

CORNERSTONE

Monthly Newsletter

Men's Ministry

The Men's Bible Study has been on Christmas break. On January 11th, the men will kick off the new year with their monthly Men's Supper. It is open to all the men in the Church and their friends. Just sign up for steak, chicken or salmon. Then on the 18th the regular men's Bible Study resumes.

Serving at the Soup Kitchen

On January 14th we will serve at the Soup Kitchen at First Presbyterian Church downtown. We will be the only Church there, so we will need about 20 of us to go.

Officer Training

If you are an Elder or a Deacon, there will be training the first 2 Sundays of January. Elder Training is the 7th and Deacon Training is the 14th after the 11:00 service and will include lunch.



Jan Lee Gardner

Jan was born in Carlisle, PA. His family moved to Murfreesboro, TN when he was 5 years old. He moved to Memphis in 1985 and began working at Memphis Publishing a.k.a. The Commercial Appeal. Now, the paper is shutting down. After 32 years of working for the same company, Jan

will be moving back to Murfreesboro to live with his brother while he seeks employment there. He is hoping to go to work at MTSU.

He wants us to know that he bleeds orange! That means he's a UT fan. As far as the NFL goes, he's a Titans fan.

He also wants all of to know that he is leaving his "family" behind. He considers Paul, Sandra and Elizabeth Pritt his family.

Jan joined HHPC on August 20th,

We want him to know that since his "family" is here that we hope when he comes to visit them that he will come and visit us, too. Best wishes Jan on this new adventure in your life.



Church Leadership

Staff

Rev. Dr. Tim Foster **Senior Pastor**
 Rev. Jerry Brundle **Assistant Pastor**
 Jason Gatlin **Youth Director**
 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
 Bob Donan **Elders' Clerk**
 Nikki Bond **Moderator of Deacons**
 Richard Armour **Treasurer**

Elders

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
 Lesa Hart
 Rob McCleary

Deacons

Class of 2018

Steve Allen
 Kim Batson
 Joy Bowden
 Linda Melear

Class of 2019

Nikki Bond
 Lori Brown
 Traci Gatlin
 Deborah Johnston

Class of 2020

Barb James
 Don Rush
 Linda Rush
 David Thornton



Pastor's Remarks

What are you planning to do on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day? Like many Southerners, Rene and I will eat black-eyed peas cooked with some kind of ham - not because we think they will bring us good luck, but because we like the tradition, and we like peas! We will also watch "It's A Wonderful Life," which used to be shown on TV only on New Year's Eve. The HHPC youth will have their third annual Polar Plunge! Will you stay up till midnight? Will you watch some football games?

2017 was a tough year in many ways, wasn't it? It was also a great year in many ways, too. There were funerals *and* weddings, divorces *and* graduations, illnesses *and* healings. 2018 will be the same - we will experience both pain *and* joy next year.




















Since we know every year comes with its share of tough times, why is it that we look forward to a new year? For Christians, one reason is because we know God is with us 24/7/365. In Psalm 139:16, David sang, "O Lord, *all the days* ordained for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be." In Romans 8:28, Paul wrote, "We know that *in all things* God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose."

May one of our prayers for the year of our Lord 2018 be something along these lines: *Father, thank You for being my God 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. I want to trust You more and more, through Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior. Amen.*

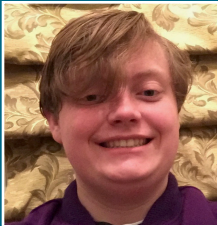
Remember that I love you, and please continue to be faithful in worship and in giving.

