



we've been called

60 Years and Beyond:
60 Years of Caring
Memory Book
2002-2012

At Highland Park, We've been called to be a
Worshipping | Learning | Practicing | Community of Faith

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About the Front Cover

A logo makes a first impression--an impact, positive or negative, that begins the way someone looks at a company, organization, or church. When we set out to create a new logo for Highland Park, my first choice was a foosball trophy, but that idea was quickly shot down. We knew we had a big responsibility, and we wanted to create something that communicated both the "what" and the "why" for this wonderful church. For the "what," when people see the logo, we want them to quickly understand this is a vibrant, welcoming church, hence the use of bright, but warm colors. On the "why" front, this logo illustrates the climb we're on together. When someone looks at the logo, we want them to not only get the feeling that they can grab a blanket and come join us on the green grass, but they can join us for the journey of a lifetime--a climb with a group of people who have been called to higher ground and are supporting each other every step of the way. Our hope is that the logo acts as a trailhead for this church, and more importantly, this journey for years to come.

---Rusty Shelton, Public Relations Chairman
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IN THE BEGINNING . . . Was The Dream

Let me tell you a tale, a bit of oral history, if you please. Back when . . . there was no Highland Park Baptist Church, no Highland Park Elementary School, no Highland Park shopping center, no Randall's or other businesses. There was a tall radio tower with its long guy wires for stability in front of where Randall's is today and a horse and riding stable where Randall's is currently. There was a bait shop and a beer joint on the opposite sides of Balcones Road about where the fire station is today. Balcones was a narrow rural road, part of Bull Creek Rd., running along the base of a cedar and oak covered hill side, leading out to 2222.

Dr. Caryle Marney, First Baptist Church pastor and Jim Sapp, FBC Education Director were conferencing on a horse-back ride one afternoon. They paused on high ground to rest the horses and look at the beauty of the area. Marney turned to Jim and made the observation, "This area needs a church!" It turned out to be a prophetic observation.

Edgar H. (Commodore). Perry conceived of Highland Park West shortly after World War II, and laid out the sub-division in 1948, his friends telling him "Edgar, are you crazy, no one will ever move out that far." As houses started to go up, Mr. Perry realized the neighborhood lacked a church, so he offered land above the old quarry behind Highland Park School to First Baptist Church in Austin. Because the tract was too small, there was subsequently a trade for the present site of Highland Park Baptist.



First site of the Highland Park Baptist Church, 1951

April 27, 1952-- The first worship service was held at Camp Mabry Armory with approximately 100 in attendance. Sermon topic was "Upon This Rock," using the scripture from Matthew 16:18. Twenty-five placed their membership with the church.

The National Guard Armory proved a busy place at the height the Korean War, and services had to compete with military meetings. In 1953, the church relocated to facilities at the Highland Park Elementary School with worship services in the school cafeteria. By April 1953, the church had grown to seventy-six members.

This year we're 60 years young

---John Miller

The Golden Circle

Nine members have been and are still active at Highland Park for fifty years or more, some as early as the time church meetings were held in the cafeteria at Highland Park Elementary School.

Kathleen Miller (Perry)-charter member (1953)

Joyce Skinner--(1954)

Carolyn Miller--(1954)

John Miller-- (1956)

Bettie Porter--(1958)

Laura Johnson--(1959)

Janie Patterson--1959)

Dottie Denton---1961)

Lorene Denney--(1962)

Janie Patterson was the ninth active member for 50 years or more. She was sent a letter with questions regarding her membership, but before she could respond, she died. (March 20, 2012) Church records show she joined in 1959.

In response to a questionnaire sent to each of the members and an interview whenever possible, the following responses are below.

1. What year did you join the church?

Kathleen--Mr. E.H. Perry (Edgar's grandfather) developed the Highland Park area. When he heard of our goal and desire to have a Baptist Church in the area, he offered property which was behind the grade school and the shopping center. The space was limited because of large land faults in the center of the whole property. Mr. Perry had other property which was available between Perry Lane and Shoal Creek Boulevard. It was considered ideal for a large building. That space became Highland Park Baptist Church.

