

CORNERSTONE

Monthly Newsletter

Why June for Weddings?

In ancient and medieval times, spring was the best time to marry because if the bride got pregnant, the birth would not interfere with the harvest. Women couldn't be recovering from a pregnancy during harvest time because they were needed to oversee preserving the bounty. If she conceived in June or even July, she would be able to help in the current year, and by the next harvest, she would be ready to help again. Also, a person's annual bath might occur in May or June; brides probably still smelled good, but just in case they would carry a bouquet of flowers.

Traditionally, it was considered more auspicious to marry on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, rather than Thursday, Friday or Saturday. At one time, Sunday was a popular day for weddings, because the ceremony would not interfere with the daily work. However, the Puritans believed that Sunday celebrations took away from the focus of worship, and discouraged weddings on Sundays.

New Members: Fortolis Family



Andrew and Shanon Fortolis moved to the Memphis area in September 2018 from Phoenix, AZ. Andrew is active duty Navy, which is what brought them to the area. They were told about Highland Heights by a good friend, Marie Schroeder. They attended a much larger church in Arizona, so had it not been for the invitation by Marie, they never would have known about Highland Heights and the wonderful congregation. Andrew and Shanon will be married for 13 years this month. They have

lived in several different states throughout their 13 years of marriage. Both Andrew and Shanon are from Texas. Andrew is from El Paso, TX and Shanon is from Amarillo Texas. They met in Amarillo in 2004. Andrew was stationed at the MEPs there and Shanon met him when she joined the Navy. When Shanon left for the Navy they continued their dating relationship long distance for two years. After they were married they were able to move to Norfolk, VA and finally be together.

In October 2007 their oldest son, Andrew(Drew), was born. Drew enjoys playing video games and drawing. He was confirmed on Easter Sunday and has shown an unbelievable amount of spiritual growth.

Sofia was born in 2011 in New Hampshire. She enjoys drawing and has the most amazing imagination. Sofia was Baptized and confirmed on Easter Sunday.

Ashton was born in 2013 in New Hampshire. He enjoys doing whatever his big brother is doing. He loves to play Minecraft. He doesn't see himself as a five year old and thinks that he should do all the things the big kids do. Ashton was baptized on Easter Sunday.

Savana was born in 2016 in Arizona. She loves to play with babies and does whatever big sister wants her to do. Savana was baptized on Easter Sunday.

We always have an adjustment period after a military move. Highland Heights has been such a blessing.

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



On May 25th, Memphians celebrated our city's bicentennial. Highland Heights has been around for almost half of that 200 years. Did you know we will celebrate our Church's centennial in 2021? I suppose it's true for most people that we don't appreciate where we live. **Though Memphis has its share of troubles, our city**

also has more than its share of blessings. Among those many blessings are the best water in the nation, magnificent hardwood trees, one of the best zoos in the country, the best barbecue in the world, and the memory of the King of Rock 'n Roll. People who visit remark on the good manners of Memphians. And we are the home of St. Jude, FedEx, Auto Zone, and International Paper.

But surely at the top of our list of blessings is that we are a city of churches. Whenever one of my great uncles who lived in Los Angeles would visit Memphis, he would ask my grandfather to drive him around the city so he could look at all of the churches. The overwhelming majority of Memphians believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. Throughout our history Memphis Christians have built church buildings of every size and style. From the old historic churches downtown to the newer ones out east - like HHPC - it is obvious that we are a people of faith.

Let's continue to treasure this place we call Highland Heights by giving thanks to God for our history and for our future. Be sure to keep inviting people to worship with us at the corner of Hwy 64 and Morning Sun Road. And let's thank God that we live in **a city of churches.**