Your Pastor and Friend,

JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day - Office Closed	2  Holley Sullivan	3 No Wonderful Wednesday	4 No Men's Bible Study  Dot Lewis	5	6  Cindy Phillips
7 The Lord's Supper Ordination & Installation of Officers 12:15 Elder Training  Phillip & Vickie Moore	8	9	10 5:30 Supper - BBQ, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Chips 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir	11 6:30 Men's Supper 6:30 Forever Young @ Huey's  Rachel Brown	12	13  Mary Smith
14 12:15 Deacon Training 1:45 Volunteer at Soup Kitchen	15 11:00 TOPS  Joy Bowden	16 7:00 Marine Corps League	17 5:30 Supper - Hamburgers, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Chips, Desserts 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir  Glenn & Gayle Stratton	18 10:30 Hope Circle 6:30 Men's Bible Study  Randy & Sandie Brockwell	19  Shannon Foster	20  Jeannette Grant
21 12:15 Cop Stop  Aven Gatlin  Bo & Toni Ware	22	23  Tim Foster	24 5:30 Supper - Italian Chicken, Noodles, and Salad, Desserts 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir  Ally Brockwell	25 11:30 Sarah Circle 6:30 Men's Bible Study 6:30 Elders' Meeting	26	27  Peggy Pierce
28  Barbara Whitaker	29	30  Mary Elizabeth Hart	31 5:30 Supper - Taco Salad, Nachos, Desserts 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir  Clint & Joy Bowden		Presbytery Meeting @ First Opelika in Opelika, AL	

Do You Remember “Undie Sunday?”



" I would like to thank everyone for their generous donations for the First Presbyterian clothes closet. Thanks to the church's help I was able to collect over 360 sets of underwear and socks. The soup kitchen said that it should be enough to supply them for six months. Thanks to your



donations, my Eagle Project was a success and I am now an Eagle Scout.

Thank you everyone for your help." *Evan Bright*



Peace... Joy... Love!

We have just come through a very special time of the year, a time when, unlike any other time of the year, the focus of our lives is on peace, joy and love. Oh sure, not all of these past two weeks was filled with peace, joy and love all at the same time. Daily

frustrations, busyness, losses and sorrows, and disappointments still come into our lives.

But overall, peace, joy and love were ours, for most of us, more fully than they are at any other time of the year. Peace of mind, especially perhaps as we worshipped on Christmas Eve, celebrating the birth of the Prince of Peace, our Prince of Peace, who promised us, *My **peace** I give you*. Peace that is God's gift to us, more abundant when we are willing to pause and receive it, as we are so much more at Christmastime.

Joy, at the reality and meaning and significance and consequence to each of us at the birth of Jesus, for us. And the very special joy we have celebrating this birth with family and friends, with little conflicts and hurts and slights buried under the overwhelming spirit of joy of the season. As the angels announced to the shepherds in Bethlehem, *Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great **joy** for all the people*. Not just a little joy. Not just a one-time joy. But a promise of joy to all believers, great joy, joy that is especially ours if we are willing to pause and receive it.

And love. Jesus told his disciples, and us as well, **Love one another**. As I have **loved** you, so you must **love one another**. This is a command to us. It is not an option for Christians. We immerse ourselves with love at Christmastime—God's love for us, our love for Him, our love for others. Unlike any other time of year, caught up in the spirit of Christmas, we willingly obey Christ's command to love.

Christmas, and Christians, have such an impact on the world at Christmastime, especially through our peace, joy and love. Imagine the impact we would have on a lost and angry and hurting world if we lived like we do at Christmastime all year long!

*With much love,
Jerry Brundle, Assistant Pastor*

Can't TOP this!

January 15, 2018

FOOD & FUN

Monday @ 11:00

The first TOPS event for 2018 will be NOT be on our usual second Tuesday of the month. To allow some who have regularly occurring commitments on that day to join us, **we will meet on the third Monday, January 15, at 11 a.m.**

Back by popular demand! Lunch and Game Day. We will meet in the dining hall at 11 am for fun and food. **Just bring your favorite finger food** and we'll eat it. **Bring your favorite game or puzzle** and we'll play it or work it. It's that simple.

If it's something you might eat while playing a game or watching TV, that's good enough for us!! If you're on a post-holiday diet by then, bring something low cal. How easy is that? Something for everyone.