We, Edgar and Kathleen and daughters Sheri and Kimberly Perry, lived in the Highland Park residential area in early 1953.

I joined with several original home owners to contact all new residents to be aware of our goal for a Baptist Church in the community. We went house to house with good results and interest.

We first met in homes, then in a building of the Army Reserves, and also Highland Park Elementary School for Sunday School and church services and meetings. We continued the contact of new residents in the area. Interest was growing.

Joyce--I don't remember for sure, but it was way back there when we met in the cafeteria at Highland Park Elementary School. (Church records record her joining in 1954.) We only had one Women's Sunday School class. Members included Elsie Foscue and Beulah Smith. I was only 27 at the time and was the youngest member. Our son

Steve had not been born. But soon after that, I think around 1954, both the pastor's wife and I had babies. The pastor was John Lee Smith.

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John--I joined at the first service in the new sanctuary in April of 1956.

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Joyce--I think John Lee is the one who really inspired Herb and me. John Lee called him a suitcase Baptist because he had left his membership at Winters, Texas all those years. Also, he was close to our age and had a child at about the same time. He was so very special.

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Bettie--I remember Ray Burchette the most. But I liked John Stanley because of the way he preached. He was very open in his preaching. He always seemed to be concerned with getting the message across.

3. Was there any one person, church group or organization that had an important impact on your life? Explain.

Kathleen--Yes, my Sunday School class. You can feel the love and interest in everyone.

John--The 55+ group was important. I helped to get it going to serve that age group.

Dottie--The Sunday School classes over the years were important, The Ruth Class, The Elsie Foscue Class, which later became The Joyce Skinner Class, and now The Explorer Class. "We ran the church a little bit." We all joined together if anything needed to be done. The Elsie Foscue Class was special as we learned together.

Laura--I can't think of any particular church or organization, but the entire church. The church congregation was always there when we needed them.

Carolyn--The Elsie Foscue Class. And before that Peggy Smith, John Lee's wife, taught the class when we were meeting in the cafeteria at Highland Park Elementary School. Later Elsie Foscue taught the class once the church was completed.

Joyce--When we first began meeting at the school, we were a small congregation, but we really had fun. With only one women's class, the men would sometimes visit the class. I remember one year we had a Christmas party and the women were supposed to dress up related to their husband's profession. I went as a truck driver's wife and Carolyn Miller went as a banker's wife. It was a fun time for all of us.

Lorene--We were a young family with four daughters, and Herb and Joyce Skinner really took us under their wing. They made sure we were made to feel welcome. I can still remember how very glamorous and regal Joyce always looked.

Bettie--I especially like the Journey Sunday School class. Walt Shelton is the teacher and I like his manner of teaching as it is low key. He is an inspiration as he helps the class to ways of thinking out of the ordinary.

4. Do you remember any event, sermon, or message that had an important impact on your life?

Carolyn--One time Ray preached a sermon on *Bridge Over Troubled Waters* by Simon Garfunkle. He was having pancreatic problems at that time. He was having health problems like all of us have from time to time.

Joyce--I am sure many sermons were helpful over the years. John Lee was a very in-depth person. And Ray preached many wonderful sermons over the years.

Laura--I remember a church retreat in Kerrville. It was so good. An older man led the retreat, but I do not remember his name. But it is one event that I especially remember.

Lorene--On March 5, 1989, Ray preached a sermon entitled "When Failure Seems Too Great to Bear." The scripture was taken from Matthew: 27:3-8. I have long had a feeling of extreme sadness when I read about Judas. Ray preached on how miserable Judas must have felt to the extent that he took his own life. He posed the question to the congregation members--"Is there anyone in this room who has not experienced failure that at the time seemed too great to bear? "

Ray went on to say Judas was the only disciple who was not a Galilean. "He was an outsider. Do you know how that feels? Do you know how it feels to be labeled different? Judas began as odd-man out. Excluded from the group. A part and yet not a part of the group."

