

CORNERSTONE

Monthly Newsletter

Wednesday Night November Meals!

Instead of serving ourselves buffet style, the meals will be served by the kitchen team.

4TH

*Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes,
Veggies, & Dessert*



11TH

*Chicken Alfredo, Pasta, Salad, &
Dessert*



18TH

*Taco Salad, Nachos, Refried
Beans, & Dessert*



Meet New Recreation Ministry Director: Aaron Proctor

Blessings! My name is Aaron Micheal Proctor and my mind, heart, and soul are all on fire for Jesus Christ! I firmly believe that I'm being called by God to serve broken cities, broken families, and broken spirits in numerous ways that I can't even think of or even imagine! **I'm dedicated to sharing the good news of Christ Jesus through the game of basketball.**



I was born and raised in the heart of Memphis by two phenomenal women who just happen to be my mother and grandmother. These two women deserve all the credit in the world when it comes to how I carry myself as the man that I am today. Most of the trials and tribulations that I encountered growing up resorted to me not having a father figure in the home, **but that didn't stop my Father in Heaven from being so good to me!** He's continued to give me divine wisdom, spiritual knowledge, supernatural understanding, and deep revelation on how to conquer some of my biggest storms. He's remained faithful even when I was faithless! Don't get me wrong. I still have my faults. I deal with my very own demons. And on top of all of that, I'm human. But, there isn't a day that goes by that I don't try to continue to break chains and generational curses out of my life.

In 2015, I graduated from KIPP: Memphis Collegiate High School in the top 5% of my class with Summa Cum Laude honors. I was inducted into numerous honors societies and organizations. All four years of high school, I played varsity basketball while serving as a team captain. I also served in leadership roles such as SGA President and SGA Vice-President. Following high school, I attended Dillard University in New Orleans for one year. I made the honor roll my first semester and Dean's list my second semester maintaining above a 3.0 for the entire year. **I initially went to Dillard to play basketball, but God had other plans for me,** and He redirected me to transfer to New Hope Christian College in Eugene, Oregon.

New Hope was some journey! **On December 2, 2016, I committed my life to Christ!** It was the best decision that I've ever made in my entire life! Following that decision, Pastor Fay De Meyer prophesied over my life and she mentioned that I would go into ministry one day. She also said that I would be Team Chaplain for a professional NBA team one day and that I would also run for some kind of office. These are all things that I hope to one day conquer and fulfill! September 13, 2017, was the day that God confirmed my calling that I would go into Pastoral Ministry. And ever since then, I started a spiritual war with the enemy and it hasn't been easy. As it shouldn't be, right? I mean, we're talking head of the snake! The enemy doesn't like that one bit. Unfortunately, I had a rocky three years truly accepting my calling and actually surrendering everything under the throne to Jesus. I battled anxiety and depression daily, along with multiple addictions that were truly robbing me of my destiny for a very long time. And I was completely vulnerable to the enemy's attack, because I had no spiritual covering nor discipline. To be honest, I just couldn't find the

switch to turn over in my brain to steer any ambition and motivation to get things done. I also battled through addictions like pornography, alcohol, and marijuana that I used as a crutch for a very long time. I know, maybe too much information before you get to know me, but I just want to be as transparent as possible.

To sum it all up, God has been really good to me in this season. He gave me a revelation about what self love truly was. I learned that in order to love myself, first, I had to learn how to love Jesus. And in order to love on other people, first, I had to love myself. As I continue to go throughout my journey of life of becoming the best version of me that I can be... I also desire to chase the best reflection of Jesus that I can be. **Like Paul said, keep the good faith - run the good race! And I am determined to finish my race!**

Church Leadership

Staff

Tim Foster Senior Pastor/Head of Staff
Jason Gatlin Youth Director
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



Have you ever been to a Homecoming Service? Usually churches have them once a year. Members who have moved or have family connections to the congregation come to worship, put flowers on graves in the church cemetery and eat a big lunch. On October 25th, I preached for the 20th year in a row at the Homecoming Service at a church on the Natchez Trace south of Tupelo, Mississippi. My Grandfather, L. K. Foster, preached there for many years, and I went there often with my Grandparents. René and I think of the folks at Friendship Presbyterian Church as family.

