

# Cornerstone

## Meet, New Member, Larry Maxwell



Larry was born March 26, 1957 in Chicago into a Marine Corps family. His dad was transferred to Southern California when Larry was 2 years old where his family lived for 5 years. The family came to Memphis when Larry started 2nd grade.

In 1969 Larry accepted Jesus as his Savior and was baptized that same year at Southland Baptist Church in Memphis.

Larry graduated from Sheffield High School in 1975. He went on to college from 1975-1979.

His first real job was at Federal Express for 1 year. He was a Fireman with the Memphis Fire Department for 9 years. Then he was a Patrolman with the Shelby County Sheriff's Department for 9 years. He lived in Nashville for 18 months. He was employed by Schneider National from 1990-1994. Larry then moved to Green Bay, Wisconsin in 1994. He worked for Good Humor - Breyers Ice Cream almost 10 years, 1998 - 2008 - best civilian job ever!

On November 1, 2013, he met Pastor/Lieutenant Commander Tim Foster. Tim gave the eulogy at his father's military funeral. Life changed forever then. Larry and Tim communicated from then until he moved home. He knew then that if he ever had the opportunity to move home that HHPC would more than likely be his new church home.

The Good Lord works in mysterious ways to our benefit and His glory. Larry badly injured his back in November 2013. That's when he found out that his liver was sick. In 2015, he and his wife of 21 years divorced, and he moved back to Memphis to be closer to family.

Larry had a liver transplant in October 2015. He says that Jesus Christ was always with him and got he and his family through a very, very difficult time - even when being called home was a close and very real possibility.

Larry says that support from Pastor Tim and Highland Heights renewed his faith and he listened to what God wanted him to do. He had been an old Southern Baptist boy all his life. But God wanted him at HHPC, and he listened. He is forever grateful to the entire congregation!



### Youth Ski Trip

Our youth enjoyed a fun time skiing and visiting the City Museum in St. Louis.

This picture was taken before Justin Bryant broke his leg. That's him on the far right.

This summer our youth will be going on a trip to be of service. They will live primitively for the duration of the trip and they will be doing repairing and building structures on a Navajo Reservation. It should be a very important learning experience. *Watch for details on ways we can help fund this trip.*

# April

# 2016



***PDO Sunday is April 24th with a time to recognize our teachers and students.***

***Psst: There's a rumor that someone from Faith Mountain will visit.***

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3</b> The Lord's Supper	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 5:30 Supper 6:00 Kid's Choir 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 6:00 20, 30 & 40 Somethings
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<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7:00 Marine Corps League	<b>20</b> 5:30 Supper 6:00 Kid's Choir 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  Presbytery Meeting in Corinth, MS	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> PDO Sunday	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 5:30 Supper 6:00 Kid's Choir 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir	<b>28</b> 11:30 Sarah Circle 6:30 Session	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Jesus loved children. When the disciples rebuked people for bringing kids to Him, Jesus was indignant. "Let the children come to Me," He said, "and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And He took the children in His arms, put His hands on them and blessed them (Mark 10:13-16). The point of the comparison is not, of course, that followers of Jesus are to be childish. It's that we're to be childlike - trusting and dependent, eager and straight forward.

The Lord wants us to trust Him for our salvation and not to depend on ourselves. When my nephews were little boys and they were being carried in someone's arms, they didn't hold on. They trusted that the person holding them wouldn't let go. Do we trust that God will never let us go?

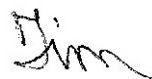
The Lord wants us to be eager and straight forward when it comes to the practice of our faith. I remember the Easter Sunday a couple of years ago

when I was using the resurrection eggs during the Children's Time. When I got to the next-to-the-last egg with the rock in it (representing the stone in front of Jesus' tomb), I asked the kids what it reminded us of. Ben Drewry raised his little hand and said, "I have no idea." It was such an honest (and hilarious) answer. When we don't understand what we've read in the Bible, are we eager to find out? Are we straight forward enough to admit it when we need the counsel of Christian friends?

