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ALIVE WITH THE PASSION OF CHRIST

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Dearest South Highlanders,

What a glorious Season of receiving the Gift and giving the Gift and Gifts we have been in! One story of giving here in Alabama jumped out at me this week. Back in the 1960's when racial tensions were high an older African American woman was stranded late at night on an Alabama highway, her car broken down. She needed a ride. So she stood along the roadside, hood raised on her car, in the middle of a terrible rainstorm. She tried flagging down car after car, but no one stopped. This was the 1960's and this was Alabama. The cars all zoomed by her, until after more than an hour finally a car stopped. Out jumped a young white man, bucking the culture of the day. He put her in his car, got some towels out of his trunk and gave to her to dry herself off best as possible. He then drove her to a safe place where she could call for a cab to take her on to her home in another city and call for someone to go see about her car. She was most intent, however, on getting home as quickly as possible, not saying why. Before she left in the taxi she quickly wrote down the name and address of the young man who had assisted her and expressed her thanks.

A week later there was a knock at his door. Opening his door he found a delivery person unloading a giant console color TV/record player system. (this was the 60's!) and a stack of new record albums and there was a note attached. The note read, "Dear Mr. James, thank you so much for assisting me on the highway the other night. The rain drenched not only my clothes but my spirits. Then you came along. Because of you, I was able to make it to my dying husband's bedside, just before he passed away. God bless you for helping me and unselfishly serving others. Sincerely, Mrs. Nat King Cole."

I thought about that story as I heard over and over in this past month Nat King Cole singing "Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire." The miracle of God's gift of love is expressed in countless acts of giving like that, and we were blessed to experience some of it through South Highland this Advent and Christmas. As hundreds gathered at our four Christmas Eve Candlelight Carol and Communion services I thought of this great Gift God has given us in Jesus Christ that each person came here seeking in some fashion. The wonder visible in the eyes infants and little children, the proud joy in the eyes of their parents, the knowing wisdom in the eyes of grandparents and older adults. I thought of those who came here who are facing desperate living situations and who left encouraged spiritually and also materially because some of you made special gifts possible. I thought of those who have been blessed by our Good Samaritan Funds this year when the need has been so great and your response has been so great, people who have heat and water in their homes because you have been there for them. I thought also of their children *(continued on page 2)*

JANUARY 15th—BISHOP WILLIMON

Join us on Sunday, January 15th for our special guest speaker – Bishop Willimon. He will preach at both the 8:30 & 11am services in the Sanctuary. The Reverend Dr. William H. Willimon is a Bishop of the United Methodist Church and currently serves the North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church. For more information, visit northalabamaumc.org.



Portrait by Phillip Dupree Photography

Remember...

- ♦ **January 29th Annual Congregational Meeting**
- ♦ **Start the New Year with the Bible**
- ♦ **Bishop Willimon Speaks January 15th**

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who, because of some of you, were able to have a special toy this year through your generosity.

The ways you have and continue to give is truly amazing. So many of you took a family off the angel tree and made Christmas bright for them. Others of you wrapped presents all day long at Brookwood Mall to raise money for Birmingham Hospitality Network before coming here to church on Christmas Eve. Once again Presbyterian Women went out to the Presbyterian Home for Children in Talladega and helped brighten their Christmas. Then a few days later we were privileged to welcome their entire student body to our Christmas Together. The kids enjoyed the visit so much, and our youth and children presented each of them with a gift from South Highland.

Hearty thanks to all of you who in any way made this Advent and Christmas season the deeply meaningful, spiritually significant season it was. The Flower Committee, Worship Ministry, choirs, bell ringers, communion preparers and servers, visitors to shut-ins, and awesome church staff, all of you gave so much in response to the Great Gift God has given us, and I am especially grateful for every one of you.

In terms of giving I need to bring to your attention that our basic stewardship giving is winding up 2011 and entering 2012 with a certain tightness. As is reflective of the economy in general, church giving is being pinched. We are having to cut many of our budget items for 2012. Officers are working diligently to prepare a final budget to be approved in January for the new year and wind up and close out 2011. If you have not yet completed a pledge commitment for 2012 know how important your giving is to the overall ministries and mission of SHPC, and if you find your position to increase your pledge for this new year, know what a big difference that will make. God has had us on this corner of Southside for nearly 125 years for a purpose. I am certain we have a significant ministry to carry out and am grateful for your participation in it.

