

Cornerstone

Meet New Member, Barbara Carter



Dear brothers and sisters,

It is a joy to be a member of your fellowship. On the first day I visited here Mrs. Whitaker befriended me. That feeling of brotherly love was ever present on my mind. I visited several churches, looking for a church home; but my heart kept coming back here. I believe this is where the Lord wants me to worship and serve Him.

My passion, and I believe my ministry is art. I want to help troubled children and adults through the use of art. I am a watercolor artist, as you can see by the photo. I taught art for eight years in Vero Beach, Florida, and two years in Memphis. I was an Administrative Assistant for 16 years with Dow Chemical in Memphis and Dallas, Texas, prior to returning to school and earning a Bachelor of Science in Art Education. Presently, I am looking for a part time job.

I love the Lord, but I am still a sinner. Jesus has been changing me for some time now, and I know He has a long way to go. I am so thankful my life is in the hands of God Almighty.

Your sister in Christ,
Barbara Y. Carter

Barbara joined by reaffirmation of faith on December 18th.

Bikram Ranapheli's Presentation



Right after Christmas, our guitarist, Bikram, went on a mission trip to Israel. We were excited to hear about it. All of the adult Sunday School classes met in the fellowship hall on January 22nd. Bikram gave us lots of highlights of the trip and then many questions were asked.

Please pray for the Holy

Spirit to continue the work begun by these teams of people.

Sidenote: Yes, you are correct. That is Mrs. Jean Whitaker sitting in the convertible walker. We were tickled to have Jean back in Church. Her husband, Jimmy, continues to recover from a stroke. Please continue to pray for them.

February 2017



Since we are not Vulcans (not even half Vulcan), we are not stoic (without emotion). We have to say “farewell” to the Denman family as Larry will be taking a new post. We wish the best for Larry and his family. That being the case, it seems appropriate to say, “Live long and prosper.”

We will do what Presbyterians do best. We will eat! So bring something to share for the potluck on Sunday the 5th.

Soon we will be saying, “hail” to Chiquita Paulson as she returns to be our interim Music Director.

Since Sunday is Souper (Super) Bowl Sunday, the youth will be collecting a door offering to benefit the soup kitchen at First Presbyterian Church downtown.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 5:30 Supper 6:15 R&R 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir	2	3	4
5 The Lord's Supper Souper Bowl Sunday	6	7	8 5:30 Supper 6:15 R&R 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir	9 6:30 Forever Young	10	11 6:30 Men's Sweetheart Dinner
12 12:30 Deacons	13	14 7:00 Marine Corps League	15 5:30 Supper 6:15 R&R 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir	16 10:30 Hope Circle	17	18
19	20	21	22 5:30 Supper 6:15 R&R 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir	23 11:30 Sarah Circle 6:30 Session	24	25
26	27	28				

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

In Galatians 6:10, the Apostle Paul wrote, "As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." We had the opportunity to do just that when we hosted the meeting of our Presbytery on January 27th-28th. I am grateful to all those who helped make it such an outstanding event.

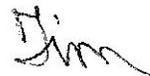
Here are a few highlights of the meeting:

- The outside of the buildings was pressure-washed; all of the windows were cleaned; halls and rooms were painted.
- Many of our elders were there to lay hands on me when I was installed as Moderator.
- A church revitalization speaker challenged us to think of evangelism as more than just opening the doors on Sunday mornings!
- The kitchen team served a delicious supper Friday evening.
- The music at the worship service Friday night was particularly good. The Deauxs, the Ensemble and the Chancel Choir led us to the Throne of Grace.

- A young woman, who hasn't been a Christian for long, told us about her plans to go to the most dangerous state in India as a missionary.
- Our own Bob James was received as a retired minister member of our Presbytery.
- We heard from evangelists who are organizing new EPC congregations in Nashville, Little Rock and Birmingham.

