



# Hillcrest Herald

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## He Helped Pave the Way

# Hillcrest Founding Member Passes Away

by  
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*Bob Claxton*

Bob Claxton, a man who played an pivotal role in the history of the Hillcrest Church of Christ, passed away Thursday, April 14, 2011. His funeral was Saturday, April 16.

As a young boy, Bob was among the small group of Christians who founded the Kirkwood church of Christ in 1945.

Late in 1963, when it was determined that the Kirkwood congregation should relocate in a newer, more thriving community where more

work could be done for the Lord, Bob Claxton helped locate the property on which the church building now stands.

Along with other men of the congregation, he spent much of his time working on the construction of the new building.

When it was completed, the congregation became known as the Hillcrest Church of Christ.

Very active in the work of the church, Bob directed building committees, Sunday school programs, and he taught Bible classes for teenagers and served as a deacon.

He was president of Claxton Printing Company from 1980 to 2001.

One special ministry he loved was donating printed materials to area churches and overseas missionaries.

Bob Claxton was a gentle, kind, and generous servant of the Lord he loved.



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*Jay Fuller, Dale Holmes, Harrell Thomas, and Gerald Anderson are pictured near the serving line at the annual Mothers' Day breakfast; the event was a huge success.*

## Mothers' Day Breakfast: A Family Affair

*by Ernest Holsendolph*

In many ways our annual Mother's Day observance, where nearly 50 brothers joined in to make brunch for 160 moms as well as their children, the atmosphere was really family day.

And what a beautiful sight and feeling. It was a celebration of hats and hair-dos, colorful garb and tons of food.

Bill "chef" French and his huge kitchen crew turned out rolling mounds of cheese grits, eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, biscuits and fruit.

"I'm The Bacon Man," said Kevin White, who fried bacon for hours starting at 6 a.m.

It was enough to make a cardiologist look away, but it was fun.

Meanwhile Dale Holmes, Gerald Anderson and DeWayne Cal-

houn cheerfully maintained order, while John Talley marched the ranks of volunteers to their duties as servers, greeters, and raconteurs—keeping cheer, laughter and goodwill among the participants. Nobody noticed the lines. Willie Davis generously posed with the sisters, who beamed in return. The ladies dig the song leaders, I guess.

There were less glamorous jobs too.

Bill Stultz was seen zealously scrubbing down the kitchen tables, even as others ate, making sure they would be ready for the next event.

Everybody had fun; the food held out; and the event went off flawlessly, thanks to Brothers Anderson, Holmes and others.

## From the Minister's Desk



Richard L. Barclay

I especially like this explanation of what a father did, and I hope you will also find it profoundly entertaining:

He threw them higher than his head until they were weak from laughter.

He cast the deciding vote on the puppy debate.

He listened more than he talked.

He let them make mistakes.

He allowed them to fall from

their first two-wheeler without having a heart attack.

He read a newspaper while they were trying to parallel park a car for the first time in preparation for their driving test.

If I had to tell someone's son what a father really does that is important, it would be that he shows up for the job in good times and bad times.

He's a man who is constantly being observed by his children. They learn from him how to handle adversity, anger, disappointment and success.

He won't laugh at their dreams no matter how impossible they might seem.

He will dig out at 1:00 AM when one of his children runs out of gas.

He will make unpopular decisions and stand by them.

When he is wrong and makes a mistake, he will admit it.

He sets the tone for how family members treat one another, members of the opposite sex and people who are different than they are.

By example, he can instill a desire to give something back to the community when its needs are greater than theirs.

But mostly, a good father involves himself in his kids' lives. The more responsibility he has for a child, the harder it is to walk out of his life.

A father has the potential to be a powerful force in the life of a child. Grab it!

Maybe you'll get a greeting card for your efforts. Maybe not.

But it's steady work!

It is my pleasure to work with some fathers at Hillcrest who do the things described here and more.

They are deserve recognition this Fathers' Day, and I urge their children to remember them on this important occasion. Happy Fathers' Day, Hillcrest Dads!

## Pictures Tell It All: Mothers' Day Breakfast: A Huge Success



(1) Urenna Crawford, Willie Davis, Lorraine Myles, Sylvia Morgan and Becky Davis (2) Sabrina Holmes, Arielle Holmes, Dale Holmes and Geraldine Holmes (3) Whitney French and Faye French (4) Eula Spivey and Shirley Barclay (5) Gloria Webb, Bernard Webb and Joy Webb



## Fathers' Day Humor

by  
Eula Spivey

Well, Mother's Day has come and gone. Now we mothers can drift slowly down to earth after floating on cloud nine.

