

# Cornerstone

## Meet New Member, Todd Bringhurst



Todd Franklin Bringhurst was born on April 1, 1977. His mother, Karren, passed away after a long illness in 2013. His father, Scotty, lives in Bartlett and his younger brother, Preston, lives in Memphis. Todd grew up in Bartlett and graduated from Bolton High School in 1995. He started working at FedEx when he was 18 and has been there ever since. While working at FedEx, Todd earned his Associates' Degree from State Technical Institute in Memphis. Last year he was promoted to Operations Manager and is excelling at the job.

We just recently celebrated our second wedding anniversary on April 4th. Todd is one of the most loyal and hardworking people I have ever known. He didn't grow up going to church but during the last 10 years he has really let God into his life and he has become a faithful Christian and a wonderful father. We are raising our children, Emily and Andrew, to know the Lord. Todd makes a point to always lead us, as a family, in prayer. He was so honored to join HHPC on Easter Sunday.

My kids are 5th generation HHPC members. I was raised here and to have a husband that has now joined in that tradition, and is proud to do so, makes me incredibly happy. He hopes to be able to switch off days in the near future so that he can become a more active member and attend more Sunday services and get to know more of the HHPC family. As a family we are going through some big changes. Todd bought a house and moved to Oakland in 2007. Todd and I have just recently sold that house and are about to break ground on a new home in Olive Branch. During the building of our new home we will be sort of displaced for 6 months and ask for prayers that this whole process goes smoothly. I am so proud of my husband and to be able to call myself his wife. *Blair Bringhurst.*

### Hope Circle Making Sandwiches for the Soup Kitchen



We serve at the Soup Kitchen three times a year. One of the things we serve is sandwiches. Where do the sandwiches come from? They are donated. We try to do our part. Several times a year our women's circles make sandwiches and deliver them downtown to 1st Presbyterian.

# June 2017

## Menus for VBS



- **Monday** - Taco Salad or Nachos, Sopapillas & Cookies
- **Tuesday** - Spaghetti, Salad, Bread & Cookies
- **Wednesday** - Sloppy Joes, Cole Slaw, Chips & Cookies
- **Thursday** - Roasted Chicken, Roasted Carrots & Green Beans, Salad, Loaves of Bread, Mock Fish Dessert (Spiced Applesauce Turnover)

*Hot Dogs will also be served each night.*



*Dolgor and Enerel back together again at the Franklin Graham event.*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 The Lord's Supper	5	6	7 6:30 Youth Activities, Ensemble, Handbells 7:30 Choir	8	9	10 3:00 Foster/ Campbell Wedding
11	12 Vacation	13 Bible School	14 Flag Day 6:30 Youth Activities, Ensemble, Handbells 7:30 Choir 5:30-8:30 each	15 10:30 Hope Circle night	16	17
18 Father's Day	19	20 10:45 TOPS 7:00 Marine Corps League	21 6:30 Youth Activities, Ensemble, Handbells 7:30 Choir	22 11:30 Sarah Circle	23	24
25 Youth Car Wash after Church	26	27	28 6:30 Ensemble, Handbells 7:30 Choir	29	30	

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

René makes the best homemade chicken salad - hands down. The boys and I beg her to make it and then we inhale it. Our favorite recipe includes red grapes. She cuts them up, and they add a sweet taste. Hold that thought about the grapes.

My next sermon series is on "The Fruit of the Spirit" (Galatians 5:22-23). The Apostle Paul wrote that a natural result of our Christian faith is Christian behavior. When we trust Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, the Holy Spirit then produces in us behaviors that honor God and please people in our lives. A major part of God's grace is that we don't have to force ourselves to live disciplined moral lives; just as God called us to follow Him, He also gives us the ability to love Him and love one another in tangible ways.

Paul wrote, "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." Isn't it interesting that he refers to these behaviors with a singular noun, "fruit"? Think about a bunch of grapes - many grapes in one bunch. God is telling us that He gives us the whole package. All

Christians have the God-given ability to major in all the virtues Paul listed. It's not that some of us have more love and others more patience or that some of us are faithful while others of us are gentle. The Apostle is teaching us that the fruit of the Holy Spirit in our lives is a complete package.

We're going to spend the next couple of months reflecting on those virtues. Many of us travel in the summer, so please listen to the sermons you miss on the website. The sermon notes are always there, 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

I have just finished reading the biography of Nikola Tesla, one of the greatest visionaries and inventors who ever lived. In the late 1800's and early 1900's, Tesla's name was one of the most well known in all of the scientific community, as well as the general population of much of the world. He had many innovative thoughts about the use of electricity to change the world in which we live. In fact, much of his popularity came from his periodic announcements to the world that he was working on something that would be the greatest invention of all time. He had ideas about how to communicate via wireless radio and television (which hadn't even been invented yet) all around the world. Since no one had ever succeeded in sending a radio signal even 100 miles when he made his announcement, the scientific community was shocked. He made many such audacious claims.

