

# Cornerstone

## Professions of Faith



This year's Confirmation Class included (*left to right*) Shannia Bailey, Alena Green, Lex Stone, JT Bowers and Lucy Gilliam.

- Shannia is the granddaughter of Nancy Howland.
- Alena is also Nancy's granddaughter.
- Lex is the son of Billy & Cortney Stone.
- JT is the son of Jeff and Kendra Bowers.
- Lucy is the daughter of Chris & Marie Schroeder.

They worked hard learning the catechism, and Pastor Tim and René have been bragging about how well they did on their test. They will always remember that they made their Professions of Faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior on Easter Sunday 2017.

# May 2017



## Closing in on the End!

It seems like school just started but we are already coming to the end of the year. We will be honoring this year's graduates on May 7th. Wonderful Wednesdays will take a break for summer on the 17th and resume on August 16th.

The youth will continue on through the Summer and the music groups will continue to rehearse until July when they also take a break.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 5:30 Supper 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir	4	5	6
7 The Lord's Supper Honor Graduates Bridal Tea	8	9 10:15 TOPS	10 5:30 Supper 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir	11 6:30 Forever Young 6:30 Men's Supper	12	13
14 Mother's Day 12:30 Deacons Volunteer @ Soup Kitchen	15	16	17 Last Wonderful Wednesday 5:30 Supper 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir	18 10:30 Hope Circle	19 5:30 PDO Graduation	20
21	22	23 7:00 Marine Corps League	24 6:30 Youth Activities, Ensemble, Handbells 7:30 Choir	25 11:30 Sarah Circle 6:30 Session	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day Office Closed	30	31 6:30 Youth Activities, Ensemble, Handbells 7:30 Choir			

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Easter Sunday this year at Highland Heights was outstanding, wasn't it? We had the largest crowd at the 11:00 service that I can remember, and I've been here seventeen years. The sunrise service was particularly good, too. Along with the sweet smell of the Easter lilies, there was also the smell of bacon and sausage! The Easter breakfast was delicious. It's become one of our favorite traditions.

We love to eat at HHPC, and I want to give a shout-out to the kitchen team headed by Tina and Bob Donan. A group of volunteers work with them. Week in and week out during the school year, they feed us a nourishing meal on Wednesday nights. My favorites are fried chicken, spaghetti and hamburgers, but all of the meals are wonderful. There are usually three or four desserts to choose from!

The kitchen team fed a large group when Presbytery met here in January. They also prepare and serve the meals at the Pastors' Lunches and at other events throughout the year.

Though they will be taking a break on Wednesday nights during the summer, Tina is already working on the menu for Vacation Bible School, when supper will be served each night.

Eating meals together was a central part of the life of the early church, as well. "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts" (Acts 2:42, 46). That's an apt description of HHPC, too.

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

This past Saturday was National Science Day, celebrated by (what else?) demonstrations in Washington, D.C and elsewhere in the U.S. Since I have a degree in Physics I thought it was pretty wonderful that Americans would turn out to lobby for more focus on Science. The celebration of Science Day didn't really begin in the U.S., however. It began in India to celebrate Dr. Chandrasekhara Raman's winning of the Nobel Prize for Physics for his work on the scattering of light as it passed through various materials. I was expecting to see in the demonstrations some lobbying for more money to be spent on researching dark matter or particle entanglement or how the incredibly complex DNA molecule could have evolved on its own with no Intelligent Designer.

But, alas, it was not to be. Turns out the celebration of National Science day was just another protest against Donald Trump, using the pseudo-science of global warming as a pretense to bash him. Their claim to want real science to prevail in our world turns out to be a false claim. They have no interest in either truth or science, but only in political rhetoric. They have no interest in real science, which has no answer, not even a theory, about how life came into existence without God (though they claim that it did), or why things in the universe are the way they are. Science only seeks to explain what the universe is actually like, not why it is that way or how it got to be that way. In so many ways, "true" science is not really always looking for

the truth, but for reasons to defend what it already believes. Now we have protestors claiming to want more science, when they really don't and probably have a pitifully small understanding of science anyway, and even if they did want more science, they would not want "true" science, but the science that supports their political objectives.



