

# CORNERSTONE

## Monthly Newsletter

### Wednesday Night Meals to Resume!

Instead of serving ourselves buffet style, the meals will be served by the kitchen team. There will be six seats per table (just like at restaurants) and the tables will be spread out to provide for physical distancing.

#### 14TH

*Spaghetti, Salad, Bread & Dessert*



#### 21ST

*Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Veggies & Dessert*



#### 28TH

*Chicken Alfredo, Pasta, Salad & Dessert*



### Meet New Member: Nancy Barnes

I am very grateful and blessed to have been led to Highland Heights Presbyterian Church. Everyday I drove past HHPC, I felt a pulling of my heart strings. After visiting HHPC, I requested God's guidance and found peace and a sense of home.

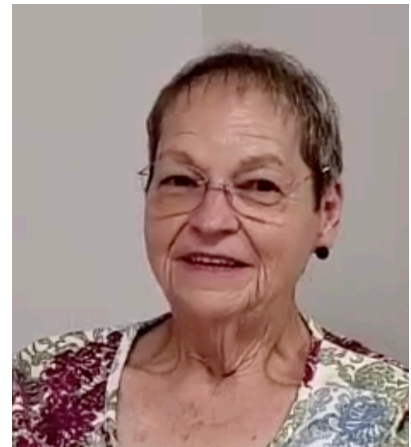
It was my privilege to teach twenty-five years. My teaching journey took me to many states. The way was made for me to teach in the US Virgin Islands. My first school was Gramboko (a converted hotel) overlooking the Marine submarine base on the Caribbean Sea. This opportunity opened my heart to the Virgin Island people. All my students were from the English, French, and Spanish Islands. Every Day, I was engulfed In my students' open hearts and love.

After I returned to the states to care for family, my journey led me to Austin, TX. I was offered a position that no one else desired at the Texas Hospital for Mentally Insane. As many times in my life, they meant it for evil but God meant it for my good. My students were from 14-21 years old. They were hospitalized for various reasons at a 24-hour lockdown facility. All were deemed a risk to themselves or others. My students ranged from severe/profound mentally retarded to honors students. This would prove to be my most challenging teaching opportunity.

I returned to Memphis three years ago after a severe illness which caused my organs to shut down. I had contracted C-diff and became septic. I prayed to God to take me but he had other plans. After four days, I rallied and surrendered to the long recovery process.

I am reminded of Tennessee Ernie Ford's old songs which resonate so strong from my childhood. He sang of the door of the heart opening through the action of serving others. "If I can help somebody as I pass along, then my living shall not be in vain".

*Nancy joined HHPC by transfer of membership from Grace Presbyterian Church on July 19, 2020.*



## 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  
**Aaron Proctor** 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  
**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



**I love books.** The bookshelves in my office are filled with a collection of books. Some I inherited from my Grandfather, Rev. L. K. Foster, and others were given to me by ministers like James Quillin after they retired. Many of them I bought and others were given to me by friends.

Recently I pulled out one of my Grandfather's books, "A Diary of Private Prayer," written by John Baillie in 1955. Dr. Baillie was a Scottish Presbyterian preacher and professor. He was also one of the Queen's Chaplains.

Dr. Baillie composed morning and evening prayers for thirty-one days so they could be used in any month. **It seems to me that portions of his morning prayer for the fourteenth day are particularly applicable to the last seven months of 2020.**

"O Lord, let me stand today -

for whatever is pure and true and just and good;  
 for the advancement of science, education and true learning;  
 for the rights of the weak and the oppressed;  
 for the conservation of the rich traditions of the past;  
 for the recognition of new workings of Thy Spirit in the  
       minds of men of my own time;  
 for the hope of yet more glorious days to come.

Today, O Lord -

let me put right before interest;  
 let me put others before self;  
 let me put principle above reputation;  
 let me put Thee before all else.

Give me today a heart like Jesus Christ - a brave heart, a true heart, a tender heart, a heart with great room in it, a heart fixed on Thyself; for His name's sake. Amen."