Ray closed the sermon by saying, "How great is our fear of failure! Sometimes it seems too great to bear. But there is good news! With God, there is no failure too great to bear. Believe that---and get on with life."

Dottie--The first sermon I remember Ray preaching was when some members had gone to the Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans. He related how he had met someone who said church did not meet his needs. His sermon was on that incident and it made a big impression on me.

Bettie--I feel good about any message when I do what I think God wants me to do.

Kathleen--Always the love of the members.

5. How do you think Christ is best presented in the church?

Dottie--Christ is a loving caring Christ.

John--By hearing and reading of help to others.

Carolyn--I think the friendly people.

Joyce--Through the many special ministries through the church.

Laura--I think it is through the way we care for each other. We have love for one another.

Lorene--Through the Touch ministry. We not only send cards to members but to other people not affiliated with the church who have asked for our prayers. The many, many

touch cards were a tremendous source of comfort and love to me when my granddaughter died in 2010. Ray Burchette even called from Colorado to offer his condolences.

Kathleen--The result of Christian sharing.

Bettie--I think the Touch Committee. It is a good way of outreach to other people.

6. *Is there some program/organization in the church which best defines our logo/theme of "We've Been Called."*

Laura--I think we are a special church. We are just different and unique. I worry about our church sometimes. The people who write the Touch cards are wonderful.

Joyce--I think the ministry in Mexico is one of the most important things we do. I was never able to participate in the ministry, but (with a twinkle in her eye) maybe I will be able to sometimes.

Carolyn--Probably our missionary work, especially in WMU. Also important mission work is done through such programs as Crop Walk, the Taize services, and the Soup Kitchen at University Baptist Church once a week.

Dottie--I think the Touch ministry, the river ministry, food bank, and all of the programs where we have outreach to other people.

John--The friendly people.

Lorene--When someone in the church has an illness or death, the church is supportive, helpful, caring, and loving. We reach out to the community in so many ways by having different support groups use our facilities. "We've Been Called" to be a diverse church where anyone and everyone.

Kathleen--Support and love for each other.

7. *Would you like to add any other information you think is important to the church?*

Carolyn--We need to pray for each other more to get through this trial. I don't know of any church that has had more tribulation during the last ten years or so.

Joyce--The Touch cards are very important. I don't know how many I have gotten this week alone.

Laura--The people who write Touch cards are wonderful.

John--I am proud of HPBC 's outreach and hosting the many outside groups which meet here.

Dottie--In the early years I was on the Pulpit Search Committee for Ray. I taught 2nd grade Sunday School class with Janie Patterson. For 20 years, I worked as a hospital medical technologist and was not as active in church. When Ann Godsey organized Triple L, I became active in the program. And I also began working on the Touch committee.

Lorene--This church has been a part of my life for so long that I cannot imagine going to any other church. Living 50 miles from the church sometimes works a hardship on simply "getting there." Visits to two other churches in Burnet just didn't make me want to even consider leaving Highland Park. I am here for the long run.

Kathleen--The wonderful communication of a Christian belief is important to any church.

Bettie--One of the best ways we are called is in our mission work. The church participates in many mission projects.

***We've Been Called
and
We've Answered***

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| Ministry Council..... | Nancy Lamb |
| Taize Worship Service | Rev. Melissa Russell |
| Youth Group..... | Katie Dodge, Will Glazener |
| A "Dream" of a Kitchen..... | Herb Wilson |
| Sisters In Service (SIS)..... | Mary Ellen Sullivan, Teresa Nuckols |
| JOY & CO..... | LaNell Coltharp |
| Dearly Beloved..... | Alana Mallard |
| "Under Construction"..... | Jeff Brower |
| Interfaith Hospitality Network..... | Cathy Glazener |
| Fair Trade Market..... | Terri Reynolds |
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| Foundation for the Homeless..... | Sharon Lowe, Executive Director |
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| Bluebonnet Chapter (ANG)..... | Inez Eppright |
| Boy Scout Troop 410..... | Daphne McMurrer |
| Baptist Community Center Mission..... | Center Press Release |
| Rise School..... | Emily Greer, Rise Director |
| South America Through Missions..... | Barbara Worley |