The problem was, most of them never came to pass. Yes, he did invent the electric AC motor, which indeed has changed the world, and a few other inventions, but his grandest claims never came to fruition. Eventually, his investors ceased to finance his projects, since he could never seem to move from the conceptual stage to a genuine working product, regardless of the amount of time and money he spent working on them. He had a brilliant mind, and a passionate desire to succeed, but he never got around to making his ideas work.

It seems a pity. Such a waste of mind and promise, all because he couldn't force himself to do what he needed to do to bring what he believed he could do from concept to reality.

When I finished the book, I realized that each of us is, to some degree, like Tesla in our own failures to actually do what grand things we could do if we really focused on doing them, and not just imagining how good it would be if we did them. And nowhere is our failure more pronounced than in our walk with the Lord. Our problem is not so much in understanding what God wants us to do with our time, gifts and resources, but in actually doing what we ought to do. Tesla died in poverty, generally considered a man of great potential, but compared to his potential, a failure to do what he could have done.

Each of us has potential. We are not all the same. God has given to each of us different gifts and abilities and circumstances. The question is not how we can imagine how good the world would be if everyone were good and kind and honest and loved and served the Lord. The question is whether we will be who God has created us to be. As James says, *"But be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."* (James 1:22). Knowledge, plans and intentions are wonderful, but what we do as disciples of Jesus Christ is what really matters.

*With much love,  
Jerry Brundle, Assistant Pastor*



## SPRING IS A TIME OF RENEWAL!

That's what is happening all around the Church building. Bud and Mitzi Goodwin have been cleaning out, sprucing up and planting new plants in all of the flower beds. They look great! A HUGE Thank you to them for all their hard work. A well-kept building and grounds let's visitors know that we care about God's house.

Take a look at the refreshed flower beds. Bud said, "While I am on security duty, I want something nice to look at." And so he got to work.



# Highland Heights Presbyterian Church

## Food Pantry Mission

Matthew 25:35: *"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in."*

Please support our ongoing mission to help families and individuals in need of food and basic necessities. Our goal is to provide simple but nutritious meals. You can help by supplying any items from the following list. From time to time we will request specific items as needs arise.



Peanut butter  
Jelly in squeeze bottle  
Plain apple sauce in cups  
Fruit cups  
Pudding (*vanilla or chocolate*)  
Granola Bars or Cereal Bars  
Power Bars  
Pancake mix (*needs water only*)  
Syrup  
Bisquick  
Saltines (*packaged in sleeves*)  
Single serve Chef Boyardee items  
Ravioli/Spaghetti-O's  
Single serve soup - chicken  
noodle or beef vegetable  
(*with pull tab openings*)

Regular size cans of soup with  
pop-up tops  
Ramen noodles  
Boxed or canned juice  
(*individual sizes*)  
Trail mix  
Packages of nuts  
Dried fruit (*Please NO fruit roll  
ups; they turn to mush in  
the heat*)  
Individually packaged pretzels/  
goldfish/cookies  
Any kind of boxed pasta  
Spaghetti Sauce with veg or meat  
Macaroni & cheese  
Tuna/Chicken Helper  
Canned tuna or chicken large/  
family size for Tuna Helper  
Small boxes of powdered milk  
Pouches of tuna (*plain, in water*)  
Boxed rice  
Individual packets of oatmeal  
Pop Tarts (*NO iced - icing melts*)  
Bottled water  
Individual juice boxes (*white  
grape or apple*)  
Unopened take-out plastic  
utensils

### June Birthdays

2nd	Sarah Johnson Shannia Bailey
3rd	Jonathan Wade Debbie Hummel
6th	Paul Pritt
7th	Lawrence Holmes
9th	Traci Gatlin
11th	Bill Agnew
12th	Jean Whitaker
13th	Jim Whitaker Deborah Womack
14th	Katie Dobson Koski
15th	Pam Golden
18th	Dot Jenkins Jana Billings
19th	Linda Rush
20th	Anthony Pollina
22nd	Kathe Spencer
23rd	Carolyn Allen
25th	Paul Redding
26th	Jenette Thornton
27th	Maxine Wade

**Canned Goods:** (*Please  
NO Dented or Past  
Date canned goods*)

kidney beans  
black beans  
green beans  
baked beans  
corn  
diced tomatoes  
white potatoes  
sweet potatoes

# ♥ CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ♥

June 2017



## UBS-2017



Vacation Bible School planning is underway and we are going to have fun! Our medieval adventure will be held June 12th through the 15th in the evenings from 8:30 to 8:30. Then on Friday, June 16 we will have a family movie night starting around 8:30 pm. Bring your children and invite your neighbor's children to join us for "Over the Moat" where our children will experience a royal, medieval life and see God's sovereignty, love, and faithfulness demonstrated in the life of David. Registration is online. A \$10 charge per child covers the cost for a t-shirt and "Over the Moat" name tag and pencil pouch.



*"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."*

- Mahatma Gandhi

Find yourself and fun in the Children's Ministry!  
Please help serve our children once a month!

### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

#### AVEN GATLIN



Our Student Spotlight this month is shining on Aven Gatlin! He is 9 years old and just finished 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at FACS. As you can see by his picture he loves football. He plays running back and linebacker for the Bartlett Panthers. But that's not the only sport he excels in! He also plays basketball for First Assembly Crusaders.

Aven also enjoys playing chess and is a member of his school's chess club. At home he enjoys playing video games and like his dad, cheering on his favorite football team, Ohio State.

And that's not all! Aven is an honor roll student, has received an award for being *Most Christ-Like*, and earned the *Crusaders Award* for sportsmanship. Aven, you are one great kid and we are so glad you are a part of our HHPC family! Aven's parents are Traci and Jason Gatlin, and sister Alena.

Wow! We are so proud of our children who are learning their Bible verses!

### JUNE'S BIBLE VERSE

The Lord is good to all.

Psalm 145:9



Earn a Friendship Bracelet when you memorize your Bible Verse!

# SESSION NOTES From the April 27, 2017 meeting:

- 1) On Easter Sunday, Todd Bringhurst joined the Church by Reaffirmation of Faith, and Andrew Bringhurst, infant son of Todd and Blair Bringhurst, was baptized.
- 2) Also on Easter Sunday, Shannia Bailey and J. T. Bowers joined by Profession of Faith; and Lucy Gilliam, Alena Green and Lex Stone joined by Profession of Faith and Baptism.
- 3) \$430 was raised at the benefit concert for our orphanage in Kitale, Kenya. Special thanks to the Memphis City Sound Chorus!
- 4) Thanks to Marie Schroeder, who has volunteered to be the Church's social media coordinator.
- 5) First Presbyterian Church in Starkville, MS will vote next Sunday on joining our Presbytery in the EPC. Let's pray many other congregations in Mississippi will follow suit.
- 6) 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.
- 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 April 27th were \$155,324, which is 62% of the goal of \$250,000.
- 9) Through April 27th, General Operating Fund receipts were \$137,607 and expenses were \$138,227 for a deficit of \$620. The reserve checking account balance is \$60,414.

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

## June Anniversaries

1st	Richard & Sue Armour
6th	Don & Deb Wade
9th	Ralph & Donna Hyde
12th	Shea & Holley Sullivan
14th	Jeremy & Courtney Tucker
16th	Steve & Becky Deaux
18th	Bob & Tina Donan
20th	Larry & Cindy Phillips Phil & Linda Mace
22nd	Quinton & Mary Laura Caples
25th	Josh & Nikki Bond Drew & Debbie Perkins
27th	David & Elizabeth Dennie
29th	Bill & Janice Dalrymple

## TOPS to visit METAL MUSEUM June 20, 10:45 a.m.

In May, everyone had a good time and a delicious meal at the fancy pants resort hotel, The Guest House and Elvis Presley Café. The only complaint? "Those burgers were very good, but too big!!"

June 20, we will visit the METAL MUSEUM on its 3.5 acres at 374 Metal Museum Drive, down on the river. It stands across from the 1801 Fort Pickering and on the site of the former US Marine Hospital, established in 1798 by President John Adams. Two of the existing METAL MUSEUM buildings are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Besides viewing the regular exhibits and more than 20 pieces of metal sculpture in the sculpture garden, we will enjoy the temporary exhibit, "Metal in Motion." "This exhibit features artists whose work involves moving parts, whether hand-operated or motorized. The pieces invite the viewer to interact with the art." Some works have a day-to-day practical use; others are intended for entertainment and amusement.

The \$5 senior admission fee includes a 45-minute guided tour. The HHPC van and carpools will leave the church at 10 am. Those who want to take their own cars, should meet there at 10:45. Remember, we love to have HHPC first timers, as well as personal guests and friends, to join us.

Afterwards we will lunch at either Tug's in Harbor Town or at Majestic Grille on S. Main. Please RSVP by Sunday, June 18, to Linda Rush (386-4762 or [lrush@aol.com](mailto:lrush@aol.com)). Watch the Sunday bulletin and Weekly Updates for further details.



JUNE				1	2	3
4 Lesson Do Difficult Things	5	6	7 Swimming @ Jason's	8	9	10 Wedding
11 Lesson Do Difficult Things	12	13	14 Practical Wed Lesson	15	16	17
18 Lesson Do Difficult Things	19	20	21 Practical Wed Lesson	22	23	24
25 Lesson Do Difficult Things <b>Car wash</b>	26	27	28 No activity	29	30	

## Youth News



Once again, I congratulate our graduates and their parents on a job well done. Godspeed on wherever their journey takes them.

We will continue to work through Do Difficult Things this month on Sundays. We will explore how to raise your own expectations

and how God can help you.

June 7<sup>th</sup> – As the church will be prepping for the wedding, we will be meeting at my house for swimming. If weather does not allow, we will do game night at my house.

For the remaining Wed this month I am beginning a series on practical lessons. Some of these may be simple things you already know, some things you may not, but all are practical application lessons.

Car wash on the 25th after Church.

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