

CORNERSTONE

Monthly Newsletter

VALENTINE'S DINNER

The Men of the Church are hosting a Valentine's Dinner for everyone on Thursday, February 14th, at 6:30. Sign up for steak, chicken or salmon.

Please sign up by February 10th. The cost is \$10 per person.

As a special treat we will have a Christian singer from Northern Ireland provide the entertainment. His name is Colin Elliott. Here is a

An evening with...



Christian Singer / Songwriter from Northern Ireland

link to his website:
www.colinelliottmusic.com

We will collect a love offering for Colin, and he will have CDs for sale.

Welcome, New Member: Barbara Almond



Barbara Langston Almond, born and raised in Memphis, Tn. I attended Southmoor Baptist church. I attended and graduated from Overton High school.

I met my husband to be in 1962. Richard was also born and raised in Memphis. He went to and graduated from Messick High school and also graduated from Ole Miss. He attended Southern Ave. Baptist.

We married in Nov. 1964. We have a son, Marty Almond, born in Nov. 1966. We have a daughter, Carol Almond Cothran born in July 1968.

Richard's first job had us traveling for several years. He finally found his calling in law enforcement with Shelby County Sheriff's Department. I also worked outside my home at Motion Industries, Inc.

We enjoyed many activities as a family. Rodeo, boating, traveling and later we enjoyed golfing!

In Nov. 2012, Richard passed away and is waiting for me. We are blessed with an amazing family, including four wonderful grandchildren.

I must give praise to God for giving me a precious neighbor, Ms. Joan Bingham, *The Hat Lady*. I truly feel God put her in my life and through her brought me to Highland Heights!

I want to thank everyone for making me feel so welcomed and I look forward to serving God with all!

Barbara joined the Church January 20th by transfer of membership.



The Pray for Me Gathering was well attended and gave everyone at chance to get to know each other and to find out any concerns that could be prayed for specifically.

Church Leadership

Staff

Tim Foster **Senior Pastor**
 Jason Gatlin **Youth Director**
 Brien Chambers **Young Adult Ministry Director**
 Patrick Holmes **Contemporary Music Leader**
 Marie Schroeder
Children's Ministry Director
 Matthew Wade
Recreation Ministry Director
 Mary Smith
Financial Administrator
 Rosie Blatt
Administrative Assistant
 Chiquita Paulson **Music Director**
 Lauren Fiveash
Ensemble Director & Pianist
 Cindy Phillips **Organist**
 Russell Mann **Guitarist**
 Jason Gatlin **Sound Technician**
 Chrissy Thornton **Parents' Day Out Director**

Elders

Bob Donan - **Clerk**

Class of 2019

Josh Bond
 Clint Bowden
 Kendra Bowers
 Jason Gatlin
 Janis McCarty

Class of 2020

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

Class of 2021

Steve Allen
 Steve Deaux
 Charle Dunstan

Deacons

Class of 2019

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

Class of 2020

Barb James
 Don Rush
 Linda Rush
 David Thornton

Class of 2021

Joey Clark
 George Krug
 Debra Wright

Pastor's Remarks



Someone asked me the other day, "What is your **vision for the church?**" I answered the question the way I had heard James Quillin, who I served with as co-pastor for eight years, answer it: to increase the number of people who worship God. I think that's a Biblical vision for the church vs. a business-model vision or a particular pastor's vision for

the church. It was Jesus who cast the vision for the church when He told His disciples to "**go and make disciples of all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19).

So what does it look like to be a part of increasing the number of people who worship God?

