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ALIVE WITH THE PASSION OF CHRIST

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“The Glory of God is a man fully alive.” — St. Irenaeus

Dearest South Highlanders,

The 2nd century theologian St. Irenaeus was not trying to be politically correct. He was more than likely speaking to men. We all, male and female, know however, this basic truth. When we are fully alive in Christ, we cannot help but bring glory to God. When we are fully alive in Christ, we live the life we were created to live. A radiant life. A meaningful life. An exuberant life. Christ tells us we are to live a more abundant life. “...I came that they have life and have it abundantly.” (John 10:10). And just a few chapters away, He tells us He wants us to truly abide in Him. And if we let Him abide in us, we will have joyful and full lives. (John 15:11). We have been created to let the indwelling Christ come vibrantly alive within us.

But the fact remains that sometimes our life is not always fully alive. In a way only C.S. Lewis can say, he tells us, “And that is precisely what Christianity is all about. This world is a great sculpture studio. We are all the statues, and there is a rumor going around the studio that some of us are someday going to come alive.” (C.S. Lewis. Mere Christianity.)

As Christians, Christ lives in us and through us, but how vibrant, how radiant that life is, depends on us. Individually, and yes, even collectively.

Today we move into what we have traditionally called stewardship season. We are also moving into a season of renewal here at South Highland. Our renewed vision at South Highland is to further the Kingdom of God by helping each other become more fully alive with the passion of Christ. We think the seasons are one in the same. It is a giving of ourselves.

To be fully alive with the passion of Christ, we must be dead to the passion of self. One cannot happen without the other. “Truly, truly I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it does, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life, loses it, and whoever hates his life and this world will keep it for eternal life.” (John 12:24,25.)

It is a life-long journey. But when we sacrifice for Christ through loving service, through the loving presentation of our gifts, our resources, and ourselves, we actually become more alive with Christ. Our passion for self is miraculously transformed into our passion for Christ. We become more Christ-like when we empty ourselves, when we share ourselves, when we reach out with love to a hurting world around us. The more Christ-like we become, the more we strive to further His kingdom. It is when we die to ourselves that we become alive in Christ. We start to live radiantly.

Indeed it is a life-long journey. Becoming fully alive in Christ is a true sacrifice of ourselves for Christ. But sacrifice takes love. Deep love. And deep love takes time. It

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Remember...

- ◆ **October 2—World Communion Sunday**
- ◆ **SHPC Hosts BHN Oct. 9-16**
- ◆ **Stewardship Season— Becoming Fully Alive in Christ**

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takes time and true abiding. "I am the vine, and you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, it is he that bears much fruit; for apart from me, you can do nothing." (John 15:5)

So perhaps the first and most important step in our renewed journey of becoming more fully alive in Christ is the giving of ourselves. Giving of ourselves more in prayer, in scripture, in meditation. Becoming fully alive in Christ is the giving of ourselves to just be in the presence of God as much as we can.

The wonderful hymn we all know speaks to us. "Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on me."

Perhaps we need to be melted down. The "me" needs to make room for Christ.

Perhaps then we will burn brighter. Perhaps then we will live more radiantly.

Our prayer this season is not so much that we give more. Our prayer is that we live more. A prayer that we live more in Christ. A prayer that He lives more in us.

Chad Fooshee Terry Slaughter



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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Sunday Club celebrates 25 years and the Sharing Group celebrates 48 years!

Sunday Club will celebrate 25 years of ministry and outreach to the mentally challenged in our area. This successful ministry serves 40 people every Sunday in the Davis Family Hall. On May 6, 2012, we will celebrate and honor the ministries of Sunday Club and the Sharing group.

"The Sunday Club" was started by Jesse Stinson in April, 1987 to address both the need for food on Sunday and the need for a place to go where love, acceptance and fellowship are graciously given to the mentally ill who live in area boarding houses. Volunteers wear many hats: driving the church van for pick-up and return; acting as team leaders for specific Sundays; lining up, presenting and leading programs; making table favors; donating gifts for special persons; mixing and mingling with the members.

Preparing and serving the meals is a special responsibility. Great effort is made

to see that the meals served are beyond ordinary in quality and presentation. Volunteers include children, young people, and adults of all ages. Even pre-school children can enjoy putting the salt and pepper shakers on the tables! Volunteers come from South Highland as well as other churches and civic organizations in the community. To help, contact Martha and Jim Foster at Martha@lhcplan.com

The Sharing Group celebrates 48 years of ministry! The Sharing Group was started by Jesse Stinson as a support group for those seeking recovery and healing with mental illness. People travel from as far as Tuscaloosa, Clanton, and Cullman for fellowship, sharing, and support. Jesse and Martha Stinson are hosts for this ministry that follows the Sunday Club. It meets at 6 PM on Sunday in the church parlor.

