

Cornerstone

Meet New Members, Chris & Marie Schroeder



So our family...

Chris was born in Nashville, but raised on a farm in the upper peninsula of Michigan. He has his mom, Mary, stepdad, Leigh, father, Gib (passed away 2004) and a slew of brothers and sisters. He was raised in the Catholic Church. He did a stint in the Navy from 1998-2003. He found his way to Memphis to get to know his biological father and since has stayed. He has a daughter Annabel (10). He is a construction/plumber extraordinaire for Serenity Hardscapes out of Arlington. He enjoys politics, outside work and working on his truck.

Marie was born and raised in Memphis. She was raised in HHPC since she was about 5 or 6 years old. Her mother, Colleen Tharp Dunn, was also a member. She is the granddaughter of current member Virginia Roberson. She has two children, Lucy (8) and Luke (6). She is a graphic designer for Community Partners Group. She likes reading, going to the lake and listening to music/singing.

Chris and Marie met in February of 2015, were engaged in November of that same year, and were married by Mr. Tim on July 2, 2016 up on Kentucky Lake.

My Grandma Pat played organ for Greenfield Presbyterian when Mr. Tim was the pastor there. When my mom and I would go visit her, which was just about every weekend, we would go to church with her. My mom asked Mr. Tim for suggestions on places to go to church here in Memphis and he led us to HHPC, since that is where his parents were members.



Chris & Marie joined by reaffirmation of faith on September 18th.



Parents' Day Out Children are Praying for our Troops

This display is on the wall next to the elevator on the first floor. Our children are being taught to respect and pray for our service men and women.

December 2016



PARTY, PARTY, PARTY



6th TOPS Open House at the Rush's

10th Beacon's Class Party - Potluck

17th Young Adult Party @ the Foster's

Girls bring a sweet snack

Guys bring a salty snack

Everyone bring a \$15 dirty santa gift

- more details on HHPC Youth Facebook Page

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 <i>Sunday of Love</i> The Lord's Supper 12:15 Christmas Play Rehearsal 12:15 Deacon Training	5	6 11:30-1:30 TOPS Open House at Don & Linda Rush's home.	7 5:30 Supper 6:15 R&R 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir	8 10:30 Hope Circle 6:30 Men's Supper	9 10:30 PDO Christmas Program	10 6:00 Beacons' Class Christmas Party
11 <i>Sunday of Joy</i> 12:15 Elder Training 6:00 Christmas Play	12	13	14 5:30 Supper 6:15 R&R 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir	15	16	17 6:00 Young Adult Christmas Party at the Foster's
18 <i>Sunday of Peace</i> Special Christmas Music	19	20 7:00 Marine Corps League	21 No supper or activities	22 11:30 Sarah Circle 6:30 Session	23	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> 5:00 Children's service 5:30 Refreshments 6:00 Candlelight Communion Service
25 <i>Christmas Day</i> 11:00 Worship (one service, no Sunday School)	26	27	28 No supper or activities	29	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

For as long as I can remember, my favorite church service has been the Candlelight Communion Service on Christmas Eve. In my mind's eye, I can see my grandparents and parents as their faces were illuminated by the candles they were holding. I can hear their voices singing the old carols. Many of you have told me that it's also your favorite service.

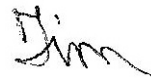
This year, in addition to our traditional service at 6:00 p.m., we're also going to have a Children's Service at 5:00, followed by refreshments at 5:30. Jenny McCleary, our new Children's Ministry Director, and I are working on the details. It's going to be interactive and lots of fun. We're encouraging our PDO families to attend and mailing postcard invitations to homes in neighborhoods close to the Church. Hopefully there will be a great turnout like there was at the Harvest Carnival.

So let's make a concerted effort to invite family and friends to come to our two Christmas Eve services. People are most likely to accept our invitation this time of year. Why? I think it's because the supernatural is in the air - every radio station plays

Christmas carols, homes are decorated with lights, nativity scenes are displayed in front yards, etc. It's as if the whole world is celebrating the birth of Jesus. Let's take advantage of this God-given opportunity. Surely when our family and friends attend one or both of the services on the 24th, they, too, will kneel before the Savior - as did the shepherds, who "found Mary and Joseph and the Baby, who was lying in a manger" (Luke 2:16).

Merry Christmas from my family to yours. 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**
 Jenny McCleary, **Children's Ministry Director**
 Mary Smith, **Financial Administrator**
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 Lauren Fiveash, **Ensemble Director & Pianist**
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 Bikram Ranapheli, **Guitarist**
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 Lesa Hart, **Moderator, 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

Well, our world, certainly our nation, experienced an earth-shaking event earlier this month, by which we will be changed as a nation for many years to come, and that is the election of a new president. While our nation was deeply divided on both the candidates who were running and the platforms they endorsed, we now have a better understanding of the role our nation will play in the world in the years ahead, and the role our federal government will play in shaping our lives, as well. All because we have elected a new president. It's amazing just how much one person can change our lives!