It looks like what we are doing at HHPC more and more - inviting our family and friends to come to church. Most of the new members we've received lately are part of our church family because a member of HHPC invited them. *Who might you invite to church?*
























It also looks like the investments we're making in new technology like electronic message boards, screens and projectors. Our desire is not to be trendy but to make use of technology to get peoples' attention. We're just \$6K short on the screens and projectors project. *Have you given an extra offering to help make up the difference?*

It also looks like our growing support of missionaries around the world. What a joy it is to pastor a church that takes Jesus at His word! *Are you participating in the missionary offering on the last Sunday of each month?*

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	2  Rene Foster  Bill & Genellen Harris
3 The Lord's Supper 12:15 Souper Bowl Sunday - Soup & Sandwich Luncheon.	4 9:00 Exercise Class  Ellen Griffin	5  Rachael Spencer	6 5:30 Supper - White Chicken Chili, Salad & Cornbread, Hot Dogs, Desserts 7:30 Choir/Open Gym  Jeff Lewis	7 6:30 Forever Young - Women's Bible Study	8	9
10 12:30 Deacons' Meeting  Greg Sussey	11 9:00 Exercise Class  Laurie Holmes	12 7:00 Marine Corps League	13 5:30 Supper - Beef Tenderloin, Baked Potatoes, Broccoli & Salad, Hot Dogs, Desserts 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir/Open Gym	14 Valentine's Day 6:30 Men's Supper/ Valentine's Dinner  Sean Thornton	15  Betty Steed  Bill Harris  Randy & Sandie Brockwell	16  Ellie Kate Billings
17	18 9:00 Exercise Class  Aven Gatlin  Pam & EW Golden	19 11:30 TOPS	20 5:30 Supper - Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Veggies & Salad, Hot Dogs, Desserts 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir/Open Gym	21 10:30 Hope Circle  Mary Bailey	22	23  Janice Cheston  Steve Allen
24  Gabe Agee	25 9:00 Exercise Class  Lydia Johnson	26  Cindy Perkins	27 5:30 Supper - Chicken Parmesan, Noodles, Salad, Hot Dogs, Desserts 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir/Open Gym  Blair Bringhurst	28 10:30 Sarah Circle 6:30 Elders' Meeting  Charlie Thornton  Rhonda King (her birthday is really the 29th)		



Sunday, February 3rd is Souper Bowl Sunday

Whether you plan to watch the big game or not, plan to bring soup, sandwiches or dessert and stay for lunch with your Church Family.

Presbyterians eat together a lot but Jesus set that example for us. In the New Testament, we regularly find Jesus reclining "at table" during His earthly ministry, engaging with real people, furthering His kingdom work, fostering true community, demonstrating reconciliation with God, and building genuine fellowship among His disciples.



The youth will collect an offering to go to the Souper Bowl of Caring. Our donations are earmarked for 1st Presbyterian.



Soup Kitchen

Here's some of our volunteers who went to 1st Presbyterian to help serve soup and sandwiches in the soup kitchen January 20th. We volunteer to serve 2

or 3 times a year. Additionally, our women's circles make sandwiches a couple of times a year to donate to the soup kitchen. A large bag of clothing was taken for their clothes closet this trip. In the past we have donated shoes, socks and don't forget about Undie Sunday when Evan Bright's Eagle project was to provide those items to 1st Presbyterian. Another opportunity is coming up soon. We will have more details about that from Abbi England.



Highland Heights Presbyterian PDO/Pre-K

FALL REGISTRATION for 2019-2020 has begun.

A table is set up outside the PDO office where you can get registration forms and have questions answered. Call Chrissy at 385-9000 for any questions.





NEW SIGN!

It's here. We have waited so long for our new sign. Now we can put messages appropriate to what is going on so that people passing by will know about events and maybe feel led to join us. Why does it say "watchfire?" That's just the logo of the software that will be used to put our messages on the sign. This is the default until we change it.





SEP 4-13, 2019
 10 DAYS • 16 MEALS



HIGHLAND
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Holy Land Pilgrimage

A Spiritual Journey through God's Promised Land

Israel is a world-class destination with outstanding archaeological, religious and cultural attractions. From Jerusalem, with a history dating back 3,000 years, to the lush green mountains and valleys of Galilee, to the lowest point on earth at the Dead Sea, you will be fascinated by this Holy Land journey. Visiting the Church of St. Peter, the Mount of Olives, the Room of the Last Supper and many more spiritual sites, this tour is sure to awaken your Faith. Join us as we experience the holiest sites in all of Israel.