SOUTH HIGHLAND MISSIONS

Birmingham Hospitality Network

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 Hospitality Network families October 9-16. 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 at (205) 903-1845 or email debbiepi@travelpi.com.

BUILDING UNDERWAY



The building of the church in Mameme 2 village in Tete province, Mozambique, has begun. It is made possible by SHPC's recent special, one-time gift of \$10,000 to The Outreach Foundation for this purpose. Through TOF we provide materials such as cement and roofing which the village has no access to, and the villagers build the walls, with bricks handmade one at a time. They are hoping to complete the church before Tete's rainy season begins. Mameme 2 is so happy and thankful that they will soon have their own church in which to worship!

PRAYERS NEEDED— Recently our leaders in Tete Province, Nedson Zulu and Sebber Banda, were involved in a serious road accident. They were on the way home from leading an HIV/AIDS seminar. Nedson's van was run off the road by a large truck. It rolled over 3 times. Mercifully, Sebber had only minor injuries, but Nedson was in hospital for bruises to his neck, shoulder, back, and liver, broken ribs, and a deep cut on his leg. All of these injuries are complicated by his being diabetic. Nedson's van, essential to their mission work, was "totalled."

Please pray for this whole situation - that Nedson recovers fully, that funds will materialize for a good, used van, so that our Lord's work may continue so effectively in Tete Province.

Deacons of the Month

October
Stephanie Thompson

(205-969-0035)

Brian Hurst

(205-533-3313)



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

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



Shuttle Service

October 2

Jack Smith

(205) 967-3247 or (205) 992-5126

October 9

Diane Davis

(205) 979-4756 or (205) 979-8552

October 16

Sara Hale

(205) 969-2300

October 23

Bob Hunter

(205) 823-2758

October 30

Lu Mahon

(205) 879-4157

GOOD SAMARITAN FUND

I have almost 25 years of experience in apartment housing and have managed one or more HUD high rise elderly apartment buildings during all of those years so figured myself rather an expert on the subject. However, my experience with BBT has shown how little I really knew about the suffering right under my nose. I was used to communities consisting of residents that resembled our grandparents. They were soft, sweet and usually white.

I did not dream of seeing residents that had no furniture, only a mattress on the floor and no food in the cupboard. There are others with living conditions that would make you sick, as they are not able to care for themselves. Some have addictions to alcohol and/or drugs to deal with the poverty and loneliness of life.

Most of our residents live off of \$674 per month SSI check and have to pay rent and utilities which is over \$500 per month. These residents are lucky in that they have some income. Right across the street and all around Southside are countless others in even more severe poverty without shelter, food or hope.

There is a beauty on the street, and in the impoverished community at large, that most do not see. In the spirit of Christ, they are so tolerant of each other and do lend a hand to their neighbor, as there is usually no other family or friends to help out. I have learned from them that you can see and love one another even if life has been hard and unfair.



I know our church has a long history of serving our community. However, in my opinion there is no greater need, both spiritually and economically, than the multitudes within walking distance of our church doors. I feel we need to support the Good Samaritan Fund and continue to promote it to our congregation.

Brody Black

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Don't forget South Highland joins Highlands United Methodist, Southside Baptist, and Saint Mary's on the Highlands Episcopal Churches for World Communion Sunday on October 2nd!

During the 11am service, SHPC will process to the lawn of Highlands United Methodist to join the others in a joint communion service.



WANT TO BE "IN THE KNOW?" Subscribe the SHPC weekly email newsletter. It includes the schedule for the week and other brief announcements!

Just email Dina Glass at dglass@southhighland.org to sign up!



SHPC Kids' News

Ever wonder why your children say some off-the-wall or out-of-the-blue things? While it is often entertaining and usually adorable, that's not why they've said it. They are just telling us like it is. They are simply sharing their truths with us—they are allowing us to experience their realities (and they don't always line up with ours, right?). While it's been awhile since we have looked through the lens of a child, it doesn't mean we shouldn't try every once in a while.

As adults, we often get stuck in routines, structures, and ways to thinking that are second nature to us. But these were not patterns we were born with, but patterns we grew into. Most of our children don't have them fully imprinted on them yet and I think we can take some time to bask in the glory of that. Because they are not so set in their ways, our children can often give us golden nuggets of insight...but we need to be open with our hearts and minds to receive it.

In the gospels, we are told that Jesus admonishes his followers that those who wish to enter the Kingdom must be like a child. While the obvious interpretation is a request of innocence and faith, I also like to think of it as Jesus saying "You guys have GOT to start looking at things a little differently...this isn't your old tired way of doing things...break out of your comfortable box and be fully alive and fully aware of all the amazing things God can do!"

Your child may not be the first fully human fire truck, the grass may not ever be blue, and chicken nuggets may not be the only meal option...but there is a beauty and truth that lives in your child's observations. Let us be thankful that God has given us such prophets, and be prayerful that we may be ever open and receptive to His work in and through them.

