

Cornerstone

Meet, New Member, Sherry Townsend



My husband, Mike, and I are native Memphians. He is a Messick graduate, and I chose Treadwell for my high school years. We met at church. I was part of the "high school group" and he was in the "college and career" group. A few years passed and we became friends through our church's bowling league. We married in 1965. God gave us three wonderful sons. We had a pretty ordinary life with work, our first house, school and family life. I was able to be a full time mom.

In 1972 the church we'd been attending occasionally, started preparing for a revival meeting. The week before revival started, God began dealing with me and I realized how much I had been blessed through these twenty eight years of life and I had these three boys who needed to know who Jesus is and what He has done on the cross for us. I was shocked to my core to realize I didn't know how to talk with them about Jesus and salvation. I didn't know anything about the Savior. I became aware for the first

time that I, Sherry, would live forever... somewhere. One day my bones would be put into a box that would be lowered into the ground and covered with dirt but the Real Sherry would go on forever! And where would that be?

Even as a child I believed that God was up in His heaven and that He loved all people. But I never knew the extent of the meaning of Jesus's earthly life, ministry, death and resurrection. Obviously I had been taught very little about God's Word. I had absolutely no knowledge of the Holy Spirit's work in the life of the believer - how He will live within us and be our teacher and guide and counselor.

The Bible verses I had memorized in Sunday school and VBS had no meaning to me except for a possible ribbon received for quoting them when called upon, until now! That week before revival started, I lived in a hell on earth. Realization that there is a God did not give me a personal relationship with Him. And what about my little boys? I couldn't teach them what I didn't know. I needed God to be my heavenly Father and to accept for myself the finished work of Christ on the cross just as though I had been the only person on the planet. I was beginning to see that God loved me that much. Wow! Now, my problem was: What is faith in Christ?

Sunday morning arrived. The visiting preacher held his Bible in his hand and preached from it God's Word to the congregation. Little did he know that God had brought him there just for me. I was making it so hard to become a Real Christian instead of the fake Christian I had been for fourteen years.

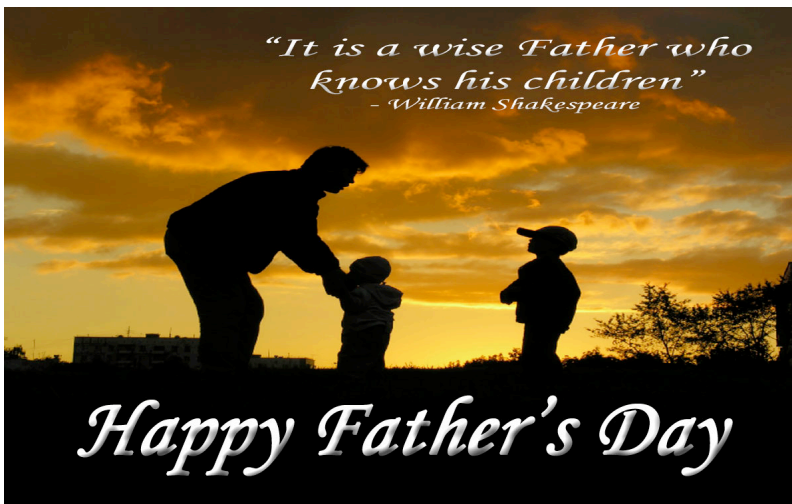
The last Scripture he quoted was Romans 10:13: "for whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved"..... I did it! I asked for forgiveness for my sin and that He would come into my heart and my life and make me a witness for Jesus. The Holy Spirit began teaching me how to grow in faith and understanding of God's Word and learn that by giving myself to Jesus Christ as my LORD and Master, I would never be the same. Now my place in God's eternity is a promise.

That's my story. And my Joy in life is sharing God's Word with anyone who will stand still long enough for me to tell them about what God has done in my life. And, of course, stories about my six grandsons.
Treasures beyond measure.

Sherry joined the Church by Reaffirmation of Faith on February 21st. Welcome to Highland Heights!

June

2016



On this Father's day, it is important to recognize and reward dads for being there and actively teaching important life skills to their children. It is important that dads model a personal relationship with our heavenly Father. It is important to their children, and meaningful to dads everywhere, when children recognize their father's value and say "Thank you, job well done." This, after all, is what makes life worth living. This is a father's true legacy: leading his children to Christ, ensuring their health and well-being.

