

Cornerstone

Meet, New Member, Joey Clark



I was born in Memphis and grew up in the United Methodist Church. I am an Eagle Scout from Troop 48. I attended Germantown High School and the University of Memphis, with a Bachelor's degree in civil engineering. I am currently a transmission engineer at MLGW.

Growing up, church and God were always a part of my life. We always read the story of the birth of Jesus from Luke chapter 2 before we did anything on Christmas, sang Christmas carols, and sang the doxology before a big family meal.

My maternal grandmother was a choir director at Methodist churches in the area before I was born, and my paternal grandmother was the pianist at my family's church for over 40 years, so music has always been an important part of both my daily and spiritual life.

Starting in high-school I began playing my flute with my grandmother during church services and the Christmas cantata. These were always my favorite church services and I always think of my grandmother whenever I play my flute in church.

My favorite hymns are "Be thou my Vision," "Hymn of Promise," and Christina Grimmie's rendition of "In Christ Alone."

I also like to help my church by taking pictures for anything they need me to. I started getting into photography in middle school. I volunteer for the University of Memphis' Mighty Sound of the South by taking photos and videos for the marching band and pep bands. I took some of the pictures for this year's sunrise Easter service and for VBS.

I am engaged to Amanda Castellano, and will be married on December 3rd of this year at St. Mark's Catholic Church in Virginia Beach. We do plan on living in Memphis.

Joey joined the Church on Sunday, March 27th. Congratulations to him and his fiancé Amanda on their upcoming nuptials.



BON APPÉTIT!

Senior Adults, YOU are invited to a TOPS French Luncheon

Ooh là là!! Tuesday, July 12, we will have a nice French luncheon in the HHPC "dining room." Crêpes (ham or chicken/almond), salad, dessert, and more will be served at 11:30 a.m. The cost will be just \$6/meal. RSVP forms with more details will be distributed for your response, or you may make a reservation by contacting Linda Rush at lrush@aol.com or 386-4762. It is important that you contact Linda by July 10 so she will know how much food to provide. Payment by that date would also cut down on money collection at the luncheon. There will be a post-luncheon event as well.



Why do we commemorate Independence Day by setting off thousands of small explosions?

Because John Adams wanted us to. Before the Declaration of Independence was even signed, he envisioned fireworks as a part of the festivities. In a letter to Abigail Adams on July 3, 1776, he wrote that the occasion should be commemorated “with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more.” The first commemorative Independence Day fireworks were set off on July 4, 1777. The Pennsylvania Evening Post wrote that in Philadelphia, “The evening was closed with the

ringing of bells, and at night there was a grand exhibition of fireworks (which began and concluded with thirteen rockets) on the Commons, and the city was beautifully illuminated.” The paper noted that “Everything was conducted with the greatest order and decorum, and the face of joy and gladness was universal.”

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 The Lord's Supper Patriotic Program w/lunch	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5	6 6:30 Youth	7 11:30 Sew & Sews	8	9 6:00 20, 30 & 40 Somethings
10 12:30 Deacons	11	12 11:30 TOPS	13 6:30 Youth	14 6:30 Men's Supper	15	16
17	18	19 7:00 Marine Corps League	20 6:30 Youth	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27 6:30 Youth	28	29	30

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

René and I recently attended Arlington High School's graduation. We were there to support two members of our congregation, Shannon Campbell and Amber Grant. Three outstanding things happened. First, those two young ladies, along with 500 of their classmates, received their diplomas. Second, the whole thing lasted less than an hour! Everyone was amazed by that! Third, two of the students, the valedictorian and the senior class president, spoke openly about their faith in Jesus Christ and quoted from the Bible. Their words were profound and courageous and touched my heart. I daresay their words also touched the hearts of the majority of those in the audience. *"Let your light shine before men," Jesus said, "that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven"* (Matthew 5:16).


In our country today there are many on the left who have gotten really good at bullying Christians. Let's take a page out of the playbook of those two public high school students and stand up to the bullies. It's not only our calling; it's also legal. The Constitution ensures freedom of religion,

not freedom from religion. For example, school authorities/systems cannot censor student speech unless it's substantially and materially disruptive. To read more about religious practices that progressives would rather we not know are protected, go to libertyinstitute.org and alliancedefendingfreedom.org.

Freedom of religion is surely the most precious of freedoms. Let's keep our lights shining brightly! Happy 4th of July!

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
Jeffery Jordan, Guitarist
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

FROM THE ASSISTANT PASTOR'S DESK

Greetings to my church family at HHPC! I am writing this from the great metropolis of Anna, IL, a place I had never heard of until only just a couple of months ago. As most of you know, I am serving as Interim Pastor at First EPC of Anna for a few months. They are going through a very difficult time, having lost both their Pastor and Youth Pastor at almost the same time recently. Their loss, and the complex set of circumstances surrounding each of their departures, have left the church in chaos, with many blaming others for what happened, a lot of false information being spread around by some, and many long-term members leaving the church. It is a very sad situation, because most of the congregation are delightful, dedicated, faithful servants of the Lord.