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

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

The Children's Worship Session is in full swing this fall! This is an interactive time of worship for children, grades 1 through 3, designed to deepen their worship experience through participation in music, today's scripture lesson, and detailed elements of worship. The scripture lesson is based on the same scriptures as the sermon for that day. The worship lesson, during the first quarter, is based on the Apostle's Creed and the Liturgical Calendar, which is a theme we will continue throughout the year. The music will coincide with these same themes.

Children who are interested in participating may follow their leaders to the Small Auditorium at the front of the sanctuary after *A Time For Young Disciples*.

If you would like to help with this program, please contact Michelle Grabarczyk at mgrabarc@bellsouth.net or Gidge Black at gidgeblack@aol.com.



In The October Issue

Here's a sample of what you'll find in the October issue of *PRESBYTERIANS TODAY*:

- ◆ Generous Living—Even though some hold on tightly to what they have, some Presbyterians are busy giving their money away—and making a difference beyond their lifetimes.
- ◆ How the Young Learn to Give—In today's consumer-driven culture, the younger generations need models of financial discipleship.
- ◆ Books to Grow On—Recent books offer nourishment for mind and spirit.

Pick up your free October copy of *PRESBYTERIANS TODAY* from the table in the Gallery on the main level.

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PRESBYTERIANS TODAY!



STAY CONNECTED!

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

Kids Press

"See what love the Father has given us,



that we should be called children of God."

1 John 3:1

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Rally Day



On August 28th, Rally Day, our Sunday School teachers welcomed newly promoted students and their parents to the classrooms at 10:00 a.m., following breakfast in Davis Family Hall.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to stop by your child's new classroom to complete a 2011-2012 Sunday School registration form, please be sure to do so at your first opportunity.

We are richly blessed with an amazing 2011-12 Sunday School teaching staff! Please thank these wonderful saints, and keep them in your prayers as they live out their baptismal vows to nurture our precious children in faith.

TODDLERS, 2'S, 3'S

Robyn & Chris Williams
Christina & Brian Hurst

4 & 5K's

Kathy Harris
Jennifer Coggin
Chris Still
Jay Patton

1ST GRADE

Pam Buck
Jera Stribling
Nancy Deason

2ND & 3RD GRADE

Leigh Copeland
Nicole Crocker
Missy Foshee
Sonja Truesdell

4TH & 5TH GRADE

Wende Berryhill
Heidi Messier
Sue Koch
Janice Cotton

If you feel God tugging at your heart to serve in ministry to children, or if you have questions or suggestions, please contact April Harrell or Rachel Barr in the Children's ministry office.



Let's Go to The Pumpkin Patch!

Dear friends,

Please bring a friend, and come to church on Sunday, October 16 to enjoy worship and then carpool to the Pumpkin Patch with your SHPC family! We will meet for lunch in the Davis Family Hall immediately following the 11am Worship Service, and then leave for an afternoon at the pumpkin patch! Let's find your perfect pumpkin, ride a wagon, and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship and fun!

Costs for the day will include lunch (\$4 per adult/child) and admission to Old Baker Farm (\$10 per person over 2 years. Fee includes pumpkin and hayride.) We hope to see you and your friends on Sunday, October 16 at the pumpkin patch!

Sincerely,
April & Rachel
aharrell@southhighland.org
933-0790 ext. 16



Fall Festival

Our annual Fall Festival will take place on October 30 at 6pm, immediately following the Blue Grass and BBQ dinner. Our fabulous youth department will host an awesome evening of games, crafts, and fun for our SHPC children.

Please bring a canned food items to donate to the Greater Birmingham Ministries. We look forward to costumes, smiling faces, friends, and joy!

Calendars! Calendars! Please take note of the dates the Children's Choir will sing in church, Wednesday night programs, special programs and upcoming birthdays of your SHPC friends!

Kids' Calendar



October 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 World Communion Sunday	3	4	5 Happy Hippies Dinner 5-6 Logos 6-7 Rec 7-7:30	6 <i>Laurel Connolly</i>	7	8 <i>Charlie Messier</i>
9 Children's Choir 11am Worship Family & Friends Day at the Pumpkin Patch	10	11	12 Pirate Party Dinner 5-6 Logos 6-7 Rec 7-7:30	13	14	15
16	17 <i>Anna Smith</i>	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 <i>Anne Margaret Wilkinson</i>	25	26 Favorite Storybook Character Dinner 5-6 Logos 6-7 Rec 7-7:30	27	28	29
30 Children's Choir-11am Worship Fall Festival						

SHiPS



**South Highland
Presbyterian Singles
(of all ages)**

**Tuesdays, October 4,
11, 18, & 25
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.

October's dance focus is on
the Hustle.

