

Cornerstone

A Closer Look at Alena Paige Green



Alena lives in Brighton, Tennessee with her parents, Randy and Bethany Green. She is a junior at Brighton High School and is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, DECA and FCCLA. She plans to attend college after High School.

Alena's interests include dance and cheer. She is currently on the varsity cheer squad. She loves cats so much that she has five. Her favorite thing to do on vacation is to go on a cruise.

Alena is the granddaughter of Bruce and Nancy Howland. She made her Profession of Faith and was baptized on Easter Sunday and is very happy to be a member at HHPC.

TOPS Southern September Adventure



You've asked for it...here it is. Tuesday, September 12, we will be eating at Sweet Pea's Southern Cookin' (5824 Stage) in Bartlett at 11 am and going to the newly expanded and wildly popular Southern Vintage Company (4210 Altruria), a 12,000 square foot antique mall with 90 vendors, around 12:30. This Bartlett antique mall is all on one level, and there are plenty of places to rest and chat with friends as desired. No admission.



Remember, if you can't do both activities you can do just one. You can join us for lunch only, or you can meet us at SVC around 12:30. We need to know, however, what your plans are.

Parking is somewhat limited at Sweet Pea's so if you wish to ride the van, it will be leaving HHPC at 10:40. RSVP by Sunday, September 10, by contacting Linda Rush at lrush@aol.com or by calling her at 386-4762. (Come and visit Connie Thornton's booth at SVC!) And remember: We invite you to bring a friend or a neighbor who would like this activity.

September 2017



SUMMER ISN'T OVER YET!

School may have started, but Summer isn't over yet. The Autumnal equinox is September 22nd, when the hours of daylight and darkness will be nearly equal. Then the days will be getting shorter.

Pretty soon you will see everything either pumpkin spice flavored or scented. The retailers want to get you in the proper Fall mood for Halloween and Thanksgiving quickly followed by everything red, green and pine.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 The Lord's Supper	4 Labor Day	5	6 5:30 Supper 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir	7 6:30 Men's Bible Study	8	9
10 12:15 Deacons	11	12 11:30 TOPS	13 Back to School Bash 5:30 Supper 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir	14 6:30 Men's Supper 6:30 Forever Young	15	16
17	18	19 7:00 Marine Corps League	20 5:30 Supper 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir	21 10:30 Hope Circle 6:30 Men's Bible Study	22 First Day of Fall 2:00 Presbytery Meeting at Faith EPC, Germantown	23 8:00 Presbytery Meeting continues
24 <i>Memorial Sunday</i>	25	26	27 5:30 Supper 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir	28 11:30 Sarah Circle 6:30 Men's Bible Study 6:30 Session	29	30

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Did you know that Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest reached out to the black citizens of Memphis after the Civil War? It's a part of his narrative that's not being told. He was called the "Wizard of the Saddle," because of his Calvary's many victories, and my Great-Great-Grandfather served under his command. Ten years after the war ended, in November, 1875, Forrest professed faith in Jesus Christ and joined his wife as a member of the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church downtown. Even before his conversion, he was warmly received when he spoke before a black civil rights group here in Memphis. I've been telling our youth "the rest of the story" for years at the annual Fall Youth Retreat at Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park.

So, it hurts my heart when someone, with shovel in hand, says he wants to dig up General Forrest and his wife, who are buried under his equestrian statue. Recent editorials, posts and news coverage have highlighted the fact that he fought to preserve slavery but have failed to mention his very-public change of heart.

Can people change or, more accurately, can God change people? Absolutely! The Bible is full

of conversion stories, as is history. Haven't each and every one of us been on the wrong side of an issue at one time or another and been convicted by Scripture to change our attitudes and our behavior?!

I don't think taking down or moving Confederate statues and monuments is going to help in the fight against racism. Only Christian belief and practice can do that. Christ and Christ alone enabled Nathan Bedford Forrest to affirm Galatians 3:28 - "There is neither Jew nor Greek, *slave nor free*, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

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**
 Marie Schroeder - **Interim Children's Ministry Dir.**
 Mary Smith - **Financial Administrator**
 Rosie Blatt - **Administrative Assistant**
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 Cindy Phillips - **Organist**
 Bikram Ranapheli - **Guitarist**
 Jason Gatlin - **Sound Technician**
 Chrissy Thornton - **Parents' Day Out Director**
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 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

A Greater Disaster by Far

As you read this article, hurricane Harvey and its aftermath are ravaging people in the path of the storm, especially in Texas and Louisiana. Many will lose everything they have, especially the poor, who have no insurance or savings on which to fall back upon. While deaths are expected to be low, the suffering will be tremendous for many, many people. We must hold them in our prayers, and find ways to contribute to those who desperately need assistance.

