

CORNERSTONE

Monthly Newsletter

Wonderful Wednesdays March Menus

March 2

Baked Chicken, Rice, Veggies, & Salad

March 9

Spaghetti Noodles with Red Meat Sauce & Alfredo Sauce and Salad

March 16

Baked Potato & Salad Bar with White & Sweet Potatoes

March 23

Chicken Cacciatore, Noodles & Salad

March 30

Taco Salad/Nachos, Refried Beans, Nacho Cheese

Hot Dogs, dessert & ice cream will be served each night

Wednesdays activities:

5:30-6:15 Dinner 6:30-7:30 Bell Choir Practice, Ensemble Practice, Adult Bible Study, Men's Bible Study, Children and Youth activities

7:30 Adult Choir practice

Welcome, New Members, Philip & Noelle Ellis

Philip Ellis was born March 29, 1984 in Fort Worth, Texas, but spent his childhood growing up in middle Tennessee. During high school he moved to Colorado and in 2003 joined the Marine Corps. He did basic training in San Diego and then went to the Defense Language Institute (DLI) in Monterey, California. During his time at the DLI he came to know Jesus and also met his future wife, Noelle. Philip did one tour of duty in Iraq during 2007 and got out of the



Marine Corps in 2008. He then moved to San Antonio, Texas.

Noelle Ellis (born Grosvalet) was born July 29, 1987 in Sacramento, California, where she grew up. When she was 18 she moved to San Antonio, Texas with her mother, oldest sister, and nephew. In 2006 Noelle and Philip met and began dating. They got engaged in 2007 and married on March 28, 2009. They then moved to Nashville, where Philip went to school. Their first child, Abigail, was born in Nashville on February 10, 2010. Three months later Philip got a job with Crown Lift Trucks here in Memphis. Since then they have had two more daughters. Elizabeth was born in Memphis on November 29, 2011, and Lettie was born in Memphis on September 30, 2016. Philip is currently still working for Crown to fix fork lifts, and Noelle is a stayat-home mom who homeschools their three girls.

The Ellises joined HHPC on December 12th by Reaffirmation of Faith.



Congratulations to Marie Schroeder (now Reynolds) on her marriage to Stuart Reynolds on February 18th.

Their address is:

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Church Leadership

Staff

Tim Foster Senior Pastor/Head of Staff
Jason Gatlin Youth Director, AV Technician
Lesa Hart Children's 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
Chrissy Thornton Parents' Day Out Director

Elders

Tim Foster - Moderator Bob Donan - Clerk Richard Armour - Treasurer Class of 2022

Josh Bond Lin Fryman Traci Gatlin

Class of 2023

Kendra Bowers Lesa Hart Perk Perkins

Class of 2024

Steve Allen Richard Armour Charle Dunstan

<u>Deacons</u> Class of 2022

Janice Linder Linda Melear - **Moderator** Karen Huddleston

Class of 2023

Barbara Almond Joe Dobson Barb James

Class of 2024

Joey Clark Sue Frost Rob McCleary

Pastor's Remarks



In your neighborhood and mine, there is **pile after pile of tree limbs and cut-up trees waiting to be picked up**. The debris often spills over onto the street and sidewalk. Last month's ice storm did a number on our trees, didn't it?!

It seems to me a spiritual

analogy can be made here. Just as ice and wind clean out the dead and weak branches of a tree, God often uses storms to clean out the dead and weak parts of our lives. I had no idea there were so many dead limbs in the oak tree in my front yard until the ice storm came and the wind blew them down. In the same way, God can shake us up to remove things in our lives that are dead. The author of Hebrews wrote: "How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!" (9:14)

So when God cleans out the deadwood in our lives, who is going to haul off all of those sinful thoughts, words and actions? He does. **Jesus not only cleans out the deadwood; He also takes it away.** "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

Every so often the Mid-South has an ice storm like we did in February. In the cycle of God's creation those storms clear out dead and weak tree branches. Every so often God is going to send a storm to reveal and remove dead and weak parts of our lives. And as we leave the clean-up of the piles of debris to sanitation crews and tree trimming companies, we can leave the clean-up of our souls to Jesus.