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

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Deadline for the next issue is
October 18
email info to
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Southhighland.org



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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 and Steve Messier

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(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**
jboner@gupeds.net for more information.

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

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

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.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please check the 2010 Directory to update your information. Check the
print-outs in the reception area at the church, call the church office at
(205) 939-0790 or email Dina Glass at dglass@southhighland.org.

Dear Friends: On behalf of my entire family, I
would very much like to thank you all for your
prayers, concerns, and well-wishes during my
father's recent heart surgery and recovery.
Thanks be to God that he is doing well and has
what we continue to hope and pray will be a
new lease on life. While I have known for some
time that South Highlanders are true prayer war-
riors, being on the receiving end of such love
and
earnest prayer was nothing short of awesome.
The Holy Spirit is indeed alive and well at SHPC
and we are so overjoyed to be part of this church
family. Thank you all again.

Bart Lloyd

ALL WOMEN OF SOUTH HIGHLAND

Join us **Monday, October 3rd**
from 6-8pm. We will gather for
dinner in the Small Dining Room and
then move to the Small Auditorium
for special music from
Leigh Copeland and guest speaker
Kelly Buck.

For more information or to reserve
your spot, call Pam Buck at
(205) 979-1269 or email her at
pambuck@bellsouth.net.

Nursery will be provided.

JUNIOR & SENIOR Highs

From Doug:

Gabe Horton, a recent graduate from Vanderbilt, is discerning a call to ministry and will be joining South Highland in October to take part in all areas of ministry, worship, and service this congregation has to offer. He is traveling the country, stopping at churches and participating in their life in Christ over the course of a year. His goal is to share in ministry with 12 different denominations, in 12 different cities, over 12 months while keeping a blog of his experiences. We are excited and grateful for his heart to serve. If you are willing to invite Gabe to join you in ministry and service or would like to welcome him to a Bible study please contact me via email so we can give him the biggest and best experience of South Highland.

The youth group will not meet the evening of **October 16th** to allow everyone to join the **Presbytery at the Fall Youth Rally at Living River**. The theme is *I SPY...* and will include Phyllis Ward and Matthew Miller as Keynote, energizers, singing, small groups, and much more. You will not want to miss this.

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!!

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.

SHPC Youth Winter Retreat is Martin Luther King Weekend, January 13th - 16th. This year we will be travelling to Huntsville to stay at Maranatha Retreat Center for fun, renewal, worship and to take a little different look at the Fruits of the Spirit. Youth will have the opportunity to challenge themselves on the high ropes course, climbing wall, or the paint ball field as well as relax with Disc Golf, walking prayer labyrinth, and nature hikes. The retreat is \$165 per student and includes travel, food, lodging, long sleeve t-shirt and activity fee. Invite your friends, bring your whoobie, and register now for the MLK weekend SHPC Winter Retreat!

Youth Council Meeting - October 9th @ 4:00pm in the Youth Suite

Time change—Note that beginning October 2nd, Sunday Night youth group will begin at 5:30pm and end at 7:30pm. We will still have dinner, fellowship, and bible study...just a little earlier.

CALLING ALL MEN!

The Monday Morning Prayer Breakfast for men is up and running this fall! Join us on Monday mornings at 6:30 in the Small Dining Room.



Enjoy fellowship over coffee, and then a full breakfast is served. We finish so everyone can be at work on time.

Contact Wes Thompson for more information at (205) 969-0035 or hwtt@bellsouth.net.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Join a Presbyterian Women's Circle Meeting on Monday, **October 10th!**

There are several to choose from—at the church or in homes, in the daytime and in the evening.

For help connecting with a Circle, contact Pam Buck at (205) 979-1269 or pambuck@bellsouth.net.



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN



Senior Adults

WHAT'S IN THE HIGHLANDERS' FUTURE?

- 5:00PM** Health & Wholeness Service in the Chapel
- 5:00PM** WNL Family Fellowship Dinner in DFH
- 6:00PM** LOGOS & Youth Group
- 6:15PM** Handbells
- 6:30PM**
 - ◆ Book Study - "Christianity and World Religions" with Dr. Ed Hurley in the Builders' Classroom
 - ◆ Unbinding Your Heart with Jim Truesdell
 - ◆ Sharing Our Gifts in the Small Auditorium

October 5

Menu: Southwest Tilapia (Baked Chicken available), Rice, Blackeye Pea Salad, Salad Bar, Garlic Toast, Peach Cobbler

October 12

Menu: Taco Salad Bar, Key Lime Pie

October 19

Menu: Stewardship Family Meal: Chicken wings with assorted sauces, Baby Bakers, Salad Bar, Apple Pie & Ice Cream

October 26

Menu: Soup & Salad Bar, Chocolate Cobbler

October 14—Coffee Concert - Images of Italy—Fawzi Haimor, Conductor

November 4— Coffee Concert - Tchaikovsky's Fourth—Justin Brown, Conductor

October 24-October 28—Savannah Trip, \$450 Double Room, \$550 Single Room. Includes Tour of Savannah, Jekyll Island, Beaufort, lunch at Paula Deen's and much, much more.

