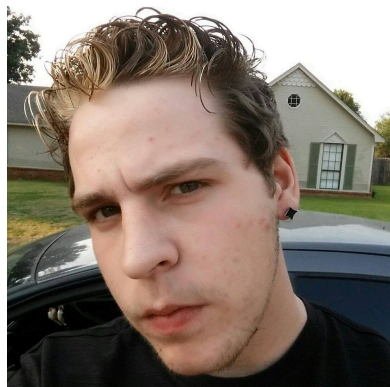

Cornerstone

Meet, New Member, Justin Bryant



Justin is a native Memphian who was born September 16, 1993. He is an only child and is currently single. However, he is open to changing his status. He graduated from Cordova High School and has a passion for cars. He went to automotive school for awhile and would like to have a career that somehow involves cars. He enjoys auto racing and movies.

Justin joined the Church by Profession of Faith and Baptism. He broke his leg (second time for that leg) on the youth ski trip to St. Louis. We are very grateful that his break did not require surgery.

The College and Career Group meets on Saturdays for breakfast, and Justin has been a part of that group.

If you haven't met Justin yet, go ahead and introduce yourself. Welcome Justin!

How Important is Church Attendance in the Christian Life?

It's tempting sometimes to want to skip church. Maybe we have chores and errands that need to get done, maybe it's too much work to get the family up and out the door in the morning. If we attend church three out of four Sundays in the month, that's enough, right? This kind of thinking is really looking at church attendance from the wrong perspective.

In his article for The Gospel Coalition titled "[3 Reasons You Should See Going to Church as a Privilege, Not a Chore](#)," Trevin Wax explains why we may need to fundamentally change our thinking about church in order to appreciate the great gift that God has given us in being part of His body, a community of fellow believers.

Our view toward church attendance can begin to be transformed when we consider a few important things that remind us of the privilege of meeting each week specifically to focus on God and His people.

Firstly, it is important to make a habit of meeting with God's family because if we truly want to grow as Christians, making a habit of fellowshiping with other believers, hearing the Word of God, and worshipping the Lord are the perfect places to begin. Of course, personal Bible study and prayer are integral as well, but worshipping God corporately provides us a unique opportunity to see what God is doing in the lives of His people, both locally and globally.

In Hebrews 10:24-25 God calls His people together: "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

One important aspect of church attendance is for us to interact with other believers and see how God is working in their lives, but still another is to realize that we need church ourselves as Christians and members of the body of Christ.

Wax notes that Christians in some countries often risk their lives to meet together and worship God. ChristianHeadlines.com often reports on the persecution of Christians who simply want to worship the Lord freely, such as the Chinese Christians who have been jailed, interrogated, and even killed for defying the government's orders to take down the crosses from their churches or to demolish the buildings entirely. Why do these Christians still try to meet? Why is worshipping God together worth risking their lives? They know that Christians need God and we need each other. Having that taken away likely would make us realize what a privilege attending church each week truly is.

May

2016



Mother's Day is a celebration honoring the mother of the family, motherhood and maternal bonds. Sometimes the mother you honor didn't give you life.

Mother's Day has long been synonymous with flowers. In fact, the tradition of giving carnations began all the way back at the inception of the American version of the holiday. Carnations were the favorite flower of founder Anna Jarvis' mother. But the tradition has both grown and relaxed a bit since those early days, and now there is less stress placed on the type of flower. It is more important to get the color right. If your mother wears a white flower, it indicates her mother is deceased. If she wears a red or pink flower, it indicates her mother is still alive. Wearing a corsage does not indicate that *you* are a mother. Men can wear a boutonniere to honor their own mother using the appropriate color, of course.

