

Cornerstone

A Closer Look at Shannia Bailey



This is the second installment of our "Closer Looks" at the kids from the Confirmation Class. Shannia Desireé Bailey (Shy) is a graduate of HHPC's PDO program and currently attends St. Ann Catholic School in the third grade. She is a member of the St. Faustina Youth Society, a service organization for St. Ann students.

Shy's extra-curricular activities include basketball, Karate and learning to speak Spanish. She also enjoys reading, collecting miniatures and playing Minecraft with her Dad.

Shy has four cats - Parish, Breaux, Thibodeaux and Boudreaux.

She is the daughter of Brian Howland and the granddaughter of Bruce and Nancy Howland.

Dear HHPC Family,

I am so excited to be the Interim Children's Ministry Director! I have had the pleasure of working with Jenny the past few months, and I have been able to learn so much from her. She has done great things with the kids here at church, and I am very excited to continue with what she has started, as well as help our children's ministry grow! My mind is full of exciting new ideas for our children and I can't wait to get started!

With that being said, thank you all so much for being so supportive and welcoming since my family and I have returned home. I have always loved Highland Heights, and am so passionate about my own children growing in and learning about the Lord, and both of those facts lead to my passion about spreading that same goal to all of the children that step through the doors of our church.

Blessings to you all!

Marie Schroeder



Did you catch the Children's Sermon Sunday? Marie was able to put a wooden skewer straight through a balloon! The kids (and adults) were pretty amazed, and then they got to practice the balloon trick themselves during Children's Church! How do they do it?! All due to *gentleness* (and some dish soap...)

"When we are gentle with each other, we are able to work together, get things done, have fun, and be happy! And most importantly, we glorify God with our words and actions."

August 2017



On Monday, August 21, 2017, all of North America will be treated to an eclipse of the sun. Anyone within the path of totality can see one of God's most awe inspiring sights - a total solar eclipse. This path, where the moon will completely cover the sun and the sun's tenuous atmosphere, the corona, can be seen, will stretch from Salem, Oregon to Charleston, South Carolina. Observers outside this path will still see a partial solar eclipse where the moon covers part of the sun's disk.

Are there any recorded solar eclipses in the Bible?

"Let this Messiah, this King of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe." Those crucified with Him also heaped insults on Him. At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon." Mark 15:32-33.

Matthew 24:29 also foretells of a solar eclipse. It says, "Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened."

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 6:00 Youth 7:00 Choir	3 10:00 Sew & Sews 5:30 PDO Open House	4	5
6 The Lord's Supper	7 PDO starts Fall Semester	8 11:30 TOPS	9 6:00 Youth 7:00 Choir	10 6:30 Men's Supper 6:30 Forever Young	11	12
13 12:15 Deacons	14	15 7:00 Marine Corps League	16 Wonderful Wednesday Resumes 5:30 Supper 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir	17 10:30 Hope Circle	18	19
20	21 Solar Eclipse - start watching at 11:52 - use special glasses	22	23 5:30 Supper 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir	24 11:30 Sarah Circle 6:30 Session	25	26
27 Honor First Responders	28	29	30 5:30 Supper 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir	31		

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Most people have preferences. While everyone needs transportation, some prefer a car over a truck or an SUV. Some prefer GM over Ford or Chrysler over Toyota. Others just call Uber.

The same thing is true for Christians. Most Christians have preferences. While all believers need to go to Church, some prefer a traditional service over a contemporary service; some prefer a blend of music styles. Others prefer a smaller congregation over a larger one. Some prefer traditional architecture; others don't.

Churches are unique. What are some of the things that set Highland Heights apart from some other congregations? To begin with, we really do believe the Bible is God's Word and that Jesus is "the Way, the Truth and the Life" (John 14:6). Several other things come to mind: at HHPC, we sing a variety of Christian music, we believe worship is the most important thing we do all week, we have an outstanding PDO, we have activities for all ages, we are a friendly congregation, and we feed 80 children a day in our adopted orphanage in Kenya. What would you add to the list?

One of the Elders and I were talking the other day about marketing the DNA of Highland Heights. One of the messages we might want to put on Facebook, Instagram and on our new sign is: "Want to sit in a pew? Come to Church here" or "Want to help us take care of orphans in Kenya?"

What makes you "glad you come to (this particular) house of the Lord?" (Psalm 122:1). Have you shared some of those reasons with friends and family who aren't going to Church anywhere? If you haven't, will you - please?

Remember that I love you, and please continue to be faithful in worship and in giving.