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

Your Pastor and Friend,

Tim

MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30 Couples' Bible Study	2 Lent Begins 5:30 Supper 6:30 Children's activities Pastor Tim's Bible Survey Pastor Bob's Men's Bible Study, Jr. & Sr. High Youth, Ensemble & Bell Choir practices 7:30 Choir practice	3 Shirley McLaurine	4	5
6 The Lord's Supper 8:30 & 11:00 Worship 9:45 Sunday school 10:45 Community of Faith worship service	7	8 6:30 Couples' Bible Study Haley Moody	9 5:30 Supper 6:30 Children's activities Pastor Tim's Bible Survey Pastor Bob's Men's Bible Study, Jr. & Sr. High Youth, Ensemble & Bell Choir practices 7:30 Choir practice Anthony & Jenny Pollina	10 12:30 Presbytery Forum (Fellowship Hall) 5:30 Forever Young - Women's Fellowship 6:30 Men's Supper	Janice Dalrymple Nick Batson	12
13 Daylight Saving Time Begins 11:00 Worship 9:45 Sunday school 10:45 Community of Faith worship service 12:15 Deacons' meeting Nathan Sussey	14	15 4:45 Volunteer at Memphis Union Mission 6:30 Couples' Bible Study	16 5:30 Supper 6:30 Children's activities Pastor Tim's Bible Survey Pastor Bob's Men's Bible Study, Jr. & Sr. High Youth, Ensemble & Bell Choir practices 7:30 Choir practice Lesa Hart	17 10:30 Hope Circle 6:30 Men's Supper	18	19
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27 8:30 & 11:00 Worship 9:45 Sunday school/ Confirmation Class 10:45 Community of Faith worship service Jeff Allen	28 Philip & Noelle Ellis	29 Philip Ellis	30 5:30 Supper 6:30 Children's activities Pastor Tim's Bible Survey Pastor Bob's Men's Bible Study, Jr. & Sr. High Youth, Ensemble & Bell Choir practices 7:30 Choir practice	31 Morgan IIsley Drew Perkins		

Blue names = Birthdays

Red Couples = Anniversaries



Highland Heights Presbyterian PDO/Pre-K





These are the kids who come on Tuesdays & Thursdays. Pastor Tim tells them a Bible story with a topic that begins with the letter they are learning that week. Then he does it again with the Monday/Wednesday kids.

A Lasting Impact

Highland Heights Presbyterian Church has been a family to me, as it has to so many people who have walked through its doors. I have made lifelong friends at HHPC, I worked there, I married my wife there, and have benefitted from the generosity of its people and pastor on more than one occasion as I was sent on various mission trips throughout high school as well as my summers in college. And it is my joy to announce that Highland Heights is now choosing to bless the ministry I work for, Child Evangelism Fellowship, in Florida. HHPC will be sending a monthly donation to assist in the operations of this ministry which seeks to evangelize children with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, disciple them, and establish them in the local church for Christian living. Through these generous donations more children will get to attend Good News Club, which is a Biblically-based, evangelistic club that



takes place on a public school campus after the school day has ended. As a result, more children will have the opportunity to hear the Gospel and respond to it, as well as being provided with Bibles so they may 'taste and see that the Lord is good' for themselves.

Highland Heights has made a lasting impact on my life, as evidenced by my line of work, and I am so happy to see that it will also make a lasting impact on the lives of children in Sarasota, Manatee, and Hillsborough Counties in the state of Florida. May the Lord continue to bless the congregation of Highland Heights Presbyterian Church as it seeks to continually bless others.

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." -3 John 1:4

-Matthew Wade CEF Manasota Local Director



MARCH CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

Sunday	8:30 Nursery	Sunday School Nursery	11:00 Nursery	Children's Church	8:30 Acolyte	11:00 Acolyte	Wed. Night 6:30 - 7:30
1st Sunday 6-March	Barbara Glaze	Dolgor Tsagaan	Carolyn Allen Haley Moody	Lesa Hart	JT Bowers	Munhuush Amgalan	2-Mar Lesa Hart
2nd Sunday 13-March	Pat Edwards	Kendra Bowers Melanie Hayes	Deborah Womack Keira Bowers	Rebecca England	Munhuush Amgalan	Abbi England	9-Mar Sue Frost
3rd Sunday 20-March	Barb James	Traci Gatlin Amanda Clark	Lydia Johnson	Ben & Gabbi Huffstetler	JT Bowers	Jaxson Bailey	16-Mar Cortney Stone
4th Sunday 27-March	Deborah Womack	Ginger Wood	Cortney Stone	Lesa Hart	Munhuush Amgalan	Levi Wood	23-Mar René Foster
							30-Mar Lesa Hart

YOUTH



JASON GATLIN YOUTH DIRECTOR 901.337.4125 gatlinj007@gmail.co

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Lesson and activity	3	4	5
6 Christianity	7	8	9 Lesson and activity	10	11	12
13 The Church	14	15	16 Lesson and activity	17	18	19
20 Christians	21	22	23 Kitchen and activity	24	25	26
27 The Others	28	29	30 Field Trip TBD	31		

Youth News

Lessons for Sundays will focus on the **Past, Present and Future** of various topics. I hope to cover one topic per week. We will be exploring how we got where we are and where we go from here, as a religion, as a people and as a church. I hope to induce some discussions on some aspects of the past as well as what we will look like over the next 20 to 30 years.