Special Note: May 8th is one of our Sundays to serve at the Soup Kitchen downtown at First Presbyterian Church from 1:30-3:00. See Steve Allen or Jason Gatlin. Yes, we know it's Mother's Day.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 The Lord's Supper	2	3	4 5:30 Supper 6:00 Kid's Choir 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir	5 6:30 Security Team Meeting in 208/210	6	7
8 Mother's Day Soup Kitchen	9	10 TOPS - Memphis Botanic Gardens	11 5:30 Supper 6:00 Kid's Choir 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir	12 6:30 Men's Supper 6:30 Forever Young	13	14 6:00 20, 30 & 40 Somethings 7:30 Benefit Concert
15 Honor Graduates 12:30 Deacons	16	17 7:00 Marine Corps League	18 5:30 Supper 6:00 Kid's Choir 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 6:30 Youth 7:30 Choir	26 11:30 Sarah Circle 6:30 Session	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day Office Closed	31				

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I'm writing this article after getting back to the office from a Bott Radio Network Pastors' Appreciation Lunch. Pastor Jerry and Elder Rob McCleary went with me. In addition to good food to eat, there was a lot of food for thought. Several things stood out that I'd like to share with you.

First, I encourage you to tune in to Bott Radio (640 AM/100.7 FM). It is quality Christian talk radio. You can google their schedule or pick up a listener guide at the church. I particularly enjoy listening to R. C. Sproul, Chuck Swindoll, The Bible Answer Man, and Alistair Begg. I'd be interested in knowing which programs you like.

Second, the luncheon's theme was "Memphis is Many, Memphis is One." Emphasis was placed on the many churches represented and the one Lord served by all who were present. Our city is full of churches. What a collective spiritual force for good! It's easy to focus on the challenges faced by all of us who live in the Greater Memphis area, isn't it? Let's work on putting our heads and hearts together to face those challenges head-on!

Third, the guest speaker, Memphis Mayor Jim Strickland, spoke about his Christian faith. He said the number one way churches can help Memphis is to pray for the city government - from the Mayor and City Councilmen to the Police Officers and Fire Fighters. The Apostle Paul said it like this: "I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness" (1 Timothy 2:1-2). Let's be more intentional about praying for our leaders.

Remember that I love you, and please continue to be faithful in worship and in giving.

Your Pastor and Friend,




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FROM THE ASSISTANT PASTOR'S DESK

During these past few weeks, in my spare time I have once again been spending a little time studying the underlying principles of the General Theory of Relativity and the Special Theory of Relativity developed by leading European scientists in the early 1900's. This may be all the evidence you need to confirm your suspicions that I am a bit of an oddball, but these are subjects that I was introduced to in earning my Bachelor's Degree in Nuclear Physics. The theories of Relativity turned the world of science upside down. They substantially redefined our understanding of matter, time, the speed of light and the nature of gravity, among many other subjects. When these theories were first proposed, many world-famous scientists rejected them. As evidence proved the correctness of these theories, many scientists became frustrated and angry, angry that the universe is not at all like what they had previously believed it was, and angry because those scientists had devoted their lives to learning and teaching things that were simply untrue. Many felt as if they had wasted their lives.

Their experience was not unlike that which many people have when they are introduced to, and believe for the first time, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, except that their overall emotional response is not anger, but overwhelming joy. They come to realize that the world is not what they had believed in before their conversion. They come to realize that God is real, that He created us, that He loves us, and that He established what is right and what is wrong. They come to realize that our lives have a purpose, and that this life is not the end of our lives, but that we will live forever. They come to realize, therefore, that every day of our lives has meaning, and that it matters how we spend each and every day living to please

God, expressing our gratitude for His love gift to us of His Son, Jesus Christ, who has paid the penalty for our sins so that we will never have to. The real world created by God for His children is a very different world than the one they had believed in, really as different as night and day, as darkness and light. So they need to live in the world that really is, not in the world that they used to believe in, a world that was never real.

It is an important reminder to us, as well, that the world in which we live is not the world that we sometimes think it is.

For, sometimes in our pain and struggle, we forget the world as the Bible describes it to us: a world created by the One and Only God. That God loves us with a love that we cannot comprehend even when trials and struggles and sorrows and losses confront us. That every minute that we live is precious, because every minute is an opportunity to love God, and to serve Him, and to love His children, and to serve them. Let's be sure that we live daily in the real world that God has created for us, and not waste our lives living in a world that is of our own creation.

