

# CORNERSTONE

## Monthly Newsletter

### Up, Up & Away!



We want to thank Rob McCleary for arranging to get a man lift delivered to the Church so some "high" priority projects could get done.

While we had it, Rob was able to trim some trees and clean out a gutter.

We hired people who install/repair siding to replace a large area of siding that was missing up where the basket is perched. There was also a hole in the stucco that was repaired.

Additionally, there has also been roofing work to repair leaks.

The Church is the people but we also have to take care of the Lord's house.

Thank you Rob for getting the lift.

*Elder Lesa Hart  
Property & Grounds*

### **Meet New Member: John Maki**

I was born and raised at the corner of Highway 64 and Kate Bond Road. My family roots run deep in the Bartlett area. I attended Morning Sun Cumberland Presbyterian Church with my family. I worked hard all my life in Industrial Machine Shops and Maintenance Contractor in various plants in the Memphis area. But my true loves are all my hobbies from riding cross country on my Harley to cooking.



When I had a stroke in 2017, it significantly changed my life. It slowed me down and I reassessed my values. That brought me back to my faith in God and reading my bible. I am grateful for all the opportunities I have been blessed with in this life to include leading me to the love of my life, Michelle. I'm excited to get to know everyone in our church family and find how I can serve God at Highland Heights.

*John joined HHPC by Reaffirmation of Faith on January 12, 2020.*

### **Why we celebrate:**

Congress debated and revised the wording of the Declaration, finally approving it on July 4. A day earlier, John Adams had written to his wife Abigail:

*The second day of July 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more.*

Adams's prediction was off by two days. From the outset, Americans celebrated independence on July 4, the date shown on the much-publicized Declaration of Independence, rather than on July 2, the date the resolution of independence was approved in a closed session of Congress.

## Church Leadership

### Staff

**Tim Foster** Senior Pastor/Head of Staff  
**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  
**Mike Bishop** Guitarist  
**Jason Gatlin** Audio Visual 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



My wife René and I always look forward to Bartlett's annual Fireworks Extravaganza on or near the 4th of July, but, like so many other events this year, it has been cancelled. While there won't be many large, public celebrations to attend this Independence Day, there are still many, many reasons to celebrate the birthday of the United States of America. Many in the media would have us believe otherwise, but our country is a bastion of freedom. Justice and opportunity, law and order are the rule, not the exception in America. **When the rules are broken, the overwhelming majority of Americans cry foul but don't throw out the baby with the bathwater.** For 244 years, Americans have continued to expand the foundational principles of freedom first laid down in 1776. That is something to celebrate!

In a February 14th article in "The Patriot Post," Michael Swartz cited a speech President Ronald Reagan gave as he was leaving office in 1989. Three decades later, President Reagan's words are even more apropos: "Those of us who are over 35 or so years of age absorbed a love of country and an appreciation of its institutions. If you didn't get these things from your family, you got them from the neighborhood ... or from school ... and if all else failed, from the popular culture. But now, we're about to enter the nineties, and some things have changed. Younger parents aren't sure that an unambivalent appreciation of America is the right thing to teach modern children. And for those who create the popular culture, well-grounded patriotism is no longer the style. **We've got to do a better job of getting across that America is freedom - freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of enterprise. And freedom is special and rare.**"

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

Your Pastor and Friend,

## JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <b>6:30</b> Pastor Bob's Men's Bible Study Jr. & Sr. High Youth Matt Wade's Bible Study	2	3 Office Closed Amaa & Dolgor Amgalan	4 <b>Independence Day</b> Mary Laura Caples
5 Communion Phyllis Agnew	6 David Thornton	7	8 <b>6:30</b> Pastor Bob's Men's Bible Study Jr. & Sr. High Youth Matt Wade's Bible Study	9	10	11
12 Deacons' Meeting	13 Noah Sussey Betty Goodwin	14 Wayne Johnston	15 <b>6:30</b> Pastor Bob's Men's Bible Study Jr. & Sr. High Youth Matt Wade's Bible Study Don Forte	16 10:30 Hope Circle	17 JT Bowers Danny & Kathe Spencer	18
19 Katie Murley Bill & Phyllis Agnew	20	21 7:00 Marine Corps League	22 <b>6:30</b> Pastor Bob's Men's Bible Study Jr. & Sr. High Youth Matt Wade's Bible Study Kendra Bowers Keira Bowers	23 6:30 Elders' Mtg Russell & Katie Mann	24 Heather Griffin	25 Jenny McCleary Donna Hyde
26 Will Brockwell Don Rush	27 Terry Davis	28 G.C. Lewis Cortney Stone	29 <b>6:30</b> Pastor Bob's Men's Bible Study Jr. & Sr. High Youth Matt Wade's Bible Study  <b><u>Pastor Tim's Bible Study will resume August 5th</u></b>	30	31 Linda Mace Jerry & Barb Brundle	