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

Your Pastor and Friend,

JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Fish Fry this month \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, \$25 family cap. Special entertainment: Billy Hodges						1 Patrick Holmes Richard & Sue Armour
2 The Lord's Supper Shannia Bailey	3 9:00 Exercise Class Jonathan Wade Debbie Hummel Andy & Shanon Fortolis	4	5 6:00 Youth/Young Adults 6:30 Men's Bible Study Ensemble/Handbells 7:30 Choir Ben & Mary White	6 Paul Pritt Don & Deb Wade	7 Lawrence Holmes	8
9 12:30 Deacons' Mtg. Traci Gatlin Ralph & Donna Hyde	10 9:00 Exercise Class John & Shannon Foster	11 Bill Agnew	12 6:00 Youth/Young Adults 6:30 Men's Bible Study Ensemble/Handbells 7:30 Choir Shea & Holley Sullivan	13 6:30 Forever Young - Women's Fellowship 6:30 Men's Supper Deborah Womack	14 Flag Day Katie Dobson Koski	15 Pam Golden Dolgor Amgalan
Vacation Bible School 5:15-8:00					VBS wrap up/movie	
16 Father's Day Steve & Becky Deaux	17 9:00 Exercise Class	18 7:00 Marine Corps League Dot Jenkins Jana Billings Bob & Tina Donan	19 6:00 Youth/Young Adults 6:30 Men's Bible Study Ensemble/Handbells 7:30 Choir Linda Rush	20 10:30 Hope Circle Anthony Pollina Larry & Cindy Phillips Phil & Linda Mace	21	22 5:30 Fish Fry Kathe Spencer Quinton & Mary Laura Caples
23 Carolyn Allen	24 9:00 Exercise Class Munhuush Amgalan	25 Paul Redding Drew & Debbie Perkins	26 6:00 Youth/Young Adults 6:30 Men's Bible Study Ensemble/Handbells 7:30 Choir Jenette Thornton	27 10:30 Sarah Circle 6:30 Elders' Mtg.	28 Josh & Nikki Bond George & Janice Linder	29 Bill & Janice Dalrymple
30 12:15 Patriotic Program with Potluck Lunch	1 JULY	2	3 Redbirds game Sign up for tickets. Sheet is on the bulletin board across from the coke machine.	Got T-shirts? We do! \$15 Also in white		

Blue names = Birthdays

Red couples = Anniversaries

Mercy Mission Church Begins!

The bricks are purchased,



the foundation is dug and



workers are beginning construction of the church at Mercy Mission in Kenya. Thank you all again who have helped keep the food bowls full for the 60 orphans at Mercy Mission. And now you are building a church for the teaching of God's Word. You are the Church in Action. James 1:27: "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."

Bob & Barb James



Highland Heights Presbyterian PDO/Pre-K



2019 Highland Heights Pre-K Graduates!

Commencement exercises were held in the Sanctuary May 24th for our fourteen graduates. These children have been nurtured with the love of the teachers and with the love of Jesus Christ. They are well-prepared for the next milestones in their lives.

Top row from left to right: Mason Lowery, Oliver Vanaman, Naomi Rodriguez, Paxton Warford, Grant Watts, Millie Cottrell, Harper Porter, Mia Ibanez, Adam Eller. Seated: Miller May, Charlie Black, Cora Jenné. Kneeling: Anna Fong, Samantha Goetz.

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.

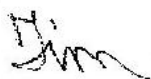
Foster Anniversary Trip

René and I will be in Great Britain June 3-18. We will be celebrating our 30th anniversary, which is actually August 12th. We planned it so we would be in London for the Queen's birthday parade. It turns out we will also be there for President Trump's state visit, so we will get to witness a very historic event.

Patrick Holmes will preach on the 9th, and Brien Chambers will preach on the 16th. Rob McCleary and Barb James will teach my Sunday school class.

As you can imagine, we're really looking forward to our trip.

Your Pastor and Friend,



There's A New Kid



Congratulations to Ruth & Cliff on the birth of their new baby "kid," Joseph Cornelius (JC). He was born on April 19th at 7:00 p.m. weighing in at 5lbs., 2oz. Cliff asked the HHPC & PDO children to help name him; with one request that the name be a boys' name from the Bible.

Votes came pouring in and Joseph was selected for his first name. However, a more curious name was also submitted - Cornelius, which has an interesting meaning: "of the horn." Ever heard the word cornucopia or horn of plenty? Ruth & Cliff loved this and decided this would be his middle name.

After naming him Joseph Cornelius, they discovered he has the same initials of someone we all know and love. Can you guess who that is?

Patriotic Program June 30th

Wear your red, white & blue and enjoy all the special patriotic music.

Bring a dish to share at the annual Potluck Luncheon.



News

1. Food pantry: bottled water is the most needed item.

2. Care Groups: this is a new deacon initiative in which deacons will build relationships with church members and provide extra TLC by means of sending cards, reaching out over phone/email, taking meals, etc. We would like to make an impact on our church by caring more for our own flock.

3. June Service Project: this will be paired with VBS. During the week, items will be donated to put together chemo care packages for St. Jude patients. HHPC adults and children will participate. Stay tuned for donation list and more details!

1st Annual Community Picnic



There was no official count on Saturday at the picnic but the grillmaster said he grilled 175 hot dogs. There were only a few left over. The sign out front advertised the picnic for several weeks prior to the event and when you drove onto the

property streamers let you know that you were in the right place. There was a bounce house and a water slide, games, food, sno-cones, fun and fellowship.

