

# CORNERSTONE

## Monthly Newsletter

### Souper Bowl Sunday

That's not a typo. The 1st Sunday in February is best known for the NFL Championship Game a.k.a. The Super Bowl. Whether you are a football fan or not, HHPC will be participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring offering.

### Men's Bible Study

On Thursday evenings at 6:30 the Men of the Church have a Bible Study. They meet in the "Upper Room," Room 205. All men of all ages are not only welcome but encouraged to attend and bring a friend.

### PDO Sunday

We are proud of the great contribution that our Parents' Day Out/Pre-K makes to the families who come through the program. On PDO Sunday we highlight this ministry so that the whole congregation is aware of the great work being done and to also honor the teachers and the director.



### Walls Up!

In 2017, Highland Heights helped raise funds to purchase 2

acres of land in Kenya. Pastor Chriss and his church had a vision for this land to be a home for the orphans you feed each month, a church, a Bible school and a barn. The land will also help to provide food for the children.

On our visit to the land this past November, Barb and I were surprised to see the orphan's home begun. The walls were about 30% of what you see in the picture. The roof is expected to be on in early February and the home completed by February 14. God has been so good to provide the needed funds to One With God, so we can help our Kenyan friends build this home. They will supply about 30% of the costs. The home will have two rooms for about 40 children each to sleep in. A storage room, a classroom and a room for teachers will complete the 5-room home. Next project - a lasting safe water well. Thank you for your support and care for these children.

*Pastor Bob James*

*This is from Pastor Chriss: "We thank God for touching our donors to support our orphanage project. We received the funds today and we have started building the project today. After two weeks everything will be completed."*



## Church Leadership

### Staff

Rev. Dr. Tim Foster **Senior Pastor**  
 Rev. Jerry Brundle **Assistant Pastor**  
 Jason Gatlin **Youth Director**  
 Patrick Holmes **Young Adult  
 Director & Contemporary Music  
 Leader**  
 Marie Schroeder  
**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**

### Elders

Bob Donan - **Clerk**

#### Class of 2018

Tom Bright  
 Lin Fryman  
 Steve Deaux

#### Class of 2019

Josh Bond  
 Clint Bowden  
 Kendra Bowers  
 Jason Gatlin  
 Janis McCarty

#### Class of 2020

Richard Armour - **Treasurer**  
 Lesa Hart  
 Rob McCleary

### Deacons

#### Class of 2018

Steve Allen  
 Kim Batson  
 Joy Bowden  
 Linda Melear

#### Class of 2019

Nikki Bond - **Moderator**  
 Lori Brown  
 Traci Gatlin  
 Deborah Johnston

#### Class of 2020

Barb James  
 Don Rush  
 Linda Rush



### Pastor's Remarks

I've been reflecting on the caretaker crew of the USS Fitzgerald and the Chaplain support I've been honored to provide for them the past two months. I'm finding myself drawn to those verses about Sailors in Psalm 107. *"Others went out on the sea in ships. They saw the works of the Lord, His wonderful deeds in the deep. In their peril their courage melted away. Then they cried out to Him in their trouble, and He brought them out of their distress. He stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed. They were glad when it grew calm, and He guided them to their desired haven. Let them give thanks to the Lord for His unfailing love and His wonderful deeds for men"* (vv. 23-31).







Though the peril the FITZ crew faced on June 17th was a collision instead of a storm, the words of Psalm 107 resonate with their experience. The ship is now in the shipyard, and I've seen firsthand the damage caused in the collision - gaping holes and twisted metal along the ship's hull. It's allowing me to connect the harrowing stories I've heard with the spaces.

Would you join me in praying for the crew of the FITZ and for the families of the seven Sailors who lost their lives? It seems to me that the crew is dealing well with the trauma and grief, but, of course, it's harder for some than others. Due to their muscle memory and courage, they saved the ship and most of their shipmates. The challenge before them now is to work alongside the shipyard employees to move forward with "FITZ 2.0." Thank you for continuing to send me as HHPC's "missionary" to the Navy.

