

CORNERSTONE

Monthly Newsletter

The Maintenance Man...

"It's always something" as Gilda Radner would say. Lots of little things get taken care of each and every week at HHPC. We have a group of helpers. One of those helpers was here recently when a service man come to see why our hot water wasn't working efficiently. He let him in the door and showed him where to go. Later, the serviceman referred to him as our maintenance man. In a way, I guess that is true. People have all kinds of gifts and abilities. As needs arise, we try to take care of the tasks we can without making service calls. Rest assured that if we need a professional, we have a list at our fingertips. Elder Lesa Hart is the new chairman of the property & grounds committee. Naturally, we had to have a crisis. It could have been worse. We appreciate everyone's patience with the ban on water usage on Sunday, the 19th. The source of the problem has been resolved and the building is restored. When you see something that needs to be fixed, let Lesa or the office know.

Meet New Members: **Lavon & Melanie Hayes**



Lavon and I were both raised in the church. Lavon is a lifelong Memphian who graduated from Sheffield High School. Lavon retired in 2016 after working 44 years in the printing industry. He helps provides care for his mother and mine. He enjoys NASCAR and history.

I was a Navy brat, which allowed me to travel to many locations such as the Philippines which I have to say was the most interesting place we ever lived. When I was 13 my dad retired from the Navy and we moved to Memphis. I graduated from Raleigh Egypt High School. I have been with FedEx for 22 years in the IT field. In my spare time I enjoy crocheting and cross stitching.

Lavon and I met at a friend's house six months before we got married. We have been married for 31 years and we have two beautiful daughters. Our oldest daughter Elise recently got married to a wonderful man named Stephen. Elise is a mobile dog groomer in Memphis and the surrounding area. They live in Millington. Our youngest daughter Lorrie is an Assistant Attorney General and works for the Attorney General in Nashville. She recently bought a home in Portland, TN.



Lavon and I love to watch football together and we both enjoy spending time with our family and friends. We especially enjoy visiting and helping our best friends at their cabin at Pickwick.

Lavon & Melanie joined HHPC by Reaffirmation of Faith on July 14, 2019.

Church Leadership

Staff

Tim Foster **Senior Pastor**
 Jason Gatlin **Youth Director**
 Patrick Holmes **Contemporary Music Leader**
 Nikki Bond
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 **A/V Technician**
 Chrissy Thornton **Parents' Day Out Director**

Elders

Bob Donan - **Clerk**
Class of 2020
 Richard Armour - **Treasurer**
 Lesa Hart
 Rob McCleary

Class of 2021

Steve Allen
 Steve Deaux
 Charle Dunstan

Class of 2022

Josh Bond
 Lin Fryman
 Traci Gatlin

Deacons

Class of 2020

Barb James
 Don Rush
 Linda Rush
 David Thornton

Class of 2021

Joey Clark
 George Krug
 Debra Wright

Class of 2022

Janice Linder
 Linda Melear - **Moderator**

Pastor's Remarks



Several years ago, a group of children, aged four to eight, were asked, “**What does love mean?**” Their answers ranged from funny to poignant. Here are some of my favorites:

“Love is when you kiss all the time. My Mommy and Daddy are like that. They look gross when they kiss.”

“At my piano recital, I was on stage and I was scared. I looked at all the people watching me and saw my Daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. I wasn't scared anymore.”

“Love is when Mommy sees Daddy smelly and sweaty and still says he is handsome.”

“When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know your name is safe in their mouths.”

“When my Grandma got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my Grandpa does it for her now, even when his hands got arthritis, too. That's love.”

“You really shouldn't say ‘I love you’ unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget.”

“The greatest of these is love” (1 Corinthians 13:13b).
What does love mean to you?