Pastors and Interim Pastors

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| Stephen Lucas: | Sept. 1999-May 2005 |
| Ron Higdon: | Feb 2006-May 2007 |
| Vernon Davis: | May 2007-April 2008 |
| Marcus McFaul: | May 2008-Sept. 2011 |

Ministry Council

From Board and Gavel to Council and Christ Candle

Historically Highland Park Baptist Church functioned in the common format of a board of deacons and numerous committees. Individuals were elected to serve for three year terms. Deacon meetings often focused on matters of business with little attention to doing worshipful work. In 2010, a group of church leaders were elected to begin study of a book entitled Attentive to God written by Karen Marie Yust. Our task was to examine the possibility of following her suggestions for mainline congregations to renew their work in a way for it to be spiritually energizing rather than emotionally draining.

At the end of a year of study, conversation, and prayerful considerations, this group presented a recommendation to the church that we move to a Ministry Council with a chair and eight ministries to be inclusive of all the work we are called to do. Each ministry has a chair and members of the church are encouraged to prayerfully consider where they are called to serve and use their God-given gifts.

Council Chair positions included Ministry, Servant, Mission, Worship, Membership/Stewardship, Christian Education, Communication/Technology, Family Life and Fellowship, Administration, Finance, Moderator, and Clerk.

This change has brought about focus on doing worshipful work, whether it be attending to missions, technology, or money and encouragement to prayerfully consider Ephesians 4: 11-13 "The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ."

—Nancy Lamb, First Ministry Council Chairperson

Ministry Council Positions for 2012

Ministry Council Chair--Joe Stafford
Christian Education Ministry Chair--Keith Cranford
Servant Ministry Chair--Melissa Russell
Missions Ministry Chair--David Duncan
Worship Ministry Chair--Kristin Werner
Family Life and Fellowship Ministry Chair--Teresa Nuckols
Membership/Stewardship Ministry Chair--Jay Evans
Administration Ministry Chair--Norma Spivey
Communication & Technology Ministry Chair--Deborah Autry
Finance Committee Chair--Tom Petrie
Personnel Ministry Chair--Don Dillard
Property Ministry Chair--Rodney Macias
Stewardship Ministry Chair-- Joe Haggard

Sunday Evening Prayers: A Taize-style Contemplative Worship Service

Taizé is a meditative style of worship that blends music, word, and silence. It is both a communal and a personal activity. This style of worship originated in a monastery at Taizé, France and has spread throughout the world. Taize is simply a town in France where an ecumenical community was formed, dedicated to this contemplative and prayerful worship style. The community has flourished over the years since the early 1940s. Outliving its founder, it continues to thrive and grow as thousands of people, particularly young people, journey to France to experience this worship.

We at Highland Park join in this deeply moving spiritual experience. Taizé Service is held in the church atrium at 7:30 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month. The service originated here in the summer of 2005, with Dan DeLeon and Anita Tyler organizing a group of musicians and worship leaders to provide a service in the church parlor one Wednesday evening each summer month. After that beginning, Anita convened a core group of interested members to plan for a monthly service. She invited the Rev. Shelby Dies from First Presbyterian Church to mentor the group based on her experience with a similar service at her church. Melissa Russell co-led the first service with Rev. Dies in November 2005, and Melissa has been providing leadership ever since. Anita Tyler, Judith Latimer and Nancy Lamb have coordinated the transformation of the atrium into a worship space and provided creative direction. Brenda Nelson provides musical leadership and vocals with Emily Yeager and Gwyndolyn Jones. Musicians are Jamie Tyler, John Hastings, John Lowe, and Boyd Robertson (emeritus). Nancy Lamb regularly serves as prayer minister with individuals.