With much love, joy and gratitude to you as we enter this New Year!

Ed

START THE YEAR WITH THE BIBLE

Rev. Dr. Ed Hurley and Rev. Jim Truesdell will lead us through the Gospel of Mark from New Year until Easter

January 1st—9:30-10:45am in the Small Auditorium

New Year's Day Joint Sunday School Convocation

Special Guest Speaker: Dr. Sydney Park

Topic: Introduction to the Gospel according to Mark

Children's Sunday School classes—Pre- K 4& 's and 1st graders will meet in the Sea Turtle room and 2nd -5th graders will meet in the Dolphin room.

11:00 a.m. – Only one morning worship service which includes Communion
Rev. Jim Truesdell, *Sermon:* "The Beginning of the Good News of Jesus Christ"

January 8th—6pm in the Small Auditorium

T90X—Reading the Torah in 90 Days: Introduction Seminar

Special Guest Speakers: Rev. Adam Borneman and

Rev. Jim Truesdell

Topics: "What is the Bible and How Should I Read It?"

AND "Torah: The Story of the Gospel in the Old Testament"



SOUTH HIGHLAND MISSIONS

Birmingham Hospitality Network January 22- 29

Who are the Homeless?

Homelessness is a profound and growing problem for our nation and our community. Three quarters of a million Americans, both adults and children, have no place to call home.

The root cause of homelessness is simply the lack of sufficient family income to maintain decent, affordable housing. Low-income renters are often only one paycheck or calamity away from homelessness. The loss of a job, an increase in rent, sudden illness, the absence of family support – any one of these can drive a family into homelessness.

Of the approximately 2000 homeless individuals in Birmingham seeking food and shelter every day, one third are families. BHN provides a framework for religious, civic and community organizations to assist the victims of homelessness and to work together toward permanent solutions.

Let's start off the year resolving to make a difference in someone's life! We are looking for overnight volunteers, dinner hosts, grocery shoppers, and people to help with washing the linens when the week is over. If you are able to volunteer in some way, call or email Debbie Perkins, 205-870-3031 or debbiepi@travelpi.com.

Witness Season Events

Do you know that there are people in places like the Congo, Kenya, Mozambique, Pakistan, India, and many places all over the world who know South Highland Presbyterian Church? Just think, after the tornados swept through in April, there were congregations in Africa praying for our church and community! Every February we dedicate the month to spread awareness of our Global Outreach. While we sit in our comfortable corner of Southside worshipping in our beautiful church, we are also funding missionaries in Madagascar, Mozambique, the Congo, Lithuania, Cameroon, and supporting the gardening project started by one our own members, Sarah Koch. The special offering you give to the Witness Season helps show our love and care for all God's children, near and far.

February 5- South Highland's Mission Fair

February 8- Where in the world is South Highland Presbyterian?

February 12- Rob Weingartner from Outreach Foundation

February 19- Workshop on "how to tell the story" to people who don't speak English, to those who don't believe, and to people who have never heard

February 26 – Where in the world is Lesotho? Our missionaries, Frank and Nancy Dimmock will be speaking to us about their work with the Ministry of Hope in Lesotho.

Good Samaritan Update

Your help made the difference for one Southside family. We helped with her children's Christmas and she has found a job. Please continue to give to the Good Samaritan Fund in order to continue helping our neighbors in need.

I really would like to just thank you and all the church members for helping me and my kids just when I was about to give up. I saw hope, you brought faith and hope back to me. It's like when you started helping me when no one else would I know God would never let me down or my kids. I can't get a job. I try and try and try. I just would like the church to please pray for me and my kids that I would be able to get a job and most of all be able to have Christmas this year for them. I could never do it by myself and ask God to protect me and give me peace of mind and strength. Thank you very much. Me and my kids are very grateful to know that people like the church members do really care and we're not alone.

Thanks so very much

A Southside neighbor and her Kids

P.S. Can you please help me find a job

Deacons of the Month

January

Janet Perry

(205) 980-3401

Kirsten Heiser

(205) 951-6599



FREE VALET PARKING
from 8:15 AM until after 11 AM

Worship at the Circular Drive on Highland Avenue. Tipping is optional.



Shuttle Service

January 1

Sara Hale

(205) 969-2300

Bob Hunter

(205) 823-2758

January 8

Lu Mahon

(205) 879-4157

Leland Keller

(205) 871-9255 or (205) 914-6420



It's As Easy As Pie!