We were treated to a breakfast on Mother's Day befitting Will and Kate, the Royal Couple. Thank you to all the brothers.

I am sure that in the days to come, and especially on Sunday, June 19, you will hear and read numerous articles on "The Role of Father" and "Responsibility of Dad," for example.

Nearly 100 years have elapsed since President Woodrow Wilson officially proclaimed a day to honor fathers, and the changes since then and now are too numerous to count.

I was touched by a quote from Clarence B. Kelland in which he said of his father—"He didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it."

Bill Cosby, being the humorist that he is, said simply, "My father only hit me once—but he used a Volvo."

Well, I have a few humorous thoughts of my own and would like to share them with you.

Now, I don't know (and neither do you) what the following fathers said to advise and admonish their sons.

To throw a dash of humor in the pot, I'd like to think that if they lived in today's world, these quotes may have come to mind.

Noah's Dad—"Son, whatever happens in life, don't rock the boat."

Joseph's Dad—"Stop wasting time trying to find pants to match your coat. Any color pants will work."

Jonah's Dad—"You'd better eat all of your fish. Those Omega fatty oils are healthy for you."

Solomon's Dad—"Don't you try to be a wise guy and a smart aleck with me, ya' hear?"

David's Dad—"Quit whining and singing those sad songs. You got in that mess all by yourself."

Jeremiah's Dad—"Stop all that crying before I give you something to really cry about."

Goliath's Dad—"Son, you've got some mighty big shoes to fill if you're gonna be like me."

Absalom's Dad—"Get a haircut, son. You may one day "dread" having those "dreadlocks."

Paul's Dad—"Son, better have that pain in your side checked out, could be your appendix."

Joshua's Dad—"Hurry and find a parking place, son. This makes the seventh time that we've gone

around the block."

Ananias' Dad—"What do you mean by saying you're taking the money was all your buddy Madoff's idea?"

Thomas' Dad—" Stop being a doubter, son. Trust your ole man and believe me when I tell you that the COWBOYS ain't going to the SUPER BOWL next year.

If you haven't laughed or smiled by now, try this on for size.

A small boy is sent to bed by his father. Five minutes later....

"Da-ad...."

"What?"

"I'm thirsty. Can you bring a drink of water?"

"No. You had your chance. Lights out."

Five minutes later.

"Da-aaaad...." "WHAT?" "I'm THIRSTY. Can I have a drink of water??"

"I told you NO!" If you ask again, I'll have to spank you!!"

Five minutes later....

"Daaa-aaaad...."

"WHAT!"

"When you come in to spank me, can you bring a drink of water?"



# An INNERview with Marlene Baskerville



Marlene Baskerville was born in Baltimore, Maryland, and she has also lived in California and New Jersey. She has lived in Georgia for the last 34 years. She came to Hillcrest as a guest of Annie Thomas in 1986, and she was baptized in 1987. A divorced mother, she has two grown children, Marla Baskerville Watkins who lives in Boston, Massachusetts with her husband Orlando and a son, and James Baskerville, II, who recently moved back to Stone Mountain from Biloxi, Mississippi. A project manager for over 20 years with BellSouth/AT&T, she received a BS in technical management from DeVry in 2002, summa cum laude. She has been a member of the Hillcrest Singers for over 10 years, and she is a member of the greeters' ministry. Too, she has helped with the ladies' day programs and Vacation Bible School.

**You are a star player on the Lord's football or basketball team. What is your team's mascot? Why?**

My team mascot is a lion because we are fearless with the Lord's guidance.

**On your "Christian journey," your "vehicle" develops a problem. What is wrong: the battery is dead, you are out of gas, you have a flat, or your engine is running hot? How do you fix it?**

On my Christian journey, I have run out of gas, had numerous flats and had several unexplained conditions. I called on God, the Holy Ghost and depended on Angels who stepped in and guided me in the right direction. It's like footsteps. I was carried many times through the trials.

**To which high school subject do you wish you had paid more attention? Why?**

I wish I had paid more attention to French because knowing a second language is needed more now than ever.

**You are applying for a job and you need character references. Which Biblical character would you use as a reference? Why?**

Moses would be my reference. He had a speech problem and understands overcoming obstacles.

**Which of the following children's games best describes your personality: hide and go**

**seek, tag, dodge ball, Simon Says, or jump rope.**

Tag

**What is your favorite song? Why? Luther Vandross, Dance With My Father.**

I'm a Daddy's girl and would love to dance with my father again.

**How would you explain love to someone who has never heard of it before?**

Love is satisfying another person's needs even before they ask.