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

Your Pastor and Friend,

# FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00 Men's Bible Study group attend An Evening w/ Tim Keller at Hope EPC	2  René Foster  Bill & Genellen Harris	3
4 The Lord's Supper Souper Bowl Sunday  Ellen Griffin	5  Rachael Spencer	6  Jeff Lewis	7 5:30 Supper - <b>Chicken Tortilla Soup, Salad, Cornbread, Desserts</b> 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir	8 6:30 Men's Supper 6:30 Forever Young @ Huey's	9	10  Greg Sussey
11  Laurie Holmes  Mia McKeller	12  Todd Jamieson	13  Cason Griffin	14 5:30 Supper - <b>Roast Beef, Veggies, Salad, Desserts</b> 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir  Sean Thornton	15 10:30 Hope Circle 6:30 Men's Bible Study  Betty Steed  Bill Harris	16  Ellie Kate Billings	17  Virginia Roberson Youth Ski Trip
18 Youth Ski Trip	19	20	21 5:30 Supper - <b>Hamburgers, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Chips, Desserts</b> 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir  Mary Bailey	22 10:30 Sarah Circle 6:30 Men's Bible Study 6:30 Elders' Meeting	23  Janice Cheston  Steve Allen	24  Gabe Agee
25 PDO Sunday  Lydia Johnson	26  Cindy Perkins	27  Blair Bringhurst	28 5:30 Supper - <b>Enchiladas, Refried Beans, Salad, Sopapillas, Desserts</b> 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir  Charlie Thornton  Rhonda King (since there is no 29th)			

**\$936.74**

**Thank You!**



" Dear Kim [Batson] and the congregation of Highland Heights Presbyterian Church,

You are truly a blessing! We humbly thank you for your amazing generosity in our Bottles for Life Campaign. Your giving hearts make it possible for Life Choices to provide care for women and their babies. The change, cash and checks in those bottles (\$936.74) change the lives of the women in our city. We thank the Lord for your kindness and partnership with Life Choices. Thank You. Blessings"



*LeAnn Leonard  
Community Outreach Coordinator*

**Save the Date!!!  
April 21st at the  
Memphis Zoo**

Life Choices Life Walk is the perfect family friendly event! More information coming soon on how to sign up, join a team or start a team.



## *Memphis in January*

This is a hard time of the year to be a Memphian. After all, the days are getting longer. On sunny days the temperature feels so good. And we know that we are almost through January. But cold days still come. Windy days still come. Cloudy days still come. We are Oh so close to a major

change in the weather, but the weather won't quite cooperate. We know that better days are ahead, but we must still endure the present.

I think God has a message for us in this, a message not about weather, but about life. I was at a memorial service for my step-mother this past weekend, and most of the people who were there were her five children, 31 grandchildren and 28 great grandchildren. Like most families, they had experienced times of great joy, and times of suffering and sorrow. There were stories of success and stories of failure. Some members of the family went through very hard times.

But when we gathered at the graveside and just hung out for a while and told stories, there was this common thread. Not one of them wished that they had never been born. The struggles were difficult and painful, made especially painful because many of them were not believers. But for the believers among them, the attitude was quite different indeed. They saw themselves kind of like living in Memphis in January. There are hard days. But God is in control, and for us, the best is yet to come. The trials of today will prepare us for the opportunities He will give us to serve Him tomorrow.

If we are in Christ, there is a purpose for our lives, Not our purpose, but God's. I'm not looking forward to death, but I am looking forward to what God has for me on that day. With that great hope awaiting me, I can endure anything today. Even the Memphis winters.

*With much love,  
Jerry Brundle, Assistant Pastor*



## TOPS to Dine Together

**February 18 after Church**

THE BUTCHER SHOP STEAKHOUSE

Due to bad weather, only eight folks made it to the January TOPS Finger Food and Game Day. However, those who were able to make it had a lot of fun eating, gaming, and listening to Elvis CD's!

God willing and "the snow don't come," the Senior Adults will enjoy a Sunday meal together at The Butcher Shop Steakhouse, 107 S. Germantown Pkwy, by the Agricenter after the 11 o'clock service on February 18.

There is a limited Sunday menu (<http://thebutchershop.com/sunday-lunch/>) that includes steak, burger, meatloaf, salmon, chicken, salad, and pasta. They will put us at one table if we have 20 and two tables if we have more.

RSVP to Linda Rush (lrrush@aol.com or 386-4762) by Wednesday, February 14, if you plan to attend and/or wish to carpool. The youth will be using the van, because of their ski trip that weekend.

### ALL MISSIONS ARE NOT THE SAME

**HHPC supports missionaries - people who serve around the world**

**HHPC also feeds 60 orphans in Kenya 3 meals a day.**

#### Contributing to Missionaries

- ★ Donate in the big bucket.
- ★ Mark "Missions" on your offering envelope or check.
- ★ Bill pay or online with a note for "Missions."

#### Contributing to Feeding Orphans

- ★ Collect your change in the glass jars.
- ★ Mark "Feeding Orphans" on your offering envelope or check.
- ★ Bill pay or online with a note for "Feeding Orphans."

### SERVICE TO OTHERS

Isn't it it Awesome HHPC is a service-oriented church!  
**"Service Saturdays/Sundays"** is off to a fantastic start for 2018!

January 21st we hosted our first Cop Stop. We invited MPD Officers and Shelby County Sheriff Deputies to lunch after church. So many participated in various ways. Giving of your time and food to serve those who serve us is a Blessing. Thank you!