Volunteers are needed to help prepare Communion wafers for the upcoming year. If you would like to participate in this vital part of worship, please contact Diane Cleveland at (205) 939-3806 or kcleveland@bham.rr.com.



Missionaries from Mozambique

Do you ever wonder where the money raised during our Witness Season goes? We will have the unique opportunity to host two of the missionaries we support in Mozambique on January 25 for the Wednesday Night Live Program. Nedson Zulu and Sebber Banda work in Tete Province the capital of Mozambique.

Nedson is a bridge-builder. He is a Zambian living in Malawi who serves in Mozambique. He loves the Lord and is committed to equipping others for the work of sharing the Gospel. Nedson meets with the elders each year to look at the progress in the churches they are leading, encouraging them to share with others the problems they encounter and help each other to find solutions to problems. Training is a critical dimension of Nedson's work.

Nedson's colleague in this ministry is a public health worker, Ms. Sebber Banda. Sebber trains and encourages leaders who work in the community, assisting them to understand health issues through the use of a creative drama team. She educates entire communities on how to deal with sickness, especially malaria and cholera. She also helps them understand HIV/AIDS and how to care for infected people and their loved ones. Hygiene and sanitation are other important dimensions of what Sebber teaches. Others who share in the work in Tete include two pastors of the Presbyterian churches in the province and numerous evangelists and volunteers.

Join us to learn more about the wonderful work that Nedson and Sebber are doing in Mozambique.



The church which SHPC has sponsored in Mameme 2 village in Tete Province, Mozambique is complete! Imagine building a church in 5 months! The villagers are so happy, and feel very blessed to have their own new church, Nedson Zulu reports.



SHPC Kids' News

Enrichment Volunteers for January

Enrichment is a special time for children ages three to five that takes place during our 11am worship service. Children leave the sanctuary with their enrichment leaders after the children's moment to enjoy a special bible story and time of fellowship.

Our enrichment leaders for the month of January are:

January 8	Amy & Russell Nance
January 15	Liz & Bryan Mullins
January 22	Ragan & Pascal Caputo
January 29	Carol Ann & Jonathan Cross

Congratulations to... Hilary and Paul Perry on the birth of their daughter Mallory Kate on November 29, 2011!

Breakfast in Bethlehem

It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces in Bethlehem on Saturday morning, December 10! Our children enjoyed each stop in the marketplace as they made joyous sounds with hammers and beautiful art with paint, pottery, paper, and beads! Our children were richly blessed by the many dedicated friends who gave their time and talent to make this program possible. Our sincere appreciation to:

Gidge Black	Bart Lloyd
Cathie Bonner	Heidi Messier
Karen Butler	Steve Messier
Harold Deason	Kristy Miley
Anne Curtis Giovanelli	Wes Thompson
Jacqueline Giovanelli	Dean Vandegrift
Sophia Giovanelli	Joe Whitley
Gayle Hurley	Bobby Waite
Nichole Lariscy	
SHPC Junior/Senior High Youth	



For more information on the SHPC Children's Ministries, check out the enclosed *KidsPress*! Also contact April Harrell & Rachel Barr at (205) 933-0790 or aharrell@southhighland.org or rbarr@southhighland.org.



STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE

If you have not already turned in your 2012 pledge, please drop it in the offering plate, drop it by to Sharon Doggett in the church office, or mail it in to the church office at P.O. Box 55933, Birmingham, AL 35255.

So far South Highlanders have pledged **\$1,171,332** for 2012. Our goal for 2012 is at least **\$1,280,000**.

We appreciate you Becoming Fully Alive!



In The January Issue

Here are some of the articles in the double issue of the January/February PRESBYTERIANS TODAY:

- ◆ 1,001 in 10 - Presbyterians are challenged to establish 1,001 new congregations in the next 10 years.
- ◆ The Outward-Facing Church Demographic tools can help congregations rediscover the call to care for those around them.
- ◆ Justice Meets Evangelism Proclaiming and living out the gospel are both essential aspects of Christian discipleship.

Pick up your free copy of the January/February issue of PRESBYTERIANS TODAY from the table in the Gallery on the main level.

Stay Informed - Read PRESBYTERIANS TODAY!



STAY CONNECTED!

SHPC sends out weekly email announcements on Fridays. To sign up, email Dina Glass at dglass@southhighland.org.

