

Cornerstone

Meet New Members, Ralph & Donna Hyde



Donna was reared on a farm in a small town in Arkansas. Ralph was reared on a farm in a small town in Tennessee in the depths of the depression of '29. Donna grew up in the Methodist Church while Ralph grew up in the Baptist Church. After high school, Donna entered Business College, and Ralph was drafted and spent 2 1/2 years in Europe. Upon his return to New York in 1948 and discharge, he began immediately to continue his education. Sixty-two years ago the two of them met at the University of Tennessee and celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 9th of this year.

They are the parents of three children; Genia Blose, Gregory Hyde and Carey Hyde. Their grandchildren number five and they have four great-grandchildren. Emma & Harper Byrd (two of their great-grandchildren) currently attend our PDO/Pre-K.

Donna is retired from First Tennessee Bank and Ralph from UT Health Sciences Center. They have led a busy life - fishing, riding horses, attending sports events, traveling, and doing volunteer work.

“Courage is fear that has been prayed over. The spirit of us humans needs nature unaltered by human hands.” From: Rev. Lloyd John Ogilvie with whom we once had the good fortune to talk.

The Hydys joined by transfer of membership on June 19th.

Fall Festival - Saturday, October 29th @ 5:30



Make plans to bring the family to the Fall Festival! Costumes are appropriate as we will be having “Trunk ‘r Treat.” The kids might want to wear play clothes for some of the games and activities before the costume judging and Trunk ‘r Treat.



We will have a chili cook-off. Bring a pot of chili to be judged and to share. As always, there will be hotdogs for the kids who don't want chili and hotdogs for the “kids” who want chili dogs. Even if you don't have kids, plan to come and have a great time. Open your trunk to hand out treats. Decorated cars are fun but not a requirement to participate. It's just more fun to have as many cars as possible.

This will be a great photo opportunity for your family.

October 2016



In 1986 Lucy quipped, "You look forward all year to a special moment, and before you know it, it's over." And so it was with the annual Charlie/Lucy football kick. Fall brings with it special moments. Some of the obvious ones are Halloween and Thanksgiving. The stores are filled with items of all sizes and shapes in varying shades of orange, brown, yellow and rust colors because God gives us a world of beauty and his colors are more glorious than we can imagine or copy. Try to take in and enjoy the season even though we seem to be in a mad rush to go to the next thing.

"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." Psalm 46:10

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 The Lord's Supper 12:15 Christmas Play Rehearsal	3	4	5 5:30 Supper 6:00 Kid's Choir 6:15 R&R* 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir	6	7 Fall Youth Retreat	8
9 12:15 Christmas Play Rehearsal Youth return from retreat in the afternoon	10	11 11:00 TOPS to go to Idlewild's Carillon	12 5:30 Supper 6:00 Kid's Choir 6:15 R&R* 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir	13 6:30 Men's Supper 6:30 Forever Young	14	15 5:30 50ish Group dinner @ Shogun on G'town Rd.
16 12:15 Christmas Play Rehearsal	17	18 7:00 Marine Corps League	19 5:30 Supper 6:00 Kid's Choir 6:15 R&R* 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir	20 10:30 Hope Circle 6:30 Session (note: one week early)	21	22 7:30 Outdoor Movie Night Second Hand Lions
23 12:15 Christmas Play Rehearsal	24	25	26 5:30 Supper 6:00 Kid's Choir 6:15 R&R* 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir	27 11:30 Sarah Circle	28	29 5:30 Fall Festival
30 12:15 Christmas Play Rehearsal	31					

*Rejoice & Recharge - 15 minutes of singing after supper and before we disperse for activities.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Recently we had a lunch for young couples after church. The turnout was great, and it was a good mix of those who are active in the life of the church and those who just mainly come to worship. The Donans fed us well, and then I thanked the group for coming and challenged them to take their involvement to the next level - not just for their sakes but also for the sake of their children. I told them that in churches of every flavor, people in the 20 to 40 age range are harder to find. I asked them to help Highland Heights buck that trend.

Elder Janis McCarty then opened up the floor for discussion. Here's a sampling of what was said:

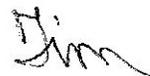
- We love our church; that's why we're here.
- Our worship has the right blend of contemporary songs and traditional hymns.
- Our age group often doesn't know about events, because we don't usually check emails. *(Follow-up: Nikki Bond is sending text alerts to the young adults.)*
- We would like to see children and youth sports teams again. *(Follow-up: Four guys volunteered to help make this happen, and we already have the gym, sports field, equipment, and uniforms.)*

- I'm glad my pastor knows my name.
- I want to see us get more involved in helping others, in something like Habitat for Humanity.

