

# Cornerstone

## Meet New Member, Karen Smith



I was born and raised in Memphis and grew up in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. I lived in Bartlett and raised three children. I am the proud Nana of eight grandkids. I am employed at International Paper and reside in Lakeland.

*Karen joined HHPC by transfer of membership from Hope Presbyterian Church on January 15th.*



## Easter Opportunities

- ❖ **Easter Egg Hunt** - Saturday, April 8th, at 1:00.  
*Each child needs to bring a dozen candy-filled eggs.  
No peanuts, please.*
- ❖ **Easter Lilies** - envelopes are in the pew racks for your convenience. The cost is \$8.00 per plant and the deadline to order is April 9th.
- ❖ **Palm Sunday** (April 9th) will be an observance of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem with the waving of palm branches by our children and special music.
- ❖ **Maundy Thursday Service** (April 13th) with the Lord's Supper at 6:00 PM.
- ❖ **Good Friday** - Outdoor Movie Night - *Risen*. 6:00 - Hamburgers & Hotdogs. Movie at dusk



### **April 16th - Easter Sunday**

- ❖ **Sunrise Service** - 6:30 AM. This service is led by the Youth.
- ❖ **Easter Breakfast** will be served after Sunrise Service (approx. 7:30) until 9:30. Envelopes are in the pew racks for your convenience.
- ❖ 8:30 and 11:00 AM **Worship** and 9:45 AM **Sunday School**.

# April 2017



## FUNDRAISER!

The Memphis City Sound Chorus will perform a benefit concert here for the purpose of raising funds for the orphans in Kitale, Kenya. They are hoping to “raise” a home, school and barn.

The concert is April 22nd at 7:00 PM.

An offering will be collected.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>Since Maundy Thursday is on the 2nd Thursday in April, the Men's Supper and Forever Young has been moved to the 6th.</b>			1
<b>2</b> The Lord's Supper 9:45 Confirmation Class 12:15 Pastor's Lunch	3	4	<b>5</b> 5:30 Supper 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir	<b>6</b> 6:30 Forever Young 6:30 Men's Supper	7	<b>8</b> 1:00 Easter Egg Hunt
<b>9 Palm Sunday</b> 9:45 Confirmation Class 12:30 Deacons	10	<b>11</b> 10:15 TOPS	<b>12</b> 5:30 Supper 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir	<b>13</b> 6:00 Maundy Thursday Worship w/The Lord's Supper	<b>14 Good Friday</b> Office Closed 6:00 Outdoor movie night	15
<b>16 Easter</b>	17	<b>18</b> 7:00 Marine Corps League	<b>19</b> 5:30 Supper 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir	<b>20</b> 10:30 Hope Circle	21	<b>22</b> 7:00 Memphis City Sound Chorus Benefit concert
23/30	24	25	<b>26</b> 5:30 Supper 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir	<b>27</b> 11:30 Sarah Circle 6:30 Session	<b>28</b> Central South Presbytery meeting in Montgomery, Alabama	<b>29</b> Central South Presbytery meeting

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

When my Mom's Dad died in 2005, I wrote down many of his sayings. I still think about them (and say them) often. *Fish and company smell after three days. Grandma was slow, but she was old. Age before beauty.* Lately I've been thinking about this one: *People do what they want to do.* My Grandfather was right. We do what we want to do, and until we make up our minds, no amount of coaxing will make any difference at all. The Bible says it like this: "Devote your heart and soul to seeking the Lord" (1 Chronicles 22:19).

What does this look like in our lives? When we want to be the best father or mother to our children, we will be. If, instead, we put other people or other things ahead of our family, then we willfully choose them over our children. When we want to love and serve the Lord, we will come to Church every Sunday. If, instead, we want to sleep late, travel, go fishing, etc., then we willfully put our own desires over "keeping the Sabbath day holy." When we want to deepen our relationship with the Lord, we will read the

Bible and pray every day. If, instead, we spend all our free time on Facebook and Snapchat, or watching television, etc., then we willfully choose those things over spending time with God.

So, what you and I are already doing is what we want to do. Some of it is good, and some of it is not so good. Let's "devote our hearts and souls to seeking the Lord." Let's start today. More and more, as we do what the Lord wants us to do, may those things also be what we want to do.

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**  
 Chiquita Paulson - **Interim 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

### *Time to Revitalize!*

Over the past several years, our denomination, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, along with some other denominations and churches, has been giving a great deal of attention to the declining number of Americans who attend church on a regular basis. The church in America is, in large measure, losing a majority of the younger generations. They show little interest in the church that we love so much. In a nutshell, the problem is that churches and church members do not like change. We like church to continue to be the way it has always been for us. Therein lies the problem. While the church is happy not changing, the world around us is never ceasing to change. Our culture is constantly on the move. Children study different subjects and in different ways than we did. Young people live their daily lives very differently than we who are older did. Social media was of little or no consequence to us. Today, it is where young people spend much of their lives, learn much of what they know, and even learn their values. To the culture of today, a church that is doing substantially what it did ten, fifteen or twenty years ago, that church is of little use or interest to them. We may want them to come to our church and be like us, but that is not going to happen, and if we are unwilling to change, we will become less and less relevant to the people living in our community who are younger than we are. I am not talking about changing the message. No, we must remain faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Without that we have nothing to offer to those who are inside of the church, let alone those outside of it. But it is difficult to look at ourselves and see what we need to change in order to be relevant to outsiders who need Jesus just as much as we do. It is far easier for churches to stay in our comfort zones, do what we have always done, and die a slow death. And many churches are doing precisely that.

