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Arby's in Homewood

4:15 PM Harp Circle Meets in the Parlor

7 PM ASO Chorus rehearsal in DFH

May 24 Tuesday

5 PM Community Grief Support Group Meeting in SDR

7 PM SHiPS-Sponsored Dance Lesson in DFH

May 25 Wednesday

10 AM Women's Bible Study Group in Parlor

12 Noon ALAnon Families in G14

2 PM Sharing Group in BC

5:30 PM VBS Training

6 PM Youth in Youth Suite

May 26 Thursday

9:30 AM WOW meet in SDR

May 27 Friday

2 PM Sharing Group in BC

May 28 Saturday

8:15 AM AA in BC 10 AM ALAnon in G21

MAY 29— 31

May 29 Sunday

8:30 & 11 AM Worship:

9:30 AM Adult Sunday Schools meet

12:30 PM Chancel Choir lunch and Rehearsal

1:30 PM Kenyan Youth in Chapel

2 PM Sunday Club in DFH

6 PM Sharing Group in BC

6 PM Youth in Youth Suite

6:30 PM Brick@Nite

May 30 Monday

Church Office, CDC, and SHC Closed for Memorial Day

May 31 Tuesday

11:45 AM Fifth Week Friends in Parlor

5 PM Community Grief Support Group Meeting in SDR

7 PM SHiPS-Sponsored Dance Lesson in DFH

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HIGHLIGHTS

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What is God's Next Right Thing?

Our congregation wide journey with Unbinding Your Heart was a tremendous blessing. All praise and thanks be to God alone! When we started this adventure in prayer and faith sharing, I was like a happy excited dog chasing a car! But have you every wondered, "What would the dog do if he caught the car?" I've been overwhelmed with the enormity of what God is doing. So here is a brief summary of what was done, and some suggestions for "God's Next Right Things".

But first, I thank God for the staff, the E-vent team, and the small group facilitators! The Holy Spirit used our varied gifts in amazing and life giving ways. Everyone was used of God to make a difference in the lives of people.

People's Lives Were Changed. Time and time again people have told me stories about faith renewed, old burdens lifted, victory over nagging sins, and hope restored. As people were open to Jesus in new ways, and as they shared faith and prayer together, Jesus was "making all things new".

New Connections in the Life of Our Congregation. Interestingly, people enjoyed a congregation wide focus. New members and old members alike had the time and space to make new connections with others at South Highland. This was especially true for new members. With joy and amusement someone said, "People aren't sitting in their regular seats anymore. I can't find anyone." This is an indicator of new relationships and new patterns of making space for others.

Prayer and Faith Sharing. Doug Barr, who started as Youth Director the week before we started Unbinding Your Heart, said "I've noticed there's a lot of praying going on." Not just praying, but serious prayer in new directions. People are attentive to God in new ways through out daily life. People are actively seeking God's blessing on behalf of others. Not only that, but people are talking about their faith with people outside the church!

False: If you focus inward, you won't focus outward. At the beginning of the process there was some concern that we would lose our missional focus as we invested energy in our spiritual growth. Instead, people are eager in new ways to serve others. Here is just one example among many of why this is false. The Kiros prison ministry collects cookies for inmates to eat during their retreat. Without much effort at all, over 80 dozen cookies were collected – twice the usual amount. Guess what, I bet those cookies were prayed over in some different ways too!

What's God's Next Right Thing? People are praying about new ways to share faith and are interested in learning more about evangelism. New ministries are being conceived, and renewed prayer is becoming part of existing ministries. People are looking for new ways to deepen authentic relationships in the church. People are prayerfully reaching out to friends and neighbors.

In short, South Highland caught the car! God is doing more than we could have ever asked or imagined. All thanks and praise to God alone!

Rev. Jim Truesdell

Remember...

- ◆ **May 1st:**
 - Senior Adult Sunday
 - Celebrate Jeff Bonner's
 - God's Horizons
 - Congregational Lunch
- ◆ **May 8th:**
 - Mother's Day
 - Honoring Graduating Seniors

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The Pastor's Perspective . . .

Dearest South Highlanders,

With the earliest believers we echo the refrain that became the launching pad of the Christian Faith, "Jesus Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!" Thank you all for being part of a deeply moving Lent as we prepared to receive afresh this startling message, and you who gave of yourselves in so many ways through Holy Week. Beginning with the glorious glad entrance of the palms with the children singing and waving on Palm Sunday, the magnificent music that led us down to the depths and lifted us up to the heights, the daily Holy Week Services with the wonderful "Friends of South Highland" preachers, the Maundy Thursday Seder Supper and the welcoming of our confirmation class as they each individually shared their personal statements of faith, (and we were honored to have as our guests that evening representatives of the Birmingham Islamic Community who met with about 20 South Highlanders prior to the dinner for discussion on the significance of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter, for Christians as well as heard from them highlights about the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan), then the Maundy Thursday service of the Last Supper and Tenebrae, the somber Good Friday Noon Service, the especially moving Easter Vigil Service which began at the tombs – in the Columbarium Garden with the lighting of the Holy Fire and processional round the Church into the Chapel for the first Easter Celebration with the renewing of our Baptismal Vows, then the glory of Easter Morning itself. Thank you all who decorated with flowers, sang, rang, read, shared your faith in a witness, ushered, welcomed, befriended, invited a friend, and in any way

shared yourself and your gifts to bear witness to the truth of all truths, Jesus Christ is risen, and in Him we are Resurrection People! He is at work among us!

