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The Pastor's Perspective ...



Dearest South Highlanders,

’Twas the Merry Month of May, and all the world was – in a mess. Tornadoes, Floods, Church change and continuity, ethical lapses aplenty, ie. Biker Lance Armstrong, Governor Arnold Swarnegger. It was also the month of grateful celebration with graduations and hope renewed for the future. I participated in two of those, as daughter Catherine graduated from Vanderbilt with a double major in French and nursing, and nephew Dalvin graduated from the University of Montana with a major in business. Both were impressive ceremonies, 25 hours and half a continent apart. At Dalvin's graduation, author, journalist and network anchorman, Tom Brokow, offered the address. He spoke soberly of the place we find ourselves in history with “the economic system under which we live collapsed like a house of cards. We allowed greed and excess to be too much of our modern culture... disasters in Alabama, Memphis and Japan... You are leaving this center of learning in a time of anxiety.” I was reminded of the words by 16th century poet and preacher, John Donne,

“The sun is lost, and th'earth, and no man's wit can well direct him where to look for it. And freely men confess that this world's spent, when in the planets and the firmament they seek so many new; they see that this is crumbled out again to his atomies. 'Tis all in pieces, all coherence gone, all just supply, and all relation; prince, subject, father, son, are things forgot, for every man alone thinks he hath got to be a phoenix, and that then can be none of that kind, of which he is, but he. This is the world's condition now.”

Yet in the midst of Chaos there is Christ, Christ with us, offering his peace, his calm amid the storm, his reminder, “I am with you to the end of the age. Brokow's commencement address turned from the sober recital of upheavals man-made and nature-made to the hope that springs eternal, “In short now we live on a smaller planet with more people. It will do us little good if we wire the world but short-circuit our souls. Many in the audience today grew up in the Depression, then World War 2, the Greatest Generation in American history. It was a period of courage and sacrifice and service. Remember 1989 in China, a lone student stood alone before a tank. He did not send a text message or a You Tube. He stood in front of the tank and risked his life. 50 years ago John F. Kennedy said, ‘Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country.’ You cannot go it alone.”

We cannot go it alone. That is part of our message and our mission at South Highland, to be a community of commitment where all people can come together and build our individual lives into the corporate life of this Body of Christ. Let me conclude by including here a few excerpts from my recent sermon on 1 Peter 4, **“This Above All”**.

“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.” “Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins.”

The message is perhaps a bit repetitive, but it is a message we need to work at and work at until we really get it. Chapter four today reaches an all time climax, a definitive high water mark in verse 8, “Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins.” This chapter divides itself into three major areas, **Spiritual Liberation** as we live by the Will of God, **Spiritual Loving** as the key to it all, and the hospitality and service that flow out of such love, and **Spiritual Longevity, stamina** that sustains us through the long haul. The suffering of Christ remains our ongoing model.

Mindful always of what Jesus Christ has done for us, how far his love went for us, all the way to his suffering on the cross, we are called to live by a new standard, not what is pleasing and comfortable for ourselves, but what is the will of God for us.

I really am amazed at this remarkable fellowship of Christ's followers that is South Highland Presbyterian Church. We have been moving through a difficult season as we are seeking to be faithful in our denomination and in God's will for us here. Our town hall meeting last Wednesday was truly remarkable, a time of hearing the wisdom of the Session, and of hearing from varied voices among our congregation. As different ones stood and spoke, some gave witness to the truly miraculous transformation that had occurred in their lives. It was apparent that God has been at work among us.

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Remember...

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Bins are placed throughout the church for your donations.

Thank you!

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The Pastor's Perspective . . .continued

A number of you shared how this congregation had welcomed and received you. Some of you had come out from rather troubled situations and you found here a welcoming people who really cared. Someone remarked to me that, we probably would not have been able to share with the candor and openness we did if we had not been through our Unbinding Your Heart Small Group experience during Lent. There we learned to open up a bit more. To trust one another a bit more. To pray a bit more.

So as we live into this new life, we are to seek out, discern and follow the will of God. Recognizing we are all of us sinners in need of grace, we hear then this strong central admonition to love one another. Verse 7, "Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins."

Think of the power of this love Peter tells us is at work. Love covers a multitude of sins. We all have these sins such as already referred to and many other shades and varieties. But love covers them all. One of you on Wednesday night shared how you came here, battered and bruised, literally your front teeth knocked out as well as spiritually and emotionally. You were broken, low, and this congregation picked you up, welcomed you and received you. You experienced love and hospitality here.