It seems that, in spite of the fact that the sum total of the world's knowledge doubles every five years, much of it in the fields of science, we do not seem to be getting more truth. It's getting harder and harder to know what is really true anymore. Unless, of course, you read a book that is completely unscientific, and in it Jesus the Son of God (which hasn't been proven scientifically) says, I am the way, and the truth, and the life. Ah! There is truth! Not truth that changes with new discoveries or with new political movements, but truth for all people for all times. Jesus is the truth. Bedrock truth. Dependable truth. Unchanging truth. Now, if we could only prove that scientifically. Of course, there is the empty tomb...

*With much love,  
Jerry Brundle, Assistant Pastor*

**SAVE THE DATES!!**

## JUNE

- ★ 10th - Foster/Campbell Wedding
- ★ 12th - 15th Vacation Bible School
- ★ 14th - Flag Day
- ★ 18th - Father's Day
- ★ 21st - First Day of Summer
- ★ 21st-24th - EPC General Assembly in Fair Oaks, CA
- ★ 25th - Patriotic Program with lunch



## TOPS

### Tour Elvis Presley's "Guest House" Luxury Hotel Enjoy Lunch in "EP's Bar and Grill"

**May 9, 11 am**

Want to tour the new elegant 450-room hotel at 3600 Elvis Presley Blvd? You won't find "tours" listed on the hotel's official web page, but we will have one, thanks to the suggestion of Ralph and Donna Hyde. Please join us for this special tour of the luxurious hotel and stay to enjoy lunch in EP's Bar and Grill. And remember: your friends are welcome to join us!

#### Guest House Tour, Begins 11 a.m.

The tour will be led by Brad, a former French student of Linda Rush. Brad is Catering Sales Manager, but is excited to be doing this tour. He has arranged for TOPS members to park on the grounds and will comp our parking tickets. The tour includes the entire first floor of the hotel, the meeting place, the theatre, a suite, a standard room, and the staircase. The free tour will last 45 minutes to an hour. Opened in 2016, this facility is totally accessible to those with walkers.

#### EP's Bar & Grill, Lunch, 11:45 or Noon

EP's Bar & Grill can seat 25 people at tables pushed together; there are also booths available. The menu includes appetizers, burgers, salads, pizza, plates, desserts and sandwiches – including the Elvis Presley grilled peanut butter and banana sandwich.

#### RSVP

Let Linda Rush (**386-4762, [lrush@aol.com](mailto:lrush@aol.com)**) know by Sunday, May 7, if you plan to participate so she can give an accurate reservation number to Brad on Monday, May 7. She will also need to know if you are planning to ride in the church van, carpool from HHPC, or drive straight to the Guest House. The HHPC van and carpools will leave HHPC parking lot no later than 10:10; individual drivers should allow plenty of time to arrive at the Guest House so the tour can begin at 11 am.

#### May Birthdays

1st	Jason Gatlin Josh Bond
3rd	Laura Drewry
6th	Lauren Fiveash
9th	Hannah Griffin
11th	Kylie Street John Blatt
13th	Pete McCarty Roy Mallard
15th	Tommy Holmes
16th	Jerry Brundle
19th	Randy Cheston
21st	Susan Schubert
22nd	Bradleigh Moody
25th	Debbie Johnston Garrett Sussey
28th	John Callies Carys Peel
29th	Jenny Redding



#### Thank You doesn't seem to be enough.

*Thank you for all the support and care John and I have received during this time of surgery and recuperation. We feel very blessed to have this family of faith showing us love. Your prayers have meant so much. There have been cards, calls, texts, gifts, visits, rides, help with tasks in the office, etc. Thank you, Thank you! Love, Rosie*

# ♥ CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ♥

May 2017



## UBS-2017

Vacation Bible School will be held June 12th through the 15th in the evenings. Bring your children! Invite your neighbor's children! Join us for "Over the Moat," where our children will see God's sovereignty, love, and faithfulness demonstrated in the life of David. Volunteers needed! Look for registration soon!

## EASTER EGG HUNT FUN!



Pastor Tim retells the Easter story using resurrection eggs.



A visit from the Easter Bunny made it complete!



### LEX STONE

Our Student Spotlight this month is shining on Alexander Stone, but we all know him as Lex! He is 8 years old and an excellent student at Donelson Elementary school. When he's not playing football or roller blading, you can find him playing with his wrestler action figures.