A description of our service: Our setting is the atrium, transformed on every second Sunday into a worship venue. In the soft glow of tiny tea lights, there is a quiet respite of prayer and song. There is Scripture reading. There is beautiful music in the Taizé style, led by a small band of our musicians: voices, guitars and flute. The songs are simple and repetitive, learned easily, and sung from the heart. As each of us lets his or her voice join in at times and be silent at times, we become givers and receivers of the blessings of the Word and of the words set to music. Melissa Russell guides the meditation time, which is interspersed again with the music and quiet. There is a time for sharing our prayers, a time to speak out the prayers in this community of faith. It's a holy place of pooling our thanksgiving, our petitions, our hurts and our joys. There is a connectedness in joining hearts and voices in prayers that we rarely achieve in other settings. Praying with our family of faith binds us together.

There is a time of quiet meditation, for silent prayer or receiving the Lord's Supper, a singing of songs, lighting candles, praying with a prayer minister — a few moments for personal and private worship. It is a rare commodity and, in our own candlelit atrium, those who attend find a spiritual centering place that helps in all the other endeavors of our lives. It is a place where at every meeting, the healing, restoring work that is going on at Highland Park is prayed for aloud and in the hearts of those gathered together.

---Rev. Melissa Russell

Youth Group

The Youth Group is defined by two things...the close-knit friendships and familial bonds each member shares with one another, and its busy summer calendar of activities. The community found in the Youth Group is nurturing, supportive, and loves unconditionally. The group provides a welcoming place for kids of all backgrounds to come together and share their faith experiences. Most of the youth have grown up in this group, and from it, we have had excellent role models, and formed strong connections with God, our peers, and adults.

During the school year, we meet twice a week and are led in Bible study and fellowship, our main two non-summer activities. Bible study is geared toward building a strong foundation of faith, while venturing into the deeper questions that our faith offers us.

Additionally, we have served food at Soup Kitchens, visited residents at Retirement Homes, and visited with church members who can no longer make the commute to church on Sundays. Recently, the youth have remodeled the Underground to better accommodate themselves and the IHN guests who stay there every few weeks.

Every summer, we commit ourselves to spreading good works and faith, locally and across the nation. Around Austin, the youth are extremely active in fundraising for our mission trips. We are doing yard work, housework, working custodial shifts, and soliciting contributions door-to-door in neighborhoods.

We also help lead Vacation Bible School, the week-long Bible study, and Music/Drama Children's camp. These activities provide a safe and productive environment for the children to grow, similar to the one we are privileged to enjoy every Sunday and Wednesday. The summer service projects have included: building homes and churches in South Texas and Mexico, leading summer educational children's camps in inner-city D.C., bringing aid to people living in orphanages and landfills across the border, and rebuilding neighborhoods in the Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans.

It is easy to say that we have been fortunate enough to experience parts of the country and society that few have the opportunity to do, and are proud members of a loving and hardworking group of teens. Through active participation in being members of this youth group, we have become extremely involved in an organization that has taught us to count our blessings, venture beyond our comfort zones, and value the support and love characteristic of every friendship we have made with adults and youth in our church.

---Will Glazener

---Katie Dodge

Highland Park's Mission Ministry

Member Congregation with Micah 6 of Austin since 2010

Micah 6 Coalition is a network of faith communities within the University of Texas area that answers the call of Micah 6:8 to:

...do justice through education, dialogue, and advocacy.

...love kindness by compassionately serving those who come to us for assistance.

...walk humbly with God by providing opportunities for spiritual growth of those we serve, our congregations, and other community partners.

Micah 6 runs a food bank on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings which allows those in need to shop for groceries once a week. The center also works to assist with finding other services. Micah 6 Coalition runs a Student Drop in the Center on Sunday afternoons to allow young adults on the street to have a place to come in out of the weather, have a hot meal, visit, rest, and use computers.

Being a member congregation means the church has a member on the Board of Directors. Cheryl Kimble is the 2011-2012 Board President..