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

Your Pastor and Friend,

## OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Bobby Sharp	2	3 Rob & Jenny McCleary Tom & Jean Bright Bill & Karen Huddleston
4 Communion 9:45 Individual Adult Sunday School resume. Glenda Krug	5 Bill Dalrymple Shea Sullivan Macy Sullivan	6 Rob McCleary	7 5:00 Aaron's Bible Study & Bball 6:30 Children's activities Pastor Tim's Bible Survey Pastor Bob's Men's Bible Study Jr. & Sr. High Youth	8 5:30 Forever Young 6:30 Men's Supper Matthew Wade	9 Fall Youth Retreat @ Nathan Bedford Steve Deaux Harrison Pollina	10 Fall Youth Retreat @ Nathan Bedford Catherine Johnson
11 <b>Memorial Sunday</b> Fall Youth Retreat @ Nathan Bedford 9:45 Coffee & Donuts resume 12:15 Deacons' Meeting	12	13 Mike Womack Mike & Debra Wright	14 5:00 Aaron's Bible Study & Bball 5:30 Supper resumes 6:30 Children's activities Pastor Tim's Bible Survey Pastor Bob's Men's Bible Study Jr. & Sr. High Youth	15 10:30 Hope Circle Sherry Cook Cooper Sullivan James & Judy McMillen	16 Betty Allen John Foster	17 John & Rose Callies Ross & Allie Goodwin
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18 Ronnie & Jana Billings	19	20 7:00 Marine Corps League	21 5:00 Aaron's Bible Study & Bball 5:30 Supper 6:30 Children's activities Pastor Tim's Bible Survey Pastor Bob's Men's Bible Study Jr. & Sr. High Youth Genellen Harris Amy Spencer	22 10:30 Sarah Circle 6:30 Elders' Mtg Jeff & Carolyn Allen	23 Jean Bright Dorothy Flening	24 5:00 Drive Thru Trunk or Treat Josh Foster
25 Kim Batson John & Lin Fryman	26 Mike & Deborah Womack	27	28 5:00 Aaron's Bible Study & Bball 5:30 Supper 6:30 Children's activities Pastor Tim's Bible Survey Pastor Bob's Men's Bible Study Jr. & Sr. High Youth Billy Stone	29	30	31

Blue names = Birthdays

Red Couples = Anniversaries



## What is STOCKTOBER?



It's a month-long event in OCTOBER to STOCK the Food Pantry!

Here are some suggestions.

Yams  
Potatoes  
Corn  
Carrots  
Green beans  
Baked beans  
Black beans, kidney beans  
Saltines  
Jelly grape/strawberry  
Juice boxes  
Capri Sun drink pouches  
Bottled water  
Tuna or Chicken Helper  
Canned tuna or chicken large/ family size  
Pouches of tuna (plain, in water)  
Soups: chicken noodle, tomato, beef veg  
Cereals: Cheerios, Rice Krispies, Oatmeal  
Pop Tarts (no icing)  
Nutrigrain bars  
Spaghetti sauce  
Peanut butter  
Vienna sausages  
Canned ravioli

# Preschool News

## Highland Heights Presbyterian PDO/Pre-K SOCCER SHOTS & MUSIC



Soccer Shots has started. It is so cute to see these little tykes learning the skills associated with soccer. The Soccer Shots coaches come once a week for 10 weeks. This is

our second year to offer Soccer Shots and it has been a great addition to our program.

Music Adventures provides our music instruction and has been a part of our program for 10+ years. Music is often active with motions and a variety of instruments. Ms. Terri is our new teacher this year.

The song they are doing uses shakers and motions. They are having fun!





# HHPC DRIVE-THRU TRUNK-OR-TREAT



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**SATURDAY**  
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# YOUTH



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## October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Lesson	5	6	7 Nathan Bedford packing & prep	8	9 Fall Youth Retreat @ Nathan Bedford	10 Fall Youth Retreat @ Nathan Bedford
11 Fall Youth Retreat @ Nathan Bedford	12	13	14 Nathan Bedford debrief	15	16	17
18 Lesson	19	20	21 Lesson & Activity	22	23	24
25 Lesson	26	27	28 Lesson & Activity	29	30	31

## Youth News

And just like that Nathan Bedford fall retreat is upon us. The theme for this year's retreat is "God's Creation." (Colossians 1:16) For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him.

As we spend time in His creation at Nathan Bedford, we must remember that He is in control and has a plan. Our worries, our fears are not founded. We must remember this and seek Him as true peace can only truly be found through Him.

Info sheets are available from Jason, at the sound booth or in his office. I ask the congregation to pray for the youth and the retreat and as always, thank you for making the trip possible.

Pencil in date of 10-23 or 10-30 as a haunted house night for the older youth. Planning is still in process.



**WOW Toys:** Items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls, toy cars, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, coloring books, soccer ball/pump, other balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), craft kits, beautiful yarn, deck of cards, etc. (NO war or weapon toys)

**Clothing/Accessories Items:**

Attractive t-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, flip flops, hair clips, jewelry (bracelets, necklaces), watches, flashlights, (with extra batteries) bandanas, etc.

