

CORNERSTONE

Monthly Newsletter

August Highlights

- ◆ **4th** is one of our Sundays to volunteer at the Soup Kitchen at First Presbyterian Church downtown. See Steve Allen.
- ◆ **8th** is PDO Open House
- ◆ **11th** is PDO Sunday with a Potluck Lunch after church
- ◆ **12th** is the beginning of the Fall term for PDO
- ◆ **14th** is when Wonderful Wednesdays resume with dinner, children's activities, adult Bible Study, music rehearsals, etc.
- ◆ **18th** is Christmas play auditions! Let the pizza begin.

Giving is Easy!

Did you know we have an "app" for online giving? In your phone/tablet's app store, download the app called "Easytithe." Once downloaded, look for "Highland Heights Presbyterian Church." You can set up an account (which stores your bank information for future use) or give as a guest (requires you to give your credit card/checking account information each time you use the app). You can select to which fund you'd like to donate (General Fund, Youth Group, Missions, etc) at the touch of a button! Please see Elder Kendra Bowers if you have any questions.

Meet New Members: Ben & Mary White

I am Mary White. I was born in Memphis, Tennessee and have lived here all of my life. As a child, I attended Open Door Bible Church with my family. From my first marriage I have three children. My oldest, Amber, is a Paralegal at a local law firm, my middle child, Erica, will graduate from college at the end of this Summer and my son



just finished High School this past Spring. I enjoy my family, reading, painting, and taking care of our rescue cats. I am the Office Manager/ HR at Precision Door Service. The owner of the company is a Christian and we have a very nice work environment. My husband Ben was born in Oxford England. Ben came to the United States when he was 12. He has a daughter from his previous marriage. Riley is 12 and lives in Alaska with her mother. Ben joined the Army in 2001 and after Airborne school was stationed at Ft. Richardson, Alaska. He deployed to Iraq in February of 2004 then returned home February 2005. He deployed a second time in September 2006 then returned home in November of 2007. After 8 years of service Ben was honorably discharged in 2009. Ben and I met in 2010, and have been married for four years this past May. Ben also works at Precision Door Service as a Lead Residential Service Technician. We both want to thank you for your warm welcome. We are very happy to be a part of the church family here at Highland Heights Presbyterian Church.

Note: Mary White is Mary Hewes daughter and Genie Bishop's sister-in-law.

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
 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



God has truly blessed HHPC the past several months with a **season of growth**. Twenty-one people have joined our church recently! Isn't that wonderful?! Why do you think God is bringing people to Highland Heights?

First of all, I think it's because **the gift of faith is always connected with the family**

of faith. In Acts 2, we read that the Holy Spirit worked through Peter's sermon so powerfully that 3000 men professed faith, were baptized and "added to their number that day" (v. 41). When women and children are included in that number, it easily doubles.

The second reason God is bringing people to our church is because you are inviting them. When folks meet with the Session to join the church, the other elders and I have the joy of hearing many of them say they are here **because of the invitation of an HHPC member**. When was the last time you invited someone to church?

A third reason, I believe, is related to **our new sign**. In big, bold words and images, the new church sign is putting our worship times and other events before thousands of people who drive up and down Hwy 64 every day. And recently, how could you not smile when you saw the big American flag "blowing in the wind"?

Yet another reason is **prayer**. Many of you are joining me in praying that the Lord will draw people to this family of faith we call Highland Heights. God is answering our prayers.

