

Cornerstone

A Closer Look at Lucy Marie Gilliam



In the May Newsletter we featured a picture of the Confirmation Class who made their Professions of Faith on Easter Sunday. We listed each person and their parents names. Now we will get to know them better.

Lucy Marie Gilliam was born on July 16, 2008 in Pikeville, Kentucky. She has two siblings: Annabel, 10, and Luke, 7. She has 4 pets: 2 dogs, Boss and Daisy, and 2 cats, Starburst and Wednesday. She loves to draw and her favorite color is turquoise. Her favorite book is Pippi Longstocking, and she loves going to the library. She enjoys listening to all sorts of music, but lately it's mostly 80s pop and classic rock. Her favorite subject is Science and she loves learning about

animals. She wants to be a veterinarian when she grows up. Her favorite thing to eat is a baked potato. Her other hobbies include cheerleading and swimming. She is the daughter of Marie and Chris Shroeder. She is also the great granddaughter of Virginia Roberson.

TOPS SENIOR ADULTS

Please Join Us
July 11 at 11:30 a.m.

~ FRESH SUMMER LUNCHEON

~ ART, ARTISAN, HANDCRAFT EXHIBIT

~ ENTERTAINMENT BY MUSICIANS/SINGERS STEVE & BECKY DEAUX

Tuesday, July 11, at 11:30 in the HHPC "dining room," we will enjoy a rather different type of TOPS event. And we hope our well-rounded group will enjoy participating.

Don't be shy – please share woodworking, painting, welding, quilting, sculpture, pottery, smocking, needlepoint, cross stitch, a short writing, photography, etc. that you have created, even if it was "another lifetime ago," as many, if not the majority of the contributions will be. One or two pieces from several folks would make a wonderful exhibit of the God-given talents of our TOPS members. You can bring items to Linda Rush on Sunday, July 2 or July 9, or call to have her pick them up (386-4762) prior to the event. She wants to have them titled and properly displayed BEFORE everyone arrives for the luncheon.

There will be time for everyone to peruse the exhibit before we enjoy a variety of fresh and appealing appetizers, salads, desserts, and beverages.

The crowning treat will be having the talented and beloved Steve and Becky Deaux sing and play for us after lunch.

In order for us to provide the correct amount of food, your **RSVP and a \$7 per person lunch cost will be due to Linda Rush by Sunday, July 9.** You may also make a reservation at lrush@aol.com or 386-4762. We welcome your friends; be sure to include them on your RSVP form.

July 2017



Our Annual Patriotic service with special music will be July 2nd. Uniforms are appropriate. There will be a time in the service to recognize each branch of the armed forces.

We don't put on a fireworks display (nothing wrong with fireworks), but we worship God and thank him and the men and women who have guaranteed our Freedoms. We love our country.

After the service we will have a potluck luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to share.

Also, it is our turn to serve at the Soup Kitchen at 1st Presbyterian Church downtown. Please see Steve Allen or Jason Gatlin if you can help on the 2nd at 1:45.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		There are no music rehearsals during the month of July.				1
2 Patriot Service 12:15 Potluck Luncheon 1:45 Soup Kitchen	3	4 Office Closed 	5 No Youth Activities	6	7	8
9 The Lord's Supper	10	11 11:30 TOPS	12	13 6:30 Men's Supper 6:30 Forever Young	14	15
YOUTH WILL BE AT SUMMER CAMP						
16	17	18 7:00 Marine Corps League	19 6:00 Youth Activities	20 10:30 Hope Circle	21	22
23/30	24/31	25	26 6:00 Youth Activities	27 6:30 Session	28	29

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

One night at VBS, a teacher said to me, "We have children here from four of the seven continents!" She had a big smile on her face, and her observation put a big smile on mine, too. Munhuush and Grace are from Mongolia in Asia. A visitor and her daughter are from Kenya in Africa. Two families from Venezuela in South America who worship with us regularly brought their children. The rest of the children, of course, were from the Greater Memphis area in North America. They all had a great time at one of the best Vacation Bible Schools HHPC has ever had.

It was a first for Highland Heights - a reflection of the changing demographic of Memphis. But on a deeper level, it was a reflection of a congregation who, like Jesus, "loves all the children of the world - red and yellow, black and white," for we believe "they are precious in His sight."

Don't you think God is pleased when a particular Church begins to resemble the make-up of heaven?! Jesus was quoting Psalm 107:3 when He said, "People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at

the feast in the kingdom of God" (Luke 13:29). My hope and prayer is that the Lord will continue to work through HHPC to draw to Himself people from the "four corners of the world." Maybe next summer Jenny McCleary and her team of volunteers will be teaching the love of Jesus to some children from Europe and Australia. The only reason I didn't include Antarctica is because it's virtually uninhabited!

"In Christ there is no east or west," we sing, "in Him no south or north; but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth."