SHiPS



South Highland
Presbyterian Singles
(of all ages)

Tuesdays, January 3, 10,
17, 24, & 31
7:00pm—8:30 PM

SHiPS-sponsored Dance Lessons

with instructors Ken George and
Anne England for everyone each
Tuesday—No partner required.
\$3 donation at the door.

All are invited!

Sunday Bulletin Announcements

Must be received no later
than noon on Tuesdays.
Call Suzanne at (205) 933-0790
or e-mail
scornett@southhighland.org

HIGHLAND HIGHLIGHTS

Deadline for the next issue is
January 17
email info to
scornett@
Southhighland.org



You can keep up
with PC (USA)
denominational
news by logging
onto:

www.pcusa.org

YOUNG ADULTS

New Covenant Class

This class filled with mainly parents of
children and youth meets Sunday mornings in
the Parlor at 9:30am. The class is currently
studying Galatians under the leadership of
Carol Ann Vaughn Cross & Steve Messier.

BRICK@Nite

(Sunday evenings at 6:30 PM in G22)
In an effort to get a comprehensive view of the
scriptures, the group is reading large blocks of
scripture. Contact **Jeff Bonner** at
jbanner@gupeds.net for more information.

For more information on Young Adult ministries
and programs at SHPC, contact **Jim Truesdell** at
jtruesdell@southhighland.org.

Wild at Heart Men's Breakfast

Please contact **John Huddleston** if you plan
on attending— (205) 907-2924 or
boykinspaniel@gmail.com.
[http://www.southhighland.org/resources/Wild-
At-Heart-ScheduleQuestions](http://www.southhighland.org/resources/Wild-At-Heart-ScheduleQuestions).

WOW—Women of the Word

This group of women meets Thursday morn-
ings from 9:30-11:15am in the Small Dining
Room. If you need a small group, desire to
study God's word, or are looking for a place to
explore your faith and ask your questions,
WOW is the place for you. Please contact
Laura Chapman at (205) 969-5843 or
LLLChapman@aol.com for more information.
Child care is provided.

Making a Home for Faith

Making a Home for Faith is a Sunday school
class for young adults that meets in the
Minister's conference room. They will begin a
new study in January, and will be reading
Shepherding a Child's Heart by Tedd Tripp.
Questions? Please contact Rachel Wilkinson
at wilkson475@gmail.com.

Mercedes Marathon Weekend

February 11-12

South Highland is fully alive with the passion of Christ
as we practice hospitality and share faith.

What once was an annoyance and logistic problem to
be solved has become a way for our congregation to
encourage over 9000 runners as they pass by our
church building. This year we are an official race
sponsor! There are several ways to get involved:

Team South Highland! Team members will run the
race and have South Highland race shirts with
encouraging messages. Share love with people on the
route. Contact Cara Ross or Jim Truesdell if your
interested.

South Highland – Official Water Stop – Living
Water included! Come early on February 12 and cheer
on runners, pass out candy, and bless them on their
journey. Contact Fred Esleck.

Blessing the Runners – Worship Service –
February 11 since people are running on Sunday
morning, they won't be in worship so we are going to
provide a worship service for runners. As an official
sponsor will be placing an invitation to worship in each
of the runner's pre-race packet. Are you willing to be
part of this worship service? Contact Jim Truesdell.

Congregation Wide Study in Lent

One of the things we learned
from *Unbinding Your Heart* was
the power of small group
studies for the whole
congregation. For six weeks,
we will all study the same
material that coincides with
the worship themes during
Lent and Easter. Since Dr.
Hurley will be preaching
through the gospel according
to Mark, we are going to study
Timothy Keller's book *The
Kings Cross*. We need small
group leaders who are willing
to host small groups. Contact
Cathie Bonner if you'd be
willing to host a small group.
All small group leaders will
receive training. Also if you'd
like to be part of helping get
people involved in a group, or
some of the other administra-
tive task contact Cathie.

JUNIOR & SENIOR Highs

From Doug:

Reflecting on the Text with a Text (or Tweet)

Most Sunday worship services are still, reflective, pushing us to slow our pace, create space in our lives, and allow God to work. And with that in mind, it is not all that hard to understand why people who can say what they mean in 173 characters or less might view it as boring, lame, or a drag. As our attention span grows shorter, the relevance and necessity of stillness becomes a blur. We can get our news in headlines without reading the article, we can do all our research on Wikipedia, we can multitask, we can drive with our knee, text with our left hand and drink a soda with our right... it's all possible. But should we? With instant messaging, frequent status updates, and Tweets, it has become impossible to hear a still small voice or one crying out in the wilderness, "Prepare the way!"

