

CORNERSTONE

Monthly Newsletter

Dear Pastor Tim

It's been a while, I am back to Nepal with wife and family. God is good and it has been a blessed time serving in my home church. Me and my wife are serving in worship leading and I get to preach. In Nepal, I find lots of things have changed. There is no freedom of evangelism and door to door gospel sharing like it used to be before. Our government has passed a law that if they find you preaching there is a penalty of jail and certain fees. We pray that nothing can hinder us to share the truth of Jesus. Lots of people need to accept Jesus. Kindly pray for us and our church. We have a small church, Aashish Presbyterian Church in Damak.

I hope you are doing well.

Greetings to your wife, family, and friends in the HHPC.

With friendly greetings,

Bikram Ranapheli (from Nepal)



Bikram and wife Rubee

Bikram was our guitarist a few years ago.

Meet New Member: Shirley McDaniel Tilton

I was born and raised in Memphis. I attended Treadwell High School, and it was during this time I met my future husband. I was married to Jim Tilton for 54 ½ years. During his service with the Air Force and the U.S. Navy, we lived in Kansas and Japan. We have three children, Tom Tilton, Debra Towns, and Janice Rudd. We have ten grandchildren and six great grandchildren.



I enjoy traveling, gardening, going to the gym, crossword and sudoku puzzles, playing pickle ball, and going for dinner with family and friends. I volunteer for multiple charities. Also, I am a very big supporter of the University of Memphis Tigers football and basketball teams and the Memphis Grizzlies.

At the age of five, I was baptized in the Fifth Cumberland Presbyterian Church on Tutwiler Street. It was a small, white wood frame church. I have many wonderful memories of my life there. A few years later we joined the Highland Heights Presbyterian Church. Now the big, beautiful, white church on a hill is my home, thanks to Pastor Tim and everyone in the congregation.

Shirley joined HHPC by Reaffirmation of Faith on July 14, 2019.

Family FUN Night

Wednesday, **March 18** at 6:30-7:30 PM following dinner in the HHPC Gym

Come join a great night of Family FUN with HHPC children, youth and their families, Matt's Team, PRAY for ME Prayer Champions, Bible study class members and all who share in the life of HHPC. This is for everyone! There will be games,

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
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



At my last Pastor's Lunch, I asked, **"What brought you to Highland Heights?"** The answers varied. Some said a friend invited them. Others said they live in neighborhoods near the church. There was a common denominator in all of their answers: "We were looking for a traditional Presbyterian Church."

Those who ate lunch with René and me that Sunday afternoon ranged in age from late 20's to early 60's. They said they have been coming regularly to HHPC because they enjoy the worship services and the friendliness of our congregation.

In the last 10 years, many churches have given up singing hymns. In addition, many churches have given up using liturgy in worship; they no longer say the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' Creed or sing the Doxology. I don't think it's wise to turn our backs on 2,000 years of Christian worship. So at Highland Heights we have continued to include the classic elements of worship in our services.

Now that doesn't mean we are stuck in the past. We use guitars and other instruments in worship. We sing the best of the old and the best of the new. We are making good use of our projector and screen.

Many of our regular attenders who are not yet members are discovering that **HHPC's DNA** is a wonderful combination of classic worship and caring fellowship. May that combo continue to be the essence of who we are as a church.

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

Your Pastor and Friend,

MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Shirley McLaurine	4 5:30 Supper - Baked Potato (reg. & sweet potatoes) & Salad Bar , Hot Dogs , Desserts 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir practice	5	6	7
8 Spring Forward 12:15 Deacons' meeting Haley Moody	9 Anthony & Jenny Pollina	10 Pam Lewis	11 5:30 Supper - Sloppy Joes , Cole Slaw & Chips , Hot Dogs , Desserts 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir practice Janice Dalrymple Nick Batson	12 6:30 Forever Young - Women's Fellowship 6:30 Men's Supper	13 9:00 TOPS are going to Reelfoot Nathan Sussey	14
15 9:45 Confirmation Class Clint & Gisele Buchanan	16 Lesla Hart	17 St. Patrick's Day 7:00 Marine Corps League	18 5:30 Supper - Lasagna & Salad , Hot Dogs , Desserts 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir practice Jeff & Pam Lewis	19 First Day of Spring! 10:30 Hope Circle	20 Bob Donan George & Glenda Krug	21
SPRING BREAK!!!						
Pastor Tim at Marine Reserve Force Hdqtrs						
22 9:45 Confirmation Class	23 Becky Deaux Connie Thornton	24 Linda Melear	25 5:30 Supper - Chicken Alfredo , Noodles & Salad , Hot Dogs , Desserts 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir practice	26 10:30 Sarah Circle 6:30 Elders' Mtg Larry Maxwell	27 Jeff Allen	28
29 9:45 Confirmation Class	30	31 Morgan Ilsley Drew Perkins				

Blue names = Birthdays

Red Couples = Anniversaries

CONFIRMATION CLASS



For children and youth who would like to make a profession of faith in Jesus on Easter Sunday. Meets on Sundays at 9:45 in the conference room March 15, 22 and 29 and April 5. Pastor Tim and René are the teachers.

HHPC CENTENNIAL

Please join our Highland Heights Presbyterian Church 100th Birthday Celebration Facebook page to stay up-to-date with everything that the History Committee is planning for the next two years. Also, if you have photos you would like to share, please send them to hhpc.historian@gmail.com with as much information as possible. Thank you!



Highland Heights Presbyterian PDO/Pre-K

WILL YOU BE MY VALENTINE?