When it got dark, we were able to watch an outdoor movie.

We did attract folks from the neighborhood and from out Parents' Day Out.

The plan is to make it an annual event.



YOUTH



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June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 Lesson Crazy Love	3	4	5 Movie Night	6	7	8
9 Lesson Crazy Love	10 VBS	11 VBS	12 VBS	13 VBS	14 Pencil in Post VBS Lock in	15
16 Lesson Crazy Love	17	18	19 Pool Night	20	21	22 Jason Out
23 Jason Out	24 Jason Out	25 Jason Out	26 Jason Out No Youth	27 Jason Out	28 Jason Out	29 Jason Out
30 Lesson Crazy Love						

Youth News

I will be out the week of the 23rd, we will not have youth activities that evening.

Youth will have their own VBS class again this year. We will take part in the larger VBS program where we would like and are able, but we will mostly have our own “schedule” like we did last year. One day for crafts, one for games, one for lesson and one TBA.

We had a successful post VBS lock in last year. If my energy and ability hold, and if there is interest, I will have a lock in the 14th into the 15th. Details will be coming.

Youth Summer activities will continue with most nights starting about 6 – We have a movie night and a pool night coming up in June.

TOPS NEWS

After 41 straight months of TOPS activities, we are taking a month off. There will be no TOPS gathering in June.

However, Vacation Bible School is June 10-13. We hope our senior adults will find a place to serve the children or attend the adult VBS Bible study. Let's encourage Marie by being helping hands and hearts as she leads in ministry, whether behind the scenes or on the "front line."

Later in June, we can all attend the Annual HHPC Fish Fry by Bobby Sharp.

May 21, TOPS had seventeen participants, including one 3-year-old, go through Safari Park and feed the "wild" animals in Alamo and enjoy a really the tasty buffet at Casey Jones in Jackson. No one could have participated in either activity without lots of smiles and laughs!!!

Mary Hewes posted these pictures and wrote a review of the day's events on Facebook.

Highland Heights Presbyterian Church TOPS group which is one of the Senior Citizens groups, had



a fun outing today. The morning began with a drive through the Tennessee Safari Park in Alamo, Tennessee. Food purchased at the gate was fed from car or van windows to various animals throughout the park. Afterward, some of us strolled around the petting zoo, giraffe and other exhibits and checked out the gift shop. The morning was topped off by lunch at Casey Jones Restaurant in Jackson, Tennessee. We all ate together at one long table. I'm so glad that my daughter-in-law, Genie, and my granddaughters, Nicole and Courtney, came along for the fun. We had a wonderful time!



Register online for VBS - \$5/child for T-shirt - Pay online or at the door.

June 10-13

**Free Dinner served from
5:15-5:45 pm**

**VBS fun from 5:45-8:00
pm**

Ages 4 through Adult

Nursery available



June 14

**Outdoor Family Movie
Night @ 8:00 pm**

Popcorn

No registration required

Elders' Notes - 4.25.19

- 1) On Easter Sunday, the **2019 Confirmation Class** joined the Church - Courtney Bishop, Sofia Fortolis and Luke Schroeder by Profession of Faith and Baptism; Nicole Bishop, Drew Fortolis and Blake Stackhouse by Profession of Faith, *because they had been baptized as children.*
- 2) Also on Easter Sunday, Chris Schroeder **joined the Church** by Profession of Faith and Baptism, and Shanon & Andy Fortolis and Genie Bishop joined by Reaffirmation of Faith.
- 3) Shanon and Andy Fortolis' children, Ashton and Savana, were **baptized** on Easter Sunday.
- 4) Mark your calendar for our first **Community Picnic** on Saturday, May 25th, at 5:00 p.m. - games, hot dogs, snacks, and an outdoor movie, "Incredibles 2."
- 5) Just a reminder: **Nursery** is for children up to 4 years old, and **Children's Church** is for children in Kindergarten - 3rd grade.
- 6) **Vacation Bible School** will be Monday-Thursday, June 10th-13th, from 5:30-8:00.
- 7) **Live streaming of our worship services on Facebook** will begin Sunday, April 28th.
- 8) **Debt Reduction Campaign** receipts through April 25th were \$177,982, which is 71% of the goal of \$250,000.
- 9) **General Fund** income through March 31st was \$102,581 and expenses were \$113,185 for a shortage of \$10,604. The **reserve checking account balance** is currently \$33,655.



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