November 8—Seasoned Performers, "What the Health?", Davis Family Hall. This play has been written by Dr. Andrew Duxbury of the UAB Center for Aging.

The Seasoned Performers and South Highland will be presenting this performance in memory of Georgene Gainey.

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

HELP NEEDED!



Highland Manor

suffered water damage during the "mini flood" of several weeks ago.

Almost all of the apartments received some sort of damage but repairs have been made and all seems well.

However, one of our members who live at Highland Manor received damage to her bed that, despite all Attempts, can not be rescued. If you have a double bed, mattress or box springs you can donate, please contact Susan Laney.



South Highland is sponsoring a Habitat for Humanity house again this Fall! The family is LaKecia Godfrey's on Martin Drive in Centerpoint.

If you would like to volunteer, contact Bart Morrow at bartmorrow@gmail.com or put your name on the sign up sheet located at the receptionist desk or the table between the sanctuary and Davis Family Hall.

Not only do we need workers on site, we also need lunch volunteers and other helpers!

Canterbury Grocery Pick-up

Volunteers pick up groceries on Monday and bring them to Rev. Susan Laney's office.

This months volunteers:

- October 3 — Elizabeth Ezell — (205) 871-6125
- October 10 — Wes Thompson — (205) 969-0035
- October 17 — Jackie Giovanelli — (205) 969-2508
- October 24 — Amy Tucker — (205) 969-7312
- October 31 — Elizabeth Ezell — (205) 871-6125

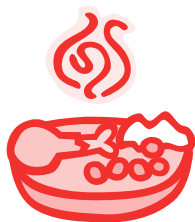


CONGREGATIONAL DINNER

Wednesday, October 19th

5:30pm

Davis Family Hall



Celebrate the spirit of becoming **Fully Alive in Christ**



WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Hilary West Perry! Hilary was born in Birmingham and grew up in Hoover. She has a Bachelor and Masters Degree from Troy State University and is director of communications for the Girl Scouts. She and husband Paul are expecting a baby girl, Mallory Kate, in December. Hilary is joining by transfer of letter from Riverchase Presbyterian Church in Hoover, where she has been a member for almost 27 years.



Rain Barrel Mission Fund Raising Project

For the past two years, funds for international missions have been far below the needs we had hoped to address. To increase the funds available for water purification in Kenya, The South Highland *LIVING WATERS FOR THE WORLD* mission group is planning to make and sell rain barrels. These barrels will be equal to those sold at Home Depot and Whole Foods for \$100. We will sell them for \$50 each.

To raise the money needed for a reverse Osmosis water purification installation at Grace Inkukun Presbyterian Church in Kenya we will need to sell a lot of rain barrels to SHPC members and outside the church. Please help us spread the word by helping us introduce the project to groups outside our church. We will have a sample available by early October.

Please contact the Lee Cleveland's or the Harold Deason's or the Jim Price's with information regarding any way you can help introduce this project to your circle of clubs and friends.



TORNADO RELIEF EFFORTS UPDATE

South Highland & South Hampton - a great team!



As part of our initiative to help children affected by the recent tornados, South Highlanders Mary Berryman, Lee Cooper, Glenn Davis, Grace Finkel, Melinda Harden and Lu Mahon, joined by Shades Valley member Charles Krauth, will begin a Discovery Club at South Hampton Elementary School in Pratt City. The club, an arm of Better Basics reading program, will be for 2nd graders. It includes Bible study, Bible verse memory, snacks and fun time. The program is structured and well organized by Discovery Clubs of Alabama. Both training and orientation are provided for volunteers. Club meetings will be on Thursday afternoons from 2:40 to 4:00 pm and run for a 23-week period. Volunteers will meet at SHPC and ride out to South Hampton together.

If this sounds tempting for you, we would love for you to join us! Please contact Lee at leemcooper@bellsouth.net. The volunteers are so excited and ready to begin!

The Pastor's Perspective . . .continued



Dearest South Highlanders,

Over the last few months South Highland has moved through a number of staff transitions. We are grateful for those who have served with us faithfully in the past. We are excited over those God has brought to serve with us at this time as we seek to become Fully Alive with the Passion of Christ. With so many new hands on deck I thought it might be helpful to provide a little summary of the new friends who are part of our superb staff team and generally what each is responsible for. Note that most all staff who office in the church building may be reached via e mail address as their first name initial followed by their last name and the church site, for example, I am ehurley@southhighland.org.

