

# *The Hillcrest Herald*

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## **Pastor Search Committee Begins Work**

At our regularly scheduled church conference at 9:30 Sunday morning, on April 2, 2017, Hillcrest Church members voted on members for the Pastor Search Committee.

A prepared ballot was used containing the names of those nominated or desiring to be a part of the committee. Of those listed, church members were asked to vote for up to six ladies and four of the gentlemen listed on the ballot.

That night, at the evening worship service the names of the newly elected Pastor Search Committee members were announced. They include: Wayne Rogers, Birtierie Schilling, Tra Ladner, Reba Sanspree, Brooke Moody, Tim Crawford, April Knight, , Reba Sanspree, Aubrey Posey, Gina Beal, and Duane Whitecotton (shown below in that order). Alternates include: Kaye Williams, Stephanie Wimbish, and April Warren.

Since that time, the new committee members met on Monday evening, April 3, to elect officers and to make preliminary plans. Weekly meetings are planned for whatever time period is needed until we have a pastor.

Officers elected for the new group are Tim Crawford, Chairman; Aubrey Posey, Vice-Chairman; and Gina Beal, Secretary.

See photos below from first and second services.



### **Chili Cook Off Planned by Deacons**

At our next Church Conference and Potluck Supper time, our Deacons have proposed a Chili Cook-off.

Since 4th Sunday is the normal time for our new evening Potluck Supper, the rest of us are still to bring potluck items. Just be sure they go well with chili.

Things like salad, chips, desserts, you-name-it.

**Sunday evening, April 23 at 5:00  
Fellowship Hall**



**At these church conferences, we make decisions that affect the whole church.  
Your opinion is important!**

## C-Now Weekend— March 11-12, 2017

Written by Karis Wimbish; Photos by Kelly Whitecotton and Tom Descant  
(Children's Now Weekend)

"Ahhhh... C-Now. For anyone who does not know, C-Now is like a week long VBS all rolled into a chaotic 24 hour time period.

The kids play games, have lego competitions, play in the jumpy houses, sing songs, and have creative snack time. They just get to be kids and they have a blast!

However, the most important part of C-Now is the Bible studies. Over the course of the day the kids went through

3 rotations of Bible studies. On C-Now weekend we talked about the resurrection of Christ and how it applies to their lives.

Parents, may I tell you guys something you probably already know? Your children are so incredibly smart each in their own individual ways. They grasp a majority the material we teach them.

It fills my heart to the brim to see young children engaged in Bible study and soaking up all that we pour into them.

Thank you for allowing us to pour into your children this weekend."

In the next couple of pages, take a glimpse at some of the many activities that these youth and adult leaders helped the children to learn and enjoy.

Spending the night at church was a treat for many of the youngsters. They were there from Saturday morning until Sunday morning. Even after a jam-packed time, they were able to eat, dress, and perform their new songs in both morning services on that Sunday morning, March 12.



I can't believe it's morning already! The girls in their upstairs "bedroom," discovering that it is Sunday morning.

### Helpers for C-Now Weekend

It takes a lot of folks, both older and younger, to make a special endeavor such as this so successful. Included in this particular group of helpers were the following:

#### Youth:

Karis Wimbish, Kacie Martin, Ty Dillon, Kodi Sharp, Dani Descant, Anissa Wimbish, Nate Descant, and Christian Redding,

#### Adults:

Jean Turner, Samantha and Tom Descant, Duane and Kelly Whitecotton, Tre' and Jenny Graves, Cindy Richards, and Brittany Stafford



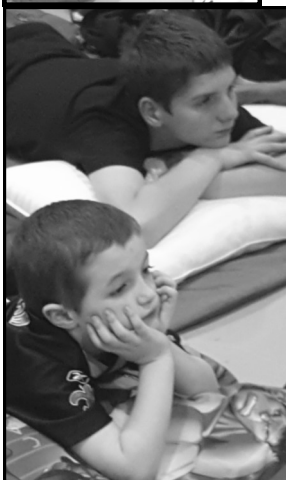
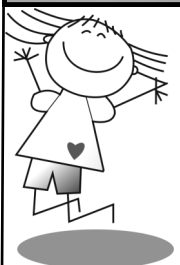
**More examples of their fun and learning at D-Now Weekend:**

**Lego competitions, Bible songs and stories, Bounce House jumping and climbing, snack time, relaxation time in their sleeping bags before "lights out."**

**Then, lastly their Sunday morning performances by the boys and by the girls at both morning worship services. This was fully appreciated by all.**



## C-Now weekend



## More C-Now



In the top picture: Can you even imagine trying to calm that many young boys to prepare them for a night's sleep! Somehow

they did it— as well as get them up in time to be ready to perform at both morning church services.

In the three lower pictures are shown some of the girls as they lounge in or on their sleeping bags— or prepare for a Bible story in their comfy chairs.

## Intern for Children's Work is Named



It was recommended by the Personnel Committee and voted on by the church to hire Karis Wimbish as Intern for Children's Work.

Her work would be under the direction of the Ministry of Family and Youth. Her duties would cover such things as Children's Church, K-Motion, VBS activities, Children's Camps, and Sunday

School. Her work would cover 20-24 hours per week.

Karis will begin her studies at the New Orleans Theological Seminary in the Fall.

## FHS Votes our Kacie As Friendliest



Kacie Martin, one of our high school seniors in the Hillcrest Youth Department, was recently voted by her fellow students as "Friendliest" girl at Franklinton High School.