In the service on Sunday morning, youth are asked to sit and listen with attentive ears even though their language, customs, and attention span creates a challenge. So here is a little experiment I propose: when something

thought provoking, encouraging, or confusing occurs in the service, let's allow room for them to text a comment to me, or tweet it to #sermonSHPC. Perhaps it will encourage them to listen more closely or become more active listeners. We will use these comments and reflections in our Sunday School study on Sunday morning. Call it "texting with a purpose". As we begin to go through the Gospel of Mark we will use this experiment to focus ourselves and listen more closely to what is done and said. My hope is that this experiment in "texting the Text" will open our ears, challenge our thinking, and make room for God to work through new and relevant media. We will give this a try until lent when a new challenge will be presented.

Doug

Deposits are being accepted for...
Montreat - July 7-14 - \$450 per person. Reserve your space with a \$100 non-refundable deposit. (Grades: upcoming 9th through graduated Seniors)

Great Escape - June 17-22 \$400 per person. \$100 non-refundable deposit. (Completed 6th-8th graders)

SHPC Weekly Youth Newsletter—We send out a weekly update on youth events, including a calendar. For more information about SHPC Youth, contact **Doug Barr** at dbarr@southhighland.org or call him at (205) 933-0790 ext 12.

A Letter from Arthur Bowa

(SHPC's sponsored theological student in Lusaka, Zambia)

Wow, the year has already come to an end and we are soon going out of Justo Mwale.

Merry Christmas and a very blessed 2012.

We are great just beginning on Hebrew as for next year we will be dealing with the languages: Hebrew in the first term and Greek in the second term then the third term is basically for psychology/humanities the trial sermon and the mini-thesis. Am already thinking of writing on something which has to do with missions, maybe its because I trained as an Evangelist and that am quite passionate about missions and evangelism. Better still I think a church without these two or mission is like a person without a heartbeat.

Miss you so much and please convey our regards and seasonal greetings to all at South Highland.

Arthur, Edina and Nathaniah Bowa with Love.

SIGN UP NOW FOR THE NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY!

We are planning a new Pictorial Directory for South Highland!

Photos will be taken January 20-23.

To schedule your appointment, call (877) 896-9667 ext 325 or online at <http://www.appointmentquest.com/provider/2090050127?schedule=southhighlandpresbyterian>



For almost 18 years South Highland Presbyterian Church has been a presence in the life of our family. You have been with us as we celebrated happy times and dealt with the challenges of life. Through this journey you have supported us in countless ways. During the past few years you have shown your love during Billy's illness. For this, we are very grateful!

Following Billy's death, you have showered our family with your care and concern via cards, visits, phone calls and food. Words could never express our appreciation for this outpouring of love! We continue to be lifted up by your support and thank God for each of you!

Faye Mills and Family

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Approved by the Session on
Sunday, December 18th

Bob Garner—Bob was born in Columbia, TN. He is self-taught in electronics and has worked in cable television and radio. He is married to Eleanor who is Administrative Assistant to the Congregation at SHPC. He moves his membership from Third Presbyterian.



Jean and Bill Jones—Jean was born in Illinois and came to Alabama to attend the U of A. She later met Bill, an Alabamian, whose career has been in newspaper and politics. They live at Highland Manor and attend Susan Laney's Bible study. They have three children, one deceased. Their membership has been at Highland Methodist Church.

Janine Hagan—Janine, a lifelong Presbyterian, grew up in Tennessee. She attended Agnes Scott College in Atlanta where she met her husband, an engineering student at Georgia Tech. She is an e-publisher and has done contract work in Christian Education. She moves her membership from Edgewood Presbyterian.



Senior Adults

WHAT'S IN THE HIGHLANDERS' FUTURE?

Mark Your Calendar

January 6 —Coffee Concert
Ohlsson Plays Brahms—Justin Brown, Conductor

February 14 — Valentine luncheon,
Davis Family Hall

February 17 —Coffee Concert
Meyer Plays Meyer—Justin Brown,
Conductor

*Transportation is available for all
Highlanders Events—Contact Susan Laney
at (205) 933-0790.*

SHPC FOUNDATION NEWS- LIFE IS LIKE A ROLL OF TOILET PAPER

Life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes. —Andy Rooney

As a forty-something member of SHPC, I've noticed my roll is getting smaller. Often questions of legacy are asked at this time of life. What have I done with my life? How will I be remembered? How will I provide for my loved ones? In "Saving Private Ryan," an older James Ryan wonders, "Have I lived a good life." All are provocative questions. Giving beyond our lifetime is a noble and inspiring response. Giving beyond our lifetime is truly planting trees for later generations to enjoy.