As big a danger as that is for the church in North America, there is an even bigger danger confronting us, and that is the unrecognized need for revitalization in each one of us as believers. Just as it is easy for the church to fall into a rut, so it is easy for each of us to fall into a rut. We know what we believe. We know how and where we worship. We know what kinds of ways we serve the Lord in the church and in the community. We've gotten rather good at it, rather used to it, and rather comfortable in it. That in itself is not a bad thing. But while we are remaining comfortable in our faith, younger generations are dying for a Savior (literally) and don't even know it. They need to meet Christians who will not just try to convert them or get them to visit our church, but who will love them genuinely and patiently, showing them what Christianity really is by our love.

It is time for revitalization, not only for our churches, but for each of us as the bride of Christ. It is time for each of us to re-vitalize, to come to life afresh and anew, to see the need around us for the lost not to become more like us (as most of us would like them to be), but more like Christ, as God would have them to be. That is what God's Word says it means to be a Christian and a disciple of Jesus Christ. It's not just a label. It's a description of who we are to be. Many of us have gotten far too comfortable with the label. It's time for us to re-vitalize, and to expend our lives and energy in building the church of Jesus Christ, not just languish in its demise.

*With much love,  
Jerry Brundle, Assistant Pastor*



**JOIN US SATURDAY,  
APRIL 22, 2017 @ 9 AM  
AS WE WALK TO THE BEAT OF  
LIFE AT THE MEMPHIS ZOO!**

Life Choices is asking each fundraising walker to raise **\$200!** This covers the cost of a medical visit + counseling for one woman in a crisis pregnancy.

To register: <http://lifewalk.lcfriends.org/>



## It's Time to 'Spring' to a TOPS Excursion to Patrick's and Dixon Gallery & Gardens, April 11

If you are 55 or older, we'd love to have you – and a friend – join us on our April trip for home cookin' at Patrick's and a visit to a favored Memphis landmark, the Dixon Gallery & Gardens. Hope to see you!

### Patrick's, 11 am, 4972 Park Ave

Just down the street from the Dixon, the old Buntyn's Restaurant, now Patrick's, serves daily specials, plate lunches, vegetable plates, entrees, salads, burgers, sandwiches, soups, appetizers, and desserts. There will be tables set up for us in the room in the back. We're eating early to avoid the noon parking crush at Patrick's. Pastor Tim had to miss the "meat and three" at Silver Caboose; he won't want to miss this one!



### Dixon Gallery & Gardens, 1 pm, 4339 Park Ave

With its new exhibit, *"Scent and Symbolism: Perfumed Objects and Images,"* the Gallery boasts a collection of 140 unique and beautiful fragrance bottles from the Umi-Mori Art Museum in Hiroshima, Japan. The bottles date from centuries past and come from countries around the world. Additionally, there will be paintings and works on paper that evoke one's sense of smell. In the Gardens the focus will be on fragrant plants. We will have



*Bottle designed 1937 by Guerlain.*

guided tours of both the Gallery and the Gardens. Senior admission = \$3; Active military = Free

### RSVP

Linda Rush ([lrush@aol.com](mailto:lrush@aol.com), 386-4762) will need to know by Sunday, April 9, if you plan to join the group and if you want to ride the van. She will also need to collect \$3 from you so she can pay upon arrival at the Dixon.



*Our Tues/Thurs PDO kids with their teachers are watching a puppet show.*

### April Birthdays

1st	Evan Pollina
2nd	Ross Goodwin
4th	Randy Brockwell Dalton Lewis
8th	Peggy Payne Abbi England Jeff Thomas
10th	Sandie Brockwell
11th	Chloe Lewis
12th	Pegge Baughcum
13th	Kimber Street
17th	Martha Sharp
18th	Bayleigh Billings
20th	Anne Rhodes Kristi Peel Terry Butt
30th	Jamie Bowers Joey Clark



*What: Bridal Shower/Tea*

*For: Shannon Campbell*

*When: Sunday, May 7th  
after 11:00 Worship*

*Where: Fellowship Hall*

Registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond  
(It's Shannon Campbell in MS)

# ♥ CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ♥

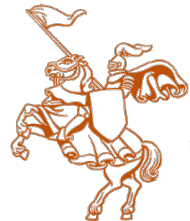
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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



DO YOU LIKE ALL THINGS MEDIEVAL? ARE YOU FASCINATED WITH KINGS AND QUEENS? THEN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS FOR YOU! WE WILL BE HAVING A MEETING VERY SOON TO INTRODUCE OUR NEW VBS CURRICULUM AND HOPE YOU MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND! WE WILL NEED MANY VOLUNTEERS AND I PROMISE THERE IS A JOB FOR EVERYONE! VBS THIS YEAR WILL BE THE 2<sup>ND</sup> WEEK IN JUNE SO MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW AND PLAN TO BE A PART OF THE KING'S ROUND TABLE!



### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



### ELLIE KATE BILLINGS

Our Student Spotlight this month is shining on Ellie Kate Billings. She is 7 years old and is a star student at Atoka Elementary School. From the beginning she has been a straight A student and has received numerous awards including "Reading Rockstar" and "Mathmagician!" But her talents don't stop there! Ellie Kate is also a star athlete for not just one, but two softball teams! She plays 1<sup>st</sup> base with the Dixie League softball team and left field for the TN Diamonds traveling softball team. In her spare time she loves to draw, write stories, read, and work math problems! You are really rockin' it Ellie Kate and we are so glad you are a part of our HHPC family!

Ellie Kate's parents are Ronnie and Jana Billings. She is also a big sister to Bayleigh Billings.

"We have to do what we can to help wherever and whenever it is possible for us to help." - Jackie Chan

Many hands make for light work and Children's Church and Nursery are looking for volunteers. If you can spare just one Sunday or even substitute to help with our ministry please contact me.

Jenny McCleary - Children's Ministry Director  
488-7099 or jenny.mccleary1@comcast.net

Squaawk...Ms. Ellie Kate was the first one to memorize February's Bible Verse! Who will be next?

### APRIL'S BIBLE VERSE

Be still, and know that I am God.

Psalms 46:10



Earn a Friendship Bracelet when you memorize your Bible Verse!



## SESSION NOTES

### From the February 23, 2017 meeting:

- 1) The elders approved the request of Blair and Todd Bringhurst to have their infant son, Andrew, baptized on Easter Sunday.
- 2) Gratitude was expressed to Chiquita Paulson for the outstanding job she's doing as the Interim Music Director.
- 3) Trivia Night will be Saturday, March 11th. The goal is to raise \$2,000 to purchase an acre of land on which to build a church next to our adopted orphanage in Kitale, Kenya.
- 4) The Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 8th, at 1:00 p.m.
- 5) Stay tuned for a revamped Rejoice and Recharge on Wednesday nights.
- 6) Unanimous approval was given to the revised HHPC Constitution presented by Rev. Brundle.
- 7) \$22,055 is in The Reverend Dr. James Quillin Memorial Fund, established for the purpose of purchasing a new church sign. A Task Force is working on the design and installation.
- 8) Debt Reduction Campaign receipts through February 23rd were \$153,384, which is 61% of the goal of \$250,000.
- 9) Through February 23rd, General Operating Fund receipts were \$57,697 and expenses were \$66,280 for a deficit of \$8,583. The reserve checking account balance is \$51,905.

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

### April Anniversaries

4th	Bobby & Martha Sharp
8th	Bruce & Nancy Howland
21st	Wes & Haley Moody
22nd	Robert & Shelly Ilsley
26th	Kevin & Rebecca England
27th	Ken & Susie Morrison Darren & Lori Brown



5th	Chicken Marsala, Noodles, Salad & Dessert
12th	Beef Burgundy, Rice, Salad & Dessert
19th	Fried Chicken, Corn on the cob, Salad & Dessert
26th	Hamburgers, Mac 'n' Cheese, Chips & Dessert



My painting was accepted into the Southern Watercolor Society Exhibition. Just can't believe it! It will be in Panama City. Road trip!



*Barbara Carter*



APRIL						1
2 Bible Lesson The Gospels	3	4	5 Meal Lesson Activity	6	7	8
9 Bible Lesson The Gospels	10	11	12 Meal Lesson Activity	13 Maundy Thursday	14 Good Friday	15
16 Sunrise Service Bible Lesson The Gospels	17	18	19 Meal Lesson Activity	20	21	22
23/30 Youth Car Wash on 23rd Bible Lesson The Gospels	24	25	26 Meal Lesson Activity	27	28	29

## Youth News



The Youth will have our Easter Sunrise Service out on the front lawn @ 6:30 AM. Come join us to celebrate the resurrection of Christ as the sun begins to rise as it did over the empty tomb.

As a fundraiser this year for summer camp, the youth will have a car wash after church on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. We know you will already be there so why not stay a little longer and get your car washed and vacuumed. All funds earned will be put towards the cost of summer camp for the youth.

The youth will have a lock in scheduled some time in April.

Thank you for all of your support!

Contact Jason Gatlin: [gatlinj007@gmail.com](mailto:gatlinj007@gmail.com).



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