Blue names = Birthdays

Red Couples = Anniversaries

## Sandwiches!

One of our women's small groups, Hope Circle, met in person for the first time in months. After their business meeting and Bible Study they made sandwiches to be taken to First Presbyterian Church downtown.



That church provides help to the homeless by providing soup and sandwiches on Sunday afternoons. They also have a clothes closet and they help with obtaining IDs and allowing people to receive mail at the Church. HHPC goes 2 or 3 times a year to serve soup & sandwiches.



## Highland Heights Presbyterian PDO/Pre-K Our Kids Are Back in School!

Getting back to normal? What does that look like? For our Summer sessions we are having smaller classes. The classes are separated in activities. For example only one class at a time is on the playground. Extra cleaning and sanitizing is being done. Kids are dropped off and picked up in the car line. We receive calls everyday asking about placement for the Fall classes. The kids are happy to be back.





## Property & Grounds

The week of July 20th we will be getting a new floor installed in the kitchen so we'll need help emptying everything out of the kitchen and pantry the week before. Please contact Lesa Hart if you are willing to help.

A volunteer has been replacing burned out lights and pulling weeds. Another volunteer has been helping with repairing a light fixture. We have to call for a volunteer to come help us out with any number of minor repairs. Even though there have not been all of the activities that the Church is used to, maintenance is still needed.



If you haven't already come back to worship, we hope that when you do, you will find the building in good shape.

## From the Children's Ministry Director:

Our 11 AM nursery is back open! You are welcome to bring your child (age 0-3) for nursery care during the 11 AM service only. Please be mindful of the guidelines below:

### IS YOUR CHILD TOO SICK FOR NURSERY TODAY?



**RED LIGHT**

**Try Again Next Week**

- Fever of 101 degrees or higher
- Wheezing or shortness of breath
- Hard cough
- Constant runny nose with yellow/green tint
- Lethargy
- Diarrhea or vomiting
- Redness or runny eyes
- Sore throat or swollen glands
- Undiagnosed rashes
- Persistent itching
- Uncovered sores
- Unusual color



**YELLOW LIGHT**

**Join us if parents can check-in a few times**

- Fever-free for 24 hours
- Sporadic cough
- Minimal green/yellow runny nose



**GREEN LIGHT**

**Okay to come in and play!**

- Mild, infrequent cough
- Clear runny nose
- Active, playful, and rested

If in doubt, please stay out  
and try again next week.

For children attending the regular 8:30 and 11 AM worship services, children's sermon notes and crayons are available by the entrance. Please see an usher if you need help locating them.

Planning for Vacation Bible School is underway! We will host VBS the first four Wednesdays of September, with dinner included. Sign up will begin soon.

I hope you are all staying well. Peace,  
Nikki Bond

## MONTHLY MINISTRY SALVATION ARMY PURDUE CENTER OF HOPE

We may not all be back to church yet, but we are still ministering in love. The Purdue Center of Hope is a bastion of encouragement for women who have fallen on hard times for various reasons. Often women find it more difficult than men to find help because they bring children and the children's needs along with them.

To help prepare the children with back-to-school clothes, during the month of July, we are having an underwear and sock drive. You may bring new underwear and socks by the church or mail a check (if you do not want to go out and shop). Please indicate that it is for Salvation Army and a deacon will purchase the items needed.

Girls Panties – Sizes 7-14, anything young girls would like (not granny panty briefs)  
Boys – Boys Med., Boys XL, Men's L, boxers  
Socks – No shows or ankle socks (not crew or taller)

This is a wonderful women's ministry that Salvation Army provides for mothers seeking to turn their lives around while keeping their children with them.