So how do we learn to love? Only by putting love into practice. Learning to love begins deep within our heart. We love because God first loved us. We love as we come to terms with the idea, the good news, that we are loved quite apart from our deserving, quite apart from anything we have done or failed to do.

The way we learn to love is by letting God's love work within us, as a grain of sand works in an oyster then becomes a pearl. Then we take steps to act like Jesus would act if he were here in our place. Which is where we believe he is when we are his.

"that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen."

Yours in the Faith, Hope and Love,

Ed Hurley



THANK YOU

On behalf of the Presbytery, I am writing to thank you and your congregation for hosting the meeting of the Presbytery on May 19th. It was evident to everyone that your members worked long and hard to make it a successful event.

The setting, the food, and the fellowship, which all of you provided, added so much to the success of the meeting. Please convey to the congregation and your staff our gratitude for their hospitality.

Sincerely,
W. Harvey Jenkins, Jr.
Interim Executive Presbyter

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

Ava Katherine Lyllian—St. Vincent's, NICU
Tom Hogin—Hanover House & Rehab
Beverly Finch—Trinity Hospital, SICU
Bill Seadler—VA Hospital

Member Prayer Requests

Frank and Grayson Alexander
Don Baird
Heather Batey
Sandy Bergeron
Jon Thomas Black
Judy Black
My Boney
Allen Borden
Martha Bottomley
Mai Brown
Barbara Camp
Nick Cataldo
Charlotte Daly
Dori DeLuca
Joe and Judy Dolce
Gail Hardy
Katie Harris
Barbara Hauenstein
Ruth Hobson
John Homer
Frank and Charlotte Lankford
Faye Livingston
Isabel McCormack
Don Miley
Billy Mills
Amy Nance
Jerry Powell
Claire Sizemore
Wedonna Saxon
Helen Schoppert
Eugenia Selby
Molly Slaughter
Martha Stinson
Mary & Ellis Wanninger
Harvey Watson
Harvey Watson, Jr.
Louise Wilborn

Family Prayer Requests

Brother and family – **Al Hill**
Mother of – **Richard Barr**
Christine Boswell – **Heather Batey's sister**
Gwen Bottoms – **Janet Perry's sister**
Caregivers and Elderly – **Gayle Hurley**
Lillian Champion – **Richard Champion's mother**

Dylan David – **Bob & Linda David's grandson**
Eleanor Davis – **mother of Glenn Davis, Jr.**
Lee Davis – **Nancy Coffey's brother-in-law**
Tammy Deleon – **sister of Katie Livingston**
Mary Ann Flaskerud – **Amanda's aunt**
Sandy Folmar – **Jackie Presley's niece-in-law**
Harrell Fooshee – **Chad Fooshee's father**
Kim Fredrick – **Allen Borden's sister**
Bonnie Runnels Hassler – **daughter of Carol Runnels**
Liliana Ide – **niece of Christopher Davis**
Jean Jones – **Susan Glover's aunt**
Lester Keith – **Sue Keith's brother**
Judy King – **Brian King's mother**
Wilson & Sarah King – **Ham & Margy Perkins' family**
Allen Kyzar – **Becky Smith's brother**
Don Littrell – **Debbie Perkins' father**
James Manley – **stepfather of Mary Baker**
Tom Marshall - **grandfather of Stephanie Magnus**
Mother – **Wende Berryhill**
LaShundra Pinkard - **friend of Dina Glass**
Keith Leitner Roberts – **Carol Leitner's son**
Julie Robertson – **Jackie Presley's cousin**
Leon Runnels on hospice - **Carol Runnels' family**
Brenda Sager – **Robyn Nichols' mother**
C.W Slaughter – **Terry Slaughter's father**
Gary Spain – **Relative of Jackie Presley**
Marlys Stariha – **Jim Stariha's mother**
Jerome Turner - **Clorietta Thomas' brother**
Ruth West – **Jan Monroe's mother**
Bob Whitley – **Joe Whitley's father and Dee Whitley's husband.**
Emma Jean Willis – **Nancy Deason's mother**

