

CORNERSTONE

Monthly Newsletter

December Wednesday Menus

December 7th

Chicken Marsala &
Noodles, Salad &
Birthday Cake

December 14th

Beef Burgundy, Rice in
Beef Broth, Salad,
Broccoli, Green Beans, &
Dessert

Every meal includes hot dogs for the kids. Also, no matter what the dessert is, there is always vanilla ice cream on the table.

Wonderful Wednesdays will take a break during the Christmas holidays. We will resume on January 4th.

Welcome, New Member, Stephanie Sumlar



Stephanie Veronica Sumlar was born on April 24, 1968 at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, TN to George and Gloria Sumlar. Her father's family originated from Red Banks, Mississippi and her mother's family from Welch, West Virginia. The oldest of three children, Stephanie grew up in Whitehaven and enjoyed academics and sports and her passion, rescuing stray animals. She attended Graceland Jr. High and Hamilton High School, where she joined JROTC and became a

member of the color guard, drill team and the rifle team (Mossberg bolt action 22 rifles) shooting in school competitions city-wide.

Upon graduation she attended The University of Tennessee at Martin as a PreMed major and ROTC cadet. Three years later, she returned home and obtained employment as a Corrections Officer at the Shelby County Division of Corrections (Penal Farm). She also worked briefly as a reserve police officer for the Germantown Police Department. Stephanie continued her education and obtained her undergraduate degree in Organization Leadership from Union University and a master's degree from Bethel University in Business Administration. Having worked as a Corrections Officer, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Internal Affairs Investigator, Unit Manager and Gang Coordinator, Stephanie retired from Shelby County Government in 2014 after 25 years of public service.

Stephanie accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior in January of 1992 at New Salem Missionary Baptist Church. She later joined Cathedral of Praise Ministries. In 2021 Stephanie experienced a life altering event and was lead to HHPC by the Holy Spirit where she rededicated her life to the Lord and become a member in 2022. She loves her new church family and is looking forward to her continued growth in Christ.

Stephanie joined HHPC by Reaffirmation of Faith on October 9th.

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
Amaa Togtokh Guitarist, Asian Ministry Director
Chrissy Thornton Parents' Day Out Director

Elders

Tim Foster - **Moderator**
 Bob Donan - **Clerk**
 Richard Armour - **Treasurer**
Class of 2022
 Lin Fryman
 Traci Gatlin

Class of 2023

Kendra Bowers
 Lesa Hart
 Perk Perkins

Class of 2024

Steve Allen
 Richard Armour
 Charle Dunstan

Deacons

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

Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11:00
Sunday School 9:45

Pastor's Remarks



We will start singing **Christmas carols** in worship on Sunday, December 4th, and sing them all month long. Do you have a favorite Christmas carol? Or are you like me and find it hard to name a favorite carol, because you like them all? I hope you will invite a family member, friend, neighbor, or co-worker to come to Church with you this month. With the songs of Christmas in the air everywhere we go, people are more likely to accept your invitation this time of year than any other.

Can you translate the titles of these Christmas carols? Try covering up the answers (which are in italics) and see how you do.

"An Emotion Excited By the Expectation of Good Given to Planet Earth" - *"Joy to the World"*

"Move Forward the Entire Assembly of Those Loyal to Their Lord" - *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*

"Yonder in a Feeding Trough" - *"Away in a Manger"*

"Listen to the Heavenly Messengers Produce Harmonious Sounds" - *"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"*

"Nocturnal Timespan of Unbroken Quietness" - *"Silent Night"*

"A Trio of Far-Eastern Heads of State" - *"We Three Kings"*

Let's sing about the birth of our Savior all month long!

