

# Cornerstone

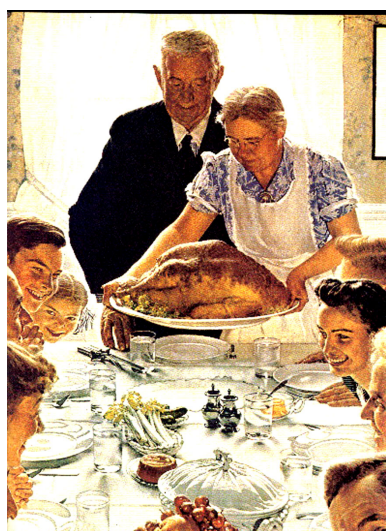
## A Closer Look at JT Bowers



JT (Jefferson Troy) is a 3rd grader at Briarcrest Christian School. He enjoys playing football, basketball and lacrosse and loves watching the Florida State Seminoles. He excels at numbers and can always be counted on to know the latest college and NFL football scores. JT made his profession of faith on Easter Sunday, 2017. His big sisters are Keira and Jamie, and he is the son of Jeff and Kendra Bowers.

**FLOOD RELIEF!** Barb James went to Houston soon after Hurricane Harvey wreaked havoc on the area. She worked with Samaritan's Purse and laid some ground work for us to be able to take a group. Initially, we thought we would go after Christmas during the break from school. As it turns out, Samaritan's Purse will also be taking a break. Hopefully, we will be able to send a team in March.

## THANKSGIVING TRADITIONS!



Does your family have Thanksgiving traditions? Maybe your family watches the parade or cooks all day and eats in the evening. Some of us like to eat in the middle of the day (that means there will be time for a nap). Your Church family has a tradition, too. We have a feast the Sunday before Thanksgiving. A team of folks led by the Donan's will prepare a feast with all the trimmings. You only need to bring your appetite. There will be envelopes in the pews to register your family. The cost is the same as Wednesday dinner which is \$6 for adults 19 years old and up, \$3 for 5-18 year olds and under age 5 are free. Use the envelopes to let us know how many are coming and for your convenience you may include your payment. However, don't let that stop you from registering because the envelopes are mainly to get a count as we will take payments at the door if you prefer. Presbyterians love to eat but mostly Presbyterians love each other and enjoy time together.

# November 2017



## The Lord Provides

*The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food at the proper time.*

*You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.*

Psalm 145:15-16

Please note: There will be no Men's Supper in November.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 5:30 Supper 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir	<b>2</b> 6:30 Men's Bible Study	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>  The Lord's Supper Congregational Meeting	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 5:30 Supper 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir	<b>9</b> 6:30 Joint Session and Deacons' meeting	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 12:15 Deacons	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 11:00 TOPS	<b>15</b> 5:30 Supper 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir	<b>16</b> 10:30 Hope Circle 6:30 Men's Bible Study 6:30 Session	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection - November 13-20						
<b>19</b> 12:15 Thanksgiving Dinner Gratitude Gift Offering	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7:00 Marine Corps League	<b>22</b> No Supper or activities	<b>23</b> 	<b>24</b> Office Closed	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Gratitude Gift Offering	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 5:30 Supper 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir	<b>30</b> 11:30 Sarah Circle 6:30 Men's Bible Study 6:30 Forever Young		

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Salvation Army bell ringers and red kettles are two of the iconic symbols of Christmas, aren't they? Back in the day, the bell ringer was sometimes dressed up as Santa Claus and at other times in their uniform. Today he or she might just wear a Santa Claus cap. The money collected is used to fund many of the outreach ministries of the Salvation Army.

For a couple of hours on Saturday, November 25th, I'm going to be a bell ringer at the new Kroger in midtown. It's something I've always wanted to do. A number of us at HHPC have signed up. Want to join us? There are still a few open slots. Contact Deacon Lesa Hart at 901 647-5348.

Ring bells for the Salvation Army is the kind of thing we'll be doing when we launch Service Sundays. Once a quarter, teams from HHPC will go out after worship to serve with various Christian organizations or in other ways. It's going to be a corporate way for us to obey what Jesus called the Greatest Commandment - "loving the Lord our God and loving our neighbor as ourselves" (Matthew 22:38).

Some of the options we're exploring include: volunteering with some of the other Salvation Army ministries, serving at the Soup

Kitchen at 1st Presbyterian Church downtown (helping with the meal or in the Clothes Closet), taking a meal to firefighters at our local Fire Station, participating in Cop Stop (police officers on duty stop by the Church for a meal), volunteering at Life Choices, and visiting in nursing homes.

Where would you like to serve? What ideas do you have? Please take the time to let Lesa Hart or me know.