With much love,

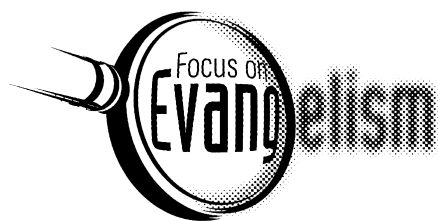
Jerry Brundle, Assistant Pastor

**LifeWalk Team**

Saturday, April 23rd, was an especially glorious Spring day. The team that represented Highland Heights for the Life Choices LifeWalk at the Memphis Zoo were René Foster, Steve Allen, Janet Quillin, Kim Batson, Kathe Spencer, and Rosie Blatt.

If anyone wanted to make a donation to Life Choices but hasn't done so yet, the link is: <http://lifewalk.lcfriends.org/participantpage.asp?fundid=2019&uid=3836>

One of the Life Choices volunteers said they were expecting 200-300 people but over 600 were in attendance.



We are continuing with last month's "What Evangelism is Not" with items 2, 3 and 4.

Evangelism is not...

2. Evangelism is not inviting people to church or an evangelistic event. Inviting people to events is important, but it's not evangelism — it is pre-evangelism.
3. Evangelism is not imposing our will or beliefs on another person. We make no apologies for attempting to persuasively make the case for Christianity. But in the end, only God can change the human heart.
4. Evangelism is not personal testimony. A personal testimony does not save a sinner. The Gospel does. It's quite right to support a Gospel presentation with what the Gospel has done in one's life. Yet, we must never confuse the Gospel itself with a personal testimony.

May Birthdays

1st	Jason Gatlin Josh Bond
3rd	Laura Drewry
6th	Lauren Fiveash
9th	Hannah Griffin
11th	Kylie Street John Blatt
13th	Pete McCarty
16th	Jerry Brundle
19th	Randy Cheston
25th	Debbie Johnston
28th	John Dallies Phillip Moore Carys Peel
29th	Jenny Redding



Ghana Ministry **- Rev. Bob James**

Barb and I are recently returned from our mission to Ghana. The two pictures with this article mark the three significant needs we found: 1) A roof for churches. 2) Care for children. 3) Support for pastors physically and spiritually. We saw at least one church each day missing a roof. We estimate 1,000 children living in foster homes, having perhaps one meal a day as they attend very primitive schools. Pastors, loving the Lord, are hungry to know

more of God. They also struggle to have a regular income, even as they may work outside the church. These men are very poor, subsisting on offerings of food and help from the very poor people whom they minister. One church's offering was the equivalent of \$10 per month.

In the midst of these hard circumstances, we visited churches filled with young people, children and widows to discover people celebrating the joy of their salvation. We rejoice that such passionate worship can come from people who have known, and do daily know, trials of hunger and poverty. What joy it is to preach to those who praise God! A pastors' conference drew over 300 people! Some rode bicycles and walked many miles. Some came from neighboring Togo.

As our ministry - One With God - is formed To Feed Orphans and To Teach Pastors, please pray for God's outstretched arm to provide for the physical and spiritual needs of these precious people. Pray, too, we will all know in our own hearts the wonders of God's great mercy.

Our friends in Kenya are most grateful for your continued support. Thank you very much. Rev. Bob and Barb James



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



The senior adult TOPS group will be going to the **Memphis Botanic Garden, Tuesday, May 10.**

If you want to carpool or ride in the HHPC van, please meet at the church by 10 am. Those who live closer to the Garden (750 Cherry Road) will meet the rest of the group at the ticket office at 10:30.

We will all have time to ride the tram with a tour guide around the 96 acres and to stroll around the gardens in small groups with friends.

Around 11:45 or so, we will eat at **Fratelli's** café in the Admissions building. If you have driven yourself to the Garden, you are free to stay as long as you like after lunch.

