

CORNERSTONE

Monthly Newsletter

When is the last time you mailed or received a letter?

People don't write letters very often anymore. Have you tried to find a mail box lately to drop mail in the chute? They are few and far between. It hasn't been that long ago that you could walk to a nearby mail box from almost anywhere.

Imagine how hard it would have been for Paul's letters to reach their destinations. His letter to the Christians in Rome is a long letter. It would not have been divided into chapters and verses. Chapters and verses help separate the thoughts of the letter. It has 16 chapters and will be the subject of the sermon series that begins April 28th.

The letter is often referred to as just "Romans." You may also hear "the letter to the Romans" or "the epistle to the Romans." In fact there are 14 letters in the Bible that Paul wrote and they are all called epistles. A letter is usually from one person to another person but an epistle is to an audience.

Confirmation Class: Professions of Faith

Six young people went through the Confirmation Class and made their professions of faith in services on Easter Sunday morning. They were Courtney and Nicole Bishop, Sofia and Drew Fortolis, Luke Schroeder, and Blake Stackhouse.



In addition to the confirmation class, Chris Schroeder joined the Church by Profession of Faith and Baptism. It was important for him to take this step with his son, Luke. Andy & Shanon Fortolis joined by Reaffirmation of Faith and their children, Ashton and Savana were Baptized.

Genie Bishop joined her daughters in joining the Church by Reaffirmation of Faith.

The group picture is from the 11:00 service. Blake Stackhouse made his Profession of Faith in the 8:30 service.



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



Have you noticed how many more children there are now at Highland Heights? I hope you have, and I hope you will join me in rejoicing. There are more kids who come up and sit on the chancel steps for the Children's Time. There are more kids in Sunday school and on Wednesday nights. There are more kids in the nursery and

in Children's Church. There were more children at the Easter egg hunt, and there will be more kids at Vacation Bible School this summer. Of course, they can't drive themselves to church, so that means there are more young parents at HHPC - Hallelujah!

Here are three things we need to do in response:

- 1) *Thank God.* We have been praying that the Lord would send young families to us, and He is doing just that.
- 2) *Welcome the children as Jesus did.* Mark tells us that when people started bringing little children to Jesus, the disciples rebuked them. Jesus immediately rebuked the disciples! "Let the little children come to Me," He said, "and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Then, Jesus took the children in His arms, put His hands on them and blessed them. Let's follow Jesus' lead.
- 3) *Volunteer:* More help is needed in the nurseries and on Wednesday nights. More volunteers are going to be needed for VBS. Please contact our Children's Ministry Director, Marie Schroeder.

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

Your Pastor and Friend,

MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 5:30 Supper - Italian Chicken, Marinara Sauce, Noodles, Salad, Hot Dogs, Desserts 7:30 Choir/Open Gym Jason Gatlin Josh Bond	2	3 Laura Drewry	4
5 The Lord's Supper Honor Graduates Service Sunday - bring cookie dough to bake for our first responders.	6 9:00 Exercise Class Lauren Fiveash	7	8 5:30 Supper - Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Broccoli, Hot Dogs, Desserts 7:30 Choir/Open Gym	9 6:30 Forever Young - Women's Fellowship 6:30 Men's Supper Hannah Griffin	10	11 John Blatt
12 Mother's Day 12:30 Deacons' Meeting	13 9:00 Exercise Class Pete McCarty	14 7:00 Marine Corps League	15 Last Wonderful Wednesday 5:30 Supper - Hamburgers, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Hot Dogs, Desserts 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir/Open Gym Tommy Holmes	16 10:30 Hope Circle Jerry Brundle	17	18
19 Randy Cheston	20 9:00 Exercise Class	21 10:00 TOPS Susan Schubert	22 6:00 Youth 6:30 Ensemble/ Handbells 7:30 Choir Bradleigh Moody	23 10:30 Sarah Circle 6:00 Elders' Meeting ♥ Jason & Traci Gatlin ♥ Jim & Sherry Cook	24	25 Community Picnic Debbie Johnston Garrett Sussey
26	27 Memorial Day <i>Office Closed</i>	28 John Callies Carys Peel ♥ Earnie & Lauren Fiveash	29 6:00 Youth 6:30 Ensemble/ Handbells 7:30 Choir Jenny Redding	30	31	

Volleyball Players!



Keira Bowers and Alina Gatlin play on the same volleyball team. It is Premier Girls Club. They played in a tournament in Jackson, TN and are holding their championship trophy.



This trophy is from another tournament, where they won the silver bracket.

Congratulations, girls!

Children's Time on Easter Morning!



Look at all the kids for Children's Time! There was a puppet play, and the kids came down to see who was on Faith Mountain. There is a puppet play once a month. Two of our favorite puppets are Cliff and his wife Ruth. They were married in the Church. Their first "kid" has been born, and Cliff asked the boys and girls to come up with a boy's name from the Bible.



Highland Heights Presbyterian PDO/Pre-K



Super Heroes' Day

Just look how strong Shelby is. She can also fly.

If you want to know more about our Parents' Day Out program, just call 901-385-9000 and ask for our PDO Director, Chrissy Thornton.



The Deacons have a monthly project referred to as Service Saturday or Sunday (and in this case Wednesday).

So, what are all these boxes? They are care packages that were sent to our college kids to help them "survive" studying for finals. Seventeen boxes were filled with a variety of goodies and mailed. If you didn't get a chance to help with providing items to fill the boxes, you can still make a donation to defray the cost of mailing.