Your Pastor and Friend,




CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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 Lydia Johnson
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 Nikki Bond
 Lori Brown
 Traci Gatlin
 Deborah Johnston

FROM THE ASSISTANT PASTOR'S DESK

I have now been an active golfer for more than 60 years. I guess if you had told me 60 years ago that this is as good as I would get at it, I might have taken up another hobby. But having said that, in spite of years of play and practice, I have taken three golf lessons over the past two weeks. It's not that I have forgotten how to play, but my game has deteriorated a bit this year, and I figured it was time for a tune-up. So the pro has watched every aspect of my stance, my grip and my swing, and has identified a few changes that will improve my game. Nothing really major. A little thing here, a little thing there, but already I can see some improvement in how straight and how far I hit the ball. It's amazing to me how such small changes can improve my game noticeably. But I never would have been able to diagnose my problems without a professional giving me a "makeover." It's like a revitalization of my game. And, I must admit, I am rather excited about it.

Most of you know that we are in a process of church revitalization here at HHPC. We have been doing ministry for a lot more than 60 years, and we do most things very well. But just as over time we change, so over time the world in which we live changes. And how we attract, and minister to, and share in worship with those who are looking for a church home may need a little freshening up. Like

golf lessons, it's merely the process of looking very carefully at all of the things we do in ministry and seeing if we can tweak them here and there to make us better at what we do. We have formed a Church Revitalization Task Force to spend some time in the coming months and years to evaluate opportunities for us to be a fresher church for people of all ages in the culture in which we live. We aren't looking for major changes, and certainly not any changes just for changes sake. We do too many things very well already. But we want to be the best we can be, for our congregation, for our community, and for our Lord. I hope that you will be as encouraged about our church's efforts to be the best church we can be as I am about being the best golfer I can be. This is much more important, and I believe it will be most pleasing, if not downright exciting, for all of us in the months and years ahead.



*With much love,
Jerry Brundle, Assistant Pastor*



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Suzanne is Larry Denman's mother.

TOPS Members Invited to “Fly” off Aircraft Carrier in F/A-18 Super Hornets, F-35Cs, and F-35Bs

“Aircraft Carrier: Guardians of the Sea”



If you’ve been in the Navy or Marines, know someone in the Navy or Marines, or are just a proud American, this is the film for you.

Tuesday, **August 8**, TOPS will visit the nice, cool **Pink Palace Museum** (3050 Central) to experience the CTI 3-D film, twelve years in the making, about America’s military defense.

“You will find yourself aboard a carrier alongside 6,000 highly skilled sea and air personnel, in the midst of a giant war simulation. With the participation of 22 allied nations and more than 50 ships and submarines, 200 aircraft and 25,000 military personnel, a RIMPAC exercise is an astounding experience, and you will be in the center of the action.” What a great event to follow the recent commissioning of the stunning USS Gerald R. Ford aircraft carrier in Norfolk.

The film starts **promptly** at 11:00; please be at the ticket counter around 10:40 to get your ticket from Linda. Following the film, we will enjoy lunch at **La Baguette** (3088 Poplar) in Chickasaw Oaks.

Please RSVP and give \$9 by Sunday, August 6, to Linda Rush. If we have a group of 15 or more, she will return \$1 to you. The van and carpools will leave HHPC at 10. There is elevator access to the theatre.

A Backward Glance: YOU did it! You made the July TOPS Art/Craft Exhibit, Luncheon, Drama, and Music event a most memorable one as 34 members gathered to admire the amazing display of talent and to enjoy each other’s company. Thanks so much to the 25 members who brought more than 125 hand-made items to share, those who provided drama and music, and the countless folks who stepped in to help with set up and clean up!! Don and Linda also want to thank you for the gift card to Firebirds; it was so unexpected and very appreciated!



This isn’t everyone who attended the July event. Some left before the picture was made.



Back to School Party on Wonderful Wednesday, September 13th.

