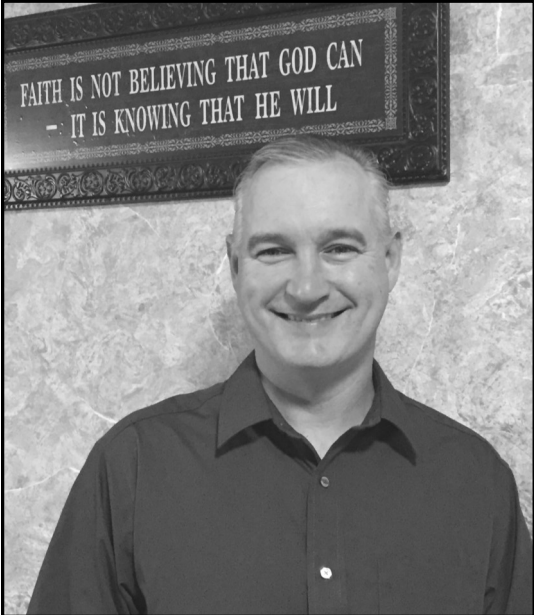


# *The Hillcrest Herald*

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## **Trey Branch: New Deacon to be Ordained**



Our recently elected deacons serving for 2017 and 2018 are:

Waylon Crowe  
Aubrey Posey  
Ray Williams

T-Ninety Johnson  
Roy Stevens  
Trey Branch

They will serve with these returning deacons:

Ricky Byrd  
Ronnie Hornsby  
Ken Knight  
Stephen Warren

Tim Crawford  
Gerald Jones  
Terry Morgan

Trey Branch is to be ordained on Sunday, Feb. 5 at 2:00. Other ordained deacons rotated off for this year.

### **A Little About Trey Branch** **Photo & article by Trey**

Clayton "Trey" Branch is a resident of Franklinton, originally from Varnado, and an active member of Hillcrest Baptist Church since 2006.

Many of you may know him as "The Phone man" for he has worked as a phone technician for Bellsouth and AT&T for 16 years.

Trey was a graduate of Franklinton High School in 1989. He

electronics.

Trey would also be described as a family man. He is married to Amy Sheridan Branch and has three children: Tori, Raif, and Skylar. He also has two grandchildren Austin and Jesse Otto.

Trey has served as an active member on a committee within the church and a volunteer parent coaching Upward bas-

ketball for several years. He recently participated in the Christmas cantata as one of the narrators.

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Trey is also an active member within the community. He feels his spiritual gift is teaching through coaching. He has coached baseball or softball for 17 years.

Trey is very honored about this next step in his life to serve his church and community as a deacon at Hillcrest Baptist Church.



### **Attention !!!**

**Mrs. Debra Byrd would like to have a brief meeting on Sunday, Jan. 29, immediately following the first worship service. This is for all of you who may be interested in being a VBS volunteer For more information, call Debra Byrd at 985-515-3959**



# Adopt a Grandparent: An annual Event for Some of Our Members

Photos from Tiffany Ochsner and Phillip Smith

Visiting the area nursing homes and spreading cheer is not just a Christmas event, but we tend to talk more about this ministry at the time when we celebrate our Savior's birth.

Actually, these volunteers try to visit both Good Samaritan and Kentwood Manor once a month all year. Their purpose is to bring some joy into the lives of these residents and to show the love of Jesus to all.

They hand out cold drinks to the residents, talk with them, share a few hugs, and show them that they care about them. They learn the names of each and every available resident in these establishments. In turn, the residents come to know and to love them.

At Christmastime, another little spark is added when they have individual gifts for each and every resident of Good Samaritan here in Franklinton. Merchants and interested folks from through-



Shown here are some of their volunteers who helped with the Adopt a Grandparent Day on December 23 at Good Samaritan. These include Reba Sanspree, Michelle Amacker and her daughter, Libby, Darlene Bennett, and Robert Yates. Not shown is Tiffany Ochsner (taking pictures).

out the community give donations to make the gifts possible.