Isn't it exciting to see how God is at work in our family of faith and in our family of churches? 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 Adult Director**
- 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 2017**
- Ronnie Billings
- Rob McCleary
- Perk Perkins
- Connie Thornton
- Class of 2018**
- Tom Bright
- Lin Fryman
- Steve Deaux
- Class of 2019**
- Josh Bond
- Clint Bowden
- Kendra Bowers
- Jason Gatlin
- Janis McCarty

Board of Deacons

- Class of 2017**
- Lesa Hart
- Lydia Johnson
- David Thornton
- Class of 2018**
- Steve Allen
- Kim Batson
- Joy Bowden
- David Dennie
- Linda Melear
- Class of 2019**
- Nikki Bond
- Lori Brown
- Traci Gatlin
- Deborah Johnston

FROM THE ASSISTANT PASTOR'S DESK

By now you have probably heard at least something about the Presbytery meeting that was held here at HHPC this past Friday and Saturday, and many of you labored so wonderfully in making the Presbytery meeting a success from a logistic, hospitality and culinary perspective. What some of you may not be familiar with is why Presbytery is so important to our church and to every one of us. Yes, it is a business meeting, where important, or at least necessary, business of the Presbytery is conducted, some of which is rather routine and not of great interest to most members of the church.

But Presbytery is far more than that. We are all familiar with the political near-meltdown in our country. A new President, with far different views than the previous President, has taken office. And we have probably all been exposed ad nauseum to the political protests and media tirades that have ensued following this change in power and direction in our nation. Of course, the root of the conflict is not simple politics, but a much more serious problem. Increasingly, our nation is becoming a less overtly Christian nation. It's not just that people with other faiths are speaking up, but that people with no faith in God are speaking up, sometimes angrily, sometimes violently, because they want to remove any vestige of Christian morals from our laws and from our land. And since the media in general are with them, they have become a powerful and disruptive element of our society. There is enormous pressure on the churches, especially the more liberal churches, to support liberal, unbiblical viewpoints in order to remain acceptable to the unbelieving liberal movement. Sadly, many churches are bowing to this pressure and are joining the extreme liberal, humanist causes, trying to be liked by the growing liberal extremists.

The problem, of course, is that God has not called us to seek to be liked by the world's humanists and unbelievers. Since the Fall, the world has

become increasingly corrupt and in rebellion against God, and our nation is following in that path. The extreme liberals hate Christians and everything Christian, because we proclaim what is right and wrong, what is true and untrue, what is good and what is evil, according to the Word of God, and they don't want to hear it. Jesus himself has warned us: *You do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you*" (John 15:19). James, the brother of Jesus, said, *"You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God?"*



Sometimes, it almost seems easier to just let the unbelievers win, as many liberal churches are doing. But Jesus says, *"No!"* Actually, he said it this way: *"You are the light of the world"* (Matt.5:14). We are not to let the world cast its darkness upon us. We are to be the light of the world, whatever the cost to us.

That is where our Presbytery comes in. Our churches don't stand alone. We share with, and are helped by, the other churches in our Presbytery. And even more importantly, we are held accountable by all of the churches in our Presbytery, in our calling of pastors, in our faithful adherence to the preaching and living out the Word of God. We keep one another off of the slippery slope of worldliness. We use Presbytery to do the business of the church; God uses Presbytery to make sure that we continue to be the light of the world.

*With much love,
Jerry Brundle, Assistant Pastor*



February 11, 2017 - 6:30

Men's Sweetheart Dinner

Steak, Chicken or Salmon

The Men of the Church

cook and serve the meal.

Program and Entertainment

\$10/person

Sign up on the website and choose your entree.

“All Aboard” for Collierville Silver Caboose, Train Station and Morton Museum

Join us for a TOPS Valentine’s Day Lunch in Collierville. All senior adults are invited to enjoy a “home cooked” meal at The Silver Caboose in Collierville on February 14 at 11:00.