We learned several folks who always came to Homecoming had died in the past year, but we were encouraged because many more millennials and children came this year than in years past. The younger folks are helping the matriarchs and patriarchs clean the church and grounds, prepare the Lord's Supper, cook the food, serve on the cemetery committee, etc. Friendship Church now has a Facebook page; I saw a photo posted of my Grandfather and a child he baptized in 1983, along with lots of older photos of events at the church and people who have worshipped there over the years.


Friendship Presbyterian Church was organized in 1847. **A lot of things have changed in almost 175 years, but one thing has not** - the congregation at Friendship is still "rejoicing when they go to the house of the Lord" (Psalm 122:1). They "have not given up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing" (Hebrews 10:25).

As we look forward to celebrating HHPC's 100th birthday in 2021, let's take a page out of Friendship Church's playbook.

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

Your Pastor and Friend,

NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Memorial Sunday The Lord's Supper Phil Mace Abby Perkins Fred Tremont 	2 Gayle Stratton	3	4 5:30 Supper 6:30 Children's activities Aaron's Bible Study & Bball Pastor Tim's Bible Survey Pastor Bob's Men's Bible Study Jr. & Sr. High Youth	5 Perk Perkins	6	7
8 12:15 Deacons' Mtg Carol Erdmann.	9 Clint Buchanan Alex Grant	10	11 5:30 Supper 6:30 Children's activities Aaron's Bible Study & Bball Pastor Tim's Bible Survey Pastor Bob's Men's Bible Study Jr. & Sr. High Youth Nancy Howland	12 5:30 Forever Young 6:30 Men's Supper Lee Boughton Clark & Angela Buckley	13 Toni Ware Lex Stone	14 Barb Brundle
15 Pledge Sunday 6:00 Grace Bible Church Worship	16	17 7:00 Marine Corps League	18 5:30 Supper 6:30 Children's activities Aaron's Bible Study & Bball Pastor Tim's Bible Survey Pastor Bob's Men's Bible Study Jr. & Sr. High Youth Tina Donan	19 10:30 Hope Circle 10:30 Sarah Circle 6:30 Elders' mtg Joe Dobson Ronnie Billings Paul & Sandra Pritt	20 Mitzi Goodwin Bud & Mitzi Goodwin	21
SHOEBOX COLLECTION						
22 Richard Armour	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving	27 Office Closed	28 Mel & Louise Clark
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29 Annual Congregational Meeting	30 Kevin England					

Blue names = Birthdays

Red Couples = Anniversaries



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.samaritanspurse.org. You can even pack a shoebox at the online store! Did you know...? You can go to 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.

Preschool News

Highland Heights Presbyterian PDO/Pre-K

Snow White & the Dwarves



We don't do scary Halloween at PDO. The staff decided on a theme and everyone is part of the classic "Snow White and the Seven Dwarves" story. In the middle, PDO Director Chrissy Thornton is the poisoned apple and Fannie Castellano is Snow White. I haven't heard any whistling while they worked.

Based on:
'Hinds' Feet on High Places': An Allegory
By Hannah Hurnard

A little hind (deer) named Much-Afraid had physical afflictions which had, from birth, limited her movements. She lived in the Valley of Humiliation with her Fearing relatives, but with all her heart she desired to climb to the top of the mountain to be whole and live with the Great Shepherd. However, she knew her feet would prevent her from conquering the challenges she would encounter in such a treacherous ascent.

In his goodness, the Great Shepherd gives Much-Afraid two teachers to help her face the many negative situations and characters she would experience on her journey. The names of the twin veiled figures? Sorrow and Suffering.

With desperation and disappointment Much-Afraid cries, "Oh, my Lord Shepherd, why must you make Sorrow and Suffering my companions? Couldn't you have given me Joy and Peace, to strengthen me and courage me on the difficult way? I never thought you would do this to me!"

"Joy and Peace are the companions you would choose? Do you remember you promised to accept the companions I would give you because you believed I would choose the very best for you? Will you trust me, Much-Afraid, or do you wish to return to the Valley of Humiliation?"

Though shuddering because Sorrow and Suffering were the most terrifying things Much-Afraid could imagine, she knew she could not refuse the Shepherd because in her trembling little heart she did love him and couldn't doubt him. "I do not wish to turn back. In all the world, I have no one but you. Help me to follow you even though it seems impossible. Help me to trust you as much as I love you."