**You have been given the power to perform one miracle. What do you do?**

I would remove all the hate and anger from everyone's heart and replace it with love.

In your spiritual journey, you are engaged in the "fight of your life." Who is your opponent? Why? Satan. He is evil, the master manipulator and tempter.

**Which is the most important button on your "keyboard": delete, backspace, enter, shift, alt or esc? Why?**

The enter key is the most important because what's done is done. You should hit enter and move on.

*Would you like to be included in the INNERview section of the Herald? Call the church office for an INNERview questionnaire today!*

# Welcome, New Members!



Adam Stanford



Ingrid Philbert



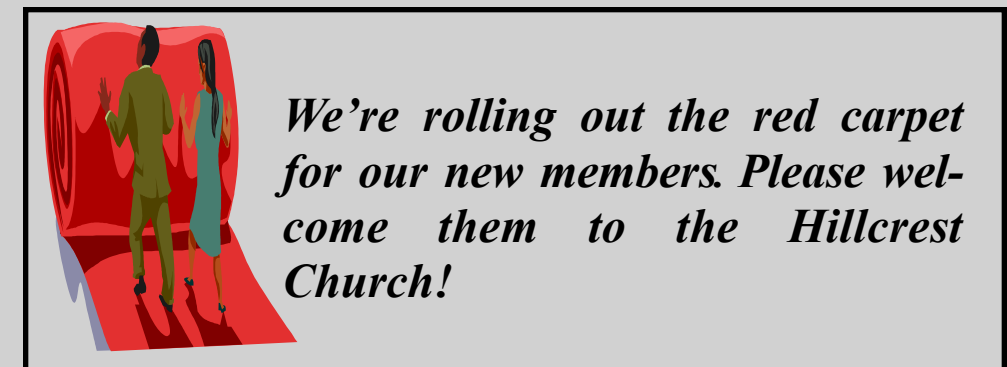
J. R. Carey



Shelton Spivey



Stephan Spivey



## Will Include a Groundbreaking Ceremony

# 65th Homecoming Celebration on Tap!

Pull out your list of superlatives! You will need them to describe the 65th Hillcrest Church of Christ Homecoming Celebration. Activities for the gala event will be held June 22 through June 26, 2011.

Steven Thompson, of the Central Church of Christ in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, will be the guest speaker, returning for a second consecutive year to inspire and edify audiences.

He will speak during the revival, scheduled for June 22 through June 24; and he will deliver the homecoming service message on Sunday, June 26.

The revival will begin at 7:00 PM with singing; the service begins at 7:30 PM.

The Lampton Street Church of Christ Acappella Chorus of Mound Bayou, Mississippi will be the featured singers during the homecoming service.

The appropriately worded theme for the auspicious occasion is "We Have Been Here Long Enough." The scriptural reference is Deuteronomy 1:6.

Yet another event, a songfest will be held on Saturday, June 25, featuring the Hillcrest Singers, Blessed with Harmony, the Lampton Street Church of Christ Acappella Choir and several area singing groups.

A ground-breaking ceremony marking the commencement of the construction of the church's new sanctuary will round out the

scheduled events for the grand celebration. It is scheduled for 1:00 PM, Sunday, June 26.

A fellowship meal will follow the groundbreaking.



Steven Thompson, Guest Speaker



When President Obama issued a rallying cry for teachers in 2009 Lori Smith was listening!

Currently in her third year at Georgia State University after transferring from Spelman College, she's majoring in early childhood education, following in mom Gloria Smith's footsteps, a veteran teacher of 32 years.

Of course her choice isn't a surprise to those who know Lori; she's a regular volunteer in the children's Bible hour, vacation Bible school and other Hillcrest activities.

As the recipient of the 2009 G.C. Smothers Scholarship, Lori raised our curiosity.

What might this award mean to her?

"It meant so much to me, it's

hard to put it into words, it was truly an honor to be recognized in this way by my church family," she said. "Spelman is very expensive and the scholarship helped a lot."

When asked to complete four statements, Lori was quick to respond:

I really enjoy... "volunteering and being artistic or creative."

I'd like to be more like... "my Mom, she's so positive and patient."

My greatest struggle is with... "procrastination, I seem to work better when its crunch time, but it creates a lot of added pressure."

At Hillcrest I want to do more... "with our youth, especially the high school girls."

In response this last question,

we asked our future educator about the role of college students at Hillcrest.

Her response was moving:

"I believe there is a disconnect with the 18-24 year olds. We're no longer in the youth group, but not quite ready for the adult classes and groups either. But we are to blame, we have to play a more active role, it's our responsibility to take the initiative to make a niche for ourselves".