No June Session meeting because of the General Assembly.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:30 Youth 7:30 Choir	2	3	4
5 The Lord's Supper	6	7 10:00 TOPS	8 6:30 Youth 7:30 Choir	9 6:30 Men's Supper	10	11 6:00 20, 30 & 40 Somethings
12 12:30 Deacons	13	14 Flag Day	15 6:30 Youth 7:30 Choir	16	17	18
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - 6-8 WITH SUPPER AT 5:30						
19 Father's Day	20 First Day of Summer	21 7:00 Marine Corps League	22 6:30 Youth 7:30 Choir	23 11:30 Sewing Group	24	25
EPC GENERAL ASSEMBLY, NORTHVILLE, MI						
26 Patriotic Program w/lunch	27	28	29 6:30 Youth 7:30 Choir	30		

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

John 17 records the words Jesus prayed shortly before He was arrested. "My prayer is not for the disciples alone. I pray also for those who will believe in Me through their message, *that all of them may be one*" (vv 20-21). Since Jesus asked His Heavenly Father for there to be unity among Christians, it is a reality. Yet, since there are so many branches of the Church, it's hard for us to comprehend, isn't it?

One way to understand it is to focus on the spiritual reality of Church unity, on what we Evangelical Presbyterians call "the essentials." Christians of all stripes tend to agree on the major things - most importantly the authority of the Bible and the saving grace of Jesus - while we tend to disagree on the minor things - music preferences, building styles, etc.

Another visible expression of the spiritual reality of Church unity is found in denominational ties - in our case, the ties that bind us to our sister churches in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. There are almost 600 congregations in the EPC,

which began in 1981. Highland Heights joined in 2008. In our local Presbytery (aka "our neck of the woods"), there are 33 congregations. HHPC will host the January meeting of Presbytery next year.

One of our sister churches is in Anna, Illinois. Assistant Pastor Jerry Brundle will begin a 3-4 month interim there on June 12th; it's going to be like a summer mission trip for Jerry and Barb. I'd like you to join me in praying God will use them to bring healing to that congregation. I'm also looking forward to having the Brundles back with us in the Fall.

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

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Class of 2016**

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 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

Most of you know by now that I have been asked by the Central-South Presbytery of the EPC, the presbytery of which HHPC is a member church, to serve as the Interim Pastor at First EPC of Anna, IL for a planned term of 3-4 months. First EPC of Anna has lost both its Youth Pastor and its Pastor in the past two months, and is really struggling to hold together in the absence of a Pastor. Since I served as Interim Pastor at HHPC for eleven months while Pastor Tim was serving as a Chaplain in the U.S. Navy at Guantanamo Bay, Presbytery thought that my experience here would be helpful to First EPC of Anna while they seek a new Pastor. The Session of HHPC has approved my taking a leave of absence from HHPC for 3-4 months to serve as full-time Pastor of First EPC of Anna. Barb and I will begin this ministry on Sunday, June 12.

Needless to say, this is a very unexpected change in our lives, and it was not an easy decision for either of us. It will involve considerable travel, as Anna is just over a three hour drive from our home in Bartlett. And since we are not moving to Anna, we will make this commute every week, spending about half of each week in Anna (Saturday thru Tuesday), and half at home in Bartlett (Wednesday thru Friday), where I will prepare my weekly sermons. Barb won't be going up every week, as that would be too difficult for her considering the pain she has been having with her back. So we will also have quite a bit of time apart, more than we have ever had in our 51 years of marriage.

There are many reasons for me to not be all that excited about this ministry, especially having to be away from my church family here at HHPC. And yet I am excited about it. Because we never know

when God will call upon us to serve Him in some way we had neither anticipated nor sought. For most of us, it won't be the long term away-from-home ministry that Pastor Tim and I have both been called to recently. But make no mistake, God will call upon, indeed has already called upon, every believer to serve Him, whether it be in our church, in our community, in our family or for those distant who we help by our financial and prayer support. If we see that calling only as an unrequested obligation, we miss the entire point.

It is a privilege, maybe not in the eyes of our secular world, but surely in the eyes of our God. At the end of our lives, as we look back, everything that we have devoted time and resources to will seem of little value, except what we have done for others because of our love for Jesus and his love for us. Pray for us in this venture that God has placed us on, that we will be worthy of our calling, and that we will be a blessing to this church that needs pastoring so badly. Be certain that we will be in prayer for you, our beloved church family.