A long time member of our youth department, Kacie can always be seen helping with activities here at church. This year, she will also go on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic, where she has assisted for the past few years. Way to go, Kacie !!!

She will be also be trying to earn money for her trip to the Dominican Republic.



## Sunday Evening Supper Held on March 26



The church body decided that the fourth Sunday of each month would involve a Pot Luck Supper. Instead of having a regular worship service on 4th Sundays, we would have our monthly church conference in conjunction with the church suppers. Business could be discussed in a casual atmosphere as we have a high attendance.

Our first pot luck supper was held on Sunday, March 26 with at least 120 in attendance. Full house—enjoyed by all !!!

## Sunday Evening Worship Makes its Comeback

Photo by Ashleigh Dunigan



After discussion by the deacons and by the church body in one of our latest church conferences, it was decided to once again begin our Sunday evening worship services and to incorporate a feeling of welcome and relaxation—with audience participation at times. Mrs. Cindy Richards and others will guide the children in Bible Drill programs, etc.

Our first evening service was held on March 9. After that well-received worship, we decided to add a little food and coffee to the mix. Bro. Tom asked for volunteers to bring cakes and cookies to the next evening service. Over 120 were in attendance for the second service which was held on March 19.

## Nominating Committee Ready to Begin Work

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 will be: Gerald Jones, Scott Moody, Stephen Warren, Kelly Whitecotton, Sylvia Smith, Wayne Patterson, and Alan Stafford. These will be accompanied by Bro. Tom Descant and Bro. Daryl Dunigan.

**Survey sheets** will be 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 host-

ess, 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 in September.

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

## Women's Ministry Sponsors Easter Egg Hunt

Written by Cindy Richards; Pictures from Kelly Whitecotton, Cindy Richards, & Karis Wimbish



On Wednesday evening, April 12, our Women's Ministry sponsored the Children's Resurrection party!

The group ate pizza; played a "hopping" relay game organized by Ms. Tammy and Mr. Duane; heard the Resurrection Egg story presented by Ms. Cindy; made crosses to be taken to the Nursing Home; ate cupcakes (and lots of candy); and hunted for eggs!!

A special thanks to all the leaders (Karis, Kelly, Duane,

April, Jean, Brittany, Jennifer, Melissa, Valerie, Kathy, Rose, and Ty) for hiding eggs and helping control the excitement!

Also a big thanks to the ladies for the cupcakes and to all who brought candy and eggs!! The children had a great time

and hope we all remember that Jesus is Alive!!



### Other Ventures For Kids This Summer

#### K-Motion: \$40- sign up now

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



#### Children's Camp at Tall Timbers- June 12-15

VBS- June 19-23

### Mission Fuge

**For Youth —Houston, TX  
June 26-30**

**\$50 Registration due now  
\$330 total needed**



**Money-making projects  
are ongoing. See Tom for  
details.**

**The Youth and their leaders are really busy for the next few months.  
See where you might can help them.**



1. **Youth Frozen Fruit and Veggie Sale.** Order blanks at church. Order no later than April 30 from any youth. Delicious quality frozen fruits and vegetables!
2. **Fruit and Veggie Pick Up at church— Sat., May 6 — 9:30 A.M.**
3. **Youth Sunday and Senior Recognition Sunday— May 7, 2017—Give them your support!**
4. **Jambalaya dinner served on May 7, 2017 (See below).**

Money-making projects are being used to help pay expenses for Mission Fuge this summer.



## Youth Jambalaya Dinner!!!!

To be served at church on Youth Sunday, May 7, 2017.  
Cost: \$7.00 a plate (Take-out plates only)  
Jambalaya, bread, green beans, and dessert

Sign up now to reserve meals for you and your family



### Sunday School Teachers & Officers Meeting

Sun., April 23  
3:30



### 5th Sunday Sing— April 30

5:00 p.m.  
Church Sanctuary

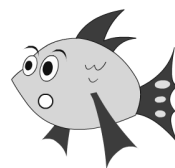
If you would like to show your talents, please contact Bro. Daryl or the church office before noon on April 30.



**Diamond Set Fish Fry  
At Devon & Delores' Camp  
Sat., May 13—Arrive 4:00 +**

Fish, etc. fried there;  
You bring desserts, salads, etc.

For all Diamond Set members



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



9:45 On Sun-  
day Mornings.  
Choose a group and  
join in.

**Sunday Services**

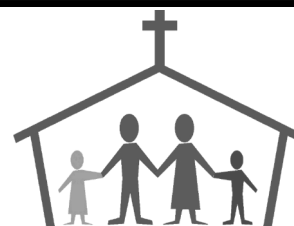
8:30 Traditional Worship Service  
 9:45 Bible Study  
 10:45 Contemporary Worship Service  
 11:00 Kids Own Worship- ages 3- grade 2  
 4:00 Sanctuary Choir Practice  
 5:00 Evening Worship Service

**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

**Other Upcoming Dates to Remember**

Fri. & Sat., April 21-22- Women's Conf., Pensacola  
Sun., April 23- Deacons' & Wives Meeting- 1:00  
3:30- Teachers & Officers Meeting  
5:00- Potluck Supper and Church Conference  
Mon., April 24- 6:00 Nominating Committee  
Sun., April 30- Morning services- Lord's Supper  
5:00- 5th Sunday Sing in Sanctuary

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

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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