Hopefully, we will have 20 or more participants. With 20, the price will be \$5.50 for admission and \$3.25 for the tram, or \$8.75 total. (With fewer participants, the tram price will increase a little; with more than 20, it will decrease.)

Maybe you've thought about joining in the fun with the TOPS group. Great!! Or you've wondered if it's co-ed; yes, it sure is. Perhaps you aren't working, or maybe you've had a recent personal change in your life. Give us a try; you may cultivate a new friendship or renew an existing one. We welcome you with open arms.

Please let Linda Rush (**386-4762, lrush@aol.com**) know by Sunday, May 8, if you plan to join us. She needs to know if you are meeting at the church or at the Garden, whether you are bringing a guest, and if you are staying for lunch, so she can give an accurate count to the Garden staff and to the Café.

Join us in prayer for a rain free morning!!!



VBS Treehouse at HHPC

June 13-16, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

- ★ Bible Lessons
- ★ Crafts
- ★ Music
- ★ Games
- ★ Puppet Shows
- ★ and even Supper

Ages 3 - Adults



SESSION NOTES**From the March 31, 2016 meeting**

- 1) On Easter Sunday, March 27, Joey Clark, Abbi England, Alina Gatlin, and Aven Gatlin joined the Church by Profession of Faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
- 2) Gratitude was expressed to the members of the Security Team. A few good men (or women) are needed to fill out their roster. POC - Perk Perkins and Kevin England.
- 3) Thank you to those who are helping fulfill our pledge to feed 30 children in the orphanage in Kenya that our missionaries, the James, are affiliated with three meals/day for a year at a cost of \$1300/month.
- 4) The Sweet Adelines are going to give a benefit concert at HHPC on Saturday, May 14th. All proceeds will go toward feeding the children in the orphanage in Kenya.
- 5) Good photos are needed for the revamped church website that will soon be launched. POC - Rosie Blatt and Rob McCleary.
- 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 March 31st were \$149,638, which is 59.86% of the goal of \$250,000.
- 8) Through March 31st, General Operating Fund receipts were \$97,586 and expenditures were \$105,957 for a deficit of \$8,371. The reserve checking account balance is \$58,428.

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



There will be a Security Team meeting on May 5th at 6:30 in room 208/210. The team could always use more members to help share the shifts. Contact Perk Perkins.

May Anniversaries

22nd	Jason & Traci Gatlin - 17 Jim & Sherry Cook - 6
28th	Earnie & Lauren Fiveash - 6



Are You in Countdown Mode?

As the school year wraps up we find ourselves in count-down mode. Teachers will say the kids are already restless as they look forward to their Summer break.

Highland Heights enjoys the Summer break as well. Wonderful Wednesdays takes a hiatus for the Summer. May 18th will be the last Wednesday dinner until August. Jr. and Sr. High Youth will still meet, and the choirs will continue to rehearse (except for the month of July).

May Menus

4th	Beef & Cheese Enchiladas, Refried Beans, Salad, Desserts
11th	Fried Chicken, corn cobbettes, Salad, Desserts
18th	BBQ, Baked Beans, Slaw, Chips, Desserts

1 Sunday School	2	3	4 Field Trip to Cordova Skating	5	6	7
8 <i>Mother's Day</i> Sunday School Soup Kitchen	9	10	11 Wednesday lesson and activity	12	13	14
15 <i>Honor Grads</i> Sunday School	16	17	18 Wednesday lesson and activity	19	20	21
22 Sunday School	23	24	25 Summer Youth Series begins	26	27	28
29 Sunday School	30	31	MAY			

Youth News



We are just passing the 90 day mark for our Youth Mission Trip. While the attendees will be paying most of their way, we are looking to supplement the cost. I know that there are so many opportunities that need

funding, but I ask that you consider helping the youth gather funds for this important experience.

Field trip on the 4th will be to Cordova Skating Rink. Cost is only 6 bucks, and that includes skates.

Graduate Sunday is May 15. This year's Seniors, Shannon Campbell and Amber Grant, will be graduating. Congratulations to them both. Please plan to stay for a brief reception in their honor.

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