Armed Forces

Joseph Adams – **Dean Vandegrift's nephew (Iraq) Marines**
John A. Smith Buck, Special Tactics Naval Training, San Antonio, TX, **grandson of Darthula & Gray Buck**
Maxwell Falkner, in the U. S. Army in Ft. Benning, Georgia -**Grandson of Barbara & Andy Straynar**
Richard Gilchrist, Jr. – Iraq
Franklin Helms – **marine in Afghanistan – friend of Christopher Ross Davis**
Todd Henry, Iraq, friend of **Scott Crocker**
Wilbur Lee Holaday, III – in D.C.
Matthew Lloyd – **nephew of Bart & Lesley**

Lloyd (Basic Training)
Captain Eric McCall – **Family of Ethan Lewis**
Lila McClintoc – **Air Force, daughter of Quita McClintoc (Iraq)**
Aaron Straynar – **(in Kuwait) Grandson of Barbara & Andy Straynar**
Mike Wright, brother of **Tim Wright (Kuwait)**

Sympathy to

—the family of **Erik Myers**, who died on May 27, 2011. Please keep Michelle, Evan, and Ian in your prayers.

—the family of **Faye Livingston**, who died on May 15, 2011. Faye was a long time member of SHPC, was wedding director under Dr. Frank Alexander's pastorate and some of Dr. Dana Waters pastorate. She was also the Church Hostess at one time.

—**Preston and Paula Watts** and family, in the death of Preston's father, Joseph Earl Watts, on May 8, 2011.

If you have prayer concerns, please call June Deacons Kelly Ross-Davis & Isabeth Gannon

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 with-in 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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JUNE 1 –4

June 1 Wednesday

10am - Ladies Bible Study Group (Parlor)
 12pm - AlaNon Group (Families of – Mary Baker, contact) G-14
 2pm - Sharing Group (Builders Class)
 4-8pm – Youth Suite Open, Jr High meet
 6-7:30pm

June 4 Saturday

8:15am - AA (Builders Classroom)
 AlAnon (G21)
 9am – South Highland Day at Living River

JUNE 5 –11

June 5 Sunday

8:30am - Worship Service (Chapel)
 9:30am - Sunday School
 11am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 12pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 1:30pm - Kenyan Youth Group (Chapel)
 2pm - Sunday Club (DFH)
 6pm - Sharing Group (Builders)
 6pm - Youth Group (Youth Suite)
 6:30pm - Brick @ Nite (G-22)

June 6 Monday

6:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast
 5:30pm – Coordinating Council

June 7 Tuesday

10am – Committee on Ministry
 10:30am – Highlander's Meeting
 11:30am – Children's Committee Meeting
 5pm – Community Grief Support Group Meeting (SDR)
 7pm - SHIP's Dance Lessons (DFH)

June 8 Wednesday

10am - Ladies Bible Study Group (Parlor)
 12pm - AlaNon Group (Families of – Mary Baker, contact) G-14
 4-8pm – Youth Suite Open, Jr High meet
 6-7:30pm

June 9 Thursday

PW Circle #5 – Melinda Harden's Home
 9:30am – CPM (G-15)

6pm – Block Party (front drive)

June 10 Friday

2pm - Sharing Group (Builders)

June 11 Saturday

8:15am - AA (Builders Classroom)
 AlAnon (G21)

JUNE 12 –18

June 12 Sunday

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

June 13 Monday

6:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast
 9am-12:30pm - VBS
 10:45am - PW Circle – Pam Buck's (Parlor)
 12pm - PW Circle 1 – Small Dining Room

June 14 Tuesday

9am-12:30pm - VBS
 5pm – Community Grief Support Group Meeting (SDR)
 7pm - SHIP's Dance Lessons (DFH)

June 15 Wednesday

9am-12:30pm - VBS
 10am - Ladies Bible Study Group (Parlor)
 12pm - AlaNon Group (Families of – Mary Baker, contact) G-14
 2pm - Sharing Group (Builders Class)
 4-8pm – Youth Suite Open, Jr High meet
 6-7:30pm

June 16 Thursday

9am-12:30pm - VBS
 11am – MSSO Luncheon (DFH)

June 17 Friday

9am-12:30pm - VBS

June 18 Saturday

8:15am - AA (Builders Classroom)
 AlAnon (G21)

JUNE 19 –25

June 19 Sunday

8:30am - Worship Service (Chapel)
 9:30am - Sunday School
 11am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 12pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 1:30pm - Kenyan Youth Group (Chapel)
 2pm - Sunday Club (DFH)
 6pm - Sharing Group (Builders)
 6pm - Youth Group (Youth Suite)
 6:30pm - Brick @ Nite (G-22)

