

CORNERSTONE

Monthly Newsletter

January Wednesday Menus

January 4th

Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Veggies, Birthday Cake

January 11th

Baked Potato & Salad Bar, & Dessert

January 18th

Regular Chili or White Chicken Chili, Corn Bread, Salad & Dessert

January 25th

Spaghetti with Red or White Sauce, Salad, & 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.

Welcome, New Member, Tim Purcell

Timothy Purcell and his wife Nancy of 44 years reside in Lakeland, TN. They enjoy five children and six grandchildren, and constant presence of a pet. Each are originally from upstate New York, Tim from East Berne and Nancy from Lagrange. Each graduating in 1971, Tim pursued the U.S. Marine Corps and Nancy pursued a registered nurse career. They found each other while Tim was stationed in Jacksonville, FL and married in 1978 when Tim was stationed at Parris Island, SC. Years and children passed by with Tim retiring from the Marines in 2000 after a lengthy career and took immediate employment at the Navy Personnel Command in Millington, TN where he still works today. Each come from military families where their fathers were veterans of WWII. Notable also is all their five children are military veterans, each having served in hostile theaters of operation.



Prayer at HHPC in 2023 – Barb James

Rejoice always. Pray continually, giving thanks in all circumstances for this is God's will in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Did you know that we have a Prayer Room at HHPC? All are welcome to come talk with and listen to our Lord alone or with others whenever you like. It is upstairs right above Rosie's office. It is currently being redone and offers an inviting setting for meditation along with a place to leave your prayer praises/requests. A big THANK YOU to Dennis Glaze for building the beautiful wooden table especially for this room. Thank you also to our designer, Amy Simmons. During 2022 a small group of prayer warriors met weekly in the Prayer Room to bring each member of HHPC before the Lord in prayer. We will continue to do so during the Sunday School time, all are welcome to join us or bring prayer praises/requests. This is one way we are able to truly be the Body of Christ.

The beginning of the New Year is when many set goals for the coming year. I encourage each of you to choose a Scripture or Word to focus on for Your Personal Spiritual Growth in 2023. Where do you want to be at the end of the year? What actions must you take to get there? Be intentional in your daily walk with Him and glorify Him as you do so.

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 2023

Kendra Bowers
 Lesa Hart
 Perk Perkins

Class of 2024

Steve Allen
 Richard Armour
 Charle Dunstan

Class of 2025

Lin Fryman
 Traci Gatlin
 Dennis Glaze

Deacons

Class of 2023

Barbara Almond
 Joe Dobson
 Barb James

Class of 2024

Joey Clark
 Sue Frost
 Rob McCleary

Class of 2025

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

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

Pastor's Remarks



I love books. At home and in my office at the Church are hundreds and hundreds of good books. Many of them I have read. Many of them I am reading. At any one time, I am usually reading at least a dozen different books; I especially like biographies and commentaries on books of the Bible. *How about you? Do you like to read? Do you finish a book before starting another or do you like to read several books at one time?*

I got a number of new books for Pastor Appreciation Month and for Christmas. One of them is a classic daily devotional written in 1925 entitled "Streams in the Desert" by L. B. Cowman. HHPC member Debra Wright gave it to me and told me it had been a source of inspiration for her and her family.

Here is an excerpt from the devotional for January 1st:

"The land whither ye go to possess is a land of hills and valleys and drinketh water of the rain of heaven: a land which the Lord thy God careth for: the eyes of the Lord thy God are always upon it, *from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year*" (Deuteronomy 11:11-12).

"Today we stand upon the verge of the unknown. **There lies before us the new year** and we are going to possess it. Who can tell what we shall find? What new experiences, what changes shall come, what new needs shall arise? But here is the cheering, comforting, gladdening message from our heavenly Father: 'The Lord thy God careth for it. His eyes are upon it even unto the end of the year.'"

