

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cloverdale Lock-In
February 11, 2010

Lomax Youth Rally
March 18-19, 2011

Maywood Christian Camp
June 26-July 2

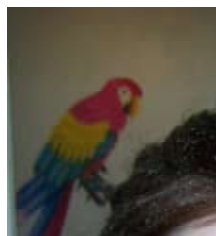
Horizons at FHU
July 3-8, 2011

Clewiston Mission Trip



July 14-23, 2011

If you are interested in going please sign up on the youth board. We need to have a pretty solid number by February 13 so we can reserve our rooms. The first payment is also due on that day.



Website

When you get a chance, go and check out our updated church website at www.highlandparkchurchofchrist.org

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Several people have been working hard lately to get it updated and there is a lot of great information about several of our ministries on there. Currently you can read about and access material on Mike and Brenda's work in Bangladesh and Nepal, the youth group, and the prison ministry. You can also look at the latest bulletins and will soon be able to access Highland Park's sermons. There is still a lot to do, but we hope that it will be a way for us to keep up with what is going on and a great way for newcomers to our area to find out more about Highland Park.

LAST PAYMENT FOR CYC DUE

\$30 on February 6th

Covers last cabin payment

IF YOU ARE CONFUSED ABOUT WHETHER YOU HAVE PAID OR NOT,
HERE IS THE BREAKDOWN OF WHAT YOU SHOULD HAVE ALREADY PAID:

Initial cabin cost: \$30

Registration cost (only adults or non-HP members): \$25

(If you have not made all these payments, please do so ASAP.)



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Elders

Tim Fulmer
Glen Grubbs
Russell Smelser

Ministers

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SERVICE SCHEDULE:

SUNDAY:

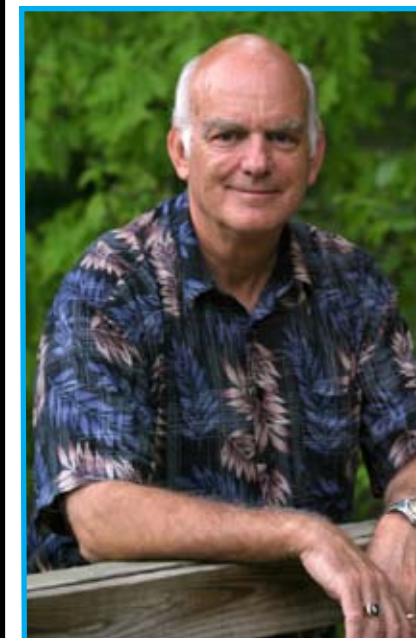
9:00am Bible Class
10:00am Worship
4:30pm Prayer Session
5:00pm Worship

WEDNESDAY:

7:00pm Bible Class

The Record You Help Make

Bible Class186
AM Worship307
PM Worship203
Contribution..... \$ 8,525
Child Care..... \$ 98



Leadership Workshop

Highland Park will host a Leadership Workshop with Jerrie Barber of Cookeville, Tennessee on Saturday and Sunday, February 12 – 13. Jerrie has specialized in these subjects for a number of years and does exceptional work in these fields. He is an outstanding speaker who will encourage as well as inform us.

Saturday the 12th will be devoted to small group meetings as Jerrie meets with deacons, elders and ministers separately. Sunday he will speak at each of our assemblies.

The schedule is:

Saturday, February 12

7:00 – 7:30 a.m.: Breakfast in the Multipurpose Room
7:30 – 9:30 a.m.: Meeting of Deacons
10:00 – 12:00 a.m.: Meeting of Ministers
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.: Lunch for all leaders
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.: Meeting of Elders

Sunday, February 13

9:00 a.m.: Jerrie Barber will speak for combined classes (5th and above)
10:00 a.m.: Jerrie Barber will preach at the morning assembly
11:00 a.m.: Fellowship Dinner in the Multipurpose Room (everybody is invited!)
5:00 p.m.: Jerrie Barber will preach at the evening assembly

I am very excited about the coming workshop and hope that all of you will participate in the appropriate portions. Jerrie is an outstanding gospel preacher who has focused on areas that have been long ignored by many of us. I believe Highland Park will both enjoy and benefit greatly from his being with us.

M.E.B.