"Fear not, only believe," the Shepherd assured her. "Go with Sorrow and Suffering and if you cannot welcome them now, when the time comes put your hands in theirs confidently and they will take you exactly where I want you to go."

"Others have gone this way before me," she thought, "and they could even sing about it afterwards."

"I will go with you. Please lead the way," she said to the Shepherd, though she could not bring herself to offer her hands to the veiled sisters.

The Shepherd said clearly, "My Peace I leave with you. My Joy be fulfilled in you. Remember that I pledge to bring you to the High Places at the top of these mountains."

If there had been any onlookers they would have seen Much-Afraid limping toward the High Places, shrinking as far as possible from Sorrow and Suffering, pretending not to see them.

[To be continued in December Cornerstone]

Of what are we Much-Afraid? Perhaps it's loss, loneliness, or a health issue. A pandemic, election, or the fragility of our polarized nation. Continue to trust our Lord Shepherd as he helps us climb the perilous ascent; welcome the companions he chooses for us.

"The Lord God makes my feet like hinds' feet, and sets me upon High Places." Psalm 18:33, Habakkuk 3:19

Linda Rush, TOPS Coordinator

YOUTH



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November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Spiritual Maturity	2	3	4 Lesson & Activity	5	6	7
8 Spiritual Maturity	9	10	11 Lesson & Activity	12	13	14
15 Spiritual Growth	16	17	18 Lesson & Activity	19	20	21
22 Spiritual Growth	23	24	25 TBD	26 Thanksgiving	27	28
29 TBD	30					

Youth News

The fall youth retreat at Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park was a success. The rain that was scheduled for the entire weekend was almost non-existent, allowing for all planned activities without interruption. The youth went back to basics and learned about creation and how the thought that all of creation is just happenstance is an impossibility. Only the hand of God could have created a universe with no end.

Moving into November, the youth will continue lessons on spiritual growth and maturity on Sundays, and diving into various topics on Wednesdays. We will be watching a film titled "The Social Dilemma." It is a documentary of sorts that shows the power of social media and the harm it has caused.

Youth will have an outing mid-November that has yet to be determined that will include all youth from 6th grade and up.

As always, thank you for your support, we would not be able to do any of this without your prayers and financial support.

From the Children's Ministry Director



Fall Festival: Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped plan, prepare and pray over the Fall Festival. We had the honor of serving over 70 children at our drive-thru event. Each child received a Children's Story Bible and lots and lots of treats.



Wednesday Night Kids:

Children K-5th grade meet at 6:30 in room 106 for Bible-based lessons and activities with teachers Traci Gatlin and Shanon Fortolis. 6th-High school continues to meet upstairs in the youth room.

Sunday School:

Sunday School for children K-5th grade meets in room 106 with teachers Lydia Johnson and Lesa Hart.

Worship: For children attending the regular 8:30 & 11 AM worship services, children's sermon notes and crayons are available by the entrance.

If your child would like to be an acolyte, please email Nikki @ ndielfi2@gmail.com

Thank you to all who serve,

Nikki Bond

Elders' Notes - 10.22.20

- 1) A **\$500 gift** (half of their property insurance deductible) was sent to Grace Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Alexandria, Louisiana, which suffered damage from Hurricane Laura.
- 2) In order to allow for physical distancing as worship service attendance continues to increase, **all of the exterior doors are back in use.**
- 3) **Grace Bible Church** will meet for the first time at HHPC on Sunday, October 25, at 6:00 for worship. GBC is a new Reformed Baptist church plant comprised of five families who live in Lakeland.
- 4) Thanks to all who have participated in **Stocktober**. Many individuals and families have been helped the past several months, and the Church's food pantry is now restocked.
- 5) **Wednesday night meals** resume October 28. Instead of a buffet, the kitchen team will serve individual plates.
- 6) **Life Choices** is working toward offering medical and counseling services at HHPC one day a week.
- 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 October 18 were \$48,937, which is 17.1% of the goal of \$287,000. The combination of BMC receipts and monthly mortgage payments has decreased the balance to \$213,514.
- 9) **General Ministry Fund** income through September 30 was \$358,971 and expenses were \$333,459 for a surplus of \$25,512. The **General Ministry Fund balance** on September 30 was \$72,485.



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