We are now in the 50 Days of Easter, that amazing period from Easter to Pentecost when Jesus appeared on numerous times to the believers; in an upper room, along a lakeshore, on a mountain, along a road to Emmaus. Finally after 40 Days Jesus left earth for that final time with his Ascension, and shortly thereafter the Holy Spirit descended mightily upon the believers at Pentecost. It is a good time for you to read through the Book of Acts. These are the most glorious days of the Christian Year. We will reflect that in our services. I hope you will reflect it in your lives. And as we are completing our experience of Unbinding Our Hearts, may the Lord continue to show you fresh ways you can communicate this Good News to others, invite your friends to join us at South Highland for worship, and let us in our day-to-day lives experience and share this sense of Christ's Present Risen-ness among us.

Faithfully and Gratefully,

Ed

POWER OF Prayer

Please Pray for These Members and Friends . . .

Please note: Due to space constraints, we list only MEMBERS and IMMEDIATE Family below. There is a full, up-to-date printed list (including military) available in the hallway by the Sanctuary.

Hospital

Idamae Mason — Shelby Ridge Rehab.
Erik Myers—UAB Hospital
Mary Alice Neal, Danna Kay King's mother —UAB

Member Prayer Requests

Hurell Adair's grandmother Millie Carter
Hurell Adair's mother Shelby Adair
Rev. Frank & Grayson Alexander
Don Baird
Nell Baird's sister Billie Joyce Hobson
Bruce Adams, family of Richard Barr
Richard Barr's mother
Sandy Bergeron
Heather Batey's sister Christine Boswell
Jarrod Bazemore— family of **Jaxon Holly**)
Wende Berryhill's mother
Jon Thomas Black
Judy Black
My Boney
Allen Borden
Allen Borden's sister Kim Fredrick
Lisa Borden's father-in-law Isiderio Sanchez
Martha Bottomley
Mai Brown
Barbara Camp
Frank and Geraldine Catalano's brother Tony Catalano
Nick Cataldo
Richard Champion's mother Lillian Champion
Nancy Coffey's brother-in-law Lee Davis
Steve Adams, uncle of James Copeland
David Copeland, father of - (SHPC office employee) James Copeland
Courtney Copeland's family, Pat, Richard, and Courtney
Carol Craig
Scott Crocker's father Bobbie Crocker
Charlotte Daly
Bob and Linda David's grandson Dylan David
Glenn Davis's mother Eleanor Davis
Nancy Deason's mother, Emma Jean Willis
Dori DeLuca
Joe and Judy Dolce
Gale Donaldson's brother Ronny
Dyer Family
Regina Featheringill's mother Maxine Owens
Chad Fooshee's father Harrell Fooshee

Martha Foster
Eleanor Garner's son
Norma Jean Gilliom - mother of John Gilliom
Lori Gooden's mother Sylvia Penhale
Sara and Brad Hale's granddaughter Sara Campbell
Gail Hardy
Barbara Hauenstein
Dan Hermany's wife Jan
Pat Heslop's Mother
Ruth Hobson
John Homer
Kelly Huddleston's mother, Nancy Green
Lester Keith - brother of Sue Keith
Brian King's mother Judy King
Charlotte and Frank Lankford
Lisa Lein's mother, Reita Browning
Carol Leitner's son Keith Leitner Roberts
Ethan Lewis' brother Ken Lewis
Faye Livingston
Joan Lowe's mother Flora Scott
Tom Marshall, grandfather of Stephanie Magnus
Robin Marchant's daughter Shannon
Idamae Mason
Isabel McCormack
Don Miley
Billy Mills
Jan Monroe's mother Ruth West
Amy Nance
Jerry Dollar, uncle of Robyn and William Nichols
Robyn Nichols' mother Brenda Sager
Suzie Parker
Debbie Perkins' father Don Littrell
Ham and Margy Perkins' family, Wilson and Sarah King
Jason Poer's step-dad Alan McCoy
Kellie Cook Poer's father Tom Cook
Jerry Powell
Randall Pruett's grandmother
Tara Plumb Reno
John Ritchie's mother
Kelly Ross-Davis' aunt, Bette Morton
Carol Runnels' family, Peggy Runnels
Wedonna Saxon
Helen Schoppert
Susan Simpson
Claire Sizemore
Eugenia Selby
Molly Slaughter
C. W. Slaughter - Terry Slaughter's father
Becky Smith's brother Allan Kyzar
Carlton Smith's sister Ashley Robinson
Jim Stariha's mother Marlys Stariha

Martha Stinson
Andy Straynor
Cloritta Thomas' brother Jerome Turner
Elizabeth and Dan Turk and colleagues in- mission in Madagascar
Lynn English, daughter of Jerry and Dean Vandegrift
Mary and Ellis Wanninger
Harvey Watson
Harvey Watson, Jr.
Talulah Watson's mother Mildred Norwood
Louise Wilborn
PCUSA Africa Office
Caregivers and the Elderly
The Congo Network
The Children at Lovemore House in Zambia
Lovelady Center for Moms
The People of Sudan
Maurice Tshiyoyo—Congolese partner