How could this have happened? Well, as you might have expected, the culprit is the sinful human heart. It doesn't take very much pollution to make a beautiful lake unusable for everyone. No church is really immune from the danger of the failure of a few members of the body. One tooth cavity can ruin the day for a person who is otherwise healthy. With modern dental technology, cavities are pretty easily fixed, usually with very little pain. It just takes commitment to go to the dentist and to have the problem corrected.

Of course, in the church, when it is in distress, correction is not usually quite so simple to accomplish, and it is almost never accomplished without considerable pain and suffering. In both cases, the tooth cavity and the distressed church, the problem is the consequence of not having taken the proper action earlier. Regular dental checkups can pretty much avoid serious dental problems, as signs

of decay or other problems can be seen and the threat removed before the problem even becomes a serious problem. So it is with the church. When some members of the church forget that their highest calling is to love God and to love one another, the first sign of a cavity is seen. When some in the church see worship styles or budget priorities or the work of the church or any other aspect of church life to be more important than genuinely loving one another, decay begins to set in. Praise God that we at HHPC have a Pastor, a church staff and a Session comprised of men and women who truly love the Lord and love this church family first and foremost, and we have a congregation that loves them and one another in return! Sometimes it takes seeing the struggles that other churches are going through to appreciate how much we at HHPC have and how much we are blessed! Let's each of us be sure to do our part to keep HHPC what it is—a faithful, loving church that it is a joy to be a part of!



With much love,

Jerry Brundle, Assistant Pastor

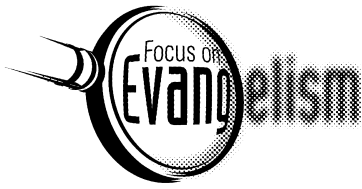


Sew & Sews



DRESSES FOR GIRLS & SHORTS FOR BOYS IN GHANA

The sewing group met on Thursday, June 23. There were 10 people in attendance. Members decided to name the group the Sew & Sews. The group had an organizational meeting, made patterns, coordinated materials, and cut material for the dresses. It was decided members would sew the dresses on their own and meet together to complete them. Several members took patterns and material home to get started before the next meeting. We will meet again Thursday, June 30, at 11:30 am in the gym. This will be a sewing meeting to complete more dresses. We will also meet on Thursday, July 7 at 11:30 am to see the progress being made, and to decide how to proceed. For more information, contact: Tina Donan 872.2007 or 865.207.5876 or Terry Davis, 388.4144.



Would you agree the internet has everything? Even how to reach non-Christians? The answer to both is a definite and loud, YES!

I was searching for some information and found a posting from Thom Rainer, President of Lifeway Christian Resources and the author of more than two dozen books on all aspects of

Christian life including evangelism. Below is a section of an interesting article with results of an informal poll he conducted with one question: *Why do you think many churches aren't as evangelistic as they once were?*

There were fifteen answer groups and here are the top five responses listed in order of frequency:

1. Christians have no sense of urgency to reach lost people.
2. Many Christians and church members do not befriend and spend time with lost persons.
3. Many Christians and church members are lazy and apathetic.
4. We are more known for what we are *against* than what we are *for*.
5. Our churches have an ineffective evangelistic strategy of "you come" rather than "we go."

Some of these are rather direct, some are broad, and some are pointed. I am not suggesting in any way this is a reflection of what I see at HHPC. Rather it is good information to help us take inventory of how we are doing.

So, what's the solution? There are over 100 verses in the Bible that describe evangelism and this one gives a clear answer [Mark 16:15](#) And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."

Let this be our guide as we search and pray to learn what God wants us to do for those who do not know him. The first few steps are always the most difficult but, you will be glad you did. There is someone you see every day who is searching for what we have found at HHPC. Our job is to let them know our doors are always open and we genuinely care about them. God can handle it from there!

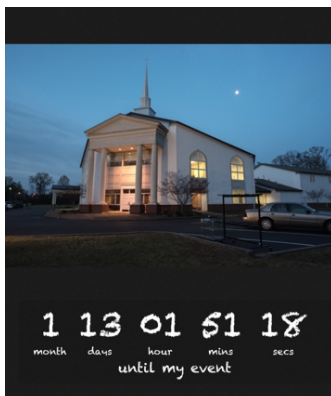
Please feel free to speak with Tim, me, or any Elder about this. We would welcome any comment.

Watch for more next month.

Rob McCleary, Evangelism Chairman

July Birthdays

1st	Kelly Haupfear Rosie Blatt
4th	Mary Laura Fryman Caples
5th	Phyllis Agnew
6th	David Thornton
12th	Wil Haupfear
13th	Noah Sussey Betty Goodwin
14th	Kay Tusa Wayne Johnston
15th	Don Forte
16th	Christopher Buchanan
17th	JT Bowers
22nd	Kendra Bowers Keira Bowers
24th	Heather Griffin Abby Rodriguez
25th	Donna Hyde Jenny McCleary
26th	Will Brockwell Don Rush
27th	Terry Davis Jim Nichols Jackson Peel
28th	G.C. Lewis Cortney Stone
31st	Linda Mace



Countdown to Wonderful Wednesdays!
Put it on your calendar!
Wonderful Wednesdays resume August 10th!
Supper, Bible Study, Youth Activities, Wednesday
Night Kids, Ensemble, Handbell and Choir
Rehearsals.