To say the least, I'm encouraged. We have a significant group of young adults who realize HHPC doesn't need to try to be a Hope or a Highpoint. We offer worship, teaching, fellowship, and service opportunities that larger churches can't. There are still lots of people who want what we have to offer - a traditional, Biblically-focused, family-oriented church.

Remember that I love you, and please continue to be faithful in worship and in giving.

Your Pastor and Friend,




CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Staff

- Rev. Dr. Tim Foster, **Senior Pastor**
- Rev. Jerry Brundle, **Assistant Pastor**
- Jason Gatlin, **Youth Director**
- John Knox Foster, **Young Adults**
- Jenny McCleary, **Children's Ministry Director**
- Mary Smith, **Financial Administrator**
- Rosie Blatt, **Administrative Assistant**
- Larry Denman, **Music Director**
- Lauren Fiveash, **Ensemble Director & Pianist**
- Cindy Phillips, **Organist**
- Bikram Ranapheli, **Guitarist**
- Jason Gatlin, **Sound Technician**
- Chrissy Thornton, **Parents' Day Out Director**
- Bob Donan, **Clerk of Session**
- Lesa Hart, **Moderator, Board of Deacons**
- Richard Armour, **Treasurer**

Session

- Class of 2016**
- Kendra Bowers
- Jason Gatlin
- Janis McCarty
- Shirley McLaurine
- Fred Tremont
- Class of 2017**
- Ronnie Billings
- Rob McCleary
- Perk Perkins
- Connie Thornton
- Class of 2018**
- Tom Bright
- Lin Fryman
- Steve Deaux

Board of Deacons

- Class of 2016**
- Lori Brown
- Terry Davis
- Traci Gatlin
- E.W. Golden
- Brenda Paoni
- Class of 2017**
- Clint Bowden
- Lesa Hart
- Lydia Johnson
- David Thornton
- Class of 2018**
- Steve Allen
- Kim Batson
- Joy Bowden
- David Dennie
- Linda Melear

FROM THE ASSISTANT PASTOR'S DESK

It's Never Too Late!

This past winter, we had an extensive amount of landscaping done around our house. Having recently moved down from Michigan, we were not familiar with the types of flowers, shrubs and trees that would flourish in the Memphis climate. But one that we knew would is the crepe myrtle. As you know, they are all over the Memphis area, and we wanted one for the centerpiece of our landscaping in the front yard. So we had everything planted in February, which is when I was told is a good time to plant trees in Memphis, and waited for spring to come so we could see how everything would grow. And indeed, everything did... except for the crepe myrtle in the front yard. As everything else sprouted leaves and flowers, the leaves on the crepe myrtle turned brown. There were crepe myrtles all around our neighborhood, radiant with flowers of every color. Except ours. It was brown. So, I went on a mission to water it, fertilize it and trim it carefully for weeks. And behold! By mid-summer, the leaves turned green. But there were no flowers. I finally decided we would have to dig it up and replace it with a new one.

But as we were preparing to drive up to Anna last week, I inspected that tree one more time. And voila! At the very top of the tree there was one small cluster of pink flowers bursting forth. All the other crepe myrtles were long past their initial blooming, and ours was just blooming. Not much, mind you. Just one little batch of blossoms on a tree that should have had hundreds of them. But blossoms! It was alive! It had finally sunk roots and was prospering. It had seemed hopeless for almost all spring and summer. But it was alive, and next year it will be beautiful.

I wonder if that is how God sees many of us from time to time. He puts us into the world, and we are born with such amazing potential to grow and be beautiful to Him. But along the way, we don't flower. We don't do beautiful things for Him. So He takes action to give us spiritual strength. He waters us with His Holy Spirit. He sends people into our lives to witness to us, to share their faith with us, to help us trim back our love for the world. Unlike a human gardener, of course, God never abandons hope for us, but we must surely test His patience as He waits for us to gain spiritual health and sink our roots into the truth of His Word. And, finally, He sees blossoms of faith in action, perhaps not so many to begin with, but beautiful nonetheless. And sure signs of spiritual life in us. More blossoms will come, and at long last we will be in God's sight the beautiful creation He had planned for us to be when He sent us into the world.



So how do you look? Does the world see spiritual life in you? Does it see a few blossoms? Or does it see a bountiful display of the beauty of God in you bursting forth? If not, do not despair. God has plenty of water. Take it all in. Strive to become and to be the beautiful person God has planned for you to be. Because, you see, it's never too late!

*With much love,
Jerry Brundle, Assistant Pastor*

B [Healthy Playground Makeover Sweepstakes | Together Counts](#)

E Our adopted Kindergarten class is at Berclair Elementary School located at North Perkins and Summer Avenue. The school is trying to win a playground and we can help. Just use the **R** link above to go to the "Together Counts" website and fill out the form. Using your email address you can go back once a day until **C** March 24th to continue to enter. You don't **L** have to fill out the form each time. When you get to the website, you will see this **A** green box with the orange "enter now" **I** button. Just click that and fill out the form. **R** The next day you just use your email address to enter again.