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
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2 The Lord's Supper 12:15 Souper Bowl Sunday René Foster Bill & Genellen Harris	3	4 Ellen Griffin	5 5:30 Supper - Taco/ Nacho Salad , Hot Dogs , Desserts 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir practice Rachael Spencer	6 Jeff Lewis	7	8
9 12:15 Deacons' meeting	10 Greg Sussey	11 Laurie Holmes	12 5:30 Supper - Roast Beef , Mashed Potatoes , Gravy , Broccoli , Salad , Hot Dogs , Desserts 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir practice	13 6:30 Forever Young - Women's Fellowship Cason Griffin	14 6:30 Men's Supper/ Valentine's Dinner Sean Thornton	15 Betty Steed Bill Harris
16 12:15 Orientation for Nursery Volunteers w/ lunch Elile Kate Billings	17	18 9:00 TOPS go to Reelfoot 7:00 Marine Corps League	19 5:30 Supper - Breakfast for Dinner , Eggs , Bacon , Biscuits , Gravy Hot Dogs , Desserts 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir practice	20 10:30 Hope Circle	21 Mary Bailey	22
23 Janice Cheston Steve Allen	24 Gabe Agee	25 Lydia Johnson	26 Ash Wednesday 5:30 Supper - Chicken Parmesan , Spaghetti , Marinara Sauce , Salad , Hot Dogs , Desserts 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir practice Cindy Perkins	27 10:30 Sarah Circle 6:30 Elders' Mtg Blair Bringhurst	28 7:00 Grizzlies Game Charlie Thornton	29 Rhonda King

Blue names = Birthdays

Red Couples = Anniversaries

February 2nd



What do you have planned for February 2nd? Well, it's Groundhog Day and René Foster's birthday. But a little thing called the Super Bowl is also happening. Before you head to the TV to watch the game, plan on staying at Church for "Souper" Bowl Sunday. The Youth will take up an offering that will go to the soup kitchen at First Presbyterian Church downtown. We will then eat lunch together. Please bring soup or chili for lunch; crackers, cornbread and desserts will be provided.



**Highland Heights Presbyterian
PDO/Pre-K**

FUTBOL Anyone?



That's what they call it everywhere else in the world. It is known as soccer in the US. Our PDO kids are learning about soccer through a program called Soccer Shots.

PASTRIES WITH PARENTS



VALENTINE'S DINNER

The Men of the Church are hosting a Valentine's Dinner for everyone on Friday, February 14th, at 6:30. Sign up for steak, chicken or salmon. The meal will also include baked potatoes, salad, bread and dessert.

Please sign up by February 9th. The cost is \$10 per person and will be collected at the door.

As a special treat we will have a Christian singer from Northern Ireland provide entertainment.

He was at last year's Valentine's Dinner and was well received.

His name is Colin Elliott.



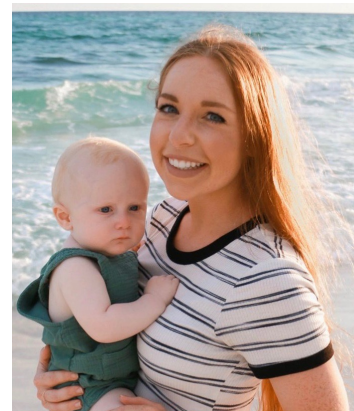
Here is a link to his website:

www.colinelliottmusic.com

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

Children's Ministry Director

Hello and Happy New Year! I am excited to begin 2020 as the new Children's Ministry Director. I have served a 3-year term as Deacon for HHPC and my background is in education. I taught high school Spanish for almost 10 years, prior to staying home with Sonny. Working with children is a passion of mine and I feel blessed for this opportunity.



Current Children's Ministry opportunities at HHPC:

- Volunteering as children's church teacher one Sunday per month
- Nursery volunteer
- Vacation Bible School (stay tuned!)

Please email me at: ndielfi2@gmail.com if you would like to serve! Also note an important upcoming date: Sunday, February 16th after the 11AM service, there will be an orientation/training for ALL current and future nursery volunteers. Please plan on attending if you serve or would like to serve in the nursery. Lunch will be provided. Thank you!

Nikki Bond

HHPC Night at the Grindhouse

When: Friday, Feb. 28th @ 7:00pm

Where: FedEx Forum

Opponent: Sacramento Kings



Tickets will be purchased by the individuals attending; recommended seating is in sections 211 and 212. To find the best prices available, check on ticket websites such as TickPick and StubHub. If you need help finding tickets, please contact Matthew Wade: mw07rolltide@gmail.com.

YOUTH



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February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Three questions: Life	3	4	5 Field Trip TBA	6	7	8
9 Three Questions: Spirituality	10	11	12 Lesson & Activity	13	14	15
16 Three Questions: Family	17	18	19 Lesson & Activity	20	21	22
23 Three Questions: Yourself	24	25	26 Lesson & Activity	27	28	29

Youth News

Feb 5th – Youth will go on a field trip that has yet to be determined. We will leave the church at 6 and return about 8.