Lord, when did we see you naked and clothe you? When you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me. Matthew 25

POC – Linda Rush, Deacon

# YOUTH



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## July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Lesson and activity	2	3	4 Pool Party & Fireworks
5 TBD	6	7	8 Lesson and activity	9	10	11
12 TBD	13	14	15 Lesson and activity	16	17	18
19 TBD	20	21	22 Lesson and activity	23	24	25
26 TBD	27 Stay	28 Home	29 Summer	30 Camp	31 Week	1 TBD

## Youth News

What a wild ride the last few months have been. While the youth group and I were in quarantine, we have continued to meet via ZOOM. While many of the meetings went well into the night, one meeting went a solid 24 hours. Yes, the youth ran a 24 hour zoom meeting. We also have played just about every Jack Box game there is along with some Minecraft. It has certainly been an interesting time, but we made the best of it and may actually know each other a little better.

While the quarantine may be lifting some, the effects are still far reaching as our annual MVP summer camp has been canceled. In its place I am planning a VBS like week for the youth where we will meet each evening the week of the 27th with a possible lock in on the 31st. We are planning to work on a couple of youth room projects as well as praying for a couple of field trips if COVID allows. I will have more details available soon.

While I have been in church all through quarantine working with Facebook Live, it is good to have the congregation back. I look forward to your continued support for the HHPC youth as these are a great group of kids with a bright future ahead of them.

Also, please pray as we have 3 of our group who will officially become drivers over the next several months.

## **The Battle is not Yours, but God's**

When I had Stage 4 breast cancer, including stem cell transplant, my pastor preached a sermon from 2 Chronicles 20; his text was verses 14-18. Eager to know “the rest of the story,” I went home read the whole chapter, and what I found became my focus during the ensuing months of treatment.

2 Chronicles says that the Spirit of God came upon Jahaziel in a great assembly of the people of Jerusalem and all Judah with this message:

“The Lord says to you: ‘Do not fear or be dismayed because of this great multitude [of three armies coming to destroy them], for the battle is not yours but God’s. You need not fight in this battle; station yourselves, stand and see the salvation of the Lord on your behalf.’ Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out to face them, for the Lord is with you.”

At this, Jehoshaphat and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, fell prostrate and worshipped the Lord. When they got up, they praised God with a very loud voice.

Early the next morning they rose and Jehoshaphat told the people: “Listen to me, put your trust in the Lord your God, and you will be established. Put your trust in His prophets and succeed.” He then appointed singers to go before the army marching to the battle site, to praise the Lord and sing: “Give thanks to the Lord, for His lovingkindness is everlasting.” (What? Singing on the way to battle?)

“And when they began singing and praising,” the Lord set ambushes against those from Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir who had gathered to fight Judah. When Jehoshaphat’s armies came to the appointed battleground what did they find? Not a single man of the three opposing armies was alive. The army of Judah only had to stand and see what God had done for them.

The people believed Jahaziel’s message that God would take care of their battle, they fell on the ground and praised him for his promise, and they went out early in the morning singing, praising, and thanking God for who He is and for what He had promised to do. Did they have a clue as to how God was going to work this thing to their good? Of course not. Did they doubt he would do it? Absolutely not! And when the people started singing, that is when God worked His plan for those who loved Him.

I had no idea of how my cancer was going to end, but I knew unwaveringly, down deep in my core, that I was going to be okay. We had raised our kids, I had had a blessed life, and I knew that I was either going to be healed or I was going to meet my Savior who had seen me through the ups and downs in life. Either way, God’s plan would be the best plan.

Do we know how the many issues our country faces today will be resolved? Of course not. Can we prostrate ourselves to praise Him? To thank Him for still being in charge? Yes, we need to focus on Him because He is worthy, and because doing so is the answer to maintaining our mental, spiritual, and physical balance.

*Linda Rush*

**TOPS** Coordinator

## Worship Services on our Website

June 21, 2020

 Posted on June 22, 2020 / Pastor: [Dr. Tim Foster](#)



Sermon Title: Right With God: Righteousness Credited to Us – Genesis 15:1-6 – Romans 4:1-17

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