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

Your Pastor and Friend,

AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 July	29	30	31 6:00 Youth/Young Adults 6:30 Men's Bible Study	1 11:00 TOPS eat at the Cupboard and go to St. Jude. Risa Rodriguez	2	3
4 The Lord's Supper 1:45 Serve at the Soup Kitchen Janet Quillin Shelly Ilsley Billy & Cortney Stone	5 Clint Bowden Barbara Fombang	6 Courtney Bishop	7 6:00 Youth/Young Adults 6:30 Men's Bible Study, Ensemble & Bells 7:30 Choir practice Hayden Peel	8 5:30 PDO Open House 6:30 Forever Young - Women's Fellowship 6:30 Men's Supper Lin Fryman Velda Sell Sofia Fortolis	9	10 Ashton Fortolis
11 12:30 Deacons' Mtg. Potluck after Church Ed Peel	12 PDO Fall term begins Tim & René Foster	13 7:00 Marine Corps League David Allen Paul & Lisa Hart	14 Wonderful Wednesday resumes! 5:30 Supper - Hamburgers , Baked Beans , Potato Salad , Hot Dogs , Desserts 6:30 Children, Youth & Young Adults, Adult Bible Study, Men's Bible Study, Ensemble & Bells 7:30 Choir practice Amber Grant , Chris Street	15 10:30 Hope Circle	16	17
18 12:30 Christmas Play auditions Bobby Ilsley Bob James Matthew & Ashley Wade	19	20 Brandon Brown Danny Spencer Don & Linda Rush	21 5:30 Supper - Chicken Alfredo , Noodles , Salad , Hot Dogs , Desserts 6:30 Children, Youth & Young Adults, Adult Bible Study, Men's Bible Study, Ensemble & Bells 7:30 Choir practice Gil Lewis	22 10:30 Sarah Circle 6:30 Elders' Mtg. Charle Dunstan	23	24
25 Honor First Responders Nikki Bond	26 Jenny Pollina Courtney Tucker Randy & Janice Cheston Ashley & Genie Bishop	27 Newton & Mary Hewes	28 5:30 Supper - Taco Salad , Nachos , Hot Dogs , Desserts 6:30 Children, Youth & Young Adults, Adult Bible Study, Men's Bible Study, Ensemble & Bells 7:30 Choir practice Sue Armour	29 Vickie Moore Nick & Kim Batson	30 Rebecca England Sandra Pritt Steve & Faith Cooper	31 Carlee Street Mary Hewes

Blue names = Birthdays

Red Couples = Anniversaries

PRAYforME[™] CAMPAIGN

As a new school year begins Members of HHPC are invited to join in this year's PRAY for ME Campaign of praying for the Youth (grades 6-12) of church AND for the Families of Children in grades 1-5.

- Prayer Champion sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the Fellowship Hall. You may also call Barb James (901.356.5743) if you have questions or want more information.
- Assigning of new prayer partners will be done by lot the middle of August.
- You can use the same book as last year. (There is also a PRAY for ME Children's Edition that is similar to the one for the Youth except for some of the lines in the prayers which may be geared more toward families.)
- Watch for the date of a brief Kickoff Meeting and announcing of partners that will be held on a Wednesday night later in August.

Does praying for our Youth make a difference? Yes. As shared by one of our youth last year, "to know someone was praying for me was – special!"

Dr. Wess Stafford, President Emeritus of Compassion International shares the following about this campaign. As a lifelong champion for children, I applaud Tony Souder's approach to an intentional prayer focus on individual, specific children that God has placed in our lives. The Pray for Me Campaign is a brilliant way to communicate a critical message to a child: "You matter! You are important to me and to God!" This unique tool is designed to spiritually impact the next generation of Christian leaders in a positive and profound way.



Highland Heights Presbyterian PDO/Pre-K



What time is it? Time for School to Start!

Some of you may remember when school didn't used to start until the day after Labor Day. Not so anymore. School starts August 12th including our own PDO. Let's kick it off right. Sunday, August 11th will be PDO Sunday. We will dedicate our teachers at the 11:00 worship service and have a potluck luncheon. The teachers will be our guests and will not be asked to bring anything. That means we all need to bring a little extra.

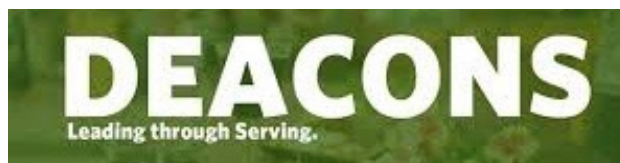


We have a few of these left. They are \$13 each. We will order more when we know how many.



Let's Start Planning for Shoebox season.

There are bins set up for shoebox items. Please continue bringing your items and take things out of the packaging as that just takes up too much space in the shoeboxes. The Samaritan's Purse website has a list of items for boys and girls by age. It also has a list of what not to send.



Packing teacher treat bags for back to school.

Register for this VOM Advance Conference

Saturday, August 10, 2019, in Millington, TN

[Register Now](#)



TIME

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

LOCATION

Crosspointe Baptist Church
8850 U.S. 51, Millington, TN 38053

[Get Directions](#)

DETAILS

One-day conference 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Doors open at 8:00 a.m. for check-in and resource area.

Lunch is 12:00-1:15 p.m. on your own at area restaurants.

There is no charge to attend. There is the opportunity to give an offering.

No child care provided.

Video and photography are prohibited during the conference.

SPREAD THE WORD

SPEAKERS



Petr Jasek

Sudan

Petr Jasek, a Christian humanitarian worker and Czech national, spent 445 days in a Sudanese prison.

[more about Petr Jasek](#)



Gracia Burnham

Philippines

While serving as missionaries in the Philippines, Gracia and her husband, Martin, were kidnapped by a militant Muslim group and held captive for 376 days.