Armed Forces

Maxwell Falkner - grandson of Andy & Barbara Straynar
Richard Gilchrist, Jr.
Wilbur Lee Holaday III
Lila McClintoc –daughter of Quita McClintoc
Aaron Straynar - grandson of Barbara & Andy Straynar.
Mike Wright - brother of Tim Wright
Our Government Leaders

Sympathy to

—and family of **James Langnes, Sr.**, and his daughter **Cinda Godfrey** and grandchildren, **Gates and Arden**, upon his death April 2, 2011 in Wisconsin
—**Jenna Kate Smith** and family in the death of Jenna Kate's grandmother, Louise Malouff March 29, 2011.
—**Jesse Stinson** and family upon the death of his cousin Lester E. Stinson

Prayer List Update; names given to the office to be placed on this list will automatically be removed after SIX weeks
Prayer Request Committee
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jmjponder@aol.com
Mel Robinson 870-7881
gigirob@bellsouth.net



MAY 1 - 7

May 1 Senior Adult Sunday

Junior High Presbytery Retreat
 8:30 & 11 AM Worship: *Finding Christ in a Ladybug*, [Acts 4:32-5:16, I Samuel 1:9-28] **Rev. Susan Laney** preaching; music by *No Longer Strangers Bluegrass Band*; Honoring of Octogenarians and Nonagenarians
 9:30 AM Senior Adult Breakfast, hosted by Young Adults
 9:30 AM Adult Sunday Schools meet
 12:00noon (Following service) God's Horizons Congregational Lunch
 12:30 PM Chancel Choir lunch and Rehearsal
 1:30 PM Kenyan Youth in Chapel
 2 PM Sunday Club in DFH
 6 PM Sharing Group in BC
 6:30 PM Brick@Nite
 6 PM Parents of Youth meet in YS

May 2 Monday

6:30 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast at Arby's in Homewood
 10 AM Highlanders Field Trip to Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church
 11:30 Presbytery Network Meeting
 4:15 PM Harp Circle Meets in the Parlor
 5:30 PM Coordinating Council Meets
 7 PM ASO Chorus rehearsal in DFH

May 3 Tuesday

11:30 AM Children's Committee Meeting
 7 PM SHiPS-Sponsored Dance Lesson in DFH

May 4 Wednesday

10 AM Women's Bible Study Group in Parlor
 12 Noon AIAnon Families in G14
 2 PM Sharing Group in BC
 5 PM *Heart & Spirit Service*,
 5:30 PM YES (Youth Entertainment Show) in DFH

May 5 Thursday National Day of Prayer

9:30 AM WOW meet in SDR

May 6 Friday

2 PM Sharing Group in BC

May 7 Saturday

8:15 AM AA in BC 10 AM AIAnon in G21
 10 AM PW Overview in Parlor

MAY 8 - 14

May 8 Mothers' Day Sunday

8:30 & 11 AM Worship: **Want Some More**—Dr. Ed Hurley preaching
 9:30 AM Adult Sunday Schools meet
 1:30 PM Kenyan Youth in Chapel
 2 PM Sunday Club in DFH
 6 PM Sharing Group in BC
 6:30 PM Brick@Nite

May 9 Monday Circles Meet Today

6:30 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast at Arby's in Homewood
 4:15 PM Harp Circle Meets in the Parlor
 7 PM ASO Chorus rehearsal in DFH

May 10 Tuesday

5 PM Community Grief Support Group Meeting in SDR
 7 PM SHiPS-Sponsored Dance Lesson in DFH

May 11 Wednesday

10 AM Women's Bible Study Group in Parlor
 12 Noon AIAnon Families in G14
 2 PM Sharing Group in BC

May 12 Thursday

9:30 AM WOW meet in SDR
 6:30 PM **Melinda Harden's** Circle

May 13 Friday

2 PM Sharing Group in BC

May 14 Saturday

8:15 AM AA in BC 10 AM AIAnon in G21

MAY 15 - 21

May 15 Sunday

8:30 & 11 AM Worship: "Finding Our Bearings" - **Rev. Jim Truesdell** preaching
 9:30 AM Sunday Schools meet
 12:30 PM Chancel Choir lunch and Rehearsal
 1:30 PM Kenyan Youth in Chapel

2 PM Sunday Club in DFH
 3 PM Coffee Concert *Beethoven Festival*
 6 PM Sharing Group in BC
 6 PM Youth in Youth Suite
 6:30 PM Brick@Nite

May 16 Monday

6:30 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast at Arby's in Homewood
 4:15 PM Harp Circle Meets in the Parlor
 5:30 PM Session Unit Meetings
 7 PM ASO Chorus rehearsal in DFH