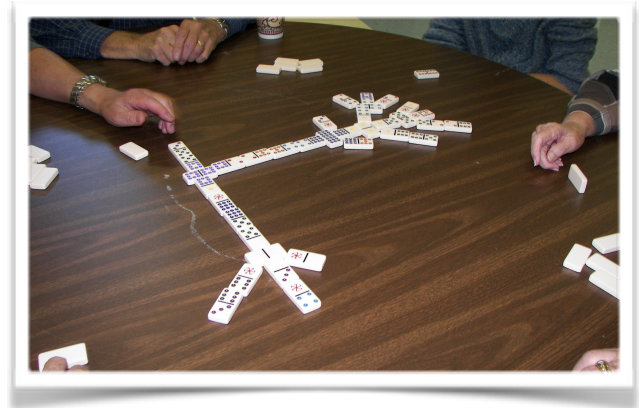
On a personal note, Don and I want to thank all of you who have supported the last two years of HHPC TOPS activities with your attendance, your encouragement, your friendship, and especially by bringing others with you.

You are the reason we had 62 folks participate in at least one TOPS event last year with the stunning July display of our member talent which drew 35 attendees. Pastor Tim said, "I wish we could leave this exhibition here through Sunday." I'm not sure anyone could have envisioned the wide array of items that were created, assembled, painted by our members. The food was enjoyed, and the music and skit which followed in the sanctuary showed even more talent.

Our final event of 2017 was great with Eddy Davis as the most wonderful Scrooge ever in "A Christmas Carol" and a relaxing lunch at the holiday themed Botanic Garden.

As we begin planning a Brand New Year, let us remember those we have lost in 2017 and may we pick up some of the ministry they have left behind.

TOPS = TRUSTING, OBEYING, PRAYING SENIORS



PDO CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

If you or someone you know are looking for an awesome preschool, look no further! In addition to a wonderful Christian education we have LOTS of fun! Music, kids' Church, Muffins with Mom, Donuts with Dad, Dr. Seuss Day, Super Hero Day and a Christmas program are just a few of the fun things. If you are interested in any age group, call 901-385-9000 and talk to Ms Chrissy, the Director and arrange a tour.





YOUTH



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HHPC youth wish everyone the best for 2018.

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Youth News

We are continuing our focus on the Old Testament this month. We have covered the two stories of creation, the fall and Abraham.

All youth are invited to the 3rd annual Youth New Year's party at the Gatlin's. The polar plunge should be extra polar as the high that day is supposed to be 24 degrees. Brrrrr.

I will have the date for our annual ski trip soon. It will be in February; I am just waiting for volleyball tournament dates to settle.



\$903,043.56

That's how much was raised by the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign. Several people from our congregation took time in late November and early December to ring bells. The campaign was so successful this year that they exceeded their goal by over \$2000.

We also helped deliver goodie bags for the Salvation Army.

Hot Chocolate, Anyone?

Another service we provided was to serve hot chocolate at the Christmas Tree lot next door to the Church. This gave us the opportunity to invite people to our Church.



Service Saturdays Or Sundays

Breakfast for AA

Did you know that HHPC accommodates the Lakeland AA Group for meetings in our building five times a week? The Deacons are planning to serve them breakfast one Saturday in January.



COP STOP!

Have you ever heard of a cop stop? No, this is NOT the kind where the blue lights pull up behind you. This is when you invite the city or county police officers to stop by your place and you give them food. Ideally, they will be able to sit down and eat it, but if not, it needs to be portable.

We will be inviting them to stop by January 21st after the 11:00 service.

Elders' Notes - 11.30.17

- 1) A preliminary proposal for the installation of two projectors and screens on each side of the Good Shepherd window in the Sanctuary was approved.
- 2) Interim Children's Ministry Director Marie Schroeder was hired permanently and with gratitude for her good work.
- 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) Service Saturdays/Sundays have begun. Throughout the month, teams from HHPC are serving with various Christian organizations and in other ways.
- 5) Pastor Tim's new Navy Reserve Chaplain assignment to serve the crew of the USS Fitzgerald while it's being repaired in Pascagoula, MS begins tomorrow. He will be home December 16th and will go back two to three days a month for the next two years.
- 6) At the Annual Congregational Meeting, Richard Armour, Lesa Hart and Rob McCleary were elected Ruling Elders and Barb James, Linda Rush, Don Rush, and David Thornton were elected Deacons.
- 7) Debt Reduction Campaign receipts through November 30th were \$156,924, which is 62% of the goal of \$250,000.
- 8) General Fund receipts through November 30th were \$377,553 and expenses were \$384,081 for a shortfall of \$6,528. The reserve checking account balance is \$54,502.



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