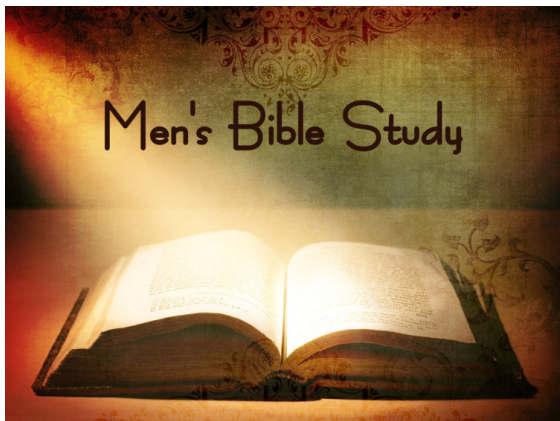
As terrible as hurricanes and other natural disasters are, God uses them, at least in part, to open our eyes to the greater disaster that is affecting not just a few million people in Texas and Louisiana, but our nation coast to coast and north to south. That disaster is unbelief in the One True God and His Son, Jesus Christ. When I was young, I used to watch the Billy Graham crusades on television. I was always struck by his compassion for the lost, those who had not accepted the free offer of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. If he were healthy enough today, I could see him in my mind preaching powerfully to our nation, and to our world, saying "You care about people losing their homes, and their possessions, and members of their families, and even their own lives, and that is good, but where is your compassion for those who are in danger of losing everything? Losing everything in this world, including our earthly lives, is nothing, nothing, compared to losing eternal life in heaven with the Father!"

I miss Billy Graham, because no one else has, as yet, been sent by God to step into the role of modern-day prophet to America the way he was. Yet the need is even greater, as more and more people, even whole generations, are increasingly turning their backs on the God who gave them life and who loves them. What is the solution to this disaster? Who will bring salvation to those drowning in sin? The answer is the local church. It is the people of every true church in



America who must reach the unsaved. It is us, you and me. It is why God calls upon His people to tithe, not so the church will be beautifully adorned, though the House of God ought to reflect God's glory, but because it was always God's plan to save His people through His churches. When you are encouraged to tithe and to give generously, it is not so we can give raises to the staff. It is so we can do the work that God has called us, you and me, to do here in Memphis and around the world. A great storm is upon our nation. And we are being called to man the lifeboats. May we not be found wanting!

*With much love,
Jerry Brundle, Assistant Pastor*



Expanding the Men's Ministry

The Men of the Church currently have a once a month (2nd Thursdays) supper that includes a devotional. The Session has approved a plan to expand the ministry to have a men's Bible Study on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Thursdays of every month in addition to the Men's Supper. The time would be 6:30. Steve Allen is the point of contact for this valuable ministry. Please see Steve if you have questions or suggestions. We would encourage all the Men of the Church to attend and invite your friends.

SESSION NOTES From the July 20, 2017 meeting:

- 1) The request of Todd Jamieson and Sandra Magana to be married at the Church by Dr. Foster was approved with joy; the date is TBD.
- 2) Jenny McCleary is no longer going to be the Children's Ministry Director, but will continue to work with the new Interim Director, Marie Schroeder. Thank you, Jenny, and welcome aboard, Marie!
- 3) A new shade structure (a large canopy) and new benches are going to be added to the playground.
- 4) A Task Force is being formed to look for and interview candidates for the vacant Young Adult Ministry Director part-time position and for a new part-time position, Contemporary Music Leader, who will work with our guitarist. One person filling both positions is an option, as well. Dr. Foster is the Chairman. Will you please pray for this group?
- 5) Another Task Force is being formed to continue the Session's goal of church revitalization. Rev. Brundle is the Chairman. Will you please pray for this group, too?
- 6) The Reverend Dr. James Quillin Memorial Fund, established for the purpose of purchasing a new church sign has a balance of \$22,333. The Task Force working on the design and installation hopes to present a proposal next month.
- 7) Debt Reduction Campaign receipts through July 20th were \$156,324, which is 62% of the goal of \$250,000.
- 8) General Operating Fund receipts through July 20th were \$230,783 and expenses were \$239,918 for a deficit of \$9,135. The reserve checking account balance is \$51,055.

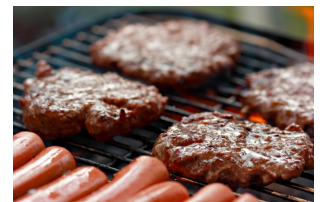
Please continue to pray for our pastors, elders and congregation

Children's Ministry



Our Back to School Bash will be Wednesday, September 13.

Dinner begins at 5:30 and will be hamburgers and hotdogs. At 6:30, while the adults are in Bible study, our kids will be enjoying an inflatable water



slide, sno-cones and cotton candy, face painting, and more fun!



What should I put in a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child?



Start with a quality “wow” item such as a stuffed animal, soccer ball with pump, or clothing outfit that will capture the child’s attention the instant he or she opens the box. See gift suggestions according to age and gender listed on

Operation Christmas Child’s website for other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies to fill the shoebox. It costs \$9 to ship a shoebox. Not everyone will pay the shipping fee. If you choose, you can make a donation for shipping for someone who can’t pay the shipping.