Dina Glass joined us last spring in time for Holy Week (and she survived that!) as Executive Assistant to the Pastors. Coming from seven years of outstanding service at our neighboring congregation, Temple Emanu-El, as Assistant to the Clergy and Program and Event Coordinator, Dina has brought a high degree of proficiency in assisting your ministers here with our work. She is highly organized, computer literate, filled with joy and appreciation for people. Dina prepares the Sunday worship bulletins each week, handles correspondence, helps us with our schedules, makes sure details are covered for events and a thousand other things. When you need to schedule a meeting with one of us pastors or be sure we are informed about a pastoral concern or most anything else, Dina is the person to see. An Honor graduate from Huffman High School, she is married to husband Danny and has a precious daughter, Anna, who was a hit as a volunteer for VBS this summer. She and her family are actively involved as members of The Summit Church in Birmingham, and she enjoys scrap book making as a hobby and actually travels widely to attend scrap booking conferences.

With the retirement of **Kit MacLeod** as our Director of Children's Ministries after four years of caring loving nurturing of our precious children, we are fortunate to have replaced her with not one but two outstanding individuals, each of them working about 30 hours a week. Our own member and previous Nursery Coordinator **April Harrell**, has begun as Birth to Kindergarten Director. April is still responsible for the nursery as well as the overall Christian nurture of our youngest sector of the population and support of their families. She and Ramey have been active as young parents themselves at SHPC for a number of years, during which their family has grown to include three energetic demanding little ones, Owen, Henry, and Mary. It was actually in the context of meeting with Ramey and April for a baptism conference that the idea crossed my mind to mention our position to April. She has a Master's Degree in Elementary Education from UAB and her undergraduate degree in social work from the University of Alabama, and spent several years teaching, and several years and as a staff member for the Girl Scout Program in California. April is passionate about her faith and eager to see our little ones and their families grow up strong solid Christian homes.

Rachel King-Barr joined her husband, our new Youth Director Doug Barr, completing her move from Memphis this past Spring. First through Sixth Grade Director Rachel is responsible for directing the Christian nurture and growth of our elementary children. A life-long Presbyterian, growing up at Second Presbyterian Church, Little Rock, AR, April, like her husband Doug was a theater major at the University of Central Arkansas. She then received her Masters of Fine Arts at the University of Memphis with an emphasis in directing. She also has considerable experience directing a church program. She served for three years as the Interim Youth Director at Woodland Presbyterian Church in Memphis. In her work with SHPC Rachel is busy teaching our children and equipping our leaders. Most recently she has organized and is leading the Bread and Cup Class to prepare children for participating in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. These children will share in their first communion on World Communion Sun. , Oct. 3. Rachel describes her faith like this, "For me, being a Presbyterian means that I am trusting in God's continual work in the world; not just as a superior power, but also as detailed and personal director. My longings and desires are God's

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doing, and my actions are always leading to God's glory. The most I can ask is that God's will be done throughout me." Doug and Rachel are in the adoption process and anticipate welcoming a precious little girl into their lives in the near future.

As **Charles Rountree** finally threw his keys on the desk, as he had been threatening to do for some time, retiring after eleven years of solid, dependable service as our Director of Finance, we knew we had big shoes to fill. We found the one who could fill those shoes, though wearing more petit and stylish ones, in **Sharon Doggett**. A native of Birmingham and longtime member of nearby Highlands United Methodist Church, where she and her husband John were married, Sharon graduated from Mountain Brook High School, Auburn University and Emory University, Candler School of Theology, where she earned her Certificate in Church Business Administration. Previously she served in administrative director roles at Brookwood Baptist Church, Discovery United Methodist Church and ClearBranch United Methodist Church. As Director of Administration and Finance, Sharon is responsible for oversight of the Church's finances and supervising and directing the non-ministerial church staff, including front office, sextons and kitchen. Sharon is working hard to pull together our far-flung ministries, coordinating building maintenance and scheduling, day-to-day office operations, including computers and all office machinery, all aspects of budgets and finances including work with the Church's Foundation. Sharon is a dedicated follower of Jesus Christ and her faith is evident in her joyful spirit among us. She and her husband will be taking a long-anticipated anniversary trip to Italy as you receive this newsletter, but on their return be sure you stop by and introduce yourself.

With all these new folks among us, I regret to add that we will soon be losing **James Copeland** as he pursues his sense of call to Ministry. James will become full-time as Youth and Assistant Pastor at Liberty Baptist Church and anticipates being ordained to the Gospel Ministry this fall. Soon he and his wife Emily are expecting the birth of their second child. James' last day with us will be October 14. Be sure to let James know how much you appreciate his years with us. Personnel Ministry is evaluating our needs as we look to fill his position.

With Gratitude for All These and for You,

Dr. Ed Hurley



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Birmingham's 5th Annual Reap Life DIG Event

Thursday, November 10th

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

the Zoo Lodge at the Birmingham Zoo

2630 Cahaba Rd.

Birmingham, AL 35223

Tickets—\$25

For more information, visit www.ReapLifeDIG.org.