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 - **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

As most of you know, Pastor Tim and I spent the better part of last week at the EPC General Assembly meeting in Sacramento, California. Now, having a meeting somewhere in California, or Florida (or Michigan!) might make one think that the primary emphasis of the meeting was an opportunity to enjoy the fun and sun in one's spare time. While there was a good deal of sun in Sacramento, with temperatures in the 100's each day, the focus of the meeting, or even a small part of the meeting, was not dedicated to having fun. Unless you define fun as having a meeting in a beautiful setting, filled with 12 hour days of worship, prayer, education, fellowship and the conducting of the important business that a church denomination must deal with on an annual basis.

I would not use the word "fun" to describe the week. But I would use words like "worshipful, uplifting, encouraging, Christ-centered, joyful, and fulfilling." In the three days devoted primarily to the business aspects of the meeting, we had five complete worship services. The worship service on Wednesday night was very contemporary, loud and demonstrative. The 500 or so elders and pastors and guests in attendance ate it up, and the participation was overwhelming, even though it was a little extreme for me and some of the others. I had to wonder if perhaps the EPC was overall much more contemporary than I had previously believed, and if there would be a place for more "traditional" worship. We found out the next night! There was a 100+ member choir, a 28 piece orchestra, a magnificent organ, and we raised the roof singing

traditional hymns. And again, the participation of the 500 or so elders and pastors and guests in attendance was overwhelming, even though it was a little too traditional for some in attendance. These two services couldn't have been more different, yet as a congregation the very same people worshipped as if each was their favorite kind of worship.

Why was that?

Because the focus of the worship was not on what style each of us preferred, but on worshipping our Lord Jesus Christ as a unified and loving body of believers. It was not about us; it was about Him. Regardless of the worship style, the preaching was outstanding, Bible-based, Christ-centered. In addition to the five worship services, over the three days, we broke for prayer in excess of thirty times, with some of the prayers being extended prayer sessions. So, was General Assembly fun? No. Was it wonderful? Yes! Am I glad I went? Yes! I can't wait until next year when we do it all over again, here in Memphis at Hope EPC. Isn't it wonderful to be a part of a fellowship of churches whose focus isn't political correctness or worldly values, but whose focus is in celebrating and sharing and worshipping our great God in Christ Jesus our Lord!

*With much love,
Jerry Brundle, Assistant Pastor*



**TOPS at
the Metal
Museum**

Food Costing More - Still in the Plates - Orphanage Awaits Harvest



PASTOR Chris recently shared these updates. "The children are in school with classes and exams. After classes, they are responsible for helping with washing clothes and keeping their sleeping area clean. Volunteer ladies have trained some girls to prepare beddings for the young ones. There is also time for recreation to play soccer. Some children like to learn poetry and praise singing.

"We are moving forward with the two acres of land you helped us purchase. The sugarcane is a few months from harvest. Volunteers from the local Bungoma church have been fertilizing it, and the sugarcane is healthy. We are not sure when it will be harvested because the sugarcane company determines when it is ready.

"The orphanage/school will be constructed after harvest and as we are paid for the sugarcane. We will let you know how much we have received then we will start building the school. We will work closely with you.

"Please pray for the children, the crops and the construction of the school. "For some months now, Kenya has been experiencing too little rain, and that has threatened the nation's food supply. The food price in the country has gone up since May. The government is importing food from other countries, so many stores have increased their prices of food stuffs. We have been utilizing the food funds to make sure we budget well for the food of the orphans. We thank God for the blessings that we have experienced from our supporters in the U.S. We have seen a great miracle in the purchase of the land, food and support. Those blessings that cause us daily to thank God."

In his service, Pastor Chris

GOD'S GOOD WORK is in you. Consider how very little food the orphans would have if God had not directed Highland Heights to this saving work. We praise his benevolent leadership to care for his people. Barb and I are so very grateful for your loving hearts to faithfully feed these children.

Highland Heights - making a difference, changing lives.

Pastors Learning to Offer Bread for Life

FOR 14 months, Bible training schools have formed in Kitale, Lugari Kamukunywa and Bungoma, Kenya. Also, they are in Mbale and Bugiri, Uganda and Uganda. These schools total about 250 church leaders desiring to become pastors in their villages. One With God supplies teaching lessons and books to enhance the studies and the conferences at which we teach.

The teachers are Pastors Philip, Lawrence (right) , Bruce, Jane and another pastor from Bungoma. The schools will be graduating some students this November during our visit to Kenya and Uganda.

Ways to Pray

1. Pastor Chris' car is broken. Please pray for repairs or the means for a new car, essential to his ministry.
2. The sugar cane crop on orphanage land to grow well and produce an abundant crop with a good market price.
3. For the gospel's true teaching.
4. For the children's health.
5. For all of us to minister to their needs in God's purpose and power.