**Personal Care Items:** Non-liquid items such as toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, brushes, washcloths, hair ties, travel packs of tissues, colorful band-aids, lip gloss, combs, etc.

**Plastic Items:** Colorful bowls, cups/ glasses, eating utensils, straws, etc.

**School Supplies:** Great time now to grab paper, pencils, pens, glue sticks, etc.

Please enclose **\$9 for shipping**. For more information go to [www.samaritanaspurse.org](http://www.samaritanaspurse.org). You can even pack a shoebox at the online store! Did you know...? You can go to [hhpc.org](http://hhpc.org) and click on the "Give Now" icon to make a donation for the shipping. If you would like to help us with Operation Christmas Shoebox - please contact **Debra Wright** or **Barb James**.

**National Collection Week will be Nov 16-23rd.**

## Senior Adult "Family"

Five years ago, when we came to HHPC and quietly took a seat, we looked around and didn't see a familiar face anywhere. Pastor Tim was in Gitmo, and HHPC former member Heather Davis, my best friend and teaching colleague, was leading the choral worship.

We could not have known that in the next few years, what this church – this group of people – would come to mean in our lives. Coordinating and leading monthly senior adult outings from 2016 to 2020 has given us at least 5 hours for 48 events to make and enjoy new friends; riding on the church van gave us even more time as we heard everyone's life stories (some more than once).

We now know and love so many beautiful souls that we would have totally missed if God had not led us here in the month of July 2015.

They have become so intertwined in our lives and our purpose, our "raison d'être." We hear the term "Church Family" all the time. But it's true. One night after playing cards, Jean Whitaker looked eyes with us and said, "You're family. You really are." Taken aback, I said, "We love you, too." And she repeated, "You're family." What she meant is: You fit right in. You're easy to be with. We can tease you.

That's how it is with strangers who become friends and begin to share physical space and time, emotional energy, concerns and joys, stories, experiences, prayers, and spiritual understanding. This is also why their departure from this life, from our presence leaves a real gap of loss. C.S. Lewis said of his wife's death, "The pain I feel now is the happiness I had before. That's the deal."

In a church family, as in any family, the relationship we all have with each member is unique. Some people are very private – they sweetly require emotional and physical distance. Others more readily welcome our presence and conversation. In time of need an encouraging word, a card, a visit, or a meal is a natural result of the relationships we've cultivated.

Rosie does an excellent job of keeping us informed of who has prayer concerns, needs we may help with, or where we may send a card of encouragement. This allows us to minister to and pray for our loved ones. Even when we can't visit them we can text or call them, pray with them in our private or family moments, or pray with them over the phone.

Pastor Tim and other members are good about sharing discrete updates on our church family members. He leads us in earnest prayer for these loved ones. He has a pastor's heart, a desire to reach out and touch the hurting as well as the happy.

We long to be cranking up our TOPS (Trusting Obeying Praying Seniors) program again. But even if we wanted to, we've found with preliminary phone calls, there aren't many group opportunities available to us yet. So, in the meantime, we will continue to text, to call, to pray, and to recall our sweet relationships with you. We thank all of you who have continued to do the same. And we look forward to meeting you or hearing from you if you haven't yet been integrated into this church family during this unusual time.

By Don and Linda Rush, TOPS Coordinators



## Elders' Notes - 9.17.20

- 1) **Aaron Proctor** was hired as our new part-time Recreation Ministry Director. Welcome to HHPC, Aaron!
- 2) In order to allow for physical distancing as worship service attendance continues to increase, **the ribbons that blocked off every other pew have been removed.**
- 3) The Elders approved the request of **Grace Bible Church to meet at HHPC** - initially one Sunday a month from 2:30-7:30 in October, November and December for small groups, childcare, meal and fellowship, and worship. GBC is a new Reformed Baptist church plant comprised of five families who live in Lakeland.
- 4) **Individual adult Sunday School classes will resume** meeting on October 4.
- 5) **Wednesday night meals will resume** on October 14. Instead of buffet-style meals, the kitchen team will serve individual plates.
- 6) **Donuts and coffee will be served again on Sunday mornings** starting Sunday, October 11.
- 7) **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?*
- 8) **Burn the Mortgage Campaign** receipts through September 17 were \$46,777, which is 16.3% of the goal of \$287,000. The combination of BMC receipts and monthly mortgage payments has decreased the balance to \$217,131.
- 9) **General Ministry Fund** income through August 31 was \$325,546 and expenses were \$294,691 for a surplus of \$30,855. The **General Ministry Fund balance** on August 31 was \$77,829.



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