May 17 Tuesday

5 PM Community Grief Support Group Meeting in SDR
 7 PM SHiPS-Sponsored Dance Lesson in DFH

May 18 Wednesday

10 AM Women's Bible Study Group in Parlor
 12 Noon AIAnon Families in G14
 2 PM Sharing Group in BC
 6:15 *Let's Talk*

May 19 Thursday

9:30 AM WOW meet in SDR
 Presbytery Meeting

May 20 Friday

Noon CDC Graduation
 2 PM Sharing Group in BC

May 21 Saturday

8:15 AM AA in BC 10 AM AIAnon in G21

MAY 22 - 28

May 22 Sunday

8:30 & 11 AM Worship
 9:30 AM Adult Sunday Schools meet
 12:30 PM Chancel Choir lunch and Rehearsal
 1:30 PM Kenyan Youth in Chapel
 2 PM Sunday Club in DFH
 6 PM Youth in Youth Suite
 6 PM Sharing Group in BC
 6:30 PM Brick@Nite

May 23 Monday

6:30 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast at

SOUTH HIGHLAND MISSIONS

FROM WORLD MISSION E-NEWS

Japan: Mission Partners Express Thanks

PC(USA) mission partners and institutions in Japan have expressed thanks for your prayers following the devastating earthquake and tsunami. "[Your] encouragement makes us realize in Christ we are not alone," wrote the Korean Christian Church in Japan.

March 16, 2011 in the Pacific

Following the March 11th earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan, the island nation is facing multiple crises, including the increased threat of radiation exposure from several nuclear power plants.

The reported combined death toll and missing as of March 16 stands at 11,521 people, with fear of thousands more unaccounted for.

Nine mission workers, along with their families, are living and working in various cities in Japan. As of March 16, PC(USA) World Mission has confirmed that all of them are safe. They are continuing in their ministries and are seeking ways to be helpful in responding to the current crises.

Area most impacted

More than 460,000 people are now living in evacuation sites in makeshift shelters. The ability to provide sufficient food and water at these sites is near capacity. In addition to shortages of food and water, there is a concern about the wind and bitter cold weather. However, of grave concern is radiation from the nuclear reactors.

PDA Response

PDA has sent \$100,000 from One Great Hour of Sharing funds to help in the initial response in cooperation with our ecumenical partner Church World Service (CWS). PDA is working closely with PC(USA) World Mission in identifying the best way to respond to the needs of our long-term mission partners as they become engaged in the disaster response.

Specific Response

What is PDA is doing right now:

This initial response is focused on providing the basic needs of food and water to 250,000 individuals in 100 evacuation sites in the north-eastern area of Japan (Miyagi, Fukushima, Iwate, Ibaragi, Tochigi prefectures.) Support includes:

- ready-to-eat food.

- sanitation kits including napkins and soap, to fill the significant sanitation and hygiene gaps.
- potable water.
- blankets to help protect people from the cold, which is becoming an increasingly dire need as fuel and gas supplies run out.
- batteries to maintain radio contact and to enable people to receive vital news on nuclear and radiation related developments.
- ♦ gas and fuel supplies.

What you can do

Many of you are asking how you can help. Complete assessments have just begun. You can help the church in this response and stand in the GAP for those affected by this disaster.

GIVE. Faithful members who share their financial blessings through the One Great Hour of Sharing offering are already helping to fund the ongoing work in Japan. Please consider increasing your support to this special offering this year. Special needs and opportunities have arisen in response to this current crisis, and PDA invites you to share your blessing to designated gifts that will provide the resources needed to assist with immediate, long-term and unmet needs of this and other disasters.

Individuals may give by phone at (800) 872-3283, through your congregation, or by mailing a check to:

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
 P.O. Box 643700
 Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

Please include DR000148 on your check to support relief efforts wherever disasters occur. Support exclusively for response to the Japan Earthquake and Tsunami disasters can be designated for DR000117.

Give online for disasters around the world
 Give online for response to the Japan Earthquake and Tsunami

Congregations should send donations through their normal mission giving channels. (South Highland members have already contributed **\$8,265 to PDA for Japanese Relief**)

ACT. As you follow the situation in the news, stay informed and share information about the need with others. Sign up to receive PDA Rapid Information Network (PDA-RIN)

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See the unique Cahaba lilies at the Presbytery's Camp & Conference Center, Living River

- ♦ Saturday June 4
- ♦ Road trip to *Living River* property and Cahaba lilies at Hargrove Shoals near West Blockton, Alabama the first weekend in June. Bring river shoes and a change of clothes, just in case, and mosquito repellent.
- ♦ Plan to bring your lunch, snacks, and drinks which we will enjoy at *Living River* around noon.
- ♦ Ride the church van or drive your own car (directions provided on request).
- ♦ Vans leave SHPC at 8:45 AM for the trip to the site of *Living River*. Porta-potties available. Vans will return to the church by 5 PM.
- ♦ Two sojourns from camp area to wade in the Cahaba River and view lilies in full bloom—10 to 11:30 AM and 1 to 2:30 PM.
- ♦ Bring canoes or kayaks if you'd like to float the 4-mile Cahaba run from put-in to takeout.

Call **Leland or Marty Keller** 871-9255 or email kellers@myexcel.com for more information and to make reservations.