[more about Gracia Burnham](#)



Bob Fu

China

Bob Fu, who was imprisoned for his work as a house church pastor, is the founder of China Aid Association.

[more about Bob Fu](#)



Jonathan Ekman

VOM

Jonathan Ekman leads VOM's international project work, overseeing nearly 1,600 projects in 68 hostile and restricted nations.

[more about Jonathan Ekman](#)



Gilbert Hovsepian

Iran, Music & Worship

Gilbert Hovsepian became involved in Christian music at an early age, producing his first recording by age 20. He faced persecution and numerous violent threats after his father, Rev. Haik Hovsepian, was martyred.

[more about Gilbert Hovsepian](#)

YOUTH



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August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Define Success?	5	6	7 Back-to-school dive in	8	9	10
11 Your 5-year plan	12	13	14 Food on Wed starts again	15	16	17
18 1st week of school recap	19	20	21 Lesson & activity	22	23	24
25 Where do I fit in at Church? (It's not just youth.)	26	27	28 Lesson & activity	29	30	31

Youth News

As we come out of July I have wrapped up the MVP summer camp and have to say it was a success. I feel that those that were able to attend had a great time and learned about how not to be conformed to this world, renewing your mind and how to discern and test what is the true will of God through the focus scripture of Romans 12: 1-2.

With the success of the trip also comes a financial need. There is a small deficit this year for the trip as the youth fund covered some cost of each attendee and offered scholarship to those who could not pay currently. I will be looking to do some fundraising as well as simply asking for general donations to the youth fund. A church member paid in full for a scholarship for one youth, and I am truly thankful for that.

Now for August, the youth will start back to school and trust me they have been counting it down with dread. I would ask that you pray for them as some begin their high school and middle school journeys. I also ask that you pray for the ones who are moving up to youth this year that they transition well and can find their place in the group.

TOPS
THE CUPBOARD RESTAURANT: 1400 Union Ave., 11:00
ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL:
262 Danny Thomas Pl, 12:30+/-
Thursday, August 1
Van departs HHPC 10:25

Thursday Specials

Chicken & Dressing
Chicken Strips
Stuffed Bell Pepper
Homemade Spaghetti
Grilled Chicken Breast
Fried or Grilled Catfish
Beef Tips w/ Noodles
Chicken Fried Chicken w/ Milk Gravy

Dessert

Blackberry Cobbler

Thursday Vegetables

Fresh Eggplant Casserole
Italian Spinach
Carrot Soufflé
Fresh Turnip Greens
Black Eyed Peas
Fresh Buttered Squash
Fresh Baked Sweet Potato
Corn Pudding
Fried Green Tomatoes
Fresh Mashed Potatoes
Carrot & Raisin Salad
Cucumber Salad
Cole Slaw
Broccoli Casserole
Fresh Baked Apple
Northern Beans
Fresh Rutabaga Turnips
French Fries
Spiced Beets
Sliced Tomatoes
Dressing



Participating TOPS members will eat at The Cupboard on Union at 11. After lunch, we will deliver toys/supplies to St Jude, and do a self-guided tour of the pavilion (rotunda); we will NOT tour the hospital.

Call/Text Linda Rush at 901.734.1100 or email her at lrush@aol.com to RSVP for lunch or for the van (which departs HHPC at 10:25) by Tuesday July 30.



Elders' Notes - 6.27.19

- 1) On May 26th, Barbara Fombang and Fidelis Oladunjoye **joined the Church** by Reaffirmation of Faith.
- 2) Darren and Lori Remington's request to have their daughter Alana **baptized** on July 7th was approved.
- 3) Clint Bowden's **resignation as Elder** was accepted due to he and his wife Joy moving to Chelsea, Alabama. Gratitude was expressed for his service to the Church.
- 4) The request of Marie Schroeder and Shanon Fortolis to start a **homeschool group** that will meet at the Church was approved.
- 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) Installation of a **retractable center screen and projector** in the Sanctuary has been completed. Thanks to all whose contributions made it possible!
- 7) \$3,548 has been given for the **Per Member Asking**. Each HHPC member has been asked to give \$37 to cover our support of the Presbytery and EPC General Assembly. Have you taken care of your family's amount?
- 8) **Debt Reduction Campaign** receipts through June 27th were \$179,492, which is 71% of the goal of \$250,000.
- 9) **General Fund** income through May 31st was \$178,782 and expenses were \$187,042 for a difference of \$8,260. The **reserve checking account balance** is currently \$32,909.



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