Sunday lessons will focus on discussion questions that are intended to explore what challenges our youth face, what fears do they have, what they feel the biggest issues are in our society. These discussions should lead to a better understanding of what answers the youth are in search of and possibly generate a line of lessons geared specifically to topics that they feel are paramount.

The group and I have discussed the ski trip and may have determined that they may want a lock in scheduled for some time in March. Everyone's schedules are packed, including mine, and it is difficult to get to the snow before it begins to melt. I will let you know if anything changes.

As always, thank you for all your support. I am continuing to look forward to a wonderful year.

TOPS OUTING: Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2020
Lunch 11:15 am –
Boyette's Restaurant at Reelfoot Lake, Hwy 21, Tiptonville
Bald Eagle Watching after Lunch –
Reelfoot Lake State Park, 2595 Hwy 21, Tiptonville
(Carpools)

Ever been to Reelfoot Lake to see the great bald eagles? Weather permitting, TOPS participants will do this Tues., February 18. And as anyone going to Reelfoot Lake enjoys a meal at Boyette's Restaurant, across from the Visitors Center, we'll be doing that too!!

Some of our senior adults have never been to Reelfoot Lake, and others have fond memories of their visits but haven't been in a long time.

Each way, this is a 2-hour drive (without stops), and we will do a self-guided (with maps showing eagle nests) tour of the perimeter of the lake to look for the eagles. In the interest of comfort during a long day in a vehicle, we plan to carpool in individual vehicles. Depending on the response to this outing, we think we have a sufficient number of vehicles. If you are planning to go and are willing to drive, please let Linda Rush (lrrush@aol.com; 901-734-1100) know as soon as possible so she can coordinate carpool lists.

Those of us leaving from HHPC should depart no later than 9 am; if you are planning to make a stop, you should leave earlier. That will get us there at 11 or so. Giving us time to "refresh" upon arrival at Boyette's, we should be seated and ready to eat between 11:15 and 11:30. Boyette's serves steaks, country ham, shrimp, frog legs, salads, burgers, chicken, etc., but the most popular item is probably their catfish meal!! For \$10.99 it includes 2 perfectly fried catfish filets, hush puppies, rolls, slaw, homemade onion rings, white or green beans, and French fries or twice-baked potato. Whoa!!

After lunch, we will go across the street to the Visitors Center/Museum to see the rehab eagles' cages, live snakes, pottery, and other artifacts and get maps with Eagle Nests marked. (About a 20-30 minute visit)

Finally, we will drive around and look in the trees and skies (pray for a sunny, clear day) for sightings of our nation's proud symbol. This trip could be taken when it's warmer, but in the eagles' migratory pattern, they are at Reelfoot during January and February. We took binoculars with us a couple weeks ago and were glad we did. We spotted the eagles with the naked eye but focused in with the binoculars.

After a really good day, we returned home well before dark!

Let Linda know (preferably) by Wednesday, Feb 12 or (at the latest) Sunday Feb 16 so she can adjust our restaurant reservations and organize carpools. Obviously, if weather that day is risky, we will cancel the trip.

Elders' Notes - 1.23.20

- 1) On January 12th, John Maki **joined the Church** by Reaffirmation of Faith, and Michelle Bushey **joined the Church** by Transfer of Membership from Grace Presbyterian Church in El Paso, Texas.
- 2) The congregation is invited to the **wedding** of Samantha Ilsley and Brady Price on March 14, 2020 at Hillwood. Pastor Tim will officiate.
- 3) Save the date: the next **Trivia Night** will be Saturday, April 18th, to raise money to build a detached kitchen at our orphanage in Kenya. The goal is \$3,500.
- 4) Amanda Clark is the chairman of the **HHPC 100th Birthday** Committee. Stay tuned for announcements about celebrations throughout 2021.
- 5) **From Memphis to Kenya** - \$30/month per HHPC family helps to feed the 90+ children in our adopted orphanage in Kenya. Are you giving to this important ministry?
- 6) Have you missed church recently and gotten behind on your giving? Consider setting up **automatic transactions** through either your bank or via www.easytithe.com/hhpc or text "give" to 901-586-1881.
- 7) **Burn the Mortgage Campaign** receipts through January 23rd were \$21,702, which is 7.6% of the goal of \$287,000.
- 8) **General Ministry Fund** income through December 31st was \$448,442 and expenses were \$447,085 for a surplus of \$1,357. The general ministry fund balance on December 31st was \$48,823.



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