October 1, Saturday

8:15am - AA (Builders Classroom)
10am—AlAnon (G21)

October 2, Sunday

World Communion 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)
5:30pm - Youth Group (Youth Suite)
6pm - Sharing Group (Builders)
6:30pm - Brick @ Nite (G-22)

October 3, Monday

6:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast
4:15pm - Harp Circle (Parlor)
5:30pm - Coordinating Council
6pm - PW General Meeting (SDR)

October 4, Tuesday

11:30am - Children's Committee Mtg
5:30pm—New Officer Training (YS)
7pm - SHIP's Dance Lessons (DFH)

October 5, Wednesday

10am - Ladies Bible Study (Parlor)
12pm - AlaNon Group (G-14)
2pm - Sharing Group (Builders Class)
5pm - Service of Healing & Wholeness
5pm - Dinner & WNL
6pm - LOGOS & Youth
6:15pm - Handbells
6:30pm - Adult Programming
6:30pm - Let's Talk

October 6, Thursday

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

October 7, Friday

2pm - Sharing Group (Builders)

October 8, Saturday

8:15am - AA (Builders Classroom)
10am—AlAnon (G21)

October 9, Sunday

Birmingham Hospitality Network
8:30am - Worship Service (Chapel)
9:30am - Sunday School
11am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
1pm - Carefirst (Chapel)
1:30pm - Kenyan Youth Group (Chapel)

2pm - Sunday Club (DFH)
4pm - Youth Council (Youth Suite)
5:30pm - Youth Group (Youth Suite)
6pm - Sharing Group (Builders)
6:30pm - Brick @ Nite (G-22)

October 10, Monday

Birmingham Hospitality Network
6:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast
10:30am - PW (Parlor)
12pm - PW Circle 1 (SDR)
4:15pm - Harp Circle (Parlor)

October 11, Tuesday

Birmingham Hospitality Network
10am - Committee on Ministry
5:30pm—New Officer Training (TBA)
7pm - SHIP's Dance Lessons (DFH)

October 12, Wednesday

Birmingham Hospitality Network
10am - Ladies Bible Study (Parlor)
12pm - AlaNon Group (G-14)
2pm - Sharing Group (Builders Class)
5pm - Service of Healing & Wholeness
5pm - Dinner & WNL
6pm - LOGOS & Youth
6:15pm - Handbells
6:30pm - Adult Programming

October 13, Thursday

Birmingham Hospitality Network
9:30am - Women of the Word (SDR)
9:30am - CPM (G-15)

October 14, Friday

Birmingham Hospitality Network
11am - Highlanders Coffee Concert
2pm - Sharing Group (Builders)

October 15, Saturday

Birmingham Hospitality Network
8:15am - AA (Builders Classroom)
10am - AlAnon (G21)

October 16, 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)
5:30pm - Youth Group (Youth Suite)
6pm - Sharing Group (Builders)
6:30pm - Brick @ Nite (G-22)

October 17, Monday

4:15pm - Harp Circle (Parlor)
5:30pm - Session Meeting (DFH)

October 18, Tuesday

5:30pm - New Officer Training
7pm - SHIP's Dance Lessons (DFH)

October 19, Wednesday

10am - Ladies Bible Study Group (Parlor)
12pm - AlaNon Group (G-14)
2pm - Sharing Group (Builders)
5pm - Service of Healing & Wholeness
5pm - Dinner & WNL
6pm - LOGOS & Youth
6:15pm - Handbells
6:30pm - Adult Programming
6:30pm - Let's Talk

October 20, Thursday

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

October 21, Friday

2pm - Sharing Group (Builders)

October 22, Saturday

8:15am - AA (Builders Classroom)
10am - AlAnon (G21)

October 23, 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)

October 24, Monday

4:15pm - Harp Circle (Parlor)

October 25, Tuesday

5:30pm - New Officer Training
7pm - SHIP's Dance Lessons (DFH)

October 26, Wednesday

10am - Ladies Bible Study Group (Parlor)
12pm - AlaNon Group (G-14)
2pm - Sharing Group (Builders)
5pm - Service of Healing & Wholeness
5pm - Dinner & WNL
6pm - LOGOS & Youth
6:15pm - Handbells
6:30pm - Adult Programming

October 27, Thursday

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

October 28, Friday

2pm - Sharing Group (Builders)

October 29, Saturday

8:15am - AA (Builders Classroom)
10am - AlAnon (G21)