The SHPC Foundation allows us each to give to a fund near our heart. SHPC Foundation holds mission funds; physical maintenance and replacement funds; scholarship funds; and, special ministry funds, including Adult Day Care Fund, Chancel Choir Fund, CDC General Endowment Fund, and Flower Endowment Fund.

SHPC Foundation cannot serve as a financial advisor on tax or legal matters; we do maintain relationships with professional advisors who work with donors and their advisors to determine the best way to make a gift including gifts of cash, gifts of securities, gifts that pay income, deferred gifts, and memorial gifts.

If one is interested the SHPC Foundation and making a gift, please contact our senior minister, Dr. Hurley, Dr. and Mrs. Dana Waters, or any Board member: Lee Cooper, Jonathan Cross, Glenn Davis, John Goff, Mike Goodrich, Kathryn Michael, John Ponder, Minnie Rast, Mel Robinson, or Bill Stribling.

-Jonathan Cross

THE SESSION HAS CALLED the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 29, 2012 at 9:30AM in the Davis Family Hall for the purpose of:

- To elect six members of the congregation to serve on the 2012 Officer Nominating Committee;
- To receive reports concerning ministries of the congregation in 2011 and information regarding the 2012 budget;
- To receive and act upon any other business appropriate to the Annual meeting as indicated in the Book of Order G-7.0302 (including amending the terms of the Pastors' call); and
- To fulfill the requirement for an annual meeting of the South Highland Presbyterian Church Foundation, and to hear, report and act upon any recommendations from the Board of Directors.

NOMINATING PROCEDURES:

The permission of a nominee should be obtained before placing that person's name in nomination. In the event prior consent has not been received at time of nomination, the nominee will be asked to accept or decline the nomination. In the unlikely event that a category receives no nominations, the voting will proceed with those categories represented only.

The Nominating Committee shall be composed of ten persons as follows:

- 3 from the Session including Tom Buck as Chair
- 1 from the Board of Deacons
- 6 members of the congregation to serve on the Officer Nominating Committee from the Congregation-at-large as follows shall be nominated in only one category: i.e., as men, women, youth, or young adult.

2 men with no age restriction	1 youth, age 20 or under
2 women with no age restriction	1 young adult, age 21-35

Ballots with fewer than 6 votes will still be counted. The two men, two women, one youth, and one young adult receiving the highest number of votes cast will be declared elected.

All members of the committee are elected for a one year term and cannot serve two consecutive terms (with the exception of the two elders). Two of the Session members will serve two-year terms on an alternative year basis and the Elder in the Elder's second year will serve as Chairperson of the committee and the other two-year member will serve as Vice-Chair. The other Elder elected will serve a one year term.

The persons who served on last year's committee and are ineligible to serve in 2012 are: Steve Ashworth, Jane French, John Heiser, Scott Heslop, Janice Wester, Mary Frances Yeilding, Leland Keller, Lee Cleveland, and Jody Gilchrist. **Tom Buck** will be the continuing elder on the committee who will serve as Chairperson.

** Continental Breakfast will be provided in the Davis Family Hall. **

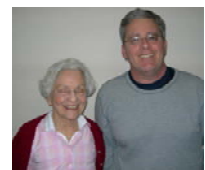
*** All persons making nominations shall have the permission of the proposed nominee prior to that name being placed in nomination. ***

Stan Howell—Stan, another resident of Highland Manor and member of Susan Laney's Bible study has lived & worked in many areas of this country and retired from the State of Alabama working with computers. He comes to us from Sylacauga Roman Catholic Church.



Nell Larson—Nell was born and reared in Alabama. She has three daughters and worked many years for the Southern Company. Among her interests is golf. She is married to Al, a member of SHPC since 1954. Her membership is transferred from Hoover Church of Christ.

Sara Miller—Sara grew up in northern Jefferson County at a Southern Baptist Church and was baptized in a creek. She has five sons- one of whom is Joey Miller, a member of SHPC. Her membership moves from Raleigh Avenue Baptist Church in Homewood.