Shoe box collection week is November 13-20, 2017.



Do Not Include



Candy; toothpaste; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

No time to pack your own shoebox?

You can [Build a Shoebox Online](#) in less than 5 minutes!

If you build a shoebox online, Samaritan’s Purse does all the leg work; you just pay for it.

September Birthdays

3rd	Elizabeth Pritt Jeff Bowers
6th	Susie Morrison
7th	Don Wade Lori Brown
8th	Brenda Paoni
9th	Judy McMillen
12th	Tom Bright
13th	Morris Hudspeth Boyd Griffin
16th	Justin Bryant
18th	David Dennie
19th	Ralph Hyde
25th	Samantha McKeller
26th	Samantha Ilsley
29th	Emily Bringham
30th	Eli Womack



Everything is going great for the Days for Girls mission project. The group has the first part of the project completed. The Millington Quilt Guild has started on the bags and

making progress. They hope to have the bags completed after their next work day on September 19. We only have two more parts of the project to complete - the last sewing project and putting the kits together.

The Sew & Sews are gearing up to start working on the next part of the Days for Girls project this month. We have set the following dates as work days: September 14, 15, 16, 18 and 29. These are all subject to change depending on the amount of work completed on the first couple of days and workers availability. Watch the bulletin for updates.

FALL ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

On September 10th:

- Pastor Jerry's Pathfinders' Class will begin studying the EPC "Leadership Training Guide," a summary of the history and beliefs of the Christian Church
- Janis McCarty's Impact Class will begin studying the New Testament book of Acts
- Pastor Tim's Beacons' Class will begin reading "God Space: Where Spiritual Conversations Happen Naturally"
- Lesa Hart's Women's Class will continue studying all the women in the Bible
- Eli Womack's College & Career Class will continue studying the Protestant Reformation and its leaders

Do You Know What This Is?

Every now and then people will inquire about the items on this flap. While it may seem self-explanatory, it probably could bear some clarification. This is the flap from your Sunday bulletin. As it says at the top, we want you to pray for these people. We have them grouped. The top group are people in the military. The second group has in the past listed our police officers. We have expanded the list to include all of the first responders we know about.

The Shut-in of the Week is chosen in alphabetical order. Sometimes people will be reminded to visit, call or send a card to a shut-in.

The Family of the Week is also chosen in alphabetical order.

The people under the "Prayer List" heading are dealing with illness and remain on the list until they ask to be removed or we know they are well.

Hospitalized is obvious but why do we leave it there when no one is in the hospital? We can be thankful that no one in the hospital.

Remember in Prayer

Serving Our Country

MAJ Thomas Holmes
Chris Johnson
AMN Russell Mann
Ron Owen
MAJ Paul Pritt
2LT James Michael Thomas
LT Ian Underhile
Jason Vandewalker
LCDR Tim Foster

Serving as First Responders

Jeff Allen - MFD
Nick Batson - Jackson PD
Kevin England - MPD
Chris Street - MPD
Russell Mann - MFD
James McMillen - AFD

Shut-in of the Week

Mary Bailey
3150 Lichen Drive
Bartlett TN 38134

Family of the Week

Tom & Jean Bright
Evan
3991 Herons Landing Lane
Lakeland TN 38002

Prayer List

Munhuush Amgalan
Joan Bingham
Rosie Blatt
Argeline Brower
Joe Cole
Elizabeth Dennie
Amy Spencer
Jimmy Whitaker

Hospitalized

September Anniversaries

1st	Gerhard & Susan Schubert
5th	Bob & Barb James
20th	Paul & Jenny Redding Chris & Laura Drewry
30th	Ed & Kristi Peel Jim & Jean Whitaker



Pastor Tim spent 2 weeks serving as Chaplain aboard the *USS Mobile Bay*. The second week was devoted to sea trials. The weapon being tested is a "sea wiz."



6th	Italian Chicken, Noodles, Salad & Dessert
13th	Hamburgers, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Chips, & Dessert
20th	Spaghetti, Salad & Tiramisu
27th	Lasagna, Salad & Dessert

SEPTEMBER					1	2
3 Lesson - grace	4	5	6 Trampoline Park	7	8	9 Jason out
10	11	12	13 Meal, Lesson and Activity	14	15	16
17 Lesson - Grace wrap up	18	19	20 Meal, Lesson and Activity	21	22	23
24 TBD	25	26	27 Meal, Lesson and Activity	28	29	30



Youth News

I would like to thank the donor for the funds needed to purchase a new laptop for the youth. It was generous and will help greatly with many of the church's technical needs.

For September we enter a little bit of a quiet time. Summer has flown by and many have just started school and are getting into their new routines. October 13-15 will be our Nathan Bedford fall retreat and before you know it Thanksgiving and Christmas. Time just flies.

The youth will be studying Grace over the next few weeks. We started in August with Max Lucado's book "Grace" and will continue with it and other sources through September. "Do you clean yourself up so God accepts you? No, God accepts you, then cleans you up."

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