After breaking bread, we will be making a brief stop at the train station on the square to learn about the history of the Collierville trains. The stagecoach cabin will also be open.

Then on to our final destination: visiting Collierville’s Morton Museum to view the traveling exhibit called “Made in Tennessee” which features items manufactured by the Volunteer State. Did you know that in 1850 Tennessee’s number one product was iron, produced in east Tennessee? Elijah and Elihu Embree’s company was well-known for making iron nails.

“Objects in display cases highlight the state's industrial products, including Jack Daniels whiskey from Lynchburg, a stack of pencils from Musgrave Pencil Company in Shelbyville and a metal lunchbox from Nashville's Aladdin Industries, bearing images of the Thundercats cartoon characters.” [The Commercial Appeal]

Museum staff members will tell us about the “Made in Tennessee” exhibit as well as the history of Collierville which includes one of the bloodiest Civil War battles, the establishment of the train station, the importance of cotton shipping, and how this town survived the Yellow Fever, the Great Depression, boll weevils, and tornadoes.

There is no charge for anything except your lunch. Please make plans now to attend and bring a friend! Contact Linda Rush – lrush@aol.com or 386-4762 – by Sunday, February 12, so she can make firm reservations at The Silver Caboose and the Morton Museum. As always, the church van and carpooling will be available; we will leave the church at 10:15 a.m. Thank you, Phyllis Agnew, for helping arrange this day!

February Birthdays

2nd	René Foster
4th	Ellen Griffin
5th	Rachael Spencer
6th	Jeff Lewis
10th	Greg Sussey
11th	Laurie Holmes Mia McKeller
12th	Todd Jamieson
13th	Cason Griffin
14th	Sean Thornton
15th	Betty Steed Bill Harris
16th	Ellie Kate Billings - 2010
17th	Virginia Roberson
19th	Chuck Getman
21st	Mary Bailey
23rd	Julia Roy Janice Cheston Steve Allen
24th	Gabe Agee - 2011 Laura Motley
25th	Lydia Johnson
26th	Cindy Perkins
27th	Blair Brown Bringham
28th	Charlie Thornton Luke Gilliam
29th	Rhonda King



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25% of food/beverage donated to ONE WITH GOD

Crave is a new coffee bar & bistro in Arlington. They aren’t even open on Tuesday nights. But they are so excited about helping to feed orphans in Ghana they are doing a benefit on Tuesday February 7th from 6 - 9. They will donate 25% of their food/beverage income to One With God specifically to feed orphans in Ghana. There will even be special music.

Do you have that date available? If you don’t but you are moved to help, you can help a child buy texting “orphan” to 71777. \$40 feeds one child for a whole year. Don’t you wish you could feed your child for \$40 a year?

Just to be clear, this effort is different than the mason jars we fill to feed the children in our adopted orphanage in Kenya. If you would also like to feed some children in Ghana, that would be great.

No, this isn’t leap year but I don’t know if Rhonda celebrates her birthday on 2/28 or 3/1 when there actually isn’t a 29th of February.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

FEBRUARY 2017




Children's Ministry

Extra! Extra! A new year and new changes in our Children's Ministry! We are excited about it! Beginning in February you will see:

- Children's Church including children up to 3rd grade!
- A new format for Children's Church! See below.
- A Monthly Children's Spotlight added!
- And more to come! I can't wait!

Hope you all have a safe and blessed February!

Jenny McCleary
Children's Ministry Director



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Hey! Check this out Parents! We want to put a "spotlight" on your child. Email or text a picture and their achievements to jenny.mccleary1@comcast.net or (901) 488-7099.

Hmmm, I wonder who will be in March's spotlight.

February's Bible Verse
Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.
Hebrews 11:1

CHILDREN'S CHURCH 2017!