Let's ask the Lord to make us more childlike.

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  
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 Cindy Phillips, Organist  
 Jason Gatlin, Sound Technician  
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 Jason Gatlin  
 Janis McCarty  
 Shirley McLaurine  
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### FROM THE ASSISTANT PASTOR'S DESK

This being only my second time to experience spring in Memphis, having moved down from Michigan less than two years ago, I am still a bit in wonder with the earlier and warmer springs here. I was at the store the other day, and they had tomato plants outside for sale. In Michigan, you don't plant tomato plants until after Memorial Day, or you will surely lose them to frost. And now that spring is really upon us here, as I wander around and look at our budding trees, plants and flowers, I am also again reminded that where a plant is located in the yard impacts its growth rate and health. Identical plants growing in different parts of our yard are growing at different rates and look more or less healthy than others.

Now, if I were to plant tomato plants in Michigan at this time of year, they would surely die, or at least be stunted beyond much use. But I wouldn't blame the tomato plant for its failure, since it was only the victim of the weather. Nor as I look at the plants in my yard that are not doing as well as some others, I don't blame them. They are merely responding to the environment in which they have been planted, and in the soil, water and sun to which their location affords them. So I accept the less healthy plants for what they are. They are merely responding to the environment in which they are growing.

It seems to me that there is a lesson there for me, perhaps for all of us. We look around us at a world filled with people. Some are successful, and have made great use of the gifts and talents that their Creator has given to them, and are beautiful creatures, not physically necessarily, but spiritually. They give to others, and to society, more than most people give. Others are less successful, at least by the measure by which I am measuring success. They take in more than they give out, and do not contribute so much to their

own well being, or to the well-being of others. And some are unsuccessful in this life, taking much more than they give, and not enriching others spiritually, socially, or otherwise, bringing more harm than good.

Now, it's true for me, perhaps for most of us, that when we see someone who has failed by almost any measure to bring glory to God in their lives, it is easy to dislike them, to condemn them, to blame them for their own failures and shortcomings. And while they may bear a significant measure of that responsibility for their lives, that is not for us to judge. None of us can ever know what kind of environment in which they were planted. Like plants, were they watered and nurtured and given sunlight and the right environment? Were they loved, nurtured, encouraged, cherished, praised and taught about the love of Jesus? Many people have not been, and were spiritually and socially stunted early in their lives, and perhaps later on as well, in ways that we cannot know. To that extent, they are not responsible that they have not grown to be as "successful" as others have. What they need now is not judgment and abandonment, but kindness, grace, mercy and, above all, Jesus. Will they receive those blessings from us?

With much love,

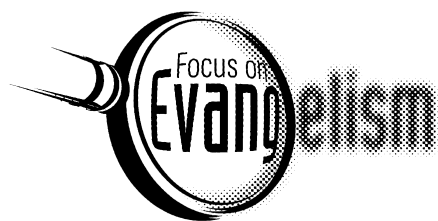
Jerry Brundle, Assistant Pastor



### Trivia Night was a Success!

Bob and Barb James posed with the winning team who were from Advent Presbyterian Church. Nine teams competed and the winning team won a cash prize. The winners didn't accept the prize. They turned it back in to help feed the Kenyan orphans. Stay tuned for another trivia night in the near future.

Thanks to everyone who helped.



The Great Commission Resurgence proposals within the Southern Baptist Convention have reminded us of the high priority of evangelism and local/global missions. The same is true of many denominations across the theological spectrum of beliefs as Christian leaders

worldwide seek to regain strongholds of spiritual influence in North America and Europe. However, unless we're cautious and clear, a sloppy, imprecise definition of missions and evangelism will destroy renewal efforts. Let's define evangelism by what it is not and then by what it is.