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**  
 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

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**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

Perhaps I am beginning to sound like a broken record (if you don't know what a record is, let alone a broken record, ask your parents), but once again I am overwhelmed by what is happening in our country today. When I was in college, it was almost unheard of for a politician or a newscaster to be suspected of intentionally lying or misleading. Of course, it happened, but generally the public was outraged when the lying or deception was clearly revealed. So much has changed in recent years. Today, we have to question almost everything a politician or a news reporter says, because almost no one is held accountable for being a liar. Yesterday, the IRS was fined for all of the lying and corruption surrounding the illegal treatment of conservative businesses seeking tax exempt status under the Obama administration. It was an almost unbelievable scale of illegal actions by public officials who lied about even the very existence of the corruption right up to the president himself. Yet, now that it has been proven to have taken place, not a single public official or employee has been prosecuted or fired either for the crimes that were committed or for lying about it after the fact. And the mainstream media is barely covering the story. It seems that they, and a major portion of the general public, want to get what they want, whether the person whom they are hoping to get it from gets it honestly or not.

Sadly, honesty and integrity and goodness are disappearing from the public sector in direct proportion to the degree in which Christianity and its values are being extinguished from the

schools and the public sector. That should not be surprising to believers, but it is a very sad thing to watch happening in the country we love. Unless things change, the future of our great nation appears bleak indeed. There is only one solution and one hope.

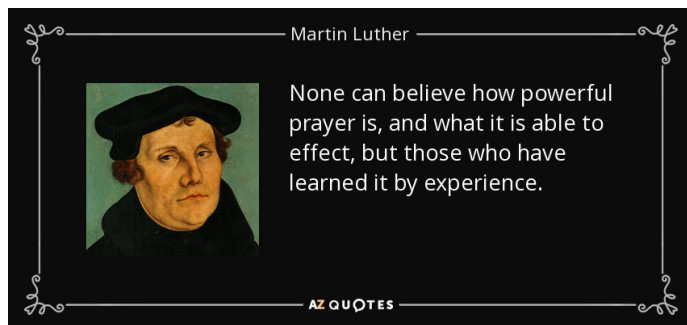
And that is in the Lord.

The church in our nation has got to begin to really reach out to unbelievers with love and truth, the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For too long the church has been comfortable in serving its own, helping the needy and being "good" people, but not focused on Christ's Great Commission to go into the world and make disciples. And many, many people in our country live their lives without any understanding of the God who loves them and the Savior who died for them. It's time we took his Commission seriously, welcomed many believers into the kingdom for His glory and their salvation, and took back the nation that the Lord has given to us. It is not only what God wants and has commanded us to do, it is the only hope for our nation as we know it.



*With much love,  
Jerry Brundle, Assistant Pastor*

## WHO OR WHAT ARE YOU PRAYING FOR?



Martin Luther prayed for hours everyday. In fact the busier he was the longer he prayed. Why did he spend so much time in prayer when he had so much to do? He learned "by experience" the power of prayer.

Do you have prayer list? If you don't, you can start with the flap in the bulletin and add to it.

Right now is a good time to add

Bob & Barb James to your prayer list. They are about to embark on a journey that will take them to see Bob's mother in Wisconsin and then on to Africa to work with the Pastors as they take them materials and teach them classes. They will also see the kids that we are helping to feed. Thank you for supporting this ministry.





### SESSION NOTES From the September 28, 2017 meeting:

- 1) Shelly, Will and Blake Stackhouse joined the Church by Transfer of Membership on September 10, 2017.
- 2) A mission trip to work with Samaritan's Purse on flood relief in the Houston, Texas area is being planned for December 26-30. (*Editor's note: Watch for a March date as December is not a good time*).
- 3) Stay tuned for details about Service Sundays when once a quarter teams from HHPC will go out after worship to serve with various Christian organizations or in other ways.
- 4) \$2,200 was collected for Hurricane Harvey Relief and will be sent to Samaritan's Purse. Thank you for your generosity.
- 5) First Presbyterian Church, Malden, Missouri left the PCUSA and has joined us in Central South Presbytery of the EPC.
- 6) A gift of \$50,000 has been received. 12% of it (2% more than a tithe) has been given to the three new Church developments in our Presbytery - \$2,000/each); \$44,000 has been earmarked for evangelism and revitalization at HHPC.
- 7) 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 is close to presenting a proposal.
- 8) Debt Reduction Campaign receipts through September 28th were \$156,799, which is 62% of the goal of \$250,000.
- 9) General Operating Fund receipts through September 28th were \$304,503 and expenses were \$318,431 for a shortfall of \$13,928. The reserve checking account balance is \$47,116.