Meeting Locator Key

Builders Classroom = BC	Ground Floor # 16, etc.. = G-16, etc.	Small Auditorium = Aud
Davis Family Hall = DFH	Ministers Conference Room = MCR	Small Dining Room = SDR
Elementary Hall # 108, etc.= EH108	Music Suite = MS	YS = Youth Suite

Deacons of the Month

May
Ramey Harrell

(822-0821)

Stephanie Thompson

(969-0035)



FREE VALET PARKING
from 8:15 AM until after 11 AM
Worship at the Circular Drive on Highland Avenue. Tipping is optional.



Shuttle Service

May 1

Lori Wood 591-2179

May 8

Chris Smith 979-3101

May 15

Neil Davis

979-4756 322-7482

May 22

Corky Clark 823-3574

May 29

Jack Smith

967-324 992-5126



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

www.pcusa.org

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email notices to alert you of additional needs.

PRAY. Please keep the people of Japan, and other areas affected by the earthquake and tsunami, in your thoughts and prayers. Examples of prayers from the Office of Theology and Worship can be found on this website. PC(USA) leaders have issued a Call to Prayer.

Congo—*Theft, harassment and powerful prayer in Congo*

Before Christmas, thieves broke into the finance department of Sheppards and Lapsley University of the Congo, the university and seminary the Congolese Presbyterian Church sponsors. However, pastors, leaders and prayer-intercessors mobilized together for an all-night of prayer. Bob and Kristi Rice wrote about the experience in their blog.

South Highland Missions

Sunday Club- This Sunday afternoon ministry provides fellowship, a hot meal, activities and social interaction to Southside mentally and emotionally challenged persons 52 weeks a year. Volunteers are needed to cook a meal in the church kitchen, serve dinner, and clean up afterwards. But most importantly to spend time interacting with the guests. Many people offer a short program, sharing of one's hobbies, talents, vacation slides, special interests, or other entertainment. Gather a group of friends, your Sunday school class, or your family and volunteer for this wonderful community service. SHPC Contacts: **Jim and Martha Foster**, www.martha@lgcplan.com.

Birmingham Hospitality Network

Every quarter, South Highland hosts families "in transition" in the youth suite. These families have lost their homes due to fire, personal tragedy, loss of jobs, and other temporary circumstances and do not want to split the family into different shelters. Area churches work together to provide housing, transportation, and meals for these families until they can find new homes. The families spend 7 nights in the youth suite. We offer fellowship and meals for 6 of the nights. Volunteers are needed to prepare a dinner and serve it. We also need "overnight" hosts and volunteers to wash the sheets and towels once the families have moved to the next church. If you can help in any of these areas we are looking for volunteers for June 26-July 3

and October 16-23. SHPC contact: **Debbie Perkins**, 870-3031 or debbiepi@travelpi.com

Habitat for Humanity-

builds and renovates houses so that there are good homes in good communities for people who might not otherwise afford one. You don't have to be a carpenter to be a useful volunteer on a Habitat project. Anyone age 14 and older can work on the site any of several capacities, including basic carpentry, painting, carrying supplies, helping with meals and snacks, etc. This is an opportunity for hands-on mission.

Bart Morrow, (bartmorrow@gmail.com), is the South Highland Coordinator and Maxine Williams coordinates the lunches. September 3 is the kick-off day for the 2011 house. Pick a Saturday in September and help build a house for someone in need.

Let's Talk

is a ministry offering the opportunity for international students to engage in casual conversation with members of our congregation. They meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month for Wednesday night dinner and conversation. We have 7-10 regular participants who attend. After dinner, tutors from our congregation spend one-on-one time with the attendees in structured conversation to help teach the idiosyncrasies of American English. This is easy. All you have to do is talk! If you are interested in volunteering call **Corky Clark**, (corky1933@bellsouth.net), the coordinator of the program.

AIM- Assisting Inmate Mothers-

This is a meaningful ministry to the mothers and children of incarcerated mothers. On the second Saturday of odd months, we pick up children and their guardians and drive to Tutwiler prison in Wetumpka so they can visit their mothers. This is the only time that these children can see their mothers and feel her arms around them and yet, many of them do not have reliable transportation to take them. Drivers usually take a breakfast snack and juice to serve to the children on the way to Wetumpka. Drivers drop them off and have time to visit the town for awhile before they pick the children back up and return to Birmingham. This is an easy and very rewarding ministry. If you are under 70 and can drive a van, sign up for the next Saturday. **Debbie Perkins**, 870-3031 or debbiepi@travelpi.com.

Letter to the Membership

By Lee Cleveland

Last summer the General Assembly recommended several changes to the current Book of Order to be sent to the presbyteries for ratification. Perhaps the most controversial of these are the changes to the ordination standards. Our Presbytery will vote on this recommendation at the May 19 meeting here at South Highland.

