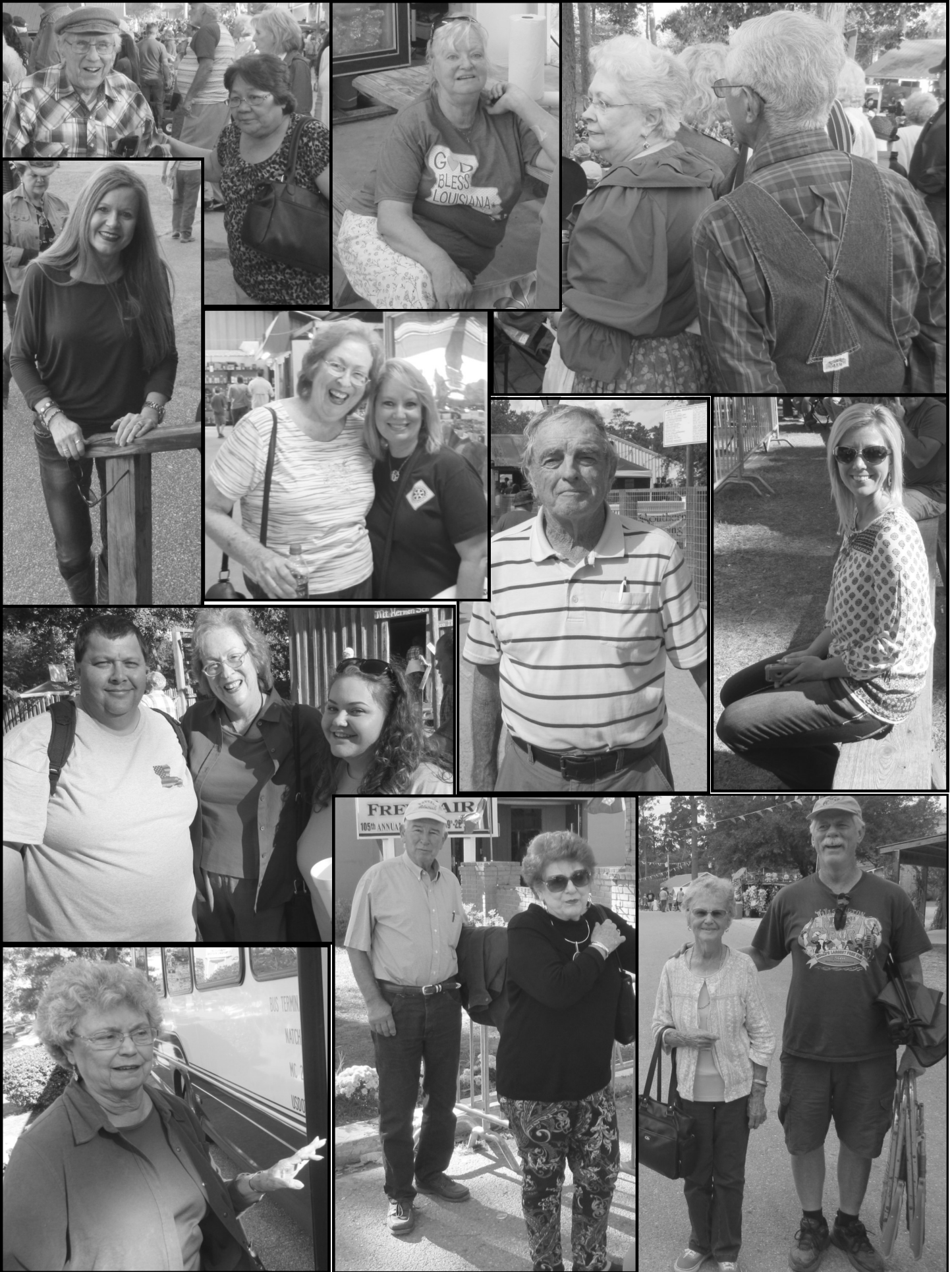




## Parish Fair Time

Even though the fair has come and gone, it's always fun to see our church members relaxed and enjoying themselves at our parish fair. This page and the next will give us some fun looks at some of them. How many do you recognize?  
Enjoy!!!





# Upward Basketball and Cheerleading

By: Duane Whitecotton



## Hello My Church Family!!!



It's hard to believe, but another season of Upward Basketball and Cheer is **almost over**. We are having an awesome time. So many people come into our church every Friday and Saturday.

It's a **blessing** for our church to have this **Ministry**. The CLC is full, the Concessions Stand is busy and the **Fellowship** is great!!! The **games** have been **exciting** and **everyone** is having a wonderful time **playing ball** and **learning about God!!!**

There is **still time** for every member of Hillcrest Baptist Church to be a part of this **Ministry**. We pray that each one of you **participate** in some way. We always need **Time Keepers**, **Score Keepers** and **FANS!!!**

Please see the upcoming dates and the associated needs.

If you feel you are being called to participate in this Ministry in any way, please contact Duane Whitecotton at (985)516-0679 or the Church directly at (985)839-4703. Thank you and God bless.



## Prayer Needs

Coaches to use star distribution as a form of encouragement to all participants

Families at the awards celebration that do not attend a church to be open to the invitation of connecting at your church

Families to be open to hear and respond to the gospel message at the awards celebration



## Game Schedules

Friday Nights at 6:00pm – Level 1 (Pre-K and K) or Level 2 (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades)

Friday Nights at 7:00pm – Level 3 (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades) or Level 4 (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades)

Saturday Mornings at 9:00am - Level 3 (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades) or Level 4 (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades)

Saturday Mornings at 10:00am - Level 3 (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades) or Level 4 (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades)

Saturday Mornings at 11:00am - Level 1 (Pre-K and K), or Level 2 (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades)

Saturday Afternoons at 12:00pm - Level 3 (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades) or Level 4 (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades)

Saturday Afternoons at 1:00pm - Level 3 (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades) or Level 4 (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades)



Extraordinary Women Conference– Pensacola, FL– April 21 & 22.  
Price for conference tickets– \$79.00. For ladies of all ages. Due now to Rose in church office. \$50.00 room fee due by March.  
If you have questions, contact Valerie Penny at 515-7505.

**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

**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  
 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Other Upcoming Dates to Remember**

Fri.-Sat.- Upward Basketball games-  
 See schedule on p. 7

Sat., Feb. 18- Diamond Set to Stogner's Fish House

Sun., Feb. 19- Men's Breakfast- 7:30

Sun., Feb. 19- Deacons' Meeting- 1:00

Sun., Feb. 26- Upward Celebration- 2:00

Sun., Feb. 26 Officers & Teachers Meeting- 3:00

## *The Richards in Concert*



*On Sunday evening, January 15, The Richards from Tennessee were here for our enjoyment of their presentation of many of our favorite hymns, plus some which they wrote themselves. Little did we know that Bro. Tom would be able to demonstrate his skills in one of the songs. You had to be there!!!*

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