Spread the word!

Anyone can enter on behalf of your child's school. Enter once a day, every day until March 24, 2017. The more entries your school has, the greater chance it has to win!

> ENTER NOW

50ish Group @ Shogun Japanese Steakhouse October 15th @ 6:30

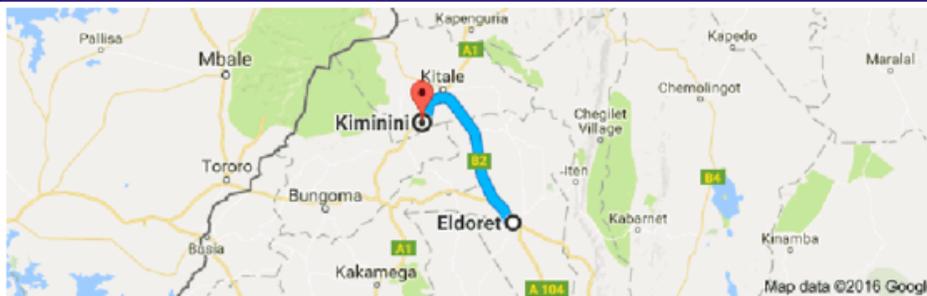


2324 Germantown Parkway. Contact Cindy Perkins to RSVP at 901.634.1750 or cindyp@bellsouth.net

October Birthdays	
1st	Bobby Sharp
4th	Glenda Krug
5th	Bill Dalrymple Shea Sullivan Macy Sullivan
6th	Rob McCleary
7th	Joan Wheatley
8th	Matthew Wade
9th	Steve Deaux Harrison Pollina
10th	Catherine Johnson
13th	Mike Womack
15th	Sherry Cook Cooper Sullivan
16th	Betty Allen John Foster Nathan Cross
21st	Genellen Harris Amy Spencer
23rd	Jean Bright Dorothy Fleming Lisa Thomas
24th	Josh Foster
25th	Kim Batson
28th	Billy Stone
30th	Christopher Lennon Buchanan Gisele Buchanan



Fun at the Cookout! This is Bubble Soccer. There was a bounce house and Pokemon Lures in addition to hamburgers and hotdogs. Looks like the girls took over the playground.

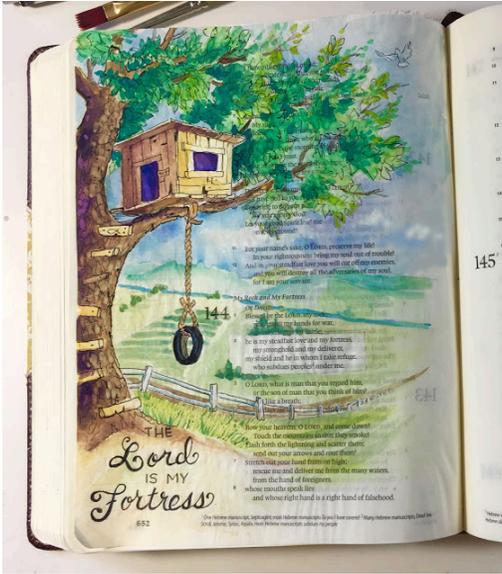


On Mission to Kenya and Uganda

Barb and I will be teaching in Kenya, and Uganda October 2-17, 2016. We will be in Eldoret October 4-10, teaching at a conference with pastors and church leaders. October 10-11 we will travel to the Mercy Mission Orphanage you so lovingly support in Kiminini. From there we go to Bungoma, the home of a new pastors' training school. On October 12, we will travel to Bugiri, Uganda, to teach October 13-16 and return to Eldoret. On October 17, we will depart Eldoret for home. We rejoice that because your offerings to feed orphans, there is now money from other donors to purchase the land for the orphanage. This means it can be developed for agriculture to feed many children into the future. Please pray for our work in the Spirit's power as we desire to Feed Orphans and Feed the Bread of Life.



Gratefully yours in Christ, Bob and Barb James



Artistic Bible Journaling will begin the first Wednesday in October. Here is an example of a design you may want to do. Janis has promised simpler versions of some of the more complex designs. Bible Journaling will be an abbreviated class as we are beginning several weeks into Wonderful Wednesdays and will finish up before Thanksgiving. Also, the class will be from 6:30 until 7:30. Check out Janis' blog.

<https://gracefulpalette.blogspot.com/>

Supplies for Journaling Class What you have to have:

- Bible or Paper
- Micron pen - 01, 02, and/or 03, #2 pencil, Colored pencils
- Ruler or small t-square
- Tracing paper, Manilla File folder - used
- Other supplies will be available in the classroom*

TOPS OCTOBER EVENT

Tuesday
October 11, 2016
@ 11:00 a.m.