Meeting Locator Key

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

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

Roger Clayton - Spain Rehab
Sarah Jane Taylor—St. Vincent's

Member Prayer Requests

Frank and Grayson Alexander
Don Baird
Heather Batey
Sandy Bergeron
Judy Black
Allen Borden
Martha Bottomley
Jeannie Burton
John Buttler
Nick Cataldo
Carol Craig
Dori DeLuca
Joe and Judy Dolce
Polly Edwards
Jan Hatchett
Mary Head
Ruth Hobson
Anne & John Homer
Bob Hunter
Frank and Charlotte Lankford
Donna Lowe
Ida Mae Mason
Billy Mills
Gaynell Moore
Amy Nance
Wedonna Saxon
Ruth Seadler
Molly Slaughter
Sarah Jane Taylor
Mary & Ellis Wanninger
Harvey Watson
Dewey White

Family Prayer Requests

Brother and family – **Al Hill** Jaxton
Holly – Jarrod Bazemore and family
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**
Father – Robyn's father health concerns –
William & Robyn Nichols
Faye Cooper – **cousin of Eleanor Garner**
Amy Crews – **cousin to Dr. Hurley**
Anna Daley – **niece of Sue Esleck –**
cousin of Brandon & Emily
Elesck
Walter Dana – **Pat Woody's brother**
Dylan David – **Bob and 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 Dison – Relative of **The Dison and Marchant Family**
Mary Ann Flaskerud – **Amanda's aimt**
Sandy Folmar – **Jackie Presley's neice-in-law**
Harrell Fooshee – **Chad Fooshee's father**
Kim Fredrick – **Allen Borden's sister**
Billy Kitchens – **nephew-in-law of Martha Foster**
Bonnie Runnels Hassler – daughter of **Carol Runnels**
Ryan Holle – Family member of **Carol Runnels**
Martha Mathes Hopper – **Jacque Mathes' daughter**
Peggy Sue Horse, **cousin of Grace Slaughter**
Helen Hudgens – **Prayer for Eric a nephew**
Liliana Ide – **neice of Christopher Davis**
Shannon Jenkins – **sister of Malin Selman**
Virgil & Ruth Jensen – **King family – Mary Alice – Diana's mother**
Jean Jones – **Susan Glover's aunt**
Lester Keith – **Sue Keith's brother**
Lillian Kennedy – **Robert Dollar's mother**
Judy King – **Brian King's mother**
Wilson and Sarah King – **Ham and Margy Perkins' family**
Allen Kyzar – **Becky Smith's brother**
Former member, Jeff Larson, son of Al Larson – very ill in Georgia
Ken Lewis – **brother of Ethan Lewis**
Don Littrell – **Debbie Perkins' father**
Jim Lloyd, **Bart Lloyd's father**
James Manley – stepfather of **Mary Baker**
Tom Marshall, **grandfather of Stephanie Magnus**
Debra Miller – **Grace Slaughter's sister**
Joseph A. Miller, Jr. – **Joey Miller's father**
Mother – **Wende Berryhill**
Keith Leitner Roberts – **Carol Leitner's son**
Julie Robertson – **Jackie Presley's cousin**
Peggy Runnels – **Carol Runnels' daughter-in-law**
Pensacola family – **Carol Runnels' family**
Lisa Rutherford – **Bob & Carolyn Hunter's daughter**
Brenda Sager – **Robyn Nichols' mother**
Mr. & Mrs. C.W Slaughter – **Terry Slaughter's parents**
Steve Slaughter – **Terry Slaughter's brother**
Asa Smith – **loss of parents**
Gary Spain – **Relative of Jackie Presley**
Marlys Stariha – **Jim Stariha's mother**
Ty's grandmother – **Rachel & Kelly Ross-Davis**
Jerome Turner - **Clorietta Thomas' brother**
James Weems – **brother-in-law of Cheryl Weems**
Ruth West – **Jan Monroe's mother**
Bob Whitley – **Joe Whitley's father and Dee Whitley's husband.**
Emma Jean Willis – **Nancy Deason's mother**

Carolyn Wright – **Jane Wilson's daughter-in-law's mother**

Armed Forces

John A. Smith Buck, Special Tactics Naval Training, San Antonio, TX, **grandson of Darthula & Gray Buck**
Richard Gilchrist, Jr. – Iraq
Franklin Helms – marine deployed to 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

- ◆ **Robert and Janice Hay** and family in the death of Janice's mother, Betty Farnell, on September 11th.
- ◆ **Jim and Linda Lehe**, in the death of Jim's sister, Virginia Etridge, on August 5th.
- ◆ **Regina and Jack Featheringill** and family, in the death of Regina's mother, Maxine Owens, on September 1st.
- ◆ The family of SHPC member **Charlotte Daly** who passed away on September 2nd.

Congratulations to

- ◆ **Dorothy Parker** in the birth of her first great grandchild, Elliot Thomas Koon, on September 13th.
- ◆ **Ham and Marge Perkins** in the birth of great granddaughter, Hannah Jaffray King, on August 9th.

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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