

# Cornerstone

## Meet New Members, Alina & Aven Gatlin



Alina and Aven are the children of Jason and Traci Gatlin and have been part of the Highland Heights family since birth. Pastor Tim was even one of the first people outside the immediate family to hold both of them. You have seen Alina and Aven both in the Christmas plays and at church just about every Sunday and Wednesday.

Alina is now 11. She attends First Assembly Christian School where she is going into 6<sup>th</sup> grade. She is very excited to have made the Jr High Volleyball team with only two other 6<sup>th</sup> graders. She is going into her second year of cheer with FACS where she cheers for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade football and basketball teams. Even with all the activities, Alina is an honor roll student and is always eager to help with anything around the church or school. Outside of school Alina, enjoys gymnastics at

Joy McDaniel's, swimming and just about everything else girly, especially nails, makeup, sleepovers, and just sleep.

Aven is now 8. He also attends First Assembly with Alina and will be going into the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Aven plays basketball for the church side of the school where his team went undefeated and he was the top scorer. In the Spring, Aven finished his U8 soccer career where he was Advent's top scorer three seasons in a row. While he takes a break from Soccer this Fall, he is very excited to start his first year of football with the Bartlett Panthers. He already has his plan for a football career leading all the way to Ohio State (the best team in the country) and maybe the NFL. Aven is also a great student maintaining straight A's through 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Outside of school and sports Aven loves playing Minecraft with his cousin in Ohio and has recently become a Pokémon Trainer.

*Alina & Aven made their Professions of Faith on Easter Sunday, March 27th.*



*Jerry Brundle*

**FROM THE ASSISTANT PASTOR'S DESK** didn't happen this month as Pastor Jerry has been juggling a number of extra issues lately. His schedule takes him out of town for half of the week and then back home for half of the week. His work as the temporary interim pastor at First EPC in Anna, IL has been requiring many hours both at home and in Anna. Additionally, he has had some medical testing. Thankfully his kidney biopsy showed no signs of cancer. There still is a kidney issue and he doesn't know yet what the course of action will be; it might include a vegan diet. Jerry does still involve himself with the goings on of HHPC as his time permits and promises an article for the September newsletter. He wants you to continue to remember him and Barb in your prayers as they travel back and forth to Illinois and as they work through the health issues.

# August 2016



## HUMP DAY?

At HHPC it's called "Wonderful Wednesday!" What's so wonderful about it, you ask. It's a chance in the middle of the week to "recharge your batteries." Supper is at 5:30, followed by Bible Studies, activities, music rehearsals and fellowship with your Church Family. Wonderful Wednesdays coincide with the school year. We are resuming Wonderful Wednesdays on August 17th. See page 6 for August Dinner menus.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 6:30 Youth 6:30 Ensemble Bell Choir 7:30 Choir	4 5:30 PDO Open House	5 6:00 College & Career Party @ the Foster's	6
7 The Lord's Supper	8	9 TBA: TOPS to go to the Pink Palace	10 6:30 Youth 6:30 Ensemble Bell Choir 7:30 Choir	11 6:30 Men's Supper	12	13
14 12:30 Deacons	15	16 7:00 Marine Corps League	17 <i>Wonderful Wednesdays resume</i> 5:30 Supper 6:00 Kid's Choir 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir	18 10:30 New Women's Circle	19	20
21	22	23	24 5:30 Supper 6:00 Kid's Choir 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir	25 11:30 Sarah Circle 6:30 Session	26	27
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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

As I've preached the sermon series on the Apostles, I've also reflected on how wonderful it must have been for them to have spent 3 1/2 years with Jesus. They heard Him speak and witnessed His miracles first-hand. You and I missed out on that, but Jesus taught them (and us) that the gift of the Holy Spirit is even better! To the Apostles, He said, "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor, the Holy Spirit, to be with you forever" (John 14:16).

I'd like to share with you a poem about the Holy Spirit entitled "Where." Ruby Hope, a friend from my first church, recently wrote it.

*Where souls hear redemption's most personal call,  
Ringing and clarion clear;  
Where the words of Jesus are brought to mind,  
The Holy Ghost is near.*

*Where sanctification is process,  
And guidance is sought in the way,  
The Comforter's presence is evidenced  
By strength just enough for the day.*

*Where community is real, and nary a soul  
Would lord it over another,  
Where love, joy and peace enter in and abound,  
The Holy Spirit will hover.*

*Where pride and boasting in "spiritual things"  
Are fading and fleeing away,  
Where Almighty God is acknowledged as God,  
God's Counselor will stay.*

My next sermon series is on the Apostles' Creed. It begins on August 14th.