## What does a Christian life look like?

That will be the  
focus of our  
Wednesday night  
lessons.

# YOUTH



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## Youth News

We will have ski trip on 2-17 to Hidden Valley near St Louis. We will be returning 2-18 in the early evening. The cost of the trip is \$75 paid to the church for transportation and hotel. Participants will need appx another \$130 for meals, snacks, skis and lift ticket. Please text if you have any questions. [901.337.4125](tel:901.337.4125).

Thank you all for the prayers for my Mom and family. As of this writing she is still hospitalized but will be transferred to Cleveland clinic soon. We do not have a diagnosis and therefore no timeline for treatment.



## Prayer Warriors

Someone from the last time y'all were at the soup kitchen suggested we send along our guests' prayer requests - and that they be given to some of your prayer warriors there. Here is our current list:

### PRAYER CONCERNS OF OUR SOUP KITCHEN GUESTS:

Stacy prays to find a home.  
 Andre prays to find a home.  
 Herman prays that he receives his social security check.  
 Luka prays to have good health and financial blessings.  
 Crystal prays for her family, friends and church members.  
 William asks for prayers.  
 Josephine prays for a home.  
 Wendell prays for a home for his family.  
 Jack prays to get housing through HUD.  
 Jordan prays for inner peace, wisdom and a job.  
 Aramis prays for safety and blessings.  
 James prays for a way to find work and housing.  
 Roosevelt prays that he can find some work to pay off his bills.  
 Bobby is thankful that God loves us all.  
 Tracee prays for her family, for health, strength and protection.  
 Jasmine thanks God for being a smart 11<sup>th</sup> grader at White Station.  
 Carlandus prays that he can beat his addiction.  
 Melvin asks for prayers for himself and his mother.  
 Barry prays for his well-being.  
 Mickie asks for prayers for himself and his wife.  
 Pam prays for her brother who is ill.  
 Randal asks God's blessings for all.  
 Corey Dee prays to be better, more truthful and more helpful.  
 Lakeyta asks for prayers for herself, her child, and her pregnancy.  
 "God knows" prays for peace and for her body to heal.  
 Josephine prays for her family and all of her other loved ones.  
 William prays that everyone can get along.  
 Barbara asks the Lord to heal her auntie who recently had surgery.  
 Andy prays for financial blessings.  
 Adolph prays for a better year.  
 Charles prays for a steady job and to get off drugs.  
 Jason asks God to relieve his pain.

## HHPC Service Saturdays & Sundays

### What does it look like to "serve" the Lord?

- ♦ It looks like **serving** in the soup kitchen
- ♦ It looks like preparing and **serving** breakfast to the AA group who meet in our facility
- ♦ It looks like **serving** lunch to local Cops
- ♦ It looks like taking the prayer requests of those we serve and asking God to bless their needs.

*Notice these are only first names and we don't know any of them but God does because they are His. Also, over 100 guests were served. There must be many unspoken requests.*

At our Cop Stop, an officer requested prayer for MPD Deputy Chief Garrett as he has begun chemo treatments. Precinct Commander Col. Sheffield told Barb James that he recently lost his mother. Barb prayed with him. Will you add him to your prayer list?



## Let's Bake Cookies!

Next up is a cookie baking afternoon. On February 11<sup>th</sup> we will bring cookie dough to the Church and have a great time together baking up the treats. Then we will take them to the fire/police station. Plan to stay after Church. There will be plenty to do. Baking, cleaning, packaging, delivering. Yes, we could just send out a plea for cookie donations, but what's the fun in that?

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## Elders' Notes - 12.28.17

- 1) The Christmas Offering was designated for the installation of two projectors and screens on each side of the Good Shepherd window in the Sanctuary. \$12,095 has been collected as of December 28th!
- 2) Evan Bright's Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony will take place at the Church early in the new year.
- 3) Please continue to pray for the Lord to send us a Young Adult Ministry Director/ Contemporary Worship Leader. The Point of Contact is Pastor Tim - 901 268-2832.
- 4) The new Church sign and electronic message board will be installed early in the new year. The mock-up is in the lobby.
- 5) Pastor Tim will provide Navy Chaplain support several days a month for the next two years to the caretaker crew of the USS Fitzgerald while it's being repaired in the shipyard in Pascagoula, MS.
- 6) Wonderful Wednesdays resume January 10th! Get your battery recharged with a delicious meal from 5:30-6:15 and Bible studies and activities for all ages from 6:30-7:30.
- 7) Debt Reduction Campaign receipts through December 28th were \$168,457, which is 67% of the goal of \$250,000.
- 8) General Fund receipts through December 28th were \$416,210 and expenses were \$420,452 for a shortfall of \$4,242. The reserve checking account balance is \$56,787.



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