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

Your Pastor and Friend,

DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 11:30 TOPS will go to the Cupboard for lunch and then to the Pink Palace Charlie & Janette Thornton	2 Amanda Moses	3 Alina Gatlin Debra Wright Joey & Amanda Clark John & Rosie Blatt
4 8:30 & 11:00 Worship 9:45 Sunday school 10:45 Community of Faith worship service 12:00 Annual Congregational Meetign	5	6	7 4:00-6:30 Blood Drive 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 Deb Wade	8 11:00 Sarah & Hope Circles - Christmas gathering at Pop's Comfort Kitchen 6:30 Men's Supper	9 10:00 PDO Christmas Program Bud Goodwin	10 Wayne & Debbie Johnston
11 8:30 & 11:00 Worship 9:45 Christmas Play 10:45 Community of Faith worship service 12:15 Deacons' Mtg George Krug	12	13 5:30 Forever Young - Women's Fellowship @ the Blatt's home Evan Bright	14 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 Steve & Betty Allen	15	16 6:00 Pastor Tim and Pastor Bob's Sunday School Christmas Party	17
18 8:30 & 11:00 Worship 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Community of Faith worship service Pat Edwards	19	20 4:45 Volunteer at Memphis Union Mission	21 6:30 Jr. & Sr. High Youth Rose Callies Jake Brockwell	22	23 Office Closed Bob Bunger	24 Christmas Eve 6:00 Candlelight Communion Service Abbott Moses
25 Christmas Day 11:00 Worship 10:45 Community of Faith worship service	26 Office Closed	27 7:30 Couples' Bible Study	28 6:30 Jr. & Sr. High Youth Paul Hart Dennis Glaze	29 6:30 Elders' meeting	30 Office Closed David & Connie Thornton John & Margo Wright	31 New Year's Eve

Blue names = Birthdays

Red Couples = Anniversaries

Preschool News

Highland Heights Presbyterian PDO/Pre-K

Thanksgiving!

These PDO kids all appear to be the Native Americans part of Thanksgiving. Maybe the Pilgrims were in other classes. The kids are taught about the first Thanksgiving and being grateful.



Our PDO kids are busily preparing for Christmas. They just have a few weeks before their Christmas break. On Friday morning the 9th of December at 10:00 is the annual Christmas program followed by a reception and a visit from Santa.

Did you know: Although prayers and thanks were probably offered at the 1621 harvest gathering, the first recorded religious Thanksgiving Day in Plymouth happened two years later in 1623. On this occasion, the colonists gave thanks to **God** for rain after a two-month drought. However, it was not until 1863, *during the Civil War*, that President Abraham Lincoln declared a national **Thanksgiving Day** would be held each **November** to be celebrated by all of the country.

EMAIL HACKERS!

Email hackers play on your love for Pastor Tim and your caring hearts. So, when you receive an email that you suppose is from Tim and he asks for your help, most of you are eager to fulfill his request.

If you get a request that doesn't seem right, before you act on it, please contact Tim or the Church to confirm. It is not likely that he will ask you to purchase gift cards and bring them to him for whatever the need.

Hackers are clever and may send something that looks almost real but here is one clue that it's fake. A real email should include this signature:

Your Pastor and Friend,

Tim

Rev. Tim Foster, D. Min., Senior Pastor

CDR CHC USN
Deputy Chaplain 4MLG HQ BN



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An email sent from his iPhone contains this signature:

Rev. Dr. Tim Foster
Senior Pastor HHPC, Memphis, TN
CDR CHC USNR
Deputy Group Chaplain, 4th MLG HQ BN
901 268-2832
Sent from my iPhone

DECEMBER 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
1st Sunday 4-December	Lesa Hart	Dolgor Tsagaan	Carolyn Allen Haley Moody	Lesa Hart Melanie Hayes	Chloe Mann	Beth Ellis	7-Dec Lesa Hart
2nd Sunday 11-December	Pat Edwards	Children's Program	Deborah Womack Keira Bowers	Rebecca & Abbi England	Munhuush Amgalan	Chloe Mann	14-Dec Sue Frost
3rd Sunday 18-December	Nancy Purcell	Traci Gatlin Amanda Clark	Lydia Johnson Sue Frost	Ben & Gabbi Huffstetler	Munhuush Amgalan	Sam Clements	21-Dec No nursery
4th Sunday 25-December	No early service	No Sunday School	Noelle Ellis	No Children Church	No early service	Levi Wood	23-Nov No nursery