### **Evangelism is not...**

**1. Evangelism is not denominational renewal, reconstruction, or even deconstruction.**

Sometimes, these are necessary to advance the cause of evangelism, but they are not evangelism. Denominations and ecclesiastical structures need occasional, healthy upheaval. But unless we're careful, we may end up thinking that one more meeting and a new way of doing things constitutes evangelism. Structural reorganizations may end up being commensurate with rearranging chairs on the deck of the Titanic.



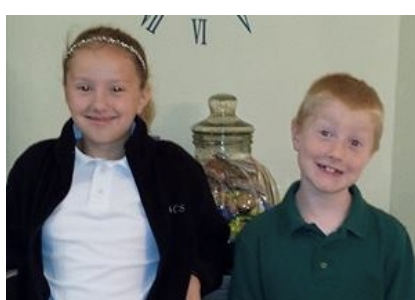
### **The Family Project**

Beginning April 3, Barb and Bob James will be offering "The Family Project". This 12-week DVD series from Focus on the Family reminds us that God created the family to show His order, love, care and mercy to the world. We will be reminded how: thriving families lead to thriving churches, thriving churches lead to thriving communities, and thriving communities will transform the world.

Join us for this hope-filled, optimistic celebration of a Chris-centered, Spirit-led family. Each session will feature a 20-30-minute video teaching followed by discussion.

### **April Birthdays**

1st	Evan Pollina
3rd	Larry Puckett
4th	Randy Brockwell Dalton Lewis
8th	Peggy Payne Abbi England Jeff Thomas
10th	Sandie Brockwell
11th	Chloe Lewis
12th	Pegge Baughcum
13th	Kimber Street
15th	Mary Hudspeth (passed away on March 25th - Good Friday)
17th	Martha Sharp
20th	Anne Rhodes Kristi Peel Terry Butt Sherry Townsend
30th	Jamie Bowers



### **Professions of Faith on Easter Sunday.**

Joey Clark, Abbi England, Alina and Aven Gatlin all made their Professions of Faith on Easter Sunday and were presented with new Study Bibles and their certificates in the 11:00 Worship Service.

## Trusting, Obeying, Praying Seniors (a.k.a. TOPS)!

### Upcoming TOPS Events:

**April 13** (Wednesday) 12:10-12:40 Concert (No charge)

Bartlett United Methodist Church:

Brahms Chamber Music

Listen to pieces played by Ellen Wroten on the cello, Andrew Clark on the clarinet, and Lois Hobbs Yu on the piano.

Lunch at BUMC after concert; Cost: \$5

Any questions? Contact Don & Linda Rush at [lrush@aol.com](mailto:lrush@aol.com) or [drushe@aol.com](mailto:drushe@aol.com).

**May 10**, Tuesday: Memphis Botanic Gardens Tram Tour + Lunch at Gardens Café, Fratelli's

*June, July, August will be indoors (or evening) events.*

**September 13**, Tuesday: Elmwood Cemetery, "Voices of Yellow Fever" + Box Lunch

**October 11**, Tuesday: Shelby Farms Visitors Center and Grounds + Picnic Lunch



## Berclair Kindergarten Class



Several years ago, HHPC adopted a kindergarten class at Berclair Elementary School. This ministry is spearheaded by Sue Armour.

For the Easter party this year, Jean Whitaker used her talents to decorate plastic eggs for each child and sent them with the group who went to throw the party. Pastor Tim was there to share the "Resurrection Eggs" with the class. Sue Armour, Toni Ware and Kathryn Bendall were there to make sure all enjoyed the party.

Since Jean was not in attendance, the children all drew thank you cards for the decorated eggs she sent. This youngster gave everyone a crown and referred to the ladies as princesses. Tim is the person with crown on the left. Notice he is wearing pants and not a dress. Interestingly, she drew hearts to form the chest of each person. How appropriate.



### Prayer Breakfast at Briarcrest School

Recently, Pastor Tim was an invited guest at a Prayer Breakfast at the school the Bowers children and Hayden Peel attend. Kiera Bowers performed the opening solo of "Christ is Risen from the Dead."

Pastor Tim was proud, and it looks like Mom (Kendra) was too.