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  
Mary Smith, Financial Administrator  
Rosie Blatt, Administrative Assistant  
Larry Denman, Music Director  
Lauren Fiveash, Ensemble Director & Pianist  
Cindy Phillips, Organist  
Jason Gatlin, Sound Technician  
Chrissy Thornton, Parents' Day Out Director  
Bob Donan, Clerk of Session  
Lesa Hart, Moderator of the 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

*“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.”*

Ecclesiastes 3:1



Most of us don't care for too much change, especially as we get older. However, change is good for individual growth and for our church. One recent change you may have noticed is with our church's logo.



During the website development the evangelism committee agreed our old logo has served us well and now was a good time for a new one. It needed to be a symbol of who we are and our beliefs.

Preliminary designs incorporated the cross embedded within a triangle which symbolizes the Holy Trinity with a central focus to the cross of Jesus Christ. You will see how the triangle also resembles the pediment above the columns on the front of our church. HHPC is the abbreviation for Highland Heights Presbyterian Church and was chosen because many refer to the church by this name, write it on their checks or access our web address at [HHPC.org](http://HHPC.org).



As members of HHPC, we make up the body of the church which is represented as the building beneath the pediment, as we lift up the Holy Trinity and cross in our beliefs. Once these concepts were established, a local graphic designer was hired to add professional touches and create necessary electronic files for future graphic uses.

We have received positive feedback and trust you like it too. As God gives us new life, this logo represents a new HHPC.

**Please note:** Both of the pictured logos are being used depending on the application. There is also a black & white version of each of these and logos. Additionally, there are versions that don't use the words Highland Heights Presbyterian Church in both color and black & white. An example is featured in the "header" of this page.

## NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Women's Bible study groups are called Circles. At present we have two: a daytime Circle, Sarah Circle, which meets on the 4th Thursday at 11:30 a.m., and an evening Circle, Forever Young, which meets on the 2nd Thursday at 6:30 p.m. (same time as the Men's Supper). Due to Sarah Circle's growth, another daytime Circle has been formed. The first meeting will be Thursday, August 18th, at 10:30 a.m. in the conference room. Decisions will be made about name, time, etc. Bring a brown bag lunch if you would like to stay and eat after the meeting. COME or attend one of the other circles - have great Bible study and fellowship with other ladies in your Church!!





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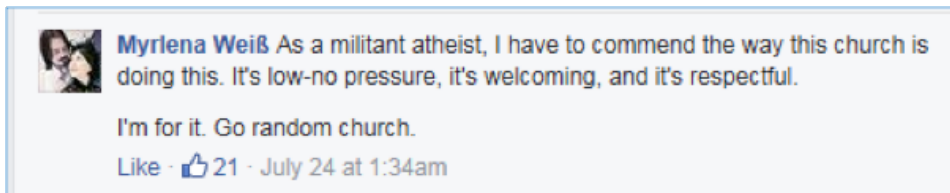
Over the years, this article has primarily been evangelism topics, tips, and lists and I anticipated doing the same this month. However, something has happened within the last week that changed this plan.

You have probably heard about the Pokemon GO game. Using a mobile phone, the players use their device's GPS and camera to capture, battle, and train virtual creatures, called Pokémon, who appear on the screen as if they were in the same real-world location as the player. The term to describe this is augmented reality.... Something we will see more of in the future.

Ok, so what? Well, a few weeks ago Rosie Blatt and Mary Smith noticed an increase in traffic around the church and they learned HHPC is a Pokéstop. Shortly after, they found an article about how churches are using this phenomenon as a way to reach this new kind of "visitor" and one choice was to develop a message to welcome the Pokémon Trainers and invite them to attend church services. With the help of Signs First on Whitten Road, we were able to get two signs quickly and place them last Friday afternoon. I just hoped they would still be there for the next few days. Well, this happened and much more!



Sunday morning Rosie found a picture of our signs posted in the Pokemon GO Memphis League Facebook page and the second post was:



Since then, there has been over 70 other posts, likes, and comments because of this picture. This all sounds great – we have kindly reached out to a group we don't know, people are coming on our property that would probably never have done so, and we have become part of a social media conversation for the world to see.

However, there is another side. After this first post above, several atheists, nonbelievers, and antichurch people have added their thoughts regarding our signs, religion, and Christianity. Some are so sad to read, and most seem to have a common thread – I don't want anyone telling me what to do, I make my own rules.

The good news is, I estimate over 80% were positive and we may have planted a few seeds of God's goodness and love in the others. We just don't know what affect this will have, only He does. So, I encourage you to make an effort to reach out to someone you meet at the grocery store, a restaurant, at work, or any other place you will go today, tomorrow, and next week. God may have used someone else before you, maybe years before, to plant a seed and God has chosen you to make the next step.

Go random church!