Each of the children in this class had a "mailbox" that they made in front of them to receive Valentine's from their classmates. All the classrooms were decorated with



hearts and balloons. There was a photo op for the class as a whole and also individual pictures of each child. In addition to pictures and Valentines there was pizza for lunch.

TRIVIA NIGHT is Coming!

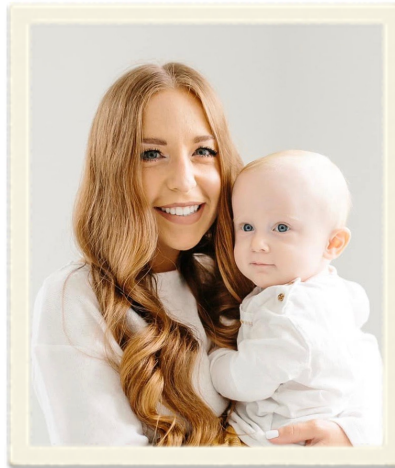
Several years ago we started having Trivia Nights. They have been met with much success and are always a lot of fun. In 2016 we raised funds for the purpose of feeding orphans. We continue to send funds to help feed the orphans. The next year we were able to help purchase an acre of land. The next project was to build a well for the children to have clean water. Last year we helped build a church. This year's goal is to help build a detached kitchen. All of the projects and many more are through "One With God."

The date to circle on your calendar is April 18th. Start getting your team together and watch for more details.

The Impact Sunday School class is heading this project with Traci Gatlin as the POC.



From the Children's Ministry Director:



Happy March! We have so much going on in the life of our church. Our nursery orientation was a success—we have many new volunteers for nursery, Children's Time and acolyte. A huge thanks goes out to all of our volunteers!

Are you looking for an opportunity to volunteer? At HHPC, you can serve alongside another volunteer in the nursery during the 8:30 service, Sunday School or 11:00 service.

School-age children are also able to serve as acolyte, lighting the candles before service.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Nikki Bond at ndielfi2@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATES!

Easter Egg Hunt - April 4th - 1:00 pm



Vacation Bible School
June 1st-5th

YOUTH



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March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Discussion Question wrap up	2	3	4 Field Trip - Weather Permitting	5	6	7
8 Temptation PS 119:11	9	10	11 Hot Topic - Respect	12	13	14
15 Who your Friends Are 1 Cor 15:33	16	17	18 Family fun night - Pray for me	19	20	21
22 Hold your tongue James 3:9	23	24	25 Hot Topic - Judgement	26	27	28
29 Forgiveness	30	31				

Youth News

This month we will cover some of the topics that were discovered using the discussion questions from the previous month. We will be using the same format of Sundays covering more Bible lesson and Wednesdays covering more Christian, social and lifestyle.

I have a field trip planned for March 4. I am looking into doing mini golf just down the road at Vantage Golf (Macon at Houston Levee). It will be outdoors so weather will affect the trip; I will let you know final plans the week of the trip.

Lock in will be planned in April as March is pretty heavily scheduled already.

As always, thank you for your support and prayers.

TOPS OUTING
“Friday 13,” March 2020
 Boyette’s Restaurant, 11:15
 Reelfoot Lake State Park, Bald Eagles
 (Carpools)

The weather just did NOT cooperate for us to go spy on the eagles in February! Many TOPS participants were disappointed so we are launching “Reelfoot, Take 2.” Weather permitting, we’ll trek to Boyette’s Restaurant and Reelfoot Lake (on Hwy 21, Tiptonville) on Friday, March 13.

As originally planned, we will carpool. If you plan 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. Without stops, we will arrive around 11 and have time to “refresh” at Boyette’s. We want to be seated between 11:15 and 11:30. Boyette’s serves burgers, country ham, shrimp, frog legs, salads, steaks, chicken, etc., but the most popular item is 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 cross the road to the Visitors Center/Museum to see the rehab eagles’ cages, live snakes, pottery, and other artifacts – and pick up maps with Eagles Nests and vehicle pull-overs marked.

Finally, each car will self-tour around the perimeter of the lake, looking in the

trees and skies for our nation’s proud symbols. While the eagles can be seen without them, it’s a good idea to bring binoculars for an up-close view.

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

If you plan to participate, let Linda know (preferably) by Sunday, March 8 or (at the latest) Wednesday March 11 so she can adjust restaurant reservations and organize carpools.

February TOPS:

Due to the weather we proposed an alternative to the Reelfoot outing, and in spite of the rain, we had 17 make the drive to Bäckermann’s Mennonite Market for lunch and bakery items. The fellowship was as nourishing as the bowls of steaming homemade soups!!

Elders' Notes - 2.27.20

- 1) On February 16th, Katie Murley **joined the Church** by Reaffirmation of Faith.
- 2) The congregation is invited to the **wedding** of Samantha Ilsley and Brady Price on Saturday, 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) 72 children are enrolled in HHPC's **Parents' Day Out**. Fall registration is going on now, and classes are filling up. Contact Director Chrissy Thornton at 385-9000.
- 5) **Siding repairs** on the Sanctuary have been scheduled. **Foundation repairs** and **flooring replacement** in the connector between the Educational Building and the Sanctuary have also been scheduled.
- 6) **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?*
- 7) 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.
- 8) **Burn the Mortgage Campaign** receipts through February 27th were \$22,892, which is 8% of the goal of \$287,000.
- 9) **General Ministry Fund** income through January 31st was \$35,575 and expenses were \$42,671 for a difference of \$7,096. The **general ministry fund balance** on January 31st was \$39,877.



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