June 20 Monday

6:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast
 5:30pm – Session Meeting

June 21 Tuesday

5pm – Community Grief Support Group Meeting (SDR)
 7pm - SHIP's Dance Lessons (DFH)

June 22 Wednesday

10am - Ladies Bible Study Group (Parlor)
 12pm - AlaNon Group (Families of – Mary Baker, contact) G-14
 2pm - Sharing Group (Builders Class)
 4-8pm – Youth Suite Open, Jr High meet
 6-7:30pm

June 25 Saturday

8:15am - AA (Builders Classroom)
 AlAnon (G21)

JUNE 26 –30

June 26 Sunday

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

June 27 Monday

6:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast
 9am-12:30pm – VBS at Lovelady Center

June 28 Tuesday

9am-12:30pm – VBS at Lovelady Center
 10am - PW Overview (Parlor)
 5pm – Community Grief Support Group Meeting (SDR)
 7pm - SHIP's Dance Lessons (DFH)

June 29 Wednesday

9am-12:30pm – VBS at Lovelady Center
 10am - Ladies Bible Study Group (Parlor)
 12pm - AlaNon Group (Families of – Mary Baker, contact) G-14
 4-8pm – Youth Suite Open, Jr High meet
 6-7:30pm

June 30 Thursday

9am-12:30pm – VBS at Lovelady Center

SOUTH HIGHLAND MISSIONS

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.

SHPC is hosting the Birmingham Hospi-

tality Network families June 26-July 3. Right now we have only one family, mother and two teenagers. We need volunteers to provide dinner for the family each night, to stay overnight at the church with them, to move the beds from Temple Emmanuel to SHPC, to grocery shop, and to wash the sheets once they leave.

This is a meaningful and easy “hands on mission” opportunity. For more information, call Debbie 205-903-1845 or email debbiepi@travelpi.com.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AT SUNDAY CLUB!

Please prayerfully consider these opportunities for a tremendous blessing for yourself and those we serve. We still need people/groups to provide meals on June 19th, which is Father's Day, and July 10, 17, 24 and 31. There is also a need for a permanent 4th Sunday bus driver—only 6 more Sundays for 2011. For more info, call Martha Foster at 915-0279 or email martha@lctplan.com.

THANK YOU!

- ◆ Nancy and Bill Warlick (retired missionaries, currently consultants to Outreach Foundation) say thanks so much for the lovely Easter card from our friends at SHPC. We are praying especially for all of you in the Birmingham area in Alabama. May God give hope and comfort as it is needed.
- ◆ Arthur Bowa (SHPC's sponsored seminary student in Zambia) says Happy Easter to all of you at South Highland church. Christ is alive and not in the grave but in heaven. Because of this you can face all your tomorrows with His strength He grants by His spirit. Nathania will soon be walking!
- ◆ Doug Tilton, PC(USA) Regional Liaison

for Southern Africa, says thank you all for your Easter note, and your thoughtfulness. I was born on Maundy Thursday 50 years ago, as my father was preaching. He died this past January, so the Easter season was particularly moving for me this year. I visited Lovemore Home in February. All was well; they have 10 boys - 6 new ones - and will soon welcome 2 more. I pray that Easter will be a time of hope, joy, and renewal for all of you.

- ◆ Bob and Kristi Rice, missionaries to Congo say we are so grateful for the prayers and support we have received from South Highland Pres. We know that you have a big commitment to God's work in Congo.



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

June
Kelly Ross Davis
(205-410-0674)
Isabeth Gannon
(205-991-2600)

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



Shuttle Service

June 5
Diane Davis
979-4756 979-8552
June 12
Sara Hale
969-2300
June 19
Bob Hunter
823-2758
June 26
Lu Mahon
879-4157

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www.pcusa.org

Dear South Highland,
Thank you for the generous financial contribution and use of one of the SHPC vans for the Alabama Heartsong Retreat. We held our 18th spiritual retreat for people living with HIV disease April 11-13 at Camp McDowell in northwest AL. Over fifty participants attended. The retreat is coordinated by the UAB 1917 Clinic and is open to anyone affected by HIV/AIDS. Our theme was "Living Awake" and we explored creating sacred space, listening devoutly, and cultivating kindness. Without your support we would not be able to provide this welcoming, nurturing, and healing space.
With much gratitude,
Kelly Ross-Davis
1917 Clinic / SHPC

THANK YOU

** Below is a poem by one of the facilitators of the event**

Alabama Heartsong 2011—An Experience of Beauty and Grace - Joe Elmore

Alabama Heartsong Retreat, an annual gathering of persons living with HIV disease (those infected and affected), April 11-13, 2011, Camp McDowell... The theme, *Living Awake*, is an invitation to awaken to beauty and grace, in the mysteries of nature and the mysteries of the human spirit...