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

Your Pastor and Friend,

JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>New Year's Day</i> 8:30 & 11:00 Worship 9:45 Sunday school 10:45 Community of Faith worship service	2	3	4 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	5	6	7
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15 <i>Bottles for Life due</i> 8:30 & 11:00 Worship 10:45 Community of Faith worship service <i>George Krug</i>	16	17 4:45 Volunteer at Memphis Union Mission	18 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 <i>Steve & Betty Allen</i>	19 10:30 Hope Circle	20	21
22 8:30 & 11:00 Worship 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Community of Faith worship service <i>Pat Edwards</i>	23	24	25 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	26 10:30 Sarah Circle 6:30 Elders' meeting	27 <i>Presbytery meeting at Faith Presbyterian in Germantown.</i>	28 <i>Presbytery meeting at Faith Presbyterian in Germantown.</i>
29 8:30 & 11:00 Worship 9:45 Sunday school 10:45 Community of Faith worship service	30	31 7:30 Couples' Bible Study				

Blue names = Birthdays

Red Couples = Anniversaries

Preschool News

Highland Heights Presbyterian PDO/Pre-K

Christmas!



Our PDO kids had a great time giving the Grinch a heart on their last day before the Christmas break.

Their first day back will be Wednesday, January 4th.



The Berclair Team!

We adopted a Kindergarten class at Berclair Elementary School several years ago. These photos are from the Christmas party before the break. Pastor Tim is reading a story to the class. Mitzi Goodwin, Sue Armour and Debra Wright brought cookies for the kids to decorate and gift bags for them to open.



BISHOP CHRIS' THANK YOU

Greetings brethren,

The purpose of this email is to thank God for what he has done at mercy mission school this year. I want to thank

God for Highland Heights church for their contribution towards the children at mercy mission school. We thank God for the provision of funds to build a good boys dormitory which we have completed and it's now used by our boys. It's a good place for our boys to stay.

We also appreciate Highland Heights church for monthly contribution towards the food program which has helped our children to be healthy during these tough times after covid.

I also want to thank the Highland Heights church for supporting my heart minor surgery earlier this month. The procedure was successful after inserting a stent. But I am having some problems now with pain in my chest.

Thank you so much for your big heart. Remember what you are doing does not go unnoticed by God. Your reward will be great in heaven for putting a smile in lives of these kids.

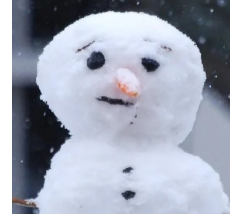
God bless you.

Bishop Chris

JANUARY 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 January 1	Lesa Hart	Dolgor Tsagaan	Carolyn Allen Haley Moody	Lesa Hart Melanie Hayes	Chloe Mann	Beth Ellis	Jan 4 Lesa Hart
2nd Sunday January 8	Pat Edwards	Melanie Hayes Kendra Bowers	Deborah Womack Keira Bowers	Rebecca & Abbi England	Munhuush Amgalan	Chloe Mann	Jan 11 Sue Frost
3rd Sunday January 15	Nancy Purcell	Traci Gatlin Amanda Clark	Lydia Johnson Sue Frost	Ben & Gabbi Huffstetler	Munhuush Amgalan	Sam Clements	Jan 18 Noelle Ellis
4th Sunday January 22	Deborah Womack	Ginger Wood	Noelle Ellis Cortney Stone	Lesa Hart Barbara Glaze	Chloe Mann	Levi Wood	Jan 25 René Foster
5th Sunday January 29	Louise Clark	Cortney Stone	Sue Frost	Lesa Hart René Foster	Munhuush Amgalan	Beth Ellis	Feb 1 Lesa Hart

YOUTH



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January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day	2	3	4 Lesson and Activity	5	6	7
8 Matthew Study	9	10	11 Lesson and Activity	12	13	14
15 Matthew Study	16	17	18 Lesson and Activity	19	20	21
22 Matthew Study	23	24	25 Kitchen and Activity	26	27	28
29 Matthew Study	30	31				

Youth News

Amazingly 22 has wrapped and 23 is off and running. I do believe it was all kind of a blur as it seems these newsletters are only a week apart and not a month. It's kind of scary because before you know it we will be rolling into Easter and then graduation season and then boom, we are halfway through the year. I am not sure why I have such a fixation on time lately, could be because I know that means I am getting older, but probably has more to do with the fact I all of a sudden have another adult in the house. Sometimes I do want it to slow down but as I know that is an impossibility, I pray that I can just pay attention, get outside of the grind and enjoy the time that continues to tick by.