## August Birthdays

1st	Risa Rodriguez
4th	Janet Quillin Shelly Ilsley
5th	Clint Bowden
6th	Kathryn Bendall
7th	Ben Drewry
8th	Lin Fryman Velda Sell
11th	Ed Peel
13th	David Allen
14th	Amber Grant Chris Street
18th	Bobby Ilsley
19th	Emma Drewry
20th	Brandon Brown Danny Spencer
21st	Gil Lewis
26th	Jenny Pollina Courtney Getman Tucker
28th	Sue Armour
29th	Vickie Moore
30th	Rebecca England Sandra Pritt
31st	Carlee Street



### Countdown to Christmas

On August 1st, we will be only 146 days away from Christmas! It's that time of year again. Any children ages 5 and up who would like to be in the Children's Christmas program on December 11th at 6PM should come for auditions August 21<sup>st</sup> after the 11:00 o'clock service. The play is called "Special Delivery." Everyone in the play is an angel!

See you there!



17th	Hamburgers, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Chips & Dessert
24th	Spaghetti, Salad & Dessert
31st	Chicken Marsala, Noodles, Salad & Dessert

## Upcoming TOPS Events August, September, October



Twenty-five senior adults reserved a seat at the HHPC Café for July 12. It was great to see folks have a relaxed and friendly time over a French luncheon; it was all in good taste. After a leisurely meal, served in courses, we were blessed to hear Heather Davis remind us that we all have a personal mission for God. She challenged us to prayerfully write a mission statement to define what that purpose is.

In June, the twenty-four who went to the Pink Palace and La Baguette were enthusiastic about the 3D film on the National Parks and several said they definitely want to return to see the Jean-Michel Cousteau "Secret Ocean" 3D film. So, the August trip will be a return to the Pink Palace on Tuesday, the 9th. Admission: \$8



After the Pink Palace movie, we'll enjoy some Southern cooking without the muss, fuss, or heat at Piccadilly Cafeteria (3425 Poplar). As always, you have a choice of going to the Pink Palace and the Piccadilly or just to one. Visit the following url for a look at their menu. <http://www.piccadilly.com/files/Piccadilly%20Menu.pdf>

We have reservations to go to Elmwood Cemetery on September 13 to experience the live (actors in period dress) "Voices of Yellow Fever" and a box lunch. Your money must be in to Linda Rush by Sunday, August 14 because our deadline to submit payment is Monday, August 15. Elmwood has only allowed us 25 of their 50 seats so it will be "first come, first served" for our members. Price is \$18 per person. Transportation will be arranged.

I still have some "selling" to do on our October outing...a picnic at Shelby Farms – weather, construction, and renovations permitting. Some have asked, "What are we going to do there? Ride horses?" No, the plan is to get some fresh air, to see what our tax dollars have produced (new lakes, new visitors center, etc), and to enjoy God's creation together. Details later.



## SESSION NOTES

### There was no June Session meeting because:

The 36th Annual General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church was June 22 - 25. Military Chaplains such as our own LCDR Tim Foster had meetings beginning on the 21st.

*The following is a report on how "our kids" are doing. Several months ago, the Session took a leap of faith to help feed orphans in Kenya. It's a leap of faith because every dollar has been raised independently of the annual budget.*

Rev. Bob James received this email from Pastor Chriss Lusweti:

"Dear pastor Bob

Hope you and your family are in good health. After visiting the Bible school in Kitale I also visited the orphanage school in Kiminini with some other pastors. We had good lunch with them; they are still 80 children and they are doing very well even in exams. Your support has helped these children to get enough meals such as breakfast, lunch and dinner. They look strong and healthy than before and amazing thing is that they are performing very good than other school in exams. Most of them can read and write English.

We bought some food and stored it for them. I have attached some few pictures.

Blessings, Pastor Chriss Lusweti"

August Anniversaries	
2nd	G.C & Dot Lewis - 63
4th	Billy & Cortney Stone
12th	Tim & René Foster - 27
13th	Paul & Lesa Hart - 24
14th	Scott & Laura Motley
20th	Don & Linda Rush - 45
26th	Randy & Janice Cheston - 44
29th	Nick & Kim Batson - 24



	1	2	3 Last of Summer pool party	4	5	6
7 Revelation lesson continued	8	9	10 Activity @ Church	11	12	13
14 Revelation lesson continued	15	16	17 Lesson & activity	18	19	20
21 Revelation lesson continued	22	23	24 Lesson & activity	25	26	27
28 Revelation wrap up and discussion	29	30	31 Lesson & activity	AUGUST		

## Youth News



For August we will be laying low as most of you will be getting in gear for the start of school and getting used to new teachers and classes. We will continue our dive into Revelation on Sundays with a wrap up at the end of the month.

We will have one last Wed Night get-together at the pool Aug 3 before regular Wed nights begin. This one will incorporate an outdoor movie as well. The movie will be water-themed. Probably sharks, or piranhas...still debating that one.

Regular Wed Nights begin August 17<sup>th</sup> so you guys will have food at the church again. At that point we will go back to a lesson and activity for our Wed Nights.