November *news*

Patient Zero

I was patient zero.

A few years ago, I had just finished chemo treatments for breast cancer and was mentally preparing myself for surgery. Days before it was scheduled, I noticed a small patch of bumps on my back that seemed concerning. I was afraid it was cancer that had spread so I called my doctor's office. The nurse said she had no concerns that it was cancer, but was suspicious that it could be shingles and recommended I go immediately to an urgent care center.

I did, and the doctor there immediately said it was shingles and that surgery would have to wait. I didn't want to believe it, so I tried a different urgent care. One quick look and the second doctor confirmed it was shingles.

Earlier that morning a coworker had asked me to hold her tiny baby while she went to another office for an assignment. I never ever ask to hold anyone's baby; they make me nervous. But since she asked, I agreed. At the time I had no idea I could have shingles.

Sweet, 4-month-old Genevieve ended up with a terrible case of chickenpox.

My precious husband managed to skip chickenpox for 48 years, but my shingles put an end to that and gave him a dreadful case of the pox. He was miserable.

And somehow, another coworker, with whom I did not share an office or even any small talk, ended up with chickenpox as well. I still have no idea how I managed to be responsible for that, but it seems I was.

I thought that case of the shingles was only affecting me, but it surely reached much further. I was jokingly (I think) referred to as Patient Zero, taking everyone in my path down with me.

Something that spreads just as quickly as my shingles is my attitude.

The things we say can spread further than we expect. My negative attitude about things can affect your mood for the day. And your mood can rub off on someone in your circle. We might think our words and attitudes are simply our own problems to deal with, but those words spread.

Proverbs 18:21 says, ***"Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit."***

Our words have power.

On the flip side of this is the good our words can do. When someone is kind and encouraging, it can reframe our perspective for the morning. Our positive words then do the same for those we interact with.

Some important prep work is laid out for us in Philippians 4:8. Paul tells us to focus our mind on things that are true and noble and right and pure and lovely and admirable and excellent and praiseworthy. If those things are filling our mind, our words will reflect that.

Luke 6:45 confirms this by saying ***"the mouth speaks what the heart is full of."***

Many of you are the speakers of life to me and I am grateful for you. I want to be that for you as well.

Death and life... the choice is ours.

-Jennifer Chapman

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Beginning Nov 7th @ 9:30 AM

HF DISC GOLF CLUB

Meets First Saturdays
Barboursville Park-Pavillion by the Lake

HEART SAVER CPR / AED FIRST AID CLASS

Contact Lynda Turner by November 5 if interested.
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November 7 , 9am-3pm
Cost varies $20

All Church Thanksgiving Dinner

November 15 following Worship

Sign up at the Welcome Center



United Gratitude Gathering

Let's come together with grateful hearts through worship, scripture, prayer, sharing our stories, and fellowship.

November 22 | 6 PM
1102 Adams Ave



NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

1 Doyle Ferguson
Paiton Dean
Rileigh Lang
2 Brooke Hinchman
3 Betty Carter
5 Luke Hamilton
Susan Rorabaugh
Taylor Baker
6 Kenneth Lenhart
10 Lynda Turner
11 Leigha Patton
12 Joe Chinn
13 Pam Simpkins
14 Bentley Shaw
20 Craig Davis
21 Kristopher Chinn
Maverick Thomas
Stacy Atkins
23 Natalie Baker
24 Heidi Hammons
26 Tracy Hammons
27 Adalyn Lambert
28 Alex Pannell
Debbie Chinn
29 Rachel Keiper
30 Katrina Zornes

ANNIVERSARIES

1 (Dallas)* & Wilma Moore
4 Paul & Donna Montie
Tim & Tina Dean
5 Zach & Janice Smith
20 Caleb & Allison Saxton
29 Oscar & (Betty)*

*We remember...

Second Saturday Prayer

November 14
9:00 AM



HF Homebound Church Family

Marian Crowe
Barbara Finley
Deborah Gibson
Marie Scheff
Melba Sprouse
Oscar Staggs
Tammy Stultz
Eleanor Dean
Ron Davidson (Katie)
Betty Muncy (Judi Cox)
Ron Dallis (Judi)

Let's remember to pray for each one, consider sending a card or even visiting them.

WIDOW'S LUNCHEON

November 21

Open Gym

GLOW IN THE DARK VOLLEYBALL

Nov 20 6-9 pm

November Mission Offering Focus

THANKSGIVING OFFERING FOR WORLD EVANGELISM



"Our God of grace often gives us a second chance, but there is no second chance to harvest a ripe crop." – Kurt von Schleicher

NOVEMBER COLLECTION ITEM



CRISIS CARE KIT

Small Stuffed Toys

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS!



NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK NOV. 16-23

PACK A SHOEBOX

Scan to Get Started

NOVEMBER 2026

ALL CHURCH, HF KIDS, HF YOUTH, HF WOMEN'S MIN, THRIVE

HIGHLAWN COMMUNITY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 **HF Women's Fall Retreat**	2	3 THRIVE-Men's, Women's & Young Adults Groups	4 Wed. Night Activities Women's Bible Study	5 THRIVE-Married Group	6	7 **HF Disc Golf Club** THRIVE-Mom's of Little Ones
8	9	10 THRIVE-Rick's Group Prayer Shawl THRIVE-Young Adults Group	11 Wed. Night Activities Women's Bible Study	12 THRIVE-College & Career	13	14 2nd Saturday Prayer NYI - M Game Day
15  **All Church Thanksgiving Dinner** NDI Meeting	16	17 THRIVE-Men's, Women's & Young Adults Groups	18 Wed. Night Activities Women's Bible Study	19 THRIVE-Married Group	20 Open Gym Youth Lock-in	21 Widow's Luncheon
22 Joint Gratitude Gathering  	23	24 THRIVE-Rick's Group Prayer Shawl THRIVE-Young Adults Group	25 Wed. Night Activities Women's Bible Study	26  	27	28
29 Leadership Team Meeting	30					

Connect. Thrive. Serve.

"Our vision at HF is to be a church that is CONNECTING with Christ and people, THRIVING in Christ and God's Word and SERVING Christ and others."

CONNECTING:

HF Youth: What an exciting time to be a part of our Huntington First Youth Ministries! Pastor Sawyer has taken initiative to make connections with our teenagers here at home, and with our district youth ministries as well. Our teenagers that were able to participate, had a great District Youth Retreat where they were challenged Spiritually and continued to build Godly relationships.

In another opportunity to connect beyond our home church, on November 12 there will be a Youth Lock-in from 6 PM to 8:30 AM, where teenagers from Walnut Hills and Central will be joining in.

Here at home, he has organized monthly Open Gym nights where we've seen lots of people from the Highlawn Community attend and have been able to make connections there as well.

Finally, Pastor Sawyer has been in conversation with the Director of the local chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) and has been asked to be involved on a leadership level. Be praying that FCA begins to blossom again in our area schools. He has personally been able to make connections with the leadership at Huntington East Middle School and will be starting a Bible club there. As I said, these are exciting days for our youth, and we should be so encouraged by the intentionality of our Youth Pastor!

THRIVING:

Attendance: 1 Thessalonians 5:11 says, "So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing." (NLT) Huntington first churches always been incredibly welcoming and engaging with every visitor that comes through our doors. With humility, that should be worn as a badge of honor to the Lord.

In efforts to continue building on that wonderful reputation, the efforts of our stewardship team (especially under the leadership of Nathan Miller) we have seen not only growth but real relationships being formed, and best of all, real Spiritual growth within the lives of our church community! I've asked Nathan to include these numbers in all of our monthly Leadership Team meetings as they are so encouraging. Let me just share a few of them with you:

- We are averaging 146 in attendance which is an increase of 16.6%.
- ·We have had 37 people go from first time attenders to regular attenders since last year, so our retention rate is at about 45%.
- ·Pastor Trevor has taught 2 separate 3-week long Introduction to the Church of the Nazarene classes in the last year. We've seen 10-12 people in attendance. We took-in new members a few months ago and will be taking several more in on Nov. 8th.

Fall Festival: On October 24th the Highlawn Community Fall festival took place on the church grounds. This is our 5th year of partnering with the Highlawn Alliance and other neighboring organizations to bring people together through this event. It is estimated that we had around 400 people attend and with the addition of a community art project as well as a small business event, it was a great success, and we were able to make lots of connections with our neighbors.

SERVING:

Trustees Projects: The Kitchenette in the Children's Ministry area is underway and is over half finished. The handicap parking spaces have been repainted, and the visitor spots have been removed for 2 additional spots as well as an expecting mother space. Also, new lines have been painted to highlight a transition in the concrete from the parking lots to the church entrances for safety purposes. The back stairwell and the doors behind the church will be blasted and repainted in early November. These are needs that will help us minister as we grow. Thank you for faithfully tithing so we can continue to serve.

Pastor's Note: The leadership here at HF is so grateful for all of the new faces we've been seeing, for your faithfulness to give and serve, and most of all for the Spirit's moving among our people. For us to continue reaching out to our neighbors as well as providing the facilities and things we need for ministry, we want to say thank you for your giving and ask that you continue to be faithful. In addition, we're grateful for all those who have accepted the responsibility of serving in the church. Finally, thank you on behalf of our entire pastoral staff for your generosity and kind words of affirmation during pastor appreciation month. Again, Teresa and I what to give a huge thank you to our church family for the outpouring of love we received at our 10-year surprise party. It was a surprise and we're so humbled.

I'm so happy to be your Pastor and it's been my hope and purpose to be able to keep our church body informed about the exciting things happening here at Huntington First. If you ever find yourself in need, or just have a question, please don't hesitate to reach out to myself, a Staff Pastor or a Leadership Team member. Let's all go and be light in a dark world!

In Jesus,
Pastor Marc


Dearest Church family?
Teresa and I want to share our gratitude for the overwhelming way our 10th yr. here at HF was celebrated. The party with all of you was the best gift we could have received. We're both so happy to be where God has placed us for the last decade. (an entire DECADE! Really!?) We are truly humbled by the outpourings of love. Thank you!
Also, the staff and I would like to give everybody a huge thank you for the generosity during Pastor's Appreciation Month. We are all so blessed to serve here at HFCN along-side such wonderful people. We are all very appreciative of the cards, gifts & compliments. We're so very blessed!
Love in Jesus,
Pastors Marc, Ivanor & Sawyer
Thank you!