With much love,

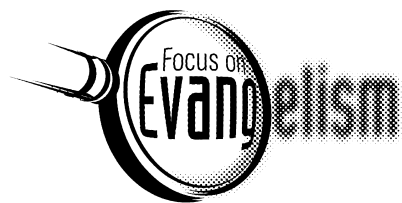
Jerry Brundle, Assistant Pastor



DRESSES FOR GIRLS & SHORTS FOR BOYS IN GHANA:

As most of you know we have our own missionaries attending Highland Heights. Rev. Bob and Barb James are our missionaries to Ghana and Kenya. Several ladies are going to get together and make dresses and shorts for the children of Ghana. On Thursday, June 23, at 11:30 am there will be an organizational meeting in the conference room to discuss how to proceed. Anyone interested in helping, please plan to attend. Anyone who would like to contribute to this project, please do so. We will need good quality cotton or cotton polyester material for dresses and denim or cotton duck material for the shorts. Each piece takes about 1½ yards of

material. You can also give a cash donation to help with the cost of material and other supplies. For more information contact: Tina Donan at 901.872.2007, 865.207.5876 or Terry Davis at 901.388.4144



e·van·ge·lism ə'vanjə'lizəm/ noun

•the spreading of the Christian gospel by public preaching or personal witness

•zealous advocacy of a cause

This definition is the best place to start as we individually think about how, what, when, and why to evangelize our faith and decide what direction HHPC should take. Please note, it does not describe any minimum effort or a maximum effort, it just describes AN effort.

OK...so who's ready to hold a poster on the corner of Hwy 64 and Morning Sun, share their faith journey while standing in the Kroger parking lot, or witness to all your friends at work, your exercise group, on the 18th hole...? Anyone?

As you can see, these examples are exaggerated to remind us this is not what we have to do or how to do it.

OK, Rob, I got it, so what do we do now? The best answer I can think of is to take a step, even a small step today.

How? It can be as small as thinking about what to say to your neighbor, a family member, or a friend then, be prepared to speak with them when God gives you the opportunity. A few others – volunteer at Vacation Bible School so the visitors will be amazed at how active our church family is - bring a can each week so others will feel God's love when they receive this food – think of a small way we can do better at what we are doing now – ask the next waiter you see for a prayer request when they deliver your mealespecially if it is on a Sunday.

Please take this message seriously. Not for me, not for our church, not even for Pastors Tim and Jerry but, to use the talents you have been given to help direct where someone else will spend eternity!

June Birthdays

2nd	Sarah Johnson Shannia Bailey
3rd	Jonathan Wade
6th	Paul Pritt
9th	Traci Gatlin
11th	Bill Agnew
12th	Jean Whitaker
13th	Jim Whitaker Deborah Womack
14th	Katie Dobson
15th	Pam Golden
17th	Jane Winchester
18th	Dot Jenkins Jana Billings
19th	Linda Rush
20th	Anthony Pollina
22nd	Kathe Spencer
23rd	Carolyn Allen
25th	Paul Redding
26th	Jenette Thornton
27th	Maxine Wade

VBS Treehouse at HHPC

June 13-16, 5:30 for Supper 6:00- 8:00 for activities

- ★ Bible Lessons
- ★ Crafts
- ★ Music
- ★ Games
- ★ Puppet Shows

Cost is \$10 and includes a Treehouse T-shirt

Ages 3 (must be out of diapers)- Adults

Registration is online at hhpc.org - Online payment is available, but cash/checks will be accepted at the door.



Trusting, Obeying, Praying Seniors Event

If you will be in town June 7th, we hope you will join us for a trip to the Pink Palace for the new CTI 3-D movie “National Parks Adventure” narrated by Robert Redford and lunch at La Baguette. Please invite an HHPC senior who doesn’t usually join us, or bring a friend who is not a member.

The movie will start at 11 am. We must be at the **Pink Palace at 3050 Central** 20-30 minutes early. If we are one minute late, they will not open the door to the theatre to admit us.

To be on the safe side, we will leave the church at 10. If you are meeting us at the Pink Palace, be present by 10:30, please.

We can get a Senior Group Rate if we have 15 who pay Linda Rush \$7 by Sunday, June 5, so she can pay in a lump sum. This would allow the group to arrive 20 minutes early. If we do not have 15 to attend, the admission will be \$8 each, and we will need to pay individually, which takes more time, requiring us to arrive by 10:30.

The new CTI Theatre has replaced the IMAX and is totally accessible for those with wheelchairs and walkers. A link has been included (below) so you can preview God’s breathtaking handiwork and creativity that we will enjoy.