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



**The Quillin Memorial Fund** was established for the purpose of replacing our current Church sign with an eye-catching sign that has an electronic message board that will allow us to keep the public informed of our current activities. After much research and discussion the task force commissioned to bring a proposal to the Session was able to do so at the October meeting. The proposal for the new Church sign and electronic message board was approved. Hopefully it will be installed in January. A mock-up is in the lobby. *Pictured is an artist rendering of the proposed sign. The sign is 2-sided to provide messaging for vehicles traveling in both directions.*



**November 13-20**

**10:00 to 4:00**

## Did you see the green squares on the calendar?

Those are the days that HHPC will be a shoebox collection location. Terry Davis and her team will be manning this location to collect the individual boxes that will be dropped off here. They will pack them in cartons to go to their next destination in their trek to go to children all over the world. For helpful information on filling your box, use this link:

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

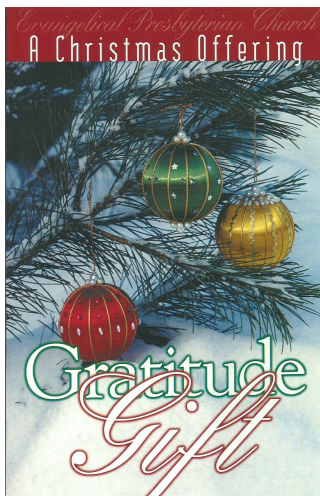
**Cookies,  
Cookies,  
Everywhere!**



This will be our fourth year to ship cookies to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Starting November 5th - 12th please bring your homemade or store-bought cookies. We will need to pack them after Church on the 12th. If anyone has any Pringles cans or tins they could donate that would also be appreciated. They will need to be shipped on the 13th in time for Christmas delivery. If you don't want to make or buy cookies you could make a monetary donation for the shipping. Contact Cindy Perkins at (901) 634-1750 or [cindytp@bellsouth.net](mailto:cindytp@bellsouth.net) or Becky Deaux at (901) 299-3396 or [dilnbeck@aol.com](mailto:dilnbeck@aol.com) for more information.

## November Birthdays

1st	Phil Mace Abby Perkins Ethan Redding Fred Tremont
2nd	Gayle Stratton
5th	Perk Perkins
8th	Carol Erdmann Janis McCarty
9th	Clint Buchanan Alex Grant
11th	Nancy Howland
12th	Lee Boughton
13th	Toni Ware Lex Stone
14th	Barb Brundle Candace Oatsvall Lowery
18th	Tina Donan
19th	Ronnie Billings Joe Dobson
20th	Mitzi Goodwin
22nd	Richard Armour
29th	Marie Schroeder
30th	Kevin England



## Gratitude Gift - A Christmas Offering

The Evangelical Presbyterian Church, of which we are affiliated, collects an annual offering for the purpose of helping to support retired ministers and missionaries. These flyers and an envelope will be available in the lobby beginning November 12th. Please place your envelope in the offering plate on November 19th or 26th. If you choose not to use the envelope, please put *Gratitude Gift* in the memo field of your check. The funds collected will be deposited in our account, and one check will be sent from Highland Heights to the EPC. Please prayerfully consider a gift for these faithful servants.



## November 14 TOPS Goes to *Rafferty's on Poplar and Dixon Gallery*

Please bring your friends and join us for lunch at Rafferty's on Poplar at 11 and tour the Dixon Gallery afterwards.

**Rafferty's, 4542 Poplar Ave**, just 3 minutes from the Dixon, offers appetizers, soups, sandwiches, salads, combos, burgers, and desserts.

**Dixon Gallery, 4339 Park Ave**, has an amazing exhibition, "Isabelle de Borchgrave: Fashioning Art from Paper." De Borchgrave is a Belgian who didn't have much growing up...but paper. She dropped out of high school because she preferred to draw than sit in classes. As a teenager she enjoyed making her own dresses; as an adult she combined her dress-making skills with her talent for paper art to create a stunning new genre, elaborate, authentic full size fashion from paper. This collection of 50 pieces features period dresses mainly from France and Italy, many designed from museum portraits. If an outfit requires strands of pearls, buttons, lace, wooden or metal doo-dads...or shoes, hats, or swords, they are all made of paper. (Linda went twice the week it opened!)

Only \$3 for Sr. Adults. Please RSVP to Linda Rush (386-4762, [lrush@aol.com](mailto:lrush@aol.com)) by Sunday, Nov. 12; we will take the van.



November Anniversaries	
6th	Perk & Cindy Perkins
19th	Paul & Sandra Pritt
20th	Bud & Mitzi Goodwin
27th	Jeff & Lisa Thomas
28th	Mel & Louise Clark



1st	Grilled Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Salad & Dessert
8th	Taco Salad, Nachos & Sopapillas
15th	Baked Potato & Salad Bar & Dessert
29th	Hamburgers, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Chips & Dessert



NOV			1 Meal, Lesson & Activity	2	3	4
5 Lesson	6	7	8 Meal, Lesson & Activity	9	10	11
12 Lesson	13	14	15 Meal, Lesson & Activity	16	17 High School Youth go to Rising Son Camp	18
19 High School Youth return from Camp	20	21	22 No activities	23 Thanksgiving	24	25
26 Lesson	27	28	29 Meal, Lesson & Activity	30		



## Youth News

The High School Youth trip will be Friday, November 17th-Sunday, November 19th at the Camp of the Rising Son.

Contact Jason Gatlin:  
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901-337-4125.



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