We are male and female, *black, white and brown*, young and old, gay and straight, different and one...

We are Christian, Buddhist, Muslim and agnostic, liberals and fundamentalists, traditionalists, Pentecostals and mystics...

We are persons poor in material possessions, but together we discover within us a wealth of spiritual wisdom...

We are self-absorbed and self-giving, troubled and peaceful, blaming and forgiving, angry and tender, afraid and faithful...

We are human beings, children of God, struggling with all the frailties of body, mind and spirit...

The *Living Awake* theme is explored:

Sacred Space – the sacredness of campgrounds, where the sights and sounds of trees, flowers, birds, insects and other creatures abound... the sacredness of hands and hearts joined in laughter and tears, silence and song, listening and speaking, receiving and giving... all blending into a chorus that stirs the senses, breathing into us new life...

Listening Devoutly – aware that every person has a story to tell, a story worth hearing with respect, without judgment... honoring the unique journey of each one present... being present with one another to hear, accept and affirm...

Cultivating Kindness – encouraging careful attention to every person's need for understanding, gentleness, forgiveness and caring – *kindness*... turning away from harshness and harm to warmth, goodness and love...

An evidence of beauty and grace come in the receiving and giving of *Secret Pal* gifts... words and objects made to express appreciation and affirmation...

A stick is creatively formed into a staff, recalling God's gift to Moses for leading the people through sea and wilderness, toward ground of promise... a staff decorated with rainbow colors and a Celtic cross, and into the wood is carved the words, *The 23rd Psalm*... giving special emphasis to the assurance that *though I walk through a valley of deepest darkness, I do not need to be afraid, for you are with me...*

Three days together,
forming a circle of healing...
awakening to *Presence*...

experiencing the beauty of community...
claiming strength for the journey...
dreaming new possibilities
of health, wholeness and grace...

USED CAR?

If anyone has a good used car for sale or knows of someone who does, please contact Jeanne Burton at the church at (205) 933-0790, ext. 16.



Welcome New Member, Nancy Thomas



Welcome new member Nancy Thomas (joins South Highland on May 1, 2011)

Nancy grew up in Reform, AL, and is a graduate of University of Alabama and University of Tennessee. She is Assistant Director of Head Start and Early Head Start in Knoxville. She and husband Steve spend two weekends of every month in Birmingham visiting daughter Michelle Grabarczyk, grandchildren Madeline and Alexander and worshipping at South Highland. She moves her membership from First Presbyterian Church of Jefferson City, TN.

The POE is coming!

Read on to find out just what a POE really is!!

In 1988 the American Guild of Organists established a new educational outreach program for young people interested in the organ: **Pipe Organ Encounters**. A POE is a 5 day regional event that introduces teenagers and young adults to the world of the pipe organ. This is the first time the Birmingham AGO (American Guild of Organist) has hosted a POE. Students from throughout the southeast will have daily organ lessons in churches and on the campus of Samford and Birmingham-Southern College. The faculty is from our own chapter and out of town faculty include AGO members from Atlanta, Jacksonville, Nashville, and Memphis. Special guest for the week is Dr. Bradley Welch, Director of Music and Organist at Highland Park United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas. Dr. Welch will be presented in recital and will give a master class for the students. Events for the week include a trip to the Alabama Theater; a swim and cookout party; a trip to the UA School of Music in Tuscaloosa with a few surprises thrown in! What else does the POE provide.....

Provide individual and group instruction in the basic rudiments of pipe organ technique and service playing.

Give a general overview of organ literature, history, and related topics. Expose the participants to various concepts and examples of pipe organ construction and design.

Offer opportunities to participate in ecumenical worship, so as to experience the role of the sacred musician.

Provide an invaluable opportunity for young musicians to meet others with similar interests.

As of today, we have twenty-two teenagers between the ages of 14-18 that have registered for this week long event. The students and faculty will be housed in the dorms on the Samford Campus.

