

# Cornerstone

## Meet New Member, Barb James



*You will show me the way of life,  
granting me the joy of Your presence  
and the pleasures of living with You forever. Psalm 16:11*

Allow me to use my life verse to tell you a little about myself by beginning with the end. I thank God for His promise of eternal life for me and all who confess their sin and believe in Him as their Lord and Savior. Until that day I trust Him to show me how to live and thank Him for the joy He has brought to me over the years.

This joy includes being married to Bob for 46 years; living in multiple settings from rural (we started out as Wisconsin dairy farmers) to urban (while in Milwaukee, WI I traveled the US doing corporate training for Northwestern Mutual) to Arlington, TN (near both our children and families); seeing the wonder of God's creation in over 35 countries (traveling on mission trips and pleasure while Bob worked); working with our Lord in multiple ways – leading Bible studies and prayer teams, doing lay counseling, being a church elder, praying daily with/for my husband/family, teaching God's Word in Africa while Bob trained pastors which led to our establishing One with God; being amazed how God has invited members of Highland Heights and others to join with us in the feeding of over 150 orphans and His continual call as He opens more doors in which to make Him known while filling me with His joy.

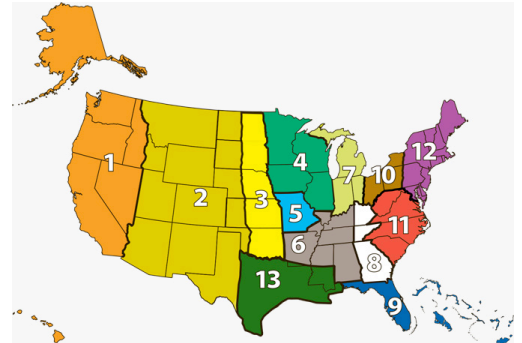
*Barb joined by transfer of membership on November 13th. Bob, as a pastor, will be joining the Presbytery.*



## HHPC Polo Shirts!

Did you know that we are exposed to around 10,000 advertising messages a day. You're thinking that you don't see that many ads. Well, you do. When you see a person wearing a pair of athletic shoes and it has the familiar swoosh, that's an advertisement for Nike. We can do some advertising... er, evangelizing of our own. Purchase (\$15) a polo shirt with the embroidered HHPC logo on it and *voila* you are advertising for the Church. Tell us the size you want on your attendance card. If someone asks you about the logo, you have an opportunity to tell them about your Church but more importantly about Jesus. We plan to wear the shirts for the Presbytery meeting so that our guests will know who to ask if they have a question.

# January 2017



Our denomination is the Evangelical Presbyterian Church or EPC. Presbyteries are the regional governing and missional bodies of the denomination. Our Presbytery is the Central South Presbytery and is the number 6 on the map. All the gray areas indicate the region for our Presbytery. There are three Presbytery meetings a year and a General Assembly for the whole denomination each year. HHPC is hosting the January Central South Presbytery meeting.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <i>New Year's Day</i> The Lord's Supper Ordination & Installation of Officers Soup Kitchen	<b>2</b> Office Closed	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 12:30 Deacons	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 11:30 TOPS Lunch & Planning Meeting	<b>11</b> 5:30 Supper 6:15 R&R 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir	<b>12</b> 10:30 Hope Circle 6:30 Men's Supper	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 7:00 Marine Corps League	<b>18</b> 5:30 Supper 6:15 R&R 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 5:30 Supper 6:15 R&R 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir	<b>26</b> 11:30 Sarah Circle 6:30 Session	<b>27 Presbytery</b> 12:30 Registration begins 2:00 Meeting convenes 6:00 Supper 7:00 Worship	<b>28</b> 8:00 Meeting reconvenes 12:00 Meeting adjourns
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Have you made a New Year's resolution? Maybe you hope to lose some weight, stop smoking or clean up your garage. I'd like to suggest a New Year's resolution that all of us could stand to make - getting serious about studying the Bible. The Psalmist wrote, "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path" (Psalm 119:105).

The first step is to set aside a time and a place for your own daily devotional. My time is in the morning at the breakfast table. My favorite devotional guides are by Max Lucado and C. S. Lewis. Many of you use "Our Daily Bread," which you can pick up at the church or download to your phone or computer. I continue to be amazed at how the Lord connects the Bible verses I read each day with the events of each day.

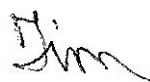
The second step in getting serious about Bible study is to attend worship every Sunday - unless you are sick. Pay attention to the Scripture lessons as they are read, follow the sermon notes and fill in the blanks, talk about the message with your family and

friends. I'm starting a new series on January 1st entitled "Hall of Faith," based on Hebrews 11.

The third step is group Bible study. There are several ways to get involved in a small group Bible study at HHPC: Sunday School (*Jerry Brundle and Steve Allen are relaunching their class on Jan 1st with a study of Philippians*), Wednesday night Bible studies (*on Jan 11th, I'll start a new study on Mark*), Women's Bible Studies on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, and the monthly Men's Supper on the 2nd Thursday night.