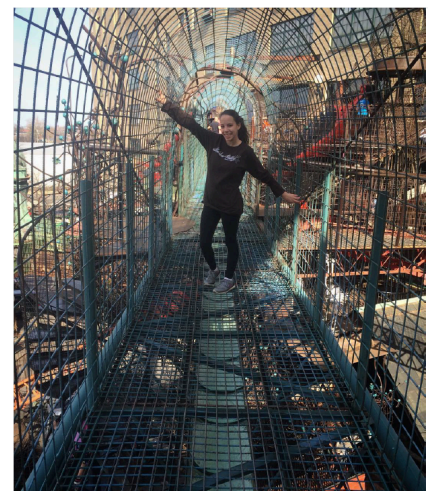
**SESSION NOTES****From the February 25, 2016 meeting**

- 1) Justin Bryant joined the Church by Profession of Faith in Jesus Christ and Baptism on February 7th.
- 2) Sherry Townsend joined the Church by Reaffirmation of Faith in Jesus Christ on February 21st.
- 3) Replacement of the exterior lights on the buildings with LED wall packs has begun.
- 4) Registration has begun for the Summer and Fall terms in the PDO/Pre-K. Contact Director Chrissy Thornton at 901 351-3134. If you shop at Kroger, sign up for their Community Rewards program. Our school receives a percentage of every dollar you spend; Kroger sends a check once a quarter.
- 5) The Elders pledged to feed the 30 children in the orphanage in Kenya that our missionaries Rev. Bob & Barb James are affiliated with two meals/day for a year at a cost of \$1300/month.
- 6) \$8,445 is in The Reverend Dr. James Quillin Memorial Fund, established for the purpose of purchasing a new church sign.
- 7) Debt Reduction Campaign receipts through February 25th were \$149,488, which is 59.80% of the goal of \$250,000.
- 8) Through February 25th, General Operating Fund receipts were \$61,227 and expenditures were \$63,843 for a deficit of \$2,616. The reserve checking account balance is \$62,956.
- 9) The Church owns four plots at Memorial Park Cemetery on Poplar. They are for sale at a negotiable rate.

*Please continue to pray for our pastors, elders and congregation.*

**April Anniversaries**

4th	Bobby & Martha Sharp - 57
8th	Bruce & Nancy Howland - 33
22nd	Robert & Shelly Ilsley - 27
24th	Mike & Sherry Townsend - 51
26th	Kevin & Rebecca England - 13
27th	Ken & Susie Morrison - 31 Darren & Lori Brown - 25



***Laurie Holmes  
at the City Museum  
in St. Louis.***

***Looks like they found a cage  
for her.***

**April Menus**

6th	Taco Salad with fixin's, Desserts
13th	Spaghetti, Salad, Desserts
20th	Baked Potato & Salad Bar, Desserts
27th	Meatloaf, Potatoes, Veggies or Salad, Desserts

APRIL					1	2
3 Service Day	4	5	6 Wednesday lesson and activity	7	8	9
10 Sunday School	11	12	13 Wednesday lesson and activity	14	15 7:00 Lock in	16
17 Sunday School	18	19	20 Wednesday lesson and activity	21	22	23
24 Sunday School	25	26	27 Wednesday lesson and activity	28	29	30

## Youth News

The Youth will have a lock in on April 15<sup>th</sup> into the 16<sup>th</sup>. We will be going to Putt Putt Golf and Games for an evening of fun, competition and fellowship.

Plans for the Youth Mission trip are in the final phase. We will be going to The Western Navajo Reservation for approximately ten days of working with youth and building / repairing homes while living in nearly the same conditions as those on the reservation. I have room for 10 High School and college students to attend. I will be lead with a female advisor on board. The youth are looking to raise money for this trip, so we will have several fund raisers coming up.

Lastly, thank you for your prayers for Justin Bryant. He is still healing from his skiing incident, but he did not require surgery for the injury. We ask for continued prayers for his healing.

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