If you have not yet attended a 2016 TOPS event, it's not too late. We especially invite you to join us – and to bring a friend – for the 48-bell, 26,890-pound Idlewild Presbyterian Church Carillon bells explanation, demonstration, and mini-concert as well as an \$8 lunch, concluding with the optional 84-stair bell tower climb for those who want to see the bells up close. The Idlewild staff has been most gracious with their time and attention to detail in preparing for our visit.



Most of our folks prefer to drive to the venues, but if you would like to carpool or ride in the HHPC van driven by Chauffeur Don Rush, be present at 10:30. The program begins at 11 a.m.; everything concludes by 12:30 except the optional tower climb which ends at 1:10.

If you like experiences that are educational, inspirational, and fellowship-able, RSVP to Linda Rush in person, by email (lrrush@aol.com) or by phone (386-4762) by Sunday, October 2, so she can make lunch reservations.

In September, TOPS had 28 reservations made for the lunch and "Voices of Yellow Fever" drama presentation at Elmwood Cemetery Chapel. A few folks came early to do the audio self-tour; others drove through the cemetery after the drama/lunch event. Feedback on the event was very positive, and, thankfully, no one came down with yellow fever. If you weren't there, we missed you. *Here are some pictures from Elmwood:*



Left:
Some of the characters who presented the Yellow Fever Epidemic program.



Right:
Some of our seniors at lunch.

SESSION NOTES

From the August 25, 2016 meeting:

- 1) Approval was given to the request of John Knox Foster and Shannon Campbell to have their wedding in the Sanctuary on June 10, 2017.
- 2) Gratitude was expressed for our new guitarist, Bikram Ranapheli.
- 3) Plan to attend our Church Cookout on Saturday, September 10th, at 5:30 p.m. Food, games and fellowship!
- 4) Assistant Pastor Jerry Brundle will continue to serve as the interim pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Anna, Illinois through the end of December.
- 5) Thank you to those who are helping fulfill our pledge to feed **80** children three meals/day for a year at a cost of \$1300/month in our adopted orphanage in Kenya.
- 6) \$9,030 is in The Reverend Dr. James Quillin Memorial Fund, established for the purpose of purchasing a new church sign. The goal is \$20,000.
- 7) Debt Reduction Campaign receipts through July 28th were \$152,338, which is 60.94% of the goal of \$250,000.
- 8) Through August 25th, General Operating Fund receipts were \$251,745 and expenses were \$273,555 for a deficit of \$21,810. The reserve checking account balance is \$50,692.

Please continue to pray for our pastors, elders and congregation

Make Online Reservations!

hhpc.org is our website. From the home page you can click on "Information Hub." This takes you to "resources." Then choose either Wednesday Dinner Signup or Men's Supper Signup. We are not ready to start accepting payments through the reservation process yet. As you can see in the screen shot, you will just give your family name and email address and the number of people you have in each age range for Wednesday Dinner. Men's Supper will want you to choose your entrée.

October Anniversaries	
3rd	Rob & Jenny McCleary - 35 Tom & Jean Bright - 29
12th	Mike & Debra Wright - 36
15th	James & Judy McMillen - 6
17th	John & Rose Callies - 19 Ross & Allie Goodwin - 2
18th	Ronnie & Jana Billings - 8
22nd	Jeff & Carolyn Allen - 12
25th	John & Lin Fryman - 36
26th	Mike & Deborah Womack - 25



5th	Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Broccoli, & Dessert
12th	Chicken Tortilla Soup, Salad & Dessert
19th	Beef Stroganoff, Noodles, Salad, & Dessert
26th	Lasagna, Salad & Dessert

Wednesday Date For Your Reservation

Name*

Email*

RSVP for Wednesday dinner. Please tell us how many for each age group.

Adults (19+)

Children (5-18)

Under 5 (free)

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2 Lesson Decision	3	4	5 Meal Lesson Activity	6	7 Fall Retreat Nathan Bedford	8
9 Return from retreat	10	11	12 Meal Lesson Activity	13	14	15
16 Lesson Immediate Gratification	17	18	19 Meal Lesson Activity	20	21	22 Outdoor Movie Night Second Hand Lions
23/30 Lesson Slow Down? Lesson Free Discussion	24/31	25	26 Meal Lesson Activity	27	28	29 Fall Festival

Youth News



October 7th starts the annual Nathan Bedford trip for HHPC Youth. We will be leaving the church around 3 Friday afternoon and will be returning Sunday afternoon. Please pray for youth and staff as we prepare for and are on this trip.

Not just a youth event, but all are invited to attend the outdoor movie night on October 22. We will be showing "Second Hand Lions" starring Robert Duval, Michael Caine and Joel Osment.

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