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 Adult Director**  
 Jenny McCleary, **Children's Ministry Director**  
 Mary Smith, **Financial Administrator**  
 Rosie Blatt, **Administrative Assistant**  
 Larry Denman, **Music Director**  
 Lauren Fiveash, **Ensemble Director & Pianist**  
 Cindy Phillips, **Organist**  
 Bikram Ranapheli, **Guitarist**  
 Jason Gatlin, **Sound Technician**  
 Chrissy Thornton, **Parents' Day Out Director**  
 Bob Donan, **Clerk of Session**  
 Lesa Hart, **Moderator, Board of Deacons**  
 Richard Armour, **Treasurer**

### Session

**Class of 2017**  
 Ronnie Billings  
 Rob McCleary  
 Perk Perkins  
 Connie Thornton  
**Class of 2018**  
 Tom Bright  
 Lin Fryman  
 Steve Deaux  
**Class of 2019**  
 Josh Bond  
 Clint Bowden  
 Kendra Bowers  
 Jason Gatlin  
 Janis McCarty

### Board of Deacons

**Class of 2017**  
 Lesa Hart  
 Lydia Johnson  
 David Thornton  
**Class of 2018**  
 Steve Allen  
 Kim Batson  
 Joy Bowden  
 David Dennie  
 Linda Melear  
**Class of 2019**  
 Nikki Bond  
 Lori Brown  
 Traci Gatlin  
 Deborah Johnston

## FROM THE ASSISTANT PASTOR'S DESK

Well, by the time you read this, Christmas will have come and gone. I hope that your Christmas was as blessed as ours was. What an amazing event! If only the secular world understood the difference between their Christmas celebration and ours! Let's pray that many, many people who celebrated the "Holiday Season" this year will celebrate Christmas in all its true glory and meaning next year.

As we move into the new year, it will be a very different year for Barb and me than we might have expected just a year ago. Last January, at my annual physical, I received my first diagnosis that something was not right, and it could possibly be serious. After many months, and appointments with hematologists, oncologists, and nephrologists, and countless blood tests and urinalyses, and a full body x-ray, and a kidney ultrasound and a kidney biopsy, it was finally determined that I did not have cancer, or any of the other diseases that were of most concern to the doctors (and to me!).

In September, my nephrologist (kidney specialist) confirmed that the problem was indeed chronic kidney disease, and while an earlier doctor had told me that unless I became a vegetarian, even a vegan, I would probably be on dialysis within two years, my new nephrologist confirmed that, while my condition was serious, such a dramatic change of diet was not necessary in the immediate future. I would have to cut back significantly, but not completely, on my consumption of animal protein (meat, fish,

dairy), and we would see in three months if there was any change in the blood tests, and then we would know what to do next.

That test came at the end of November. And the test results showed that my kidneys were functioning normally. It was incredible! After months of dire predictions, my blood work was suddenly normal. Even my nephrologist had no explanation, as we had not done anything except reduce my consumption of animal protein, and he did not really believe that that would produce significant improvement in my blood work.

So what happened? Prayer happened! Many of you told me that you were praying for me over the past year. Many people from the church in Anna were also praying. I have absolutely no answer for my remarkable change in health except that prayer was answered. I thank you all for your prayers. I wish you a most happy new year. I know that it will be for me and my family!

*With much love,  
Jerry Brundle, Assistant Pastor*



## BIKRAM RANAPHELI



The Elders and Pastor Tim commissioned Bikram Ranapheli, our guitarist, on Christmas Day, December 29th, he left for a 2-week mission trip to Israel. Prior to the trip Bikram had opportunities to share with some of the Church groups about his Christianity and his trip. Several groups made donations to his trip. It is estimated that approximately \$2,000 was donated by the Men of the Church, Beacon's Sunday School Class, Several Women's Circles and members of the Choir. We look forward to hearing about his trip when he gets back.



## WHAT ARE THESE KIDS SO HAPPY ABOUT?

New clothes! Do your kids act this happy when they get new clothes? A team of HHPC members made dresses for the girls and shorts for the boys; T-shirts were purchased to go with the shorts. These children are in Ghana, and as you can see are elated to have new clothes.

## Bring Your Bright 2017 Ideas to TOPS!



“What are we going to do next month?” is a commonly asked question among TOPS members. The question right now for 2017 is: What do you WANT to do?

Tuesday, January 10, at 11:30, TOPS members will enjoy a Soup and Sandwich Lunch followed by our 2017 Planning Meeting.

Bring your favorite soup (potato, chicken, vegetable beef, tortilla, etc.) or sandwiches to share. Dessert and beverages will be provided.