After a busy Christmas season January will be calm for the youth. With exception to the regular Wednesday and Sunday classes there is nothing on the schedule. I am sure that will probably change so stay tuned for updates.



What are the Baby Bottles for?

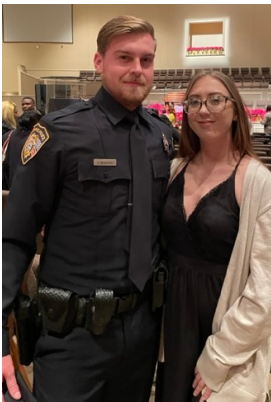
This is one way members of Highland Heights help support the work of Life Choices. Pick up a Baby Bottle and fill it with your loose change, bills or a check to Life Choices. Return your bottle to the church office by January 15th when we will give the filled bottles back to Life Choices.

Life Choices loves the women in Memphis. The counselors and professional medical staff offer a wide array of safe and confidential services free of charge. Services include: limited obstetrical ultrasound, confirmation of pregnancy, STI testing, diagnosis and treatment, H.O.P.E. Ministry, post-abortion care, information on the morning after pill, education on abortion, counsel regarding options,

education on sexual health, pregnancy counseling, help for practical needs, adoption plans and more. Life Choices Pregnancy Medical Clinic does not provide or refer for any abortion procedure. They do not prescribe birth control. Information is provided as an educational service and should not be relied on as a substitute for professional and/or medical advice. Above all, they share the love of Jesus Christ with all.

On behalf of the Betty Goodwin family, Mitzi and I want to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our church family for the cards and condolences we received at the passing of my Mother. She is gone, but not forgotten. We love you, Mother. Rest in peace.

Bud and Mitzi Goodwin



Pray for our First Responders!

This picture is of Officer Chase Meadows, a recent graduate of the Memphis Police Academy and his girlfriend, Makenzie Barton. Makenzie is the Blatt's niece. Chase and Makenzie graduated from FACS with Josh Foster.

Having a new police officer in the family has made us keenly aware of just how dangerous our streets are. Every Sunday's bulletin lists our own First Responders. Please include all of these civil servants in prayer as they put their lives on the line each day.

January 2023

	Early Service 8:30 – 9:45	Sunday School 9:45 – 11:00	Late Service 11:00 – 12:15	Wednesday 6:45 – 9:00
01/01/23	BLATT	SPENCER	FOSTER	
01/04/23				ARMOUR
01/08/23	ALLEN (S)	FORTE	RUSH	
01/11/23				CLARK (J)
01/15/23	DALRYMPLE	DOBSON	JOHNSON	
01/18/23				CLARK (M)
01/22/23	SCHWAB	GOODWIN	CLARK (J)	
01/25/23				DOSCH
01/29/23	CLARK (M)	DOSCH	ELLIS	

Elders' Notes from December 22, 2022

- 1) On December 11, Joan Tinnen and Christy Tinnen **joined the Church** by transfer of membership from Harmony Church in Bartlett.
- 2) At the Annual Congregational Meeting on December 4, Lin Fryman, Traci Gatlin and Dennis Glaze were elected **Ruling Elders** and Karen Huddleston, Janice Linder and Linda Melear were elected **Deacons** Their three-year terms begin January 1, 2023.
- 3) **Gratitude was expressed to:** Parish Nurse Carol Hendrian for ordering a defibrillator and to Barbara & Dennis Glaze for hanging it; and to Lesa Hart and her team for decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas.
- 4) **The new mailing address for the Church is:** Highland Heights Presbyterian Church, 9160 Hwy 64, Suite 12 #105, Lakeland, TN 38002.
- 5) **Missionary Craig Webb**, whose work in Thailand HHPC supports, will speak to all of the adult Sunday school classes on Sunday, January 29.
- 6) The Church received a **\$10,000 gift** from Brad Whitaker in memory of his parents, Jimmy and Jean Whitaker. The elders tithed it by giving \$1,000 to a local family in need.
- 7) **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?
- 8) **General Ministry Fund** income through November 30 was \$400,416 and expenses were \$395,159 for a surplus of \$5,257. **The General Ministry Fund balance** on November 30 was \$82,749.



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