- ◆ Currently, the ordination standards in the Book of Order requires an ordained officer *to live either in fidelity within the covenant of marriage between one man and one woman or chastity in singleness. Persons refusing to repent of any self acknowledged practice which the confessions call sin shall not be ordained as deacons, elders, or ministers...*
- ◆ The proposed new language deletes the above quoted language and replaces it with *the governing body responsible for ordination and/or installation ... shall examine each candidate's callings, gifts, preparation, and suitability... the examination shall include, but not be limited to a determination of the candidates ability and commitment to fulfill all requirements as expressed in the constitutional questions [does not include the above quoted language] ... governing bodies shall be guided by Scripture and the confessions...*

One stated reason for the change is that the current language prohibits otherwise qualified practicing homosexuals from being ordained. The practical effect of the change is to permit some churches to ordain practicing homosexuals while other churches retain the historical Christian teaching on the subject. The change in ordination standard language does NOT require any church to change their current practice; it allows for a change by letting each session decide for itself.

Currently South Highland follows the historical Christian teaching on these subjects. After the 2006 General Assembly, your session adopted the current ordination language into our ordination process. The vote of the presbyteries will NOT affect current policy at South Highland. Since the new language does not mandate any particular understanding of these subjects,

South Highland will not be forced to change our current policy.

With 80 presbyteries, out of 88 needed, having voted for the change and some 30, including ours, having yet to vote, passage is likely. Your presbytery commissioners who will be present and voting on May 19 on this issue are our ordained staff as well as **Dr. Dewey White** and **Kathryn Michael** (in my absence) representing the session.

Your session is mindful of the concern many of you have regarding these subjects and will be addressing the issues with prayer, discussion, and deliberation. Several meetings are planned in the next few weeks for session members to reflect on the implications of these likely changes to the ordination standards and to present any statements or actions deemed necessary. We need your comments and your prayers.

In Service to Christ

Lee Cleveland

Presbytery Commissioner for the


Session of South Highland

(for the Year of our Lord 2011)

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Monday, May 9--A first class deal for you! Come and bring a guest who has not been to Men's Prayer Breakfast and your guest will receive his breakfast free. We begin at 6:30 AM with coffee in the small dining room. A full breakfast will be served after the coffee time. Come hear our speaker, Jim Holberby, vapors sports minister.

We will dismiss early enough so that everyone can arrive at work on time. Come start your week with us!



SHPC Book Group
The South Highland Presbyterian Book Discussion Group will be hosted by **Marty & Leland Keller**, **Sunday, May 15** at 6 PM. We'll discuss *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London. **Please RSVP to Kellers at 871-9255.**

**Wednesday Night
LIVE!**

Senior Adults

WHAT'S IN THE HIGHLANDERS' FUTURE?

May 1, Senior Adult Sunday

9:30 AM Senior Adult Breakfast, in Davis Family Hall; sponsored by Young Adults; During the Senior Adult Breakfast, **Jody Gilchrist** will speak to us on having an identification card in case of an emergency which you can carry in your purse or wallet. We will also have an opportunity for you to provide emergency contact for the church's data base. Also...we will have available a new "Funeral Plan Guide" with Dr. Hurley addressing any questions you may have. **Susan Laney** and members of the Board of Deacons will be hosting a table on Sundays during the month of May to make this information available to all members.

8:30 & 11 AM Sunday, May 1 Senior Adult Worship Service; Honoring of Octogenarians and Nonagenarians

May 3, Highlanders' Field Trips: As part of Senior Adult week, the Highlanders take field trips to the Holy Trinity, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church on 19th Street South. Our tour is scheduled for 10:30 AM, so we will load buses and vans to leave the church at 10. After the tour we will return to South Highland for a "Joe Whitley" inspired Greek luncheon. Cost of trip is \$10, which includes lunch. Sign-up sheets are in the Gallery and at

the Ground Floor Desk. Transportation is available for all Highlanders events and scheduled for Brookdale, Galleria Woods and Episcopal Place. For other pick-ups, contact **Susan Laney**.

May 15, 3 PM, Coffee Concert (Sunday afternoon) *Beethoven Festival*, Justin Brown, Conducting.

June 7, Highlanders' Meeting: Niki Sepsas, Travel Consultant, "From Moses to Lawrence: The Historic Sands of Jordan" This presentation will take us across the Jordan, highlighting the sites made famous by Moses, Lawrence of Arabia, and the rock city of Petra, now one of the new "Wonders of the World."

June 9, SAM Board meeting at **Jane Brown's** Lakehouse

10 AM—Bus leaves South Highland,
11 AM—porch-sitting, lunch, meeting

August 4, 6 PM Stars Fell on South Highland Center—Fund-raiser for South Highland Senior Adult Day Care, Davis Family Hall

August 16, Highlander's Meeting
Saturday, September 24, 2 PM *Les Mis*, Broadway Show at BJCC

[Tickets are \$58 apiece and are excellent tickets. Price includes bus transportation from church to BJCC and back and price of ticket. Reservation confirmed upon receipt of check. Make checks payable to SHPC—marked *Les Mis*]

Transportation is available for all Highlanders Events—Contact Susan Laney 933-0790

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Mike Goodrich who on April 25 received the 2011 Brewer/Tolbert Public Service Award presented by Alabama Appleseed. The Appleseed network strives for a society in which opportunities are genuine, access to the law is universal and equal, and public resources and institutions are used to advance the public interest. Made up of Alabama Citizens who are interested in improving justice and equality issues across the state, particularly lawyers who give their services pro bono to represent the poor and also to work toward needed change, such as a new Alabama State Constitution, Alabama Appleseed each year honors an individual with this Public Service award who has made a substantial commitment to public service in the state. Mike has been a long-time committed leader here at South Highland, as well as throughout our city, state and nation. Congratulations Mike upon receiving this well-deserved honor. Ed Hurley delivered the invocation for the presentation at the Harbert Center luncheon.