There will be more details to come. *We can let you in on a little secret: the menu for that night will be hamburgers.*

**We hope to see you at all the
Wonderful Wednesdays!**

One Child's Work is Another Child's Pleasure: Operation Christmas Child



If you've been in Target or Wal-Mart lately, you've seen them - deep discounts on back-to-school items such as markers, crayons, scissors, colored pencils, colored paper, etc. Many of these items are perfect

for inclusion in the **Samaritan's Purse**

Christmas shoe boxes. Why not purchase some things now while you can get more "bang for your buck?" The savings may help you fill an extra box this November. *Shoe box collection week is November 13-20, 2017.*



August Birthdays

1st	Risa Rodriguez
4th	Janet Quillin Shelly Ilsley
5th	Clint Bowden
6th	Kathryn Bendall
7th	Ben Drewry Hayden Peel
8th	Lin Fryman Velda Sell
11th	Ed Peel
13th	David Allen
14th	Amber Grant Chris Street
18th	Bobby Ilsley Bob James
19th	Emma Drewry
20th	Brandon Brown Danny Spencer
21st	Gil Lewis
22nd	Charle Dunstan
25th	Nikki Bond
26th	Jenny Pollina Courtney Tucker
28th	Sue Armour
29th	Vickie Moore
30th	Rebecca England Sandra Pritt
31st	Carlee Street



The mission sewing group, the Sew & Sews, will meet on Thursday, August 3, at 10 am in the gym. We will start

working on the kits for Days for Girls. Can't sew, come anyway. There will be lots to do, that doesn't require sewing expertise. We will need to trace patterns, layer materials and cut things out.

To start with we will be working on things that need to be put together. At a future date, we'll need help putting kits together. Please come and join us on this great project.

There are some items that we will need to have donated. We need small individual soaps, like you get from hotels; and washcloths, (medium thickness). There will be a box outside Rosie's office to collect the items.

We also need monetary donations to cover things that need to be purchased from Days for Girls and other needed supplies for the kits. Some of these items will be purchased from the international organization that is available at wholesale prices. If you would like to contribute to this project, please make checks payable to the church (HHPC) and note that it is for Days for Girls.



“What’s Your Emergency?”

Have you ever had to call 9-1-1? The first question they ask you is, “What’s your emergency?” You tell them what’s going on and they know which emergency personnel to send to help you.

What would happen if no one came? What about if the people who

came only knew how to drive the vehicle? Did you know that in the 1950’s the people who came to help you only knew how to load you up and transport you to the hospital. There were no EMTs. Now people with specialized training are there to help.

Trained personnel are there to help if you have a fire, or if you are the victim of a crime or if you are in an accident or suddenly become ill. We should be grateful for all of these people who are here to help. We call them First Responders.

We will honor and show our appreciation to the First Responders in our Church Family on August 27th. Uniforms are appropriate.

August Anniversaries

2nd	G.C & Dot Lewis
4th	Billy & Cortney Stone
12th	Tim & René Foster
13th	Paul & Lesa Hart
14th	Scott & Laura Motley
20th	Don & Linda Rush
26th	Randy & Janice Cheston
29th	Nick & Kim Batson

Third Time’s the Charm?

The Youth are planning a car wash for Saturday, August 26th. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate and enough youth will be available to make it successful. More details will be coming.



How Does Summer Keep Getting Shorter Every Year?

It seems like schools just dismissed for the Summer and now it’s time to start the Fall semester.

While the Youth have continued to meet all Summer, every other group has taken some sort of break. The Choir and the Ensemble took off the month of July and will resume rehearsals on the 2nd of August. The Bell Choir will resume on the 16th. Wonderful Wednesdays will start up on the 16th with a favorite meal... Hamburgers! Adult Bible Study and children and youth activities will be in full swing.

Wednesdays are a great time to get plugged in for a little extra charge in the middle of the week. We live in a hectic world. We need the solace of this place.



16th	Hamburgers, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Chips, & Dessert
23rd	Taco Salad, Nachos, Sopapillas, & other Desserts
30th	Meat Loaf, Potatoes, Broccoli, & Dessert

AUG		1	2 Jason out	3	4	5
6 Jason out Understanding how prayer works	7	8	9 Lesson and Activity	10	11	12
13 Lesson Understanding prayer as a relationship	14	15	16 Wed.night meal & corn hole tournament	17	18	19
20 Lesson Your relationship with God	21	22	23 Meal, Lesson and Activity	24	25	26 Car wash
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Youth News

Our trip in July to MVP summer camp was amazing. All who attended had an excellent time, grew closer to Christ and are already planning to attend next year. I have been asked to sit on the planning board for the camp next year and the EPC has taken

interest in becoming more involved in the camp. HHPC, All Saints and Covington were the first EPC churches to attend and it looks like we may have started a tradition.

Looking forward, August is our back to school month. Please pray for the youth as they are transitioning into new classes and schools.

The lessons for this month will be focused on Prayer. So many times the youth may not pray because they are afraid they will do it wrong. Many times they don't know what to ask for or even if they should be asking. So we will discover what God says about prayer with Luke 11: 9-13 and other Bible stories of how God has answered prayers.

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