Children's Church is changing and we couldn't be more excited! Many of you have already seen the new Children's Sermon Notes on Sunday and they are just one part of many changes to come! We hope you will share in our excitement as we help grow our children in Christ. Our goal for Children's Church is:

"To lead children in God's word and to teach them how to participate in the Presbyterian worship service."

Our weekly Children's Church structure will now be called **PARROTS!** During each Sunday our teachers will guide your child to accomplish:

- **Prayer** – Teacher and students will begin with prayer.
- **Apostle's Creed** – The Apostle's Creed contains 12 articles. Perfect for learning 1 per month!
- **Recite** – Children will recite previous and current month's Apostle's Creed articles.
- **Review** – Children will review Monthly Bible Verse. A prize for those who can recite at the end of the month!
- **Oral Read** – Teacher and students will read aloud that week's sermon Scriptures.
- **Teach** – Teachers will teach children about that week's sermon through Sermon Notes and other activities.
- **Sing** – Teachers will return all children to their parents to sing the last hymn song with them in church.



SESSION NOTES

From the December 22, 2016 meeting:

- 1) Barbara Carter joined the Church on December 18th by reaffirmation of faith in Jesus Christ.
- 2) On January 1st, Josh Bond will be ordained and installed and Clint Bowden will be installed as new elders. Nikki Bond and Deborah Johnston will be ordained and installed as new deacons.
- 3) The Pathfinders Sunday School class will begin meeting again on January 1st with a study on the book of Philippians. Jerry Brundle and Steve Allen will team teach the class.
- 4) 68 pledges for 2017 totaling \$318,064 have been made to date. If you haven't turned in your pledge card, please do so.
- 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) \$20,540 is in The Reverend Dr. James Quillin Memorial Fund, established for the purpose of purchasing a new church sign. **We surpassed our goal of \$20,000.**
- 7) Debt Reduction Campaign receipts through December 25th were \$153,259, which is 61% of the goal of \$250,000.
- 8) Through December 25th, General Operating Fund receipts were \$401,512 and expenses were \$404,478 for a deficit of \$2,966. The reserve checking account balance is \$61,909.

Please continue to pray for our pastors, elders and congregation

February Anniversaries	
2nd	Bill & Genellen Harris - 37
14th	John & Lee Boughton - 21



1st	Chicken Tortilla, Salad & Dessert
8th	Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Broccoli, & Dessert
15th	Spaghetti, Salad, & Dessert
22nd	Italian Chicken, Penne Pasta, Salad & Dessert



MARCH 11, 2017
TRIVIA NIGHT!



Kintsugi (“golden joinery”) is the centuries-old Japanese art of fixing broken pottery with a special lacquer dusted with powdered gold, silver, or platinum. Beautiful seams of gold glint in the cracks of ceramic ware, giving a unique appearance to the piece. This repair method celebrates the artifact’s unique history by emphasizing the fractures and breaks instead of hiding or disguising them. Kintsugi often makes the repaired piece even more beautiful than the original.

People are often broken, flawed or hurt. Golden joinery is a practice that could help people feel beautiful again. What can we do to build up a person? Not with lacquer and powdered gold, but with our love.

			1 Meal Lesson Activity	2	3	4
5 Lesson	6	7	8 Meal Lesson Activity	9	10	11
12 Lesson	13	14	15 Meal Lesson Activity	16	17	18 Ski Trip
19 Ski Trip	20	21	22 Meal Lesson Activity	23	24	25
26 Lesson	27	28	FEBRUARY			

Youth News



For February the youth are preparing for our annual Ski Trip. We ask for your prayers that we may have safe travels and remain free from injury. As always the youth could always use a little monetary support to help offset the cost.

We are also starting the planning process for summer camp. We are looking closer to home this year specifically at a couple of possible EPC options. We will keep you posted.

If you have not had a chance, stop by the youth office. With the move of the bookshelves into Tim's office, the youth had the opportunity to make the office a little more clean and modern.

Once again, thank you for all of your prayers and support.

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