**No WNL again
until August.**

May 4

5 PM Heart and Spirit Service in Chapel

5 PM Dinner in DFH

6:30 PM YES! Youth Entertainment Show (Fundraiser for Youth)

Youth continue to meet in the Youth Suite on Wednesday nights at 6pm.

SHPC Kids' News

Big Thank You!

To Our CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES VOLUNTEERS!

We are so grateful to the following saints who have been living out their baptismal vows to the youngsters in our church by serving God in our Children's Ministry programs this year!

On **Wednesday, April 27**, during the church cookout we celebrated our wonderful **LOGOS Volunteers** :

- ♦ **3'S & 4'S BIBLE STORY PLAYTIME** – Lesley Lloyd, Laura Williams
- ♦ **ELEMENTARY BIBLE TIME**– Sue Koch, Chris Smith, Jody Gilchrist, Karen Weeks, Kelly Troiano, Leigh Copeland
- ♦ **ELEMENTARY WORSHIP SKILLS** – Lee Cleveland, Nichole Lariscy, Kelly Ross-Davis, Joey Miller (Many thanks also to Children's Music Director, **Jamie McLemore** and Music Interns **Maggie Taylor, Quincy Price, and Candace Collins** for the music portion of Worship Skills.)
- ♦ **TABLE PARENTS** – Anne and Mark Pratt, Carolyn and Bob Hunter, Mary Margaret Yeilding, Fran & John Morris
- ♦ **DINNER DEAN** – Sonja Truesdell

On **Sunday, May 15** we will celebrate **Sunday Teacher Appreciation Day!**

2010-11 Sunday School and Enrichment teachers are:

- ♦ **2-Year-olds** – Jennifer and Mike Coggin, Laura Chapman, and Kathy Harris
- ♦ **3-Year-olds** - Christina and Brian Hurst, Robyn and Chris Williams
- ♦ **K4's & Kindergarten** – Missy Fooshee, Sonja Truesdell, Jay Patton, Chris Still
- ♦ **1ST Grade**– Cathie Bonner, Kristy Miley, Elizabeth and Bryan Mullins
- ♦ **2nd /3RD Grade** – Leigh Copeland, Nicole Crocker, Janice Cotton, Katya O'Leary
- ♦ **4th/5TH Grade** – Wende Berryhill, Betsy McCormick, Sue Koch
- ♦ **Sunday School Assembly Music** - Laura Williams
- ♦ **Enrichment** - Carol Ann & Jonathan Cross, Amy & Russell Nance, Anne & Mark Pratt, Ashley & Pratt Wilkinson, Rachel & Gary Wilkinson
- ♦ **Sunday School Secretary & Helpers** - Jackie Vincent, Bobby Waite, & Scott Cook

Also, many thanks to our wonderful **Nursery Volunteers**:

Robyn and Mattie Williams, Beth Johns, Holly Bazemore, Lori Wood, Mary Goodrich, Paula Watts, Sue and Brandon Esleck, Marty Keller, Lu Mahon Abby Heiser, and special thanks to **Kirsten Heiser** for supervising while Childcare Coordinator, **April Harrell**, was out on maternity leave.

Be sure to thank all these wonderful volunteers, who are such a blessing to our church family!



Vacation Bible School

June 13-17 - SHPC

June 27-July 1 - Lovelady Center

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. daily

Campers are completed PreK3's - 4th graders.

Volunteers are completed 5th graders - adults.

Campers and volunteers may register in the sanctuary reception area on Sundays or in the church office during the week.



In The May Issue

Here are a few of the articles you'll find in the May *Presbyterians Today*:

- ♦ *The New Face of Slavery*

Helping those caught in the vicious web of human trafficking requires more than good intentions.

- ♦ *How Are The Children?*

This year marks the end of the Decade of the Child, but the needs of our most vulnerable ones continue.

- ♦ *Lives Transformed*

After finding his own spiritual grounding, a young volunteer is giving hope to people on the streets.

Pick up your free copy of *Presbyterians Today* from the table in the gallery on the main level.

Stay Informed - Read *Presbyterians Today!*



For more information about Children's Ministries programs,

please see the May issue of *KidsPress* contained in this issue, or contact **Kit MacLeod** at 933-0790 or kmacleod@southhighland.org.



South Highland Presbyterian Singles (of all ages)

Tuesdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31-- 8:30 PM SHiPS-sponsored Dance Lessons

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

May's dance is the Country Western Two-Step, with intermediate review of West Coast Swing --come join us to learn these lovely dances!.

All are invited!

Sunday Bulletin Announcements Must be received no later than noon on Tuesdays. Call Suzanne at 933-0790 or e-mail scornett@southhighland.org

HIGHLAND HIGHLIGHTS

Deadline for the next issue is May 23 email info to scornett@southhighland.org

YOUNG ADULTS

The mission of the Young Adult Ministry is to forge intimate Christian relationships, grow spiritually, and nurture a community of faith through mission, learning, fellowship, and fun.