Psalm 119:1-2 *Blessed are they whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord. 2 Blessed are they who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart.*

Thank you, Bob & Barb James

♥ CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ♥

July 2017



"Over the Moat" UBS was held the week of June 12-18 and we had royal fun! Our church was transformed into a medieval castle and our children enjoyed making medieval crafts, competing in knightly games, and singing songs that praised our one true King, Jesus! Our last night culminated with a grand feast complete with food fit for a king, a knight's fight demonstration, and knightly games. On that evening, everyone was a King or a Queen! Many thanks to all those that helped make this fun week possible!



A hole-in-one with noodle spear throwing!



David versus Goliath!



Puppet plays with Finnegan!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

ALINA GATLIN



Our Student Spotlight this month is shining on Alina Gatlin! She is 12 years old and just finished 6th grade at FACS. Alina loves cheerleading and cheers for the football and basketball teams at FACS. When she's not cheering, she plays setter and backup libero in volleyball for FACS middle school. As with many girls, Alina loves to shop, dabble in make-up, swimming, arts and crafts, and being social.

Alina is an honor roll student and is always willing to help at home, at school, and at church. Many Sundays you will find her helping with Children's Church during the 2nd service. Alina, you are one great kid and we are so glad you are a part of our HHPC family! Alina's parents are Traci and Jason Gatlin, and brother Aven.



Our Royalty enjoying the Court Jester's jokes!



A Princess indeed!



Jousting Relay Races!

JULY'S BIBLE VERSE

Let everything that has
breath praise the Lord.

Psalms 150:6

SESSION NOTES From the May 25, 2017 meeting:

- 1) Chris Schroeder's request to be baptized was approved with joy.
- 2) Chiquita Paulson was hired as Music Director. Hallelujah!
- 3) 39 children have enrolled in our Parents' Day Out program this Summer, an increase of 14 from last Summer.
- 4) Gratitude was expressed to Bud & Mitzi Goodwin for the beautiful landscaping work they've done at the Church.
- 5) The balance in the Kenya Orphans Fund is \$968. Our pledge is \$1300/month, which provides three meals/day for 80 orphans.
- 6) Joey Clark's parents, Richard and Susan Clark, are giving a reception for Joey and Amanda in the Fellowship Hall on June 24th from 3:00-5:00 p.m. for those who weren't able to attend their wedding in Virginia.
- 7) The congregation is cordially invited to the wedding of Shannon Campbell and John Knox Foster on Saturday, June 10th, at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
- 8) \$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.
- 9) Debt Reduction Campaign receipts through May 25th were \$155,399, which is 62% of the goal of \$250,000.
- 10) Through May 25th, General Operating Fund receipts were \$163,839 and expenses were \$172,465 for a deficit of \$8,626. The reserve checking account balance is \$52,410.

Please continue to pray for our pastors, elders and congregation



There aren't words to express how grateful René and I are to all of you who have done so much for John Knox and Shannon. Your love and support of them in the form of prayers, hugs, words, and gifts have touched our hearts.

Thanks also to the many hands who helped us prepare for the rehearsal, rehearsal dinner, wedding, and reception.

We love you. It is a joy to serve as ...

*Your Pastor and Friend,
Tim*

July Anniversaries

2nd	Chris & Marie Schroeder
8th	Jeff & Kendra Bowers
17th	Danny & Kathe Spencer
19th	Bill & Phyllis Agnew
20th	Pete & Janis McCarty
31st	Jerry & Barb Brundle

July Birthdays

1st	Rosie Blatt
4th	Mary Laura Fryman Caples
5th	Phyllis Agnew
6th	David Thornton
13th	Noah Sussey Betty Goodwin
14th	Kay Tusa Wayne Johnston
15th	Don Forte
16th	Christopher Buchanan Lucy Gilliam
17th	JT Bowers
21st	Thomas Holmes
22nd	Kendra Bowers Keira Bowers
24th	Heather Griffin Abby Rodriguez
25th	Donna Hyde Jenny McCleary
26th	Will Brockwell Don Rush
27th	Terry Davis Jim Nichols Jackson Peel
28th	G.C. Lewis Courtney Stone
31st	Linda Mace

JULY						1
2 Jason Out	3	4	5 Jason Out	6	7	8
9 Service	10 Summer Camp	11 Summer Camp	12 Summer Camp	13 Summer Camp	14 Summer Camp	15 Summer Camp Return
16 Lesson on Grace	17	18	19 Lesson & Activity	20	21	22
23/30 Lesson on Pride Lesson on Sin	24/31	25	26 Lesson & Activity	27	28	29

Youth News



This month's big topic is summer camp. We will be gone from the 10th to the 15th. The Youth will enjoy many activities as well as two talks daily. It is sure to be a memorable

experience.

Thank you all for your continued support. We will eventually get a car wash on the schedule that will work with youth and weather.

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