Do Your Kids Know You Love them? *By Charles Lehman*

I have kept journals for both of my kids that I write in from time to time. I write about funny things my children have done, experiences we have shared, thoughts I want them to read in the future and observations of how God has created them. They enjoy taking their book out and reading what I've written. Interestingly, they prefer reading their own book — not their sibling's book.

God's masterpiece

Kids love to be known, and they really love it when their dad reminisces about something they did. Imagine what would happen if dads looked at their kids through the lens of Ephesians 2:10: "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago" (NLT). Appreciating a masterpiece requires first recognizing its value and then taking time to admire and enjoy it. Imagine your relationship with your kids if you made the effort to observe, admire and enjoy them — they are masterpieces created by God.

Notice that Ephesians 2:10 does not say "created to be formed identical to your earthly father." The diversity in personalities, interests, talents and ideas is one of the riches we are able to enjoy in our relationships. It's what makes us all unique masterpieces.

Known and loved

Sometimes, at night, I will do a "high five" with my kids. I say, "Here are five things I know about you" or "Here are five things I love about you." Many times, they will hold up both hands with all 10 fingers stretched out, hoping to hear 10 things. I want them to realize that they are known and loved by their father.

They also love the morning notes I leave for them at the breakfast table. These notes are jokes, simple affirmations or encouragements, and observations of who they are. It's one way I show my kids I love them.

Let's take time to know, enjoy, observe and engage with the masterpieces in front of us.

This article first appeared in the June/July 2016 issue of Focus on the Family magazine and was originally titled "Five Things I Love About You." If you enjoyed this article, read more like it in Focus on the Family's marriage and parenting magazine. Get this publication delivered to your home by subscribing to it for a gift of any amount.

Vacation Bible School Treehouse



We had a wonderful Vacation Bible School. More than half of the kids who came were not members of the Church. Some were from our Parent's Day Out. What a great outreach. We also had adults who visited and participated in Bible Study and in the craft we all made. There are so many people to thank. So much excellent work was done to make it a great time. Thank you all!

SESSION NOTES

From the May 26, 2016 meeting

- 1) 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 the orphanage in Kenya that our missionaries, the James, are affiliated with.
- 2) Thanks were expressed to the Sweet Adelines for giving the benefit concert on May 14th. \$1,000 was given, and all of it went toward feeding the children in the orphanage in Kenya.
- 3) Within the next couple of weeks an online giving resource will be part of our revamped church web site, hhpc.org.
- 4) Approval was given to the request of the Session of First Presbyterian Church, Anna, Illinois for Rev. Brundle to serve as their interim pastor for 3-4 months, beginning June 12th.
- 5) Approval was given to the request of the Session of Woodland Hills Presbyterian Church, Hot Springs Village, Arkansas for Dr. Foster to lead a retreat June 17th-18th.
- 6) \$8,845 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 May 26th were \$151,038, which is 60.42% of the goal of \$250,000.
- 8) Through May 26th, General Operating Fund receipts were \$162,357 and expenses were \$173,257 for a deficit of \$10,900. The reserve checking account balance is \$56,839.

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

July Anniversaries

8th	Jeff & Kendra Bowers - 16
17th	Danny & Kathe Spencer - 46
19th	Bill & Phyllis Agnew - 30
20th	Pete & Janis McCarty - 48
31st	Jerry & Barb Brundle - 51



Patriotic Program

July 3rd will be the Patriotic Program with special music and folks wearing their red, white and blue. The picture above is to remind our military people that uniforms are appropriate.

After the service there will be a potluck luncheon. Bring a dish to share with your Church family and celebrate our nation.

Show your colors!



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noun

a pause or gap in a sequence, series, or process.

synonyms: pause, break, gap, interval, intermission, suspension, lull, respite, time out, time off, recess

No Rehearsals?? Does that mean the worship services will be without music? No, it just means they will do what they already know.



JULY					1	2
3 The Parables/ Soup Kitchen	4	5	6 Lesson & activity	7	8	9 Service Day
10 The Parables	11	12	13 Geocaching Event	14	15 Lock in begins @ 7 pm	16 Lock in ends @ 8 am
17 Revelation Explore/ Discussion	18	19	20 Lesson & activity	21	22	23
24/31 Revelation	25	26	27 Lesson & activity	28	29	30

Youth News



As you may notice by the calendar, we have had a couple of scheduling conflicts and had to cancel the mission trip that was to take place in late July. As a replacement, the youth will be doing work around the church and various other projects. Thank you to those who were supporting the trip, or planning on

supporting the trip.

For the first couple of Sundays in July we will continue on the topic of the Parables, discussing many of the Parables and why Jesus used this type of teaching.

On the 13th, we will have a geocaching event as our field trip. We will locate an item hidden in the area by using GPS and clues.

On the 17th, we will begin an exploration of Revelation. This book is heavy with symbolism and many approaches of teaching it. Revelation in Greek translates to Apocalypse or unveiling. We will read and discuss this book together referencing the many papers written about the subject.