And, of course, that is what happened to the world that day just over 2000 years ago in the little town of Bethlehem. A person came into the world, as all people do, as a baby. But Oh! What a baby! An angel declared that this baby would save the world from their sins, and that he would be called "Immanuel," which in Hebrew means "God with us." Sounds a little more important than "Mr. President."

The election of our president captivated the attention of the media and the American people for over a year, is captivating it now, and will likely captivate it for every day of the next four years. In contrast, when Jesus arrived, though there had been prophetic predictions of his coming for several hundred years, his arrival garnered little attention (At least on earth. Heaven was pretty excited!). If there had been any media people in Jesus' day, none would have been in Bethlehem that night. Angels and shepherds were the only ones paying any attention. Yet, far more than any president ever could, Jesus changed the world, and for all who believe in him as

Lord and Savior, he changed us in both this world and in the world to come. Like presidential candidates, Jesus made many promises. Unlike any presidential candidate, all of his have come true, or will, perhaps sooner than we expect.

It's quite a time of the year. We have elected a new president who will change our lives, for better or worse, whether we like it or not. And we celebrate a Savior, who has already changed our lives, and all of it for the better. Better beyond description. Better beyond words. I am happy about our new president-elect. I am more hopeful for our nation and our world now that he has been elected. But I am joyful beyond words that Jesus came to be my Savior, and yours. We can compare the two events—for many they both offer a measure of hope. But that is where the comparison ends. One is president-elect. One is God with us. One may do good. The other decides what good even is, and then does only good. We may have two reasons to celebrate this season, but let's not get too carried away. There is still only one celebration that really matters, and it is this: Joy To The World, The Lord Is Come! Have a Merry Christmas!



*With much love,
Jerry Brundle, Assistant Pastor*

TOPS Christmas "Rush" Open House December 6, 11:30-1:30

Don and Linda Rush will host a Christmas Open House in their home at 3825 N. Berlinwood Cove. (Look for the Advent colored balloons!)

Celebrate the holidays between 11:30 and 1:30. Drop in and depart at a time convenient for you, or come and stay. Have something to eat, drink a holiday beverage, and enjoy some warm fellowship.

RSVP no later than Sunday, December 4, and give your \$3 to Linda Rush (lrush@aol.com; 386-4762) so she can plan accordingly.

Some may want to meet at HHPC and carpool to the Rushes' home (Across from the Bartlett Fire Dept. and MLGW station on Brunswick Rd).

(Regrettably, due to space limitations, attendance will be limited to HHPC members.)



The best time all year to evangelize is now!

Why? Research shows almost 70% of Americans feel it is important to attend a worship service during the Christmas season. So this is a great opportunity to invite someone knowing there is a good chance they will say – yes! To help with our invitations, we are trying a few new methods.

- Between now and the end of the year, an ad will appear each week in the Praise and Worship section of the Bartlett Express and on their website. Their website will have a link to hhpc.org. This will reach over 3000 per week from the newspaper and even more from the website.
- We will have a ¼ page ad in the monthly Arlington and Lakeland newspaper, The View 38002. 10,000 copies are delivered by mail to households plus another 1500 are in the racks at Kroger on Hwy 70 and 64, Arlington Town Hall, Lakeland City Hall, and other places.
- The direct mail card above will be mailed to 1400 households in selected areas near church. On the back it has a description of the services, a map, and the church contact information. We ordered extras for you to use to give with a personal invitation. The direct mail is scheduled to be delivered on Monday, December 19th to selected subdivisions north of Hwy 64, houses east of the church facing Hwy 64, and a few other areas nearby.

To help deliver the Christmas message for families with young children, you may have already heard the announcement of a new Children's Service from 5:00 to 5:30, followed by cookies and hot chocolate.

While these methods are effective to a degree, still, the most effective way for someone to visit our church is to ask them in person. Please join me in prayer for God to put people in our paths and to be ready to offer an invitation. Just imagine what the answer to these prayers will look like on Christmas Eve!

In His Name,

Rob McCleary

December Birthdays

1st	Dorothy Dinkins
2nd	Bob Fleming Kathy Forte
3rd	Alina Gatlin - 2004 Debra Wright
7th	Deb Wade
9th	Bud Goodwin
11th	George Krug
13th	Evan Bright Ouida Vaughan
15th	Bridget Sussey
17th	Ann Puckett
18th	Pat Edwards
21st	Rose Callies Jake Brockwell
25th	Baby Jesus
26th	Kim McKeller
28th	Paul Hart



Fall Festival 2016!