You can read the entire itinerary and reserve at <https://www.countrytraveldiscoveries.com/HHPC>

YOUTH

HAPPY★NEW★YEAR

February



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 Parables of Christ	4	5	6 Lesson and Activity	7	8	9
10 Parables of Christ	11	12	13 Lesson and Activity	14 Valentine's Day	15	16
17 Parables of Christ	18	19	20 Lesson and Activity	21	22	23
24 Parables of Christ	25	26	27 Lesson and Activity	28		

Youth News

We have a fairly quiet month for February. Winter might actually be coming all at once now, so just makes me even more ready for spring.

Youth will continue to learn the lessons from the parables of Christ. It has been an enlightening journey so far and I look forward to continuing to teach how these lessons apply today.

The youth fund is still sitting just a bit in the negative because of our slightly more expensive fall retreat. If you feel it in your hearts, please help us get back in the black for 2019.

Thank you for all the support and time that you give the youth.

**TOPS Invites you and your friends to:
La Baguette, 3088 Poplar Avenue, 11:30 am
Pink Palace Museum, 3050 Central Avenue, 1 pm
February 19, 2019**



The Pink Palace Museum? Been there, done that!! Have the t-shirt! (Even if it no longer fits).

Yeah, but have you been since the recent \$4 million, two-year overhaul of the mansion?



And the restoration of the Clyde Park Miniature Circus and the "new" Piggly Wiggly store, etc?

Come join us for lunch at La Baguette – choose from quiche, salads, sandwiches,

soups, wraps, breads, and pastries at **11:30 on Feb 19**. Then head on over to the Pink



Palace Museum. A docent will meet us and list the highlights of the mansion renovations, and then we'll be free to stroll around the museum at our own pace.

RSVP to Irrush@aol.com or 901-734-1100 by Sun., Feb 17. The van departs HHPC at 10:55; please reserve a seat if you want to ride.

Pink Palace Admission is FREE on Tuesdays,

The new year has brought a new purpose to Highland Heights Sunday school. Each Sunday an average of 70 adults of all ages – some new to Sunday school – have joined in fellowship to know “God doesn’t just want you to know and love him, but to know and to love his family.” If you have missed a Sunday or two, please continue to come. Each week is an opportunity to see how God has created you for his pleasure. 1 John 4: 15 If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God. *Classes will continue through February.*



Elders' Notes - 12.27.18

- 1) Glenn Stratton **professed his faith in Jesus Christ** and was **baptized** on December 27, 2018.
- 2) Gratitude was expressed to **Lesa Hart and her team** for directing an outstanding children's Christmas play.
- 3) Ruling Elders Lesa Hart and Jason Gatlin were elected to serve as **commissioners** to the Presbytery meetings and General Assembly meeting in 2019.
- 4) As of December 27th, the **Christmas Offering** total is \$6,377 ,which has been designated for the completion of the projector and screens project.
- 5) The installation of the **new Church sign and electronic message board** has begun.
- 6) Gratitude was expressed to HHPC for feeding the 60 children in our adopted orphanage in Kenya three meals a day - that is **65,700 meals this year!**
- 7) Did you know you **can give to the Church electronically?** There are several ways - through your bank, automatic withdrawals or the church website. It's an easy option to ensure regular giving. Questions? Contact Elder Kendra Bowers.
- 8) **Debt Reduction Campaign** receipts through December 27th were \$176,032, which is 70% of the goal of \$250,000.
- 9) **General Fund** income through November 30th was \$385,478 and expenses were \$410,558 for a shortage of \$25,080. The **reserve checking account balance** is currently \$38,105.



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