At church during Children's Time, many of us know Lex as the one who always knows the answers to Pastor Tim's questions! We won't be a bit surprised if one day we turn on the TV and see him on Knowledge Bowl! Lex, you are one great kid and we are so glad you are a part of our HHPC family!

Lex's parents are Cortney and Billy Stone.



The sky wasn't falling but Easter Eggs were!

Someone found all the special hiding places!



### MAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Lord, I will praise you with all my heart.

Psalm 138:1  
(NirV Adventure Bible)

Earn a Friendship Bracelet when you memorize your Bible Verse!



## SESSION NOTES

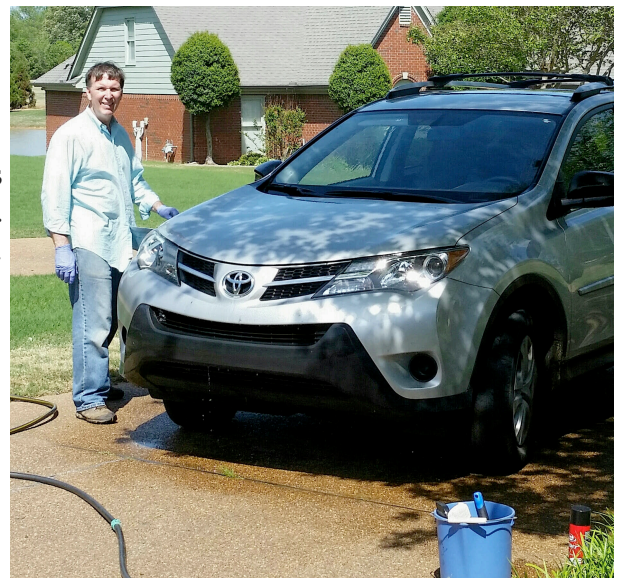
### From the March 23, 2017 meeting:

- 1) The children and youth in the Confirmation Class will make their Professions of Faith on Easter Sunday.
- 2) Assistant Pastor Jerry Brundle has finished his work at the Anna, Illinois EPC. Welcome back to HHPC, Jerry!
- 3) \$2,000 was raised at Trivia Night. The money will be used 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) The Easter Sunday schedule will be: Sunrise Service, Easter Breakfast, 8:30 Service, Sunday School, and 11:00 Service. Invite a friend!
- 6) A church-wide bridal shower will be given for Shannon Campbell, fiancée of John Knox Foster, on Sunday, May 7th.
- 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 March 23rd were \$154,474, which is 61% of the goal of \$250,000.
- 9) Through March 23rd, General Operating Fund receipts were \$90,208 and expenses were \$97,043 for a deficit of \$6,835. The reserve checking account balance is \$54,198.

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

Elder Rob McCleary washing a fellow member's really dirty car - the deluxe package inside and out. Your fruits of the spirit are a powerful witness.

*One thankful anonymous person.*



### May Anniversaries

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



3rd	Chicken Parmesan, Spaghetti, Salad, & Dessert
10th	Taco Salad with Sopapillas & Dessert
17th	Hamburgers, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, & Dessert

*A little Flag talk...*

**On Memorial Day (May 29th this year), if you have a flag pole you should fly your flag at half staff until noon and then raise it to the peak for the rest of the day.**



	1	2	3 SK8 Night Leave at 6 back by 8:15	4	5	6
7 Senior Sunday Begin new book lesson	8	9	10 Meal Lesson Activity	11	12	13
14 Book- Do Hard Things	15	16	17 Meal Lesson Activity	18	19	20
21 Book- Do Hard Things	22	23	24 Lesson Activity	25	26	27 Lock in
28 Book- Do Hard Things	29	30	31 Youth Summer Begin	MAY		

## Youth News



The car wash has been postponed until June for warmer weather and scheduling.

Youth will have our summer camp July 10 – 15<sup>th</sup>. It is camp of the Rising Son. It will be for ages 8 – 18. I will have more info posted May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Senior Sunday will be May 7<sup>th</sup>. We will have a slide show for Jonathan Wade, Laurie Holmes and Josh Foster. Join the graduates after for cake in the vestibule.

Youth will have a lock in May 27<sup>th</sup>, Stay tuned for details.

As always thank you all for your continued prayers and support.

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