What can you do to help? First, PRAY for good weather, no sick students, faculty, and staff throughout the week, and that all the events run smoothly and without any problems. Our own Jamie McLemore is the Director of the Birmingham POE. If you would like to help with this wonderful outreach, please contact him for more information.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Monday mornings in June— We begin at 6:30 AM with coffee in the small dining room. A full breakfast will be served after the coffee time.

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

DISCOVERY

Interested in learning more about South Highland? Join the Discovery Class that meets the morning of Saturday, June 18 from 8:45am -12:00pm. This class helps newcomers and visitors understand membership and is a basic introduction to the ministry and history of South Highland Presbyterian Church. If you are interested contact Fred or Carol Rogers at (205) 951-8966.



Senior Adults

WHAT'S IN THE HIGHLANDERS' FUTURE?

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." Sign up sheets are available in the gallery and at the Volunteer's Desk. Transportation is available for all Highlanders events.

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

WANNABEES

The Wannabees Class is starting a new Bible Study in June focusing on EXODUS. The main topic of discussion will be Freedom - what is it? Who has it? How do people get it? How much does it cost?

The Wannabees Class is for women of all ages who want to study scripture and support each other in spirit, with enthusiasm, and with lots of love.

It meets in room 15 - 1st floor and hope to see you soon!



EXODUS

Dear friends at South Highlands Presbyterian Church,

We were horrified to hear about the devastation last week in Alabama. We grieve with you for all of the people who died and buildings destroyed. We just wanted to let you know that our prayers and thoughts are with you. Many of the churches in the presbyteries of Nganza and Tshibashi were notified of this tragedy, and they are praying for you as well.

We pray that God's strength and presence would be with you.

Under God's Mercy,
Bob and Kristi Rice
Mission co-workers in DR-Congo

No WNL again until August.

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

CONGRATULATIONS!

Mary Katherine Cook was recently inducted into both the National Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society at Mountain Brook High School. She is the daughter of Kim and Scott Cook and the granddaughter of Cottie Battles.

SHPC Kids' News



Vacation Bible School

June 13-17 - SHPC

June 27-July 1 - Lovelady Center

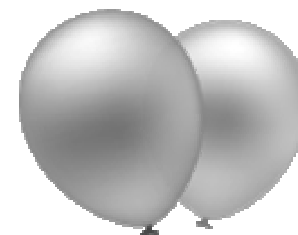
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. daily

Campers are completed PreK3's - 4th graders.

Volunteers are completed 5th graders - adults.

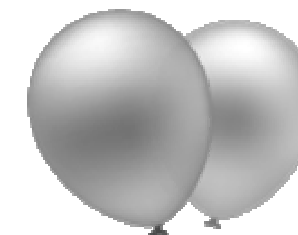
Campers and volunteers may register in the sanctuary reception area on Sundays or in the church office during the week.

For more information about Children's Ministries programs, please see the June issue of *KidsPress* contained in this issue, or contact **Kit MacLeod** at 933-0790 or kmacleod@southhighland.org.



Pentecost Party

Wear red to celebrate Pentecost on June 12. After the 11:00 service there will be a Pentecost Picnic luncheon in the Davis Family Hall.



All are invited to this celebration honoring the birthday of the church!



Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women:
AWASH in the Spirit!

Dear Presbyterian Women and All Women At South Highland:

Congratulations to Jackie Vincent for being chosen as the recipient of the Honorary Lifetime Membership award. Many thanks to Dianne Davis who spoke and presented her video of her bike trip of over 1,000 miles from Birmingham to Piedras Negras, Mexico at our final meeting on Saturday, May 21st. It inspired us all!

We are looking forward to a wonderful year with Pam Buck as the new PW Moderator and Stephanie Thompson as Vice-moderator. Pam is open to ideas for speakers, events, and opportunities to volunteer and serve in our community. Let us continue to be "AWASH in the Spirit"!

Melinda Harden



In The June Issue

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

◆ Leading Women

In pulpits, offices, meeting rooms, and communities, gifted women are answering God's call to leadership

◆ The Wounds of War

Helping returning veterans and their families heal from the stresses of deployment is a vital ministry

◆ Summer Reading

Whether perused in print or on a screen, recent books offer inspiration, education, and entertainment.

Your free copy of the June *PRESBYTERIANS TODAY* denominational magazine is available from the table in the gallery on the main level. The church library always has copies available for your reading also.

Stay Informed - Read
PRESBYTERIANS TODAY!