Teresa Maglapit-Vida—Teresa was born to a Roman Catholic family in New Orleans. She graduated from Del Gado with an associate degree in business and later became certified as a nursing and medical assistant. She lives at Highland Manor and is faithful attendee of Susan Laney's Bible study. She comes to us from Homewood Church of Christ.

POWER OF Prayer

Member Prayer Requests

Frank and Grayson Alexander
Don Baird
Heather Batey
Sandy Bergeron
Judy Black
Allen Borden
Martha Bottomley
Loretta Brown
Nick Cataldo
Dori DeLuca
Joe and Judy Dolce
Polly Edwards
Jan Hatchett
Mary Head
Ruth Hobson
Anne & John Homer
Bob Hunter
Jan Kimble
Frank and Charlotte Lankford
Donna Lowe
Jacque Mathes
Amy Nance
Gray Richardson
Greer Singley
Claire Sizemore
Molly Slaughter
Mary Virginia & Dayton Sorsby
Martha & Jesse Stinson
Mary & Ellis Wanninger
Harvey Watson
Dewey White

Sympathy to

- ◆ **Family of Roger Clayton** upon his death on November 24.
- ◆ **Family of Idamae Mason** on her death on December 4.
- ◆ **Family of Henry Calvin Goodrich** on his death on December 11.

If you have prayer concerns, please call the January Deacons.

Dear South Highland,
We would like to hear from you about the condition of your friend or relative on the prayer list. Would you please call or e-mail and let us know when our prayers have been answered. If we have not heard from you within six weeks of receipt of your request, the name will be removed to give space for others.

Love,
Prayer Request Committee

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The Christmas Miracle

Several weeks ago, Ed asked me to write an article for the Highlights in regard to the Good Samaritan Fund. I knew it wouldn't be difficult simply because there were so many stories to tell. What I didn't know was by the time I sat down to write this article, it really wouldn't be about the Good Samaritan Fund. It would turn out to be something much bigger.

A week before Christmas, a young lady who has been visiting our church and has become very active in our young adult singles program on Sunday night, came to my office. When I first met her she had only been in Birmingham for a few days and had already had a bad experience in purchasing a vehicle. She was roaming the neighborhood and sought a place of refuge. She sought comfort at a church and after several failed tries to find someone to talk to, finally came to rest at South Highland. She had been in church almost every Sunday since.

Here she was in my office a few days before Christmas with bills in her hand. She had lost the job that had been the reason for moving here and was searching diligently for a new job but in the meantime there was no money to pay for her basic needs. Her bills totaled over \$500. It might as well have been \$5,000. Over the last two weeks those working with the Good Samaritan Fund and the Brighter Day Fund had spent every penny. Nobody wanted a family or elderly couple without necessities at Christmas and we had squeezed every penny (and then some) and there was nothing left. There comes a time when being a good steward means telling someone no and I knew that time had come.

As I was telling her I didn't know what we could do, a member of our congregation came to my door. As she was leaving, I introduced them to each other and he took the seat that she had just vacated. His opening words were, "I felt called today to bring you this check for the Good Samaritan Fund." It was a check for \$500.

Have you figured out what this article is really about? It is about God's reminder to us that the Christmas miracle doesn't happen just once a year—it is God's reminder that we live in the Christmas miracle every day.

2011 Good Samaritan Fund

- (Figures for the year as of December 8th)
- ◆ Year to date receipts \$61,052.82
 - ◆ Year to Date disbursements \$63, 987.55
 - ◆ There were 10 individuals who gave between \$1,000 and \$10,000
 - ◆ United Way Crisis Fund provided \$7,500 to the fund. (In April, the United Way Crisis Fund designated all future grants to go only to Tornado Relief)
 - ◆ Of the amount disbursed, \$5,072.04 was for groceries from Western Supermarket.
 - ◆ For the last half of the year, Canterbury United Methodist has provided SHPC's Good Samaritan Fund with 8-15 bags of groceries each week. These bags are designated for Seniors in need in the Southside area

2011 Brighter Day Fund

- ◆ This fund is used strictly for children needs.
- ◆ One person gave the seed money of \$5,000 this year.
- ◆ Year to date receipts \$5,641.28
- ◆ Year to date ending balance \$3,072.04
- ◆ In the fall, this fund allowed SHPC to provide school clothing and school supplies to families in our community.
- ◆ In the last few weeks of December, children of six families were provided with food, clothes and toys for Christmas.