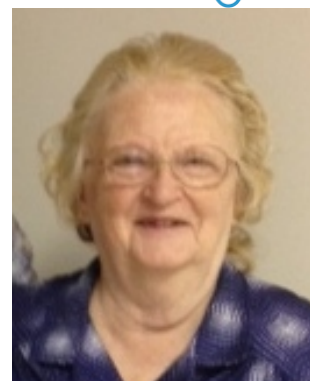
Be prepared to enjoy lunch with friends and participate in a 2017 TOPS planning meeting following lunch. Bring your ideas, and please invite friends and neighbors; we have room for all at HHPC.

*Editor's note: TOPS is the name for our senior adults.*

### January Birthdays

2nd	Holley Sullivan Scott Motley
4th	Dot Lewis
6th	Cindy Phillips
8th	Shelby Duke
11th	Rachel Brown
13th	Mary Smith
15th	Joy Bowden
19th	Shannon Campbell
20th	Jeannette Grant
21st	Aven Gatlin
23rd	Tim Foster
24th	Ally Brockwell
27th	Peggy Pierce
28th	Barbara Whitaker
30th	Mary Elizabeth Hart

thank you!



*Dorothy Fleming wants the women of the Church to know that she appreciates her Christmas gift.*

## Children's Ministry



*Rejoice! Christ is Born!* was the title for Highland Heights first Children's Christmas Service that was held on Christmas Eve at 5:00. Through this hands-on worship service, our children sat around the manger on the chancel as Pastor Tim retold the Christmas story. As each story scene unfolded, the children were given different props like donkey masks or swaddling cloth that allowed them to actively participate. Following each scene, everyone sang along with coordinated Christmas songs led by Larry Denman and Lauren Fiveash. The service concluded with refreshments in the gym. What a great time for our families to create those special Christmas Eve memories and new family traditions as we look forward to offering this service each Christmas Eve before our Candlelight Communion Service.



On December 11, HHPC was invaded by angels... our "angel" children that is! Under the direction of Lesa Hart, this year's children's Christmas play, *"Special Delivery,"* told the story of the angel's messages to Mary (Abby Perkins) and Joseph (Justin Bryant) announcing the birth of Jesus. Trying to keep the angel's in line were head angels, Gabriel (Larry Denman) and Michael the Arch Angel (Mark Denman). Our angels, played by Keira, Jamie and JT Bowers, Alina and Aven Gatlin, Shannia Bailey, Luke and Lucy Gilliam and Lex Stone, worked very hard to earn their wings by learning their lines and singing. Rachel Brown and Laurie Holmes were our shepherds. Many thanks also go out to Traci Gatlin and Kendra Bowers who co-directed and helped to keep our "angels" on task, to Charle Dunstan for the choreography, to the McClearys with set design, to Jason Gatlin with sound, to our wonderful kitchen staff (Lin Fryman and Tina Donan) who helped with refreshments afterwards, and to Santa, who made a special stop to visit with our children. The evening was truly "special" and heavenly!



### *Hands-on Worship*



*May Jesus be the light in your life as our own children light up ours.*

## SESSION NOTES

### From the November 15, 2016 meeting:

- 1) Barb James joined the Church on November 13th by transfer of membership. Rev. Bob James is in the process of joining our EPC Presbytery.
- 2) At the congregational meeting on November 13th, Josh Bond and Clint Bowden were elected as new elders, and Nikki Bond and Deborah Johnston were elected as new deacons.
- 3) On Christmas Eve, in addition to the Candlelight Communion Service at 6:00 p.m., there will also be a Children's Service from 5:00 to 5:30 and refreshments at 5:30.
- 4) 66 pledges for 2017 totaling \$311,064 have been made to date. If you haven't turned in your pledge card, please do so.
- 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) \$9,050 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 November 15th were \$153,209, which is 61% of the goal of \$250,000.
- 8) Through November 15th, General Operating Fund receipts were \$345,042 and expenses were \$358,922 for a deficit of \$13,880. The reserve checking account balance is \$50,994.

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

### January Anniversaries

4th	Chris & Tiffany Street - 2
7th	Phillip & Vickie Moore
17th	Glenn & Gayle Stratton - 36
18th	Randy & Sandie Brockwell - 25
21st	Bo & Toni Ware - 57
31st	Clint & Joy Bowden - 51



11th	Lasagna, Salad & Dessert
18th	Beef Stroganoff, Noodles, Salad, & Dessert
25th	Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Salad, & Dessert



***PDO children bring smiles to our families as they sing and dance their way into our hearts!***

**PDO Christmas Program was December 9th.**

1 Sleep Soup Kitchen	2	3	4 Lesson Activity	5	6	7
8 Lesson	9	10	11 Meal Lesson Activity	12	13	14
15 Lesson	16	17	18 Meal Lesson Activity	19	20	21
22 Lesson	23	24	25 Lesson Activity	26	27	28
29 Lesson	30	31	JANUARY			

## Youth News



January is a quiet month for the youth as we are rolling back into school after Christmas break and getting back into normal schedules.

The youth will be involved in getting the Church prepped for Presbytery in late January by helping me paint and clean.

We will be planning a ski trip again for February so of course prayers are appreciated early for that.

Thank you all for your prayers and monetary support over 2016.

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