South Highland Presbyterian Singles (of all ages)

Tuesdays, June 7, 14, 21, 28

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.

June's lessons focus on the Mambo!

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

June 20

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

Through June 12th, we study 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/>

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 jbonner@gupeds.net for more information.

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:

BLOCK PARTY

Block Party

The SHPC Young Adults are hosting a Block Party in the front drive at South Highland on Thursday, June 9th from 6-8pm. This is an outreach to the Southside community and those that spend time in the area at that hour.



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!

South Highland Night at Baron's Baseball will be July 15. Join the boys of summer for Friday night fireworks after a great game against Jacksonville. It is also Jersey giveaway night for the first 1000 kids. Place your order for tickets at the table in the reception area or call Wes and

Stephanie Thompson at (205) 969-0035 or email stephanie1048@hotmail.com. Box seats are \$6.



JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

From Doug:

"Well, At Great Escape..."

This camp changed my life. Years ago I was invited to chaperone the Great Escape and I went because I was asked by a smoking hot youth director named Rachel. Like a puppy, I followed her on this journey across Tennessee to a little pristine college campus near Chattanooga. The campus was not pristine for long as 500 middle schoolers from across the nation gathered to smack each other with shaving cream, dive into mud and muck, and destroy the grassy fields with water wars and mayhem. Along with Recreation I witnessed middle school youth praising God and committing themselves to Jesus Christ in a personal, non-pressured environment that quieted my soul and shocked my sense of a middle schoolers capacity to worship. Years later, I watched as these same middle schoolers were asked as senior high students to give a faith statements. One by one they began their description of what God was doing in their lives with, "Well, at Great Escape..." I watched as individual statements gave way to a communal experience that changed lives for the Kingdom of God. Each one expressed that God had spoken to them in a new and profound way. Church, please be in prayer for these young people as they go to revel in God's creation, word, and salvation. Start now, and remember them all by name. Mary Alice Crocker, Abby Heiser, Palmer Lewis, Lauren Miley, Peyton Ross, Crossan Ryals, Mattie Williams, Ben Tucker, Anne Kearney Patton, Sarah Cook, Sophia Giovanelli, Mary Myers Huddleston, and Ethan Fooshee.

Magnets and Stickers displaying the South Highland Logo are now available for purchase. Proceeds go to support the youth group. Stickers are \$3 magnets are \$6. Get yours this Sunday!!

During the Weeks - Throughout June the Senior High and Junior High will meet at separate times and places. The Seniors will gather at Karen Buttler's house after each Softball Game on Tuesday night. The Junior High will meet in the Youth Suite from 6-7:30 on

Wednesday. The Suite is open on Wednesdays for all youth to come and play together from 4-6, after that it is Junior High only. No dinner is provided so youth will need to bring food or eat beforehand.

Sundays - Regular Sunday nights will be a Worship Circle. A place where your offering is your time, artistry, and gifts. Each one will have a theme with connected Biblical principles. You are encouraged to search your neighborhood, your memory, and your scriptures to present your offering of photos, PowerPoint, stories, poetry, art, theatre, etc. There will be an opening game, feasting, and time for fellowship. Check the calendar for info. Because of Great Escape June 19th will be a Movie Night at Philip Barbour's house for all senior high students.

Important Dates

June 5th (6-7:45) - "Who am I?" Worship Circle

June 12th (6-7:45) - VBS and "On a Mission from God!" Worship Circle

June 19th (6-9) - Senior Movie Night at Philip Barbour's House

June 19th-24th - Great Escape

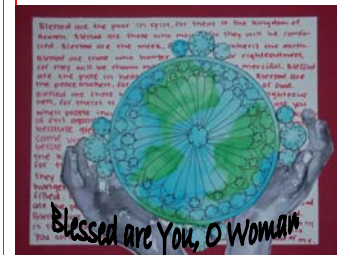
June 26th (6-7:45) - "Who are We?" Worship Circle

July 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

This year promises to bring blessings to all who attend.

The Keynote speaker is Dr. Margaret Aymer, Associate Professor of New Testament at Interdenominational Theological Center. She is this year's author of the PW Bible Study, "Confessing the Beatitudes." She will also lead a workshop, "Writing Local Confessions."

Women from across the two states and the synod will gather to learn, teach, sing, worship and fellowship as we prepare for the coming year of Presbyterian Women.

If you are interested there are applications on the galley tables and fliers throughout the church. If you have any questions, contact Kathy Tracey.