The countless missions supported by the South Highland congregation in 2011, are far too vast to list in this article.

Rev. Susan Laney

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 8:30am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 9:30am - Sunday School
- 11am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 1:30pm - Kenyan Youth (Chapel)
- 2pm - Sunday Club (DFH)
- 5:30pm - Youth Group (Youth Suite)
- 6pm - Sharing Group (Builders)
- 6:30pm - Brick @ Nite (G-22)

January 1, Sunday

- 9:30am - Joint Adult Sunday School (DFH)
- 11am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- Normal Sunday Schedule after 12pm

January 2, Monday

Church office closed

- 5:30pm - Coordinating Council

January 3, Tuesday

- 11:30am - Children's Committee Meeting
- 7pm - SHIP's Dance Lessons (DFH)

January 4, Wednesday

- 12pm - AlaNon Group (G-14)
- 2pm - Sharing Group (Builders Class)

January 6, Friday

- 2pm - Sharing Group (Builders)

January 7, Saturday

- 8:15am - AA (Builders Classroom)

January 8, Sunday

- Normal Sunday Schedule
- 6pm - T90X: Reading the Torah in 90 Days (Aud)

January 9, Monday

- 6:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:30am - PW (Parlor)
- 12pm - PW Noon Circle (SDR)
- 4:15pm - Harp Circle (Parlor)

January 10, Tuesday

- 10am - Committee on Ministry
- 7pm - SHIP's Dance Lessons (DFH)

January 11, Wednesday

- 10am - Ladies Bible Study (Parlor)
- 12pm - AlaNon Group (G-14)
- 2pm - Sharing Group (Builders Class)
- 5pm-7:30pm - WNL Schedule



THE CALENDAR

January 12, Thursday

- 8:00am - PW Circle #5
- 9:30am - Women of the Word (SDR)
- 9:30am - CPM (G-15)

January 13, Friday

- Youth on Winter Retreat
- 2pm - Sharing Group (Builders)

January 14, Saturday

- Youth on Winter Retreat
- 8:15am - AA (Builders Classroom)

January 15, Sunday

- Youth on Winter Retreat
- Normal Sunday Schedule
- 12pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

January 16, Monday

- Youth on Winter Retreat
- 4:15pm - Harp Circle (Parlor)

January 17, Tuesday

- 5:30pm - Session/Unit Meeting
- 12pm - Deadline to turn in Highlights Info for January to Suzanne
- 7pm - SHIP's Dance Lessons (DFH)

January 18, Wednesday

- 10am - Ladies Bible Study (Parlor)
- 12pm - AlaNon Group (G-14)
- 2pm - Sharing Group (Builders Class)
- 5pm-7:30pm - WNL Schedule
- 6:30pm - Let's Talk

January 19, Thursday

- 9:30am - Women of the Word (SDR)

January 20, Friday

- 2pm - Sharing Group (Builders)

January 21, Saturday

- 8:15am - AA (Builders Classroom)
- 9am - Officer Planning

January 22, Sunday

- Normal Sunday Schedule
- 12pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

January 23, Monday

- 4:15pm - Harp Circle (Parlor)

January 24, Tuesday

- 7pm - SHIP's Dance Lessons (DFH)

Wednesday Night LIVE!

5:00PM Health & Wholeness Service in the Sanctuary

5:00PM WNL Family Fellowship Dinner in DFH

6:00PM LOGOS & Youth

6:30PM Handbells

6:30PM - Adult Programming

January 25, Wednesday

- 10am - Ladies Bible Study Group (Parlor)
- 12pm - AlaNon Group (G-14)
- 2pm - Sharing Group (Builders)
- 5pm-7:30pm - WNL Schedule
- 6pm - CDC Board Meeting (Parlor)

January 27, Friday

- 2pm - Sharing Group (Builders)

January 28, Saturday

- 8:15am - AA (Builders Classroom)

January 29, Sunday

Normal Sunday Schedule

January 30, Monday

- 4:15pm - Harp Circle (Parlor)

January 31, Tuesday

- 7pm - SHIP's Dance Lessons (DFH)

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE SOUTH HIGHLAND



Meeting Locator Key

- Ground Floor # 16 = G-16
- Youth Suite = YS

- Builders Classroom = BC
- Davis Family Hall = DFH
- Music Suite = MS

- Small Auditorium = Aud
- Small Dining Room = SDR
- Ministers Conference Rm = MCR

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