YOUTH



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December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Christmas Traditions	5	6	7 Lesson & Activity	8	9	10 Youth Christmas Party
11 Christmas Cast	12	13	14 Help w/ youngling party	15	16	17
18 The Rest of the Story	19	20	21 Activity/Field Trip	22	23	24
25 Christmas Day No Class	26	27	28 Activity/Field Trip	29	30	31 New Year's Eve

Youth News

And just like that Christmas is right around the corner and another year is coming to an end. The youth completed the decorating of the "youth tree" that stands in the vestibule as we have done for several years. The day we were to



decorate it, I received an email from my cloud photo storage with multiple pictures from Decembers past. One picture from five years ago was of the youth decorating the same tree. In that picture was me with much shorter hair and the seven youth that helped with the tree. Of those seven, one is married, three have graduated from college and started careers and the last three, well they were helping me decorate this year's tree.

Days and memories like this remind me of how blessed I am to have such a wonderful position with HHPC. I get to see the youth

grow and become strong, Christian men and women, start careers, get married, have kids and so much more. And while I hate to see them go when their time comes, it is amazing to see what they will do and who they will become.





They're Baaaccck!

You should begin seeing the bottle trees around the Church soon. We will collect the bottles filled with your coins, cash or checks to benefit Life Choices. We will collect through January as it is Sanctification of Human Life month with Sanctification of Human Life Sunday on January 23rd this year..

WE STAND FOR
SANCTITY
OF
HUMAN
LIFE



SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022



Poinsettias to adorn the Sanctuary!

If you want to order a poinsettia(s) for the Church, please pick up an envelope to order and indicate who you want to honor or remember. They are \$9 each. We can only get 50. I have orders for 13 so far. They are yours to take home after the Christmas services.

Prayer: The Path to a Spiritual Legacy

There are a lot of things that impact the strength of our spiritual legacy. However, at the core of any spiritual legacy is our own personal relationship with God. Ultimately, it is how we personally walk with God, that fuels what our spiritual legacy will actually become and prayer is vital in this process. Prayer plays a unique and powerful role in how we relate with the God of the universe. Prayer is actually what makes our relationship with God a *real relationship*.

December 2022 SECURITY SCHEDULE

	Early Service 8:30 – 9:45	Sunday School 9:45 – 11:00	Late Service 11:00 – 12:15	Wednesday 6:45 – 9:00
12/4/22	BLATT	SPENCER	FOSTER	
12/7/22				ARMOUR
12/11/22	ALLEN (S)	FORTE	RUSH	
12/14/22				CLARK (M)
12/18/22	DALRYMPLE	DOBSON	JOHNSON	
12/21/22				No WW
12/25/22	No service	No Sunday School	PERKINS	
12/28/22				No WW

Elders' Notes from November 17, 2022

- 1) On October 30, Tim Purcell **joined the Church** by Reaffirmation of Faith. Tim is the husband of HHPC member, Nancy Purcell.
- 2) On November 6, Dossett & Linda Foster **joined the Church** by Transfer of Membership from Harmony Church in Bartlett.
- 3) **Gratitude was expressed to:** Barbara & Dennis Glaze for painting the doors on the north side of the gym and to John Blatt and Lesa Hart for installing a new door closer on one of the Sanctuary doors.
- 4) The **new mailing address for the Church** is: Highland Heights Presbyterian Church, 9160 Hwy 64, Suite 12 #105, Lakeland, TN 38002.
- 5) Gratitude was expressed to **Deacons Karen Huddleston and Debra Wright and their team** for all of their hard work on Operation Christmas Child.
- 6) The **2023 Church Budget** was approved and will be presented at the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 4.
- 7) Christmas is on a Sunday this year. **There will only be one worship service - at 11:00 - and no Sunday school.**
- 8) **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?*
- 9) **General Ministry Fund** income through October 31 was \$365,162 and expenses were \$362,764 for a surplus of \$2,398. The **General Ministry Fund balance** on October 31 was \$79,889.



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