May 5th will be the next Service Sunday.

After Church we will bake cookies to be delivered to first responders. If you want to help, bring cookie dough to Church and we will bake, package and deliver cookies.



May 25th - Details to Come

- ♦ Games
 - ♦ Hot Dogs
 - ♦ Snacks
 - ♦ Outdoor Movie
Incredibles 2

Bring Lawn Chairs

Charle Dunstan & Lin Fryman POC.

Volunteers Needed!

It's so exciting that we have more kids now. We need to make sure we have volunteers for the nursery & Sunday School. See Marie Schroeder.

ANOTHER NEW SIGN!

We've been adopted! Well, the stretch of highway in front of the Church has been. We are included in the "NEXT 2 MILES." One of the women from Delta Sigma Theta came in and talked to Tim about the sorority's plans to keep the highway litter free.



YOUTH



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May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Lesson and Activity	2	3	4
5 Graduate Sunday	6	7	8 Lesson and Activity	9	10	11
12 Book "Crazy Love"	13	14	15 Lesson and Activity Last Food Wed.	16	17	18
19 Book "Crazy Love"	20	21	22 Youth Summer	23	24	25 Community Picnic
26 Book "Crazy Love"	27	28	29 Youth Summer	30	31	

Youth News

It is hard to believe but as we schedule May, Wonderful Wednesdays are coming to a close. Youth will continue over this time period with classes starting at 6pm and ending at approx. 8pm or later for those that can stay. I will make announcements via Facebook and Instagram for any activities and changes to the schedule.

Youth Sunday school will be going over the book "Crazy Love" by Francis Chan. No need to buy the book, we will simply be covering the major ideas of the book each Sunday.

As always, thank you all for your support of the youth. You make it possible for all these young ones to stay close to Christ in their journey through life.

TOPS
May 21
Safari Park, 618 Conley Rd, Alamo, 10 am
Casey Jones Buffet, Jackson, Noon

****ENTRANCE TO SAFARI PARK IS CASH OR CHECK ONLY****

This is the event that tied for first place (your votes) in our TOPS January luncheon/ brainstorming session.

The Safari Park, on a century farm in Crockett County, opens at 10, and we want to be first in line. Upon arrival each person in the vehicle pays \$16 to enter the park and purchases food – \$10 for 4 “buckets” of food or \$3 each. Then you drive through the park and feed the animals from your car windows. There are over 80 species from antelope to zebra (a-z) and they love to see you and your food!!



We will drive through 5.5 miles of roads among animals from around the world. You can also opt for a stroll through the 20-acre zoo area. The park has monkeys, exotic birds, giraffe, wildebeast, kangaroos, kookaburras, camels, llamas, ostriches, emus, oryx, African warthogs, water buffalos, lynx (and tons of animals I can't even pronounce!), a really cute petting

zoo with tiny goats, etc, and even a gift shop

The Claude Conley family, in 1963, acquired the first privately owned bison in Tennessee. To that, over the years, they have added various rare and endangered species. In 2007 the family decided to create the park to showcase their efforts and to educate the public about needed conservation. This endeavor has been met with tremendous success, and your admission to this park helps fund one of the largest collections of zoo animals in the United States.

Afterwards, we will eat together at Casey Jones buffet, \$9.99 senior price.

We will leave HHPC in carpools at 9 am, and will return after we've eaten lunch.

Let Linda Rush (lrush@aol.com, 901.734.1100) know by Sunday, May 19, if you plan to participate. She will help form car pools (since we can't feed animals from the van) and make lunch reservations. Bring a friend or a first-timer!!



In April, twenty TOPS participants had a wonderful time in College Hill, Mississippi, visiting Kathryn Bendall, her brother, and sister-in-law. We ate in the former one room schoolhouse where Kathryn and Arthur were students, visited the 1800's C.H. Presbyterian Church where Kathryn was married, and strolled around Oxford Square. (The bookstore coffee shop was a big hit). At Janie's invitation, the van made an impromptu stop at Kathryn's childhood home before heading back to Memphis. It was a delight to see Kathryn again and to meet Arthur. Janie regaled us with many entertaining stories of the area!! We certainly enjoyed the southern hospitality they and others provided us!!

Elders' Notes - 3.28.19

- 1) Seth Chambers, son of Brien and Megan Chambers, will be **baptized** on March 31st.
- 2) **Trivia Night** was a huge success! \$4,000, which will be matched, was raised to help build a chapel at our orphanage in Kenya.
- 3) Mark your calendar for our first **Community Picnic** on Saturday, May 25th - games, hot dogs, snacks, and an outdoor movie.
- 4) The next Church **Fish Fry** is Saturday, June 22nd, at 5:30 p.m. Gospel singer Billy Hodges will be back to sing.
- 5) **Vacation Bible School** will be Monday-Thursday, June 10th-14th, from 5:30-8:00.
- 6) \$250/month of our **missionary support** has been redirected from our missionary in France who has a new position to a new Presbyterian overseer at our orphanage in Kenya.
- 7) **Live streaming of our worship services on Facebook** will begin Sunday, April 14th.
- 8) **Debt Reduction Campaign** receipts through March 28th were \$177,532, which is 71% of the goal of \$250,000.
- 9) **General Fund** income through February 28th was \$62,217 and expenses were \$78,152 for a shortage of \$15,935. The **reserve checking account balance** is currently \$30,351.



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