“National Parks Adventure” runs about 45 minutes, and then we will head to **La Baguette at 3088 Poplar** (link included below) to visit and lunch on sandwiches, soups, quiches, and pastries at the indoor patio. You might also want to pick up a pastry, a baguette, or a container of fresh pimento cheese to take home.

Linda Rush will be circulating RSVP forms soon so she can see who and how many will be attending. You may also make reservations by contacting her by Sunday, June 5, at lrush@aol.com or 386-4762.

This TOPS event has been moved up a week (June 7th) to accommodate (energy-wise) those who will be working VBS the following week.

“National Parks Adventure” Movie Clip:

<http://www.memphismuseums.org/cti-giant-theater/programs/national-parks-adventure-3d/>

La Baguette Menu:

https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant_Review-g55197-d835508-Reviews-La_Baguette_French_Bread_Shop-Memphis_Tennessee.html



Some of the seniors who went on the May outing to the Botanic Gardens.



**Parents’
Day Out
Graduates
May 20, 2016**

SESSION NOTES**From the April 28, 2016 meeting**

- 1) Congratulations to Haley Allen and Wes Moody, who were married by Dr. Foster in the Sanctuary on April 21st.
- 2) Thank you to those who are helping fulfill our pledge to feed 30 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.
- 3) The Sweet Adelines are going to give a benefit concert at HHPC on Saturday, May 14th, at 7:30 p.m. All proceeds will go toward feeding the children in the orphanage in Kenya.
- 4) Shannon Campbell and Amber Grant will be graduating from Arlington High School and will be honored at a reception on Sunday, May 15th, after the 11:00 worship service.
- 5) Thank you to Jason Gatlin and his team, who are continuing to switch burned-out exterior and interior lights to LED bulbs, which are brighter and more energy-efficient.
- 6) \$8,745 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 April 28th were \$150,388, which is 60.16% of the goal of \$250,000.
- 8) Through April 28th, General Operating Fund receipts were \$131,880 and expenses were \$138,202 for a deficit of \$6,322. The reserve checking account balance is \$61,190.

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



SOUP KITCHEN @ 1ST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (DOWNTOWN)

We volunteer to serve in the soup kitchen 3 times a year. Our next opportunity will be July 3rd. Contact either Jason Gatlin (pictured) or Steve Allen for more information or to volunteer.

1st Pres. serves approximately 175 each Sunday. Churches from all over the city take turns volunteering.

June Anniversaries

1st	Richard & Sue Armour - 48
2nd	Larry & Catherine Denman - 4
6th	Don & Deb Wade - 29
11th	Chris & Jennifer Horvath - 11
12th	Shea & Holley Sullivan - 12
16th	Steve & Becky Deaux - 37
18th	Bob & Tina Donan - 50
20th	Larry & Cindy Phillips - 46 Phil & Linda Mace - 35
25th	Drew & Debbie Perkins - 21
27th	David & Elizabeth Dennie - 58
29th	Bill & Janice Dalrymple - 53

Benefit Concert



A huge thank you to the Memphis City Sound Chorus and Montage Quartet. We raised \$1000 for the children in Kenya.

June VBS Menus

13th	Taco Salad, Fruit, Sopapillas & Cookies
14th	Chicken Tenders, Mac 'n' Cheese, Salad, Rolls, Fruit & Cookies
15th	Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, Fruit & Cookies
16th	Sloppy Joes, Cole Slaw, Chips, Fruit & Cookies

Note: Hot Dogs served each night.

JUNE			1 Field Trip	2	3	4
5 Sunday School	6	7	8 Wednesday lesson and activity	9	10	11
12 Sunday School	13	14	15 Wednesday lesson and activity	16	17	18
19 Father's Day Sunday School	20	21	22 Wednesday lesson and activity	23	24	25
26 Sunday School	27	28	29	30		

Youth News



We are fast approaching our Youth Mission Trip. The following youth will be going on this trip.

Josh Foster
Laurie Holmes
Haley Habshey
Risa Rodriguez

In the coming week we will have a prayer board set up for these guys so that you can take a card and pray for the youth as they take this journey. You can also donate directly to the youths' costs for this trip from special envelopes also found on the board.

Wed. nights continue for the youth over the summer. We will have many activities, lessons and a couple of movies. Most nights will start at 6 and end at 830. But I will send out info if we plan on starting sooner or ending later.

Thank you all for your continued support of youth, Jason