The Herald wanted to know how the leadership could help.

"It would be good to hear from them more. Sometimes our lives get so hectic with school, work, and relationships for example that it would be really nice to just have someone call to check on you and ask how things are going," she said.

When asked about the role of technology in this communication, she replied, "It's a two-way street, we have to be receptive and accessible to our leadership as well, maybe just a quick text-message or something like that. Hillcrest is a great church, I love it here," she said very emotionally.

We can hear our dear young sister saying, Yes, we're grown, but we don't want to be forgotten.

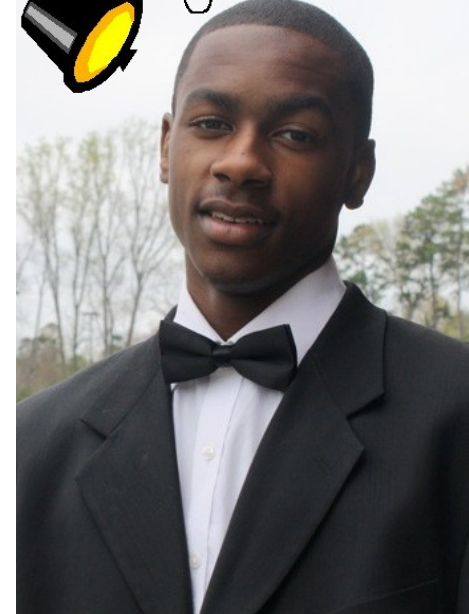
Maybe, just maybe, she speaks for many.

There's no question that Lori is well positioned for the future with her strong family support system, solid spiritual foundation and superior intellect.

Let's all just sit back and watch this young woman blossom as she begins what is certain to be an illustrious career in the field of education.



**Hillcrest Youth-Marquis Glover  
in the SPOTLIGHT**



As class gets started on Wednesday evenings in the Family Life Center, those in attendance are always pleased to see Marquis Deante Glover hit the door.

His natural charm and engaging personality always add a new dimension to the class discussions.

Marquis, also affectionately known as Roc, is a welcome participant in the class who continues to welcome others.

Roc is often accompanied to class by two of his good friends from school.

The trio, although quiet at times, gives us an additional perspective for teaching and learning with the teenagers.

The son of Markeith and Lisa Glover, Roc is the middle child in his family. He has an older brother, Johnny Davis (24-years old) and a younger sister, Faith Glover (12-years-old).

His middle child birth order may contribute to his easy going

personality and ability to "go with the flow."

Roc and his family have attended Hillcrest Church of Christ since he was in the third grade. He is currently a senior at Woodland High School in Henry County.

Those who are familiar with Roc's family, specifically his father, know that sports, especially basketball, are an important aspect of their lives.

Roc is an accomplished basketball player and has utilized his talents to benefit his AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) team, the Henry County Ballers.

Due to his willingness to be a team player and work toward a common goal, he assisted the Ballers in being ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the nation.

Playing basketball is something Roc obviously finds most enjoyable, which is evidenced by the fact that he plays on a daily basis to keep his skills sharp and because he just enjoys the sport.

Not only is Roc a true athlete, he is also a true student, earning A's and B's in school to document his academic success.

His personality and energy are contagious. It is impossible to be around Roc and not laugh out loud at something he's said or done.

His church family is not the only one to notice his enormous sense of humor.

Roc was awarded the superlative "most funny" as a result of his ability to make others laugh and enjoy themselves.

His future plans include enrolling in Valdosta State in south-

ern Georgia. He has already determined his future major (computer engineering).

This degree will provide him with the skills and abilities to be successful in this ever growing world of technology. We look forward to what he will become.

The most important things in life to Roc are his family and education.

He feels that without an education, one will be considered a "nobody" in the society in which we live today.

"You can't even work at McDonald's without it [education] anymore," he said.

Its obvious Roc truly believes in the importance of education.

Roc displays his Christianity in his everyday life by choosing his friends wisely and selecting friends who have similar goals.

He feels when he picks friends who have good character; they can help motivate him to stay on track and to do better.

When asked to provide a quote that reflects him, he provided the following: "Don't let your talent take you where your character can't keep you."

Roc explained the importance of the sage advice in his life by saying, "This quote tells me that if you have a talent you need to exploit it instead of sitting on your butt and not utilizing it. Also, you can't have good morals and hang out with the wrong crowd."

Marquis "Roc" Glover has made it obvious that he cherishes his wonderful family, pursuing a solid education, and surrounding himself with people who radiate good character.