New Covenant Class Senior Adult Sunday Breakfast May 1, 9:30 AM

We will serve breakfast to the senior adults. Beginning May 8—June 12 We will begin a six-week course on the book by Desmond Tutu and Mita Tutu Made for Goodness. Purchase a copy of the book and get started. Look for notes on past lessons in the "Resources" section of the webpage: http://www.southhighland.org/resources/

Batman and Superman are going to California.

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. In May we'll cover the gospels according to Luke and John. Contact Jeff Bonner jbonner@gupeds.net for more information.



Camping at Living River Friday, May 20-Saturday, May 21. Leave SHPC at 6 PM; no cost; simply bring camping gear and a friend. Please contact Jim Truesdell at jtruesdell@southhighland.org.

Wild at Heart Men's Breakfast Please contact John Huddleston if you plan on attending: boykinspaniel@gmail.com or 907-2924. http://www.southhighland.org/resources/Wild-At-Heart-ScheduleQuestions. We are continuing our study of the Gospel of Mark. Look for weekly questions on the web:

Friends Eating And Sharing Together (also known around SHPC as FEAST groups)

It's back, and it's time to sign up!

What are FEAST groups, you may wonder? They are small—6-8 people—cross-generational groups when possible, of fellow South Highlanders who meet together four or more times from May through December to share a meal. FEAST groups may meet for lunch or dinner in homes, at local dining spots, or recreational venues. When and where you meet is up to the group members. In Acts we learn that sharing regularly in the breaking of bread and forming friendships is important for a living church community. The fellowship that a FEAST group provides is an avenue for us to travel as we grow in Christian fellowship. Don't hesitate, put some new pep in your step, have some fun, and make some new friends. Sign up now!

JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

From Doug:

One of the greatest bonding experiences we have with youth are on retreats. The pilgrimage to and from Montreat and Great Escape allows time to put away the trappings of everyday life and experience each other's company without distraction or time limit. However these camps are not inexpensive (as I'm sure every parent is aware!). And with gas prices skyrocketing relief from the economic strain does not seem forthcoming. But we try to offset the cost of trips the best we can, because we believe these trips are life-affirming, relationship-building, and God-inspired treks that no child should miss out on. There are two fundraising efforts underway to assist parents with the cost of camps. And we need YOUR help to make them successful, and help us get these kids to camp!

#1. Youth talent show—May 4. Youth will showcase their abilities, talents, and knowledge in an evening of wonder, awe, and even groaners. Talents may include (but are certainly not limited to) musical instruments, singing, juggling, humming, tight rope walking, hand stands, or even a talking belly button puppet. It is all talent and anything is possible. Please join us...it will be a memorable event!

#2. New South Highland Stickers and Magnets.

You can represent the South Highland Presbyterian community to your neighbors by putting a sticker or magnet on your car, mailbox, window, binders, desk, lawn ornament, or the back of a coworker. You can be a Christ-centered presence in your community while sharing the love you feel for this wonderful church family. And the proceeds of the sales will go to support our future leaders. Stickers are \$4 and magnets are sold for \$6 each.

NOTES:

- Forms and signups are now available on the Refrigerator in the Youth Suite. Please use this board to inform us of your involvement and to turn in Registrations. No Sunday Night Youth Program on

Mothers' Day. Spend May 8 with your mother. Give her a pedicure, manicure, or spa day. Or just some quality time. She deserves it.

COMING UP:

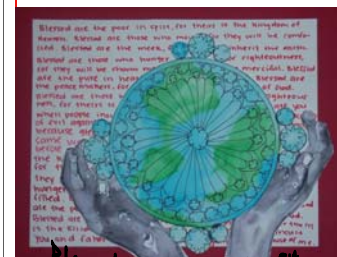
- May 1st - Parent Meeting - please plan to join us for this opportunity to get to know each other, turn in camp registration forms, and discuss plans for the future development of the Youth Group. The meeting will be held during youth programming from 6 - 8 PM. (Dinner for the youth will be provided in the youth Suite at this time.) May 4th - Wednesday Night Live - (YES) Youth Entertainment Show - GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER! No seriously, get it together. Let's have a Colossians 3:17 evening where our stupid human tricks show our thankfulness to God in the name of Lord Jesus. Please contact me and let me know of your involvement and what your Talent will be. The more prepared we are for the evening the more entertainment we can cram in. May 8th - Senior Recognition Sunday - We will recognize all graduating High School and College seniors in the 8:30 and 11 AM services. Special recognition will take place during the Sunday School hour in the youth suite. ***No Sunday Night Program, celebrate Mother's day with mom*** June 12-16 - Vacation Bible School - Let Kit know if you are available to help her lead the kids June 13 - 17! Registration forms for crew leaders and station assistance are available in the youth suite.

June 19-24 - Great Escape June 10-16 - Montreat

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.



Presbyterian Women



Alabama/Mississippi Women's Conference

July 20—22, 2011

Wednesday - Friday Memorial Presbyterian Church

2130 Bell Road

Montgomery, Alabama 36117

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