Sick: Austin Davenport has been moved to a stepdown recovering from heart surgery. Betty Davenport is at Cayron's home. Jack Wilhelm is home recovering from surgery. Betty Barnes is home recovering from cancer surgery on her eye Thursday. Mike Farris has begun treatments for pancreatic cancer. Roy Thompson is still fighting the infection in his leg. Ragan McBride is in Birmingham in Children's Hospital on a respirator. Pat Quinn is in Keller in room 239 recovering from a broken hip. Sue Townsel (Ashley Waldrop's grandmother) is in UAB Hospital with a blood clot in one lung and is on a ventilator. Mike Brooks & Jane Moore would like us to remember their 1st cousins, Lori Shepard (surgery in Huntsville 2/1) & Rodney Brooks (heart pump installed soon).

General Men's Meeting

(For all the men)

TONIGHT at 6:30
following PM Worship



Remember our
Special 5th Sunday
Contribution is TODAY!

A thank you card is posted on the bulletin board from Mary Barker.



Dorcas Ladies

Will meet each 2nd & 4th
Wednesday at 9:00AM

Leadership Workshop
Speaker- Jerrie Barber Fellowship Meal
Sunday, Feb 13th
Invite Your Friends & Family!

A Baby's Hug

We were the only family with children in the restaurant. I sat Erik in a high chair and noticed everyone was quietly sitting and talking. Suddenly, Erik squealed with glee and said, 'Hi.' He pounded his fat baby hands on the high chair tray. His eyes were crinkled in laughter and his mouth was bared in a toothless grin, as he wriggled and giggled with merriment. I looked around and saw the source of his merriment. It was a man whose pants were baggy with a zipper at half-mast and his toes poked out of would-be shoes. His shirt was dirty and his hair was uncombed and unwashed. The old man's hands waved. 'Hi there, baby; hi there, big boy. I see ya, buster.'

My husband and I exchanged embarrassed looks. Erik continued to laugh and answer, 'Hi.' Everyone in the restaurant noticed and looked at us and then at the man. Our meal came and the man began shouting from across the room, "Do ya patty cake? Do you know peek-a-boo? Hey, look, he knows "peek-a-boo." Nobody thought the old man was cute. He was obviously drunk.

Erik, continued to run through his repertoire for the admiring skid-row bum, who in turn, reciprocated with his cute comments. We finished the meal and my husband went to pay the check telling me to meet him in the parking lot. The old man sat between me and the door.

As I drew closer to the man, I turned my back trying to sidestep him. As I did, Erik leaned over my arm, reaching with both arms in a baby's 'pick-me-up' position. Before I could stop him, Erik had propelled himself from my arms to the man. Suddenly a very old smelly man and a very young baby consummated their affection and kinship. Erik laid his tiny head upon the man's ragged shoulder. The man's eyes closed, tears beneath his lashes. His aged hands cradled my baby's bottom and stroked his back. I stood awestruck. The old man rocked and cradled Erik in his arms and said, 'You take care of this baby.'

Somehow I managed, 'I will,' from a throat that contained a stone. He gently pried Erik from his chest, and as I received my baby, the old man said, 'God bless you, ma'am, you've given me a wonderful gift today.'

With Erik in my arms, I went to the car asking God to forgive me. I had just witnessed Christ's love shown through the innocence of a tiny child who saw no sin, made no judgments; a child who saw a soul, and a mother who saw only tattered clothes. I was a Christian who was blind, holding a child who was not.

I asked myself, "Am I not willing to share my son for a moment when God shared His? How did God feel when he put His baby into our unclean arms 2000 years ago and we sought to kill him?"

We must always remember who we are, where we came from. Most importantly, adjust our attitudes on how we feel about others. The clothes on your back or the car that you drive or the house that you live in does not define you at all; **It is how you treat your fellow man that identifies you.**

*"God is not partial to princes,
nor does He regard the rich more than the poor;
For they are all the work of His hands."
(Job 34:19)*

THOSE TO SERVE

10:00 AM WORSHIP
Read Scripture..... Freddie Williams
Opening Prayer..... James McAffry
Closing Prayer..... Mike Farris

5:00 PM SERVICE
Read Scripture..... Blake Holliman
Opening Prayer..... Denis Frederick
Closing Prayer..... Bobby Price

Greeters..... Grant & Sheila Azbell
Building Lockup Michael South

JANUARY CONTACT ELDER
Glenn Grubbs



Prayer Lists:

Mabeth Jones, Pauline Jackson, Harvey Hasha, Rayburn Moore (Melinda Logan's brother-in-law), Wylodean Dabbs, Vic & Margaret Addington, Lois Black, Opal Farris, Guy Jeffreys, Austin & Betty Davenport, Jimmy & Olene Hanback

Please remember our cancer patients:

Robin McCollum, Brenda Pettus, Howard Jeffreys
Adrian West (Robin McCollum's mother), Kenneth Harrison (Dot Crowden's brother), Becky Mays (Joyce Rose's friend); David Blazer, Ann Hargett, Betty Barnes, Mike Farris
Mozelle King (Faye Smith's friend)
Norma Hallmark (B Thompson's sister-in-law)
Spruell Fretwell (Faye Smith's cousin)

Widows & Singles

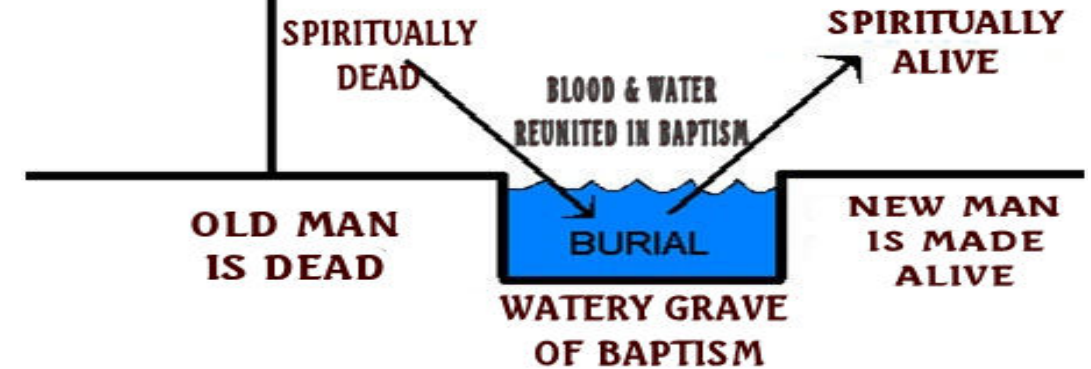
Will meet at
Pizza Hut
tonight after worship!



Pantry item
Cereal

**Blood and Water
Shed on the Cross**

**A DIAGRAM OF
ROMANS 6:3-6
THE DEATH, BURIAL, & RESURRECTION
OF A SPIRITUALLY DEAD MAN**



SOME RESULTS OF BAPTISM

Continued....

The purpose of baptism is "for the remission of sins." However there are other consequences that result from receiving it. We have already noted that it places us "in Christ". This is the basis for our fellowship with the Savior who commanded "Abide in me" (John 15:4). He says, "Without me you can do nothing" (John 15:5), and "If anyone does not abide in me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered" (John 15:6). Baptism begins a relationship with Jesus that lasts throughout eternity and enables us to be fruitful unto God.

Since baptism places us in Christ, it also results in our entering into his body, the church (Ephesians 1:22-23). In Acts 2:47, after recording the baptism of 3,000 people on the day of Pentecost, we are told, "And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved" (New King James Version). Note that some translations omit the word "church", reading "added daily those who were being saved", but the sense is the same. They were added to the fellowship of believers, which is the New Testament definition of "church". Every Christian is a member of Jesus' church. We do not join some man-made denomination. God enrolls us in the body of Christ, which he saved (Ephesians 5:23). "For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. For we are members of his body, of his flesh and of his bones" (Ephesians 5:29-30).

A third result of baptism is the death of the "old man" of sin, enabling us to begin "to walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4, 6). Paul's language in verse 4 is strongly reminiscent of Jesus' teaching on the new birth in John 3:3-8. There he says that one must be born "of water and the spirit". Paul identifies the new birth with baptism which ends one life and begins another. The emphasis here is not just the forgiveness or remission of sins, but the end of a sinful life. One is freed from the guilt of past sins. He is also freed from slavery to sin, so that he may live righteously. Baptism alone does not accomplish this. Repentance is also essential, as is trust in Jesus and obedience to his commands (Ephesians 4:20-24). But the symbolic crucifixion one experiences in baptism is a part of the process, and marks the transition between one life and the other.