Look at the love and joy portrayed on these two pages.

Gifts are presented to each resident with a smiling face and a hug.



At left, Darlene and Tiffany are preparing to take the individually packaged gifts to their recipients.





## Faith Weavers Christmas Program



### The Faith Weavers Christmas

Program is always a hit with everyone. That is when our children present a musical program for their parents, grandparents, and all the Hillcrest congregation. Under the direction of Mrs. Cindy Richards, the group is shown ready to begin their musical gift to everyone. As you can see by the photos, each individual child had a chance to perform some part of the program alone. A few of these are shown here. Also, the pre-schoolers joined them for part of the presentation, as shown here. Afterwards, a reception was held in the Fellowship Hall.

### More Faith Weavers



Even though our Faith Weavers program's main purpose is to teach these children more about the Bible and God's world, a little bit of fun time is always included.

If you know of a child who would benefit from our Faith Weavers program, bring them to church on Wednesday evenings at 5 pm beginning with the hot dog supper.







## Hillcrest Christmas Celebration

On Sunday, Christmas Day 2016, Hillcrest celebrated Jesus' Birthday in special ways. We all met together in one big worship service at 10:00 a.m. where we enjoyed a special musical presentation by the Sanctuary Choir. This was entitled, "One Small Child." This worship service was followed by a wonderful Church-wide Fellowship and Potluck Meal.

Our special guests for the day's events were the members of "Our Father's House" Church across the highway from us. They enjoyed all the day's festivities with us. As a result, our Sanctuary and our Christian Life Center were at full capacity. We all enjoyed one another's company on this special day.



A record crowd enjoyed the potluck meal and fellowship in the Family Life Center after the choir's presentation.

**I ♥ Jesus**

**WELCOME  
NEW MEMBER**



**Mrs. Alice Quick  
Transfer of Letter**



We finally had room for a few fair pictures from October. See anybody you know? More in later editions. Keep looking! You never know who you'll find!



# Upward Notes

Pictures by Phillip Smith



Even though it was the coldest day we have had this year, that didn't stop the enthusiasm of our coaches, players, spectators, snack bar, and support personnel. The family life center was ablaze with activity and games. A few pictures from that January 6th morning will give you a little taste of what went on.



# Upward Basketball and Cheerleading

By: Duane Whitecotton



## Hello My Church Family!!!



**Upward Basketball and Cheer is HERE!!!** Games have started and we are in the midst of another great season of Ministry and Sports. The turnout for the 1<sup>st</sup> week of games has been great (even though the weather wasn't). All of the participants, families

and volunteers are having a great time. We invite each and every member of Hillcrest Baptist Church to be a part of this **Ministry**. We still have **many** opportunities for **YOU** to participate. We pray that each one of you participate in some way.

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.



### Ministry Needs

Score Keepers

Clock Keepers

Prayer Partners

**FANS, FANS, FANS!!!**



### Prayer Needs

- Halftime Activities go smoothly;
- The church to connect with families throughout the season
- Spectators attentive to Halftime message;
- Safety for all participants
- Coaches and referees work together as a team



### 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

Price for conference tickets– \$69.00. Due now to Rose in church office.  
\$50.00 room fee due later. Conference date– April 21 & 22.

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  
 5:45 Ignite Combined Worship in Sanctuary  
 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**

Sun., Jan. 22 - 9:30- Church Conference  
Fri.-Sat., Jan 27-28- Youth D-Now Weekend  
Fri.-Sat.- upward Basketball games-  
     See schedule on p. 7  
Sun., Jan. 29- Debra Byrd to meet with VBS volunteers in  
     sanctuary after 1st morning service

**Youth Notes****Some of our upcoming  
youth activities**

Jan. 27-28 D-Now Weekend At Lion King Ministries  
**For more information, see Bro. Tom**



Our very own Nate Descant proudly shows the first place medal he won at this year's parish fair. It was his very first 5K race. The picture was sent by his proud mama.



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