I have dates for **summer camp**. We will try again to attend **MVP** as it has gotten canceled the last two years. We will be attending **July 18 – 23**. I will follow up with more information as we draw nearer. I would imagine the cost will be around \$300. Please let me know if you have any questions.

We will have our usual monthly field trip on the 30th. It is TBD. I will discuss options with the youth and finalize a plan.



We collected \$807 on Souper Bowl Sunday that was sent to First Presbyterian Church downtown for their soup kitchen. Thank you for your generosity.

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A Testimony from Kenya

Pastor Bob James shares this note with us: It is very rare for us to hear from people who are not pastors in the countries we minister. But this testimony came to us through one of our pastors, Simon Peter in Kenya. Each week he affirms the ways God is working in the hardest places of a poverty-laden district known as Langass, one of Kenya's largest areas of this type. Here is a testimony Peter relayed from a woman whose family has received a Bible.

"Thank you so much pastor simon, thank you so much for the partners in gifts of Bibles. I Jane Njeri has seen a big miracle in

my family since you shared the gospel with my family and my husband got saved. Im a very happy woman, there is peace which use not to be there, the Bible has really helped my husband to grow spiritually, we read, pray have home fellowship and we have invited other neighbours who do come for fellowship at our home. Guess who leads the discussion, my husband who got lost in drugs before, surely may the Lord bless the person who gave us a bible and may he or she continue to transform many families like mine. Huraaaaaaah!"

God is always on the move to advance his Kingdom-just wanted you to hear a powerful example of the Living Word transforming lives.



January was Sanctity of Human Life month. A staff member from LifeChoices came to our services and spoke. She took the baby bottles with her and has now reported that we collected \$1,525.61!

Thank you for your giving hearts!

MARCH SECURITY VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE

Date	Early Service 0830-0945	Sunday School 0945-1100	Late Service 1100-1215	Wednesday 1845-2100
3/2/22				Need a volunteer
3/6/22	John Blatt	Danny Spencer	Josh Foster	
3/9/22				Richard Armour
3/13/22	Need a volunteer	Don Forte	Don Rush	
3/16/22				Mel Clark
3/20/22	Bill Dalrymple	Joe Dobson	Catherine Johnson	
3/23/22				Joey Clark
3/27/22	Steve Allen	Bud Goodwin	Need a volunteer	
3/30/22				Perk Perkins

Elders' Notes from February 24, 2022

- 1) Amanda & Abbott Moses and Mary & Garth Reid joined the Church on February 6. Welcome to HHPC!
- 2) Eli Kirk Moses, infant son of Amanda & Abbott Moses, **will be baptized** on Sunday, March 13.
- 3) Congratulations to Marie Schroeder and Stuart Reynolds, **who were married** by Pastor Tim on February 18.
- 4) Beginning next Sunday, the Lord's Supper will once again be served to the congregation in the pews, and the offering plates will be passed in the pews.
- 5) The elders have established the **James Quillin Seminary Scholarship Fund** in memory of our Pastor Emeritus to be given annually to an EPC student at RTS, Jackson.
- 6) The elders are hoping to hire a part-time **Young Adults/Couples Ministry Director** this year.
- 7) **Volunteers are needed on the Security and Nursery teams**. You serve once a month on Sundays at 8:30, 9:45 or 11:00 or on Wednesdays at 6:30. To serve on the nursery team, contact Lesa Hart @ 901 647-5348. To serve on the security team, contact Josh Bond @ 270 853-1446.
- 8) **Pastor Tim received a thank-you note from Franklin Graham** for the \$10,000 donation (our Christmas Offering) HHPC made to Samaritan's Purse to help with relief work after recent tornados in Kentucky and Tennessee.
- 9) **From Memphis to Kenya** \$30/month per HHPC family helps to feed the 100+ children in our adopted orphanage in Kenya. Are you giving to this important ministry?
- 10) **General Ministry Fund** income through January 31 was \$40,881 and expenses were \$33,049 for a surplus of \$7,832. **The General Ministry Fund balance** on January 31 was \$85,324..