*Tigers and Sharks! Robots and Wizards!
Pirates, Princesses, Strawberries... and Elves?*

These were just some of the wonderful costumes we saw at our Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat on October 29.

We fed close to 160 adults and children and not a crumb was left! The children enjoyed a puppet show, old fashioned carnival games, and of course, Trunk or Treating! A lot of candy, fun, and happy faces!

Congratulations to our following contest winners:

Chili Cook-off – Traci Gatlin

Best Trunk Decoration – Gatlin family

Best Decorated Pumpkin – Alina Gatlin

Candy Corn Guess – Kathy Forte

Grand Prize Drawing – Louise Clark

And last, but not certainly not least...

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! To everyone who helped set up, clean up, monitor games, and help in so many different ways. It's because of you that we had one of our most successful Fall Festivals ever!

Check out more pictures on our website hhpc.org.



SESSION NOTES

From the October 20, 2016 meeting:

- 1) Let there be light! Lights in the Sanctuary, gym and parking lot are being converted to LED.
- 2) This Christmas Eve, in addition to the traditional Candlelight Communion Service at 6:00, there will also be a Children's Service from 5:00 to 5:30 and refreshments at 5:30.
- 3) Online Giving is here! You can now give to HHPC through the church website or your mobile phone. Go to hhpc.org and click on the Give Now tab.
- 4) If you haven't given the Per Member Asking yet, it is \$37 per family member and is for the ministries of the EPC.
- 5) 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 our adopted orphanage in Kenya.
- 6) \$9,040 is in The Reverend Dr. James Quillin Memorial Fund, established for the purpose of purchasing a new church sign. The goal is \$20,000.
- 7) Debt Reduction Campaign receipts through October 20th were \$153,154, which is 61% of the goal of \$250,000.
- 8) Through October 20th, General Operating Fund receipts were \$316,487 and expenses were \$328,403 for a deficit of \$11,916. The reserve checking account balance is \$52,955.

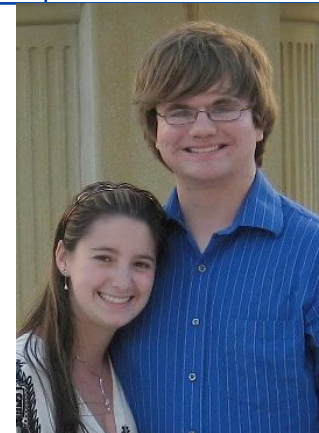
Please continue to pray for our pastors, elders and congregation



Have you ever met an angel?
How about eleven of them!
Please join us on **December 11** at **6:00** pm for the children's annual Christmas play. Our angels will take part in the Special Delivery of the messages to Mary and Joseph and welcome the baby Jesus in heavenly ways.
Can you provide cookies or cupcakes? We will have a reception and Santa will be on hand to hear the children's wishes.

December Anniversaries

1st	Charlie & Janette Thornton - 60
2nd	Don & Kathy Forte - 28
3rd	John & Rosie Blatt - 45
10th	Wayne & Debbie Johnston - 22
14th	Steve & Betty Allen - 37
18th	Greg & Bridget Sussey - 15
30th	Cason & Heather Griffin - 16
31st	David & Connie Thornton - 23



We will be adding Joey Clark and Amanda Castellano (Clark) to the December Anniversaries next year. They will be married this December 3rd. Congratulations!

Wednesday Night Dinner Menu for December	
7th	Chicken Parmesan with Spaghetti, Salad & Dessert
14th	Beef Burgundy, Rice, Salad & Dessert
21st	No Supper or Activities
28th	No Supper or Activities

DECEMBER				1	2	3
4 'Tis the Season	5	6	7 Meal Lesson Activity	8	9 Lock in	10
11 It's All About Others	12	13	14 Meal Lesson Activity	15	16	17 Foster Christmas Party
18 What About Me	19	20	21 Lesson Activity	22	23	24
25 New Year, New Attitude	26	27	28 Lesson Activity	29	30	31 Gatlin New Year's Party Polar Plunge?

Youth News



Dec 9th lock in will be Christmas themed with a little game show in the middle. We will discuss what outside activity we want to do.

Dec 17th is the Christmas Party at the Foster's. Please see the Facebook post for more info, but bring a \$15 gift for Dirty Santa and girls bring sweet food, guys

bring salty.

Dec 31st is the New Year's Party at the Gatlin's. We will have several activities and we have talked about a possibility of a Polar Plunge for those who are brave...

The first week of January, I will be setting up a new youth page on Facebook so that I can gain control of the settings. I am kinda tired of seeing Josh's face on our page. So look for invites for the new group.

Contact Jason Gatlin @ gatlinj007@gmail.com.



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