---Rev. Cheryl Kimble

Tender Loving Care (TLC)

The grief support group began at Highland Park in January, 2010, an outgrowth of the service for those grieving at Christmas. In the safety of this place people who were dealing with grief and loss came together to ask similar questions and we began to talk. It sounds simple doesn't it? We just talk. .

Each week we walk out a bit different than we were when we walked in. None of us are alone any longer. Learning how to live is not quite so frightening. We have new friends along on the journey. The loss of spouse, parent, or a family member is shared.

Along the way, we also found that death wasn't the only loss that brought grief. Life events that caused us to change our dreams brought real grief, too. We also developed our own ministry of making blankets for the children who come to IHN. We offer them a blanket to take with them to remember they are loved.

This group, Tender Loving Care, meets at the church twice a month, welcoming anyone who wants to join us to journey together toward that different life.

---Rev. Sue Enoch

History of the River Ministry

Fred and Barbara Worley joined Highland Park in the fall of 1987. They participated in several of the annual mission trips to Tohatchi on the Navajo reservation in northwestern New Mexico. This model of the relationships HPBC members, like LaNell Coltharp, Marty Roberts, and others had formed with the Navajo families there led the Worleys to search for mission opportunities closer to Austin. The Church of the Savior, a mission church founded by HPBC, had been journeying to Piedras Negras, Coahuila, Mexico, across the Rio Grande River from Eagle Pass, Texas, to work with a Baptist congregation in Colonia CROC. Joe Phelps, the pastor at Church of the Savior (COTS) introduced the Worleys to Chuck and Nancy Kinzlers leaders of that mission effort.

The Worleys made their first river ministry trip with a COTS group in January 1994. They dug a water line from the street to the kitchen for a mission church in Colonia Peridodista. HPBC members participated in additional trips with COTS and University Baptist Church members built playscapes, built bathrooms, painted buildings, installed flooring and cabinets, and other light construction projects at the mission churches in Colonia Peridodista, Colonia Los Montes, and Iglesia Bautista Gilgal in Colonia CROC. HPBC provided funding and labor to help Dr. Ruben Juarez found a Missionary Training Center along side his home with dormitories and classrooms.

In 1996, Nancy Kinzler, by then a member of HPBC, along with then HPBC member Mary Bell, saw a need to provide prenatal care for the colonias HPBC was serving. Women in these neighborhoods seldom see doctors during pregnancies or childbirth, so they started a monthly medical clinic held at Iglesia Bautista Gilgal and other churches in other colonias. This clinic was held monthly in Colonia CROC, at Iglesia Bautista Gilgal, Dr. Ruben Juarez' church, and expanded to family care. While volunteer nurses and doctors provided family medical service to sixty to seventy women and children, other church members conducted Bible-based arts and crafts with families waiting to see the nurses and doctors. The clinic continued through 2001 and was offered at other locations.

These activities continued along side ongoing construction projects at several locations. HPBC put in flooring and painted walls for the original congregation at Iglesia Bautista Gilgal. Dr. Ruben Juarez and his wife Leticia expanded Gilgal's ministry to a school, Instituto Benjamin Franklin, which began at his home and Missionary Training Center with a preschool and kindergarten with twenty-five students. Six years later the school moved to a new campus into a school building Fred designed. There are now three school buildings and a cafeteria with grades added every year, now through middle school. The Missionary Training Center can now house missionary groups working in the Piedras Negras area.

Fred designed a large sanctuary for Iglesia Bautista Ven a Cristo and that building is up and occupied. Pastor Paulino Venegas and his wife Sylvia have expanded their ministry to include an eye clinic with equipment donated by Dr. Tom Walters, once a member at HPBC.

HPBC began a relationship with Paulino Esquivel and his wife Gíblerta twelve years ago at Casa Hogar Bethesda which started in their home with six disabled children. HPBC helped pay for and renovate a home in the same colonia which grew into their new campus. It now includes a dormitory, clinic, three-room school, and the renovated home is now where Paulino and Gilberta live to take care of the children 24/7. There are now two dozen handicapped children and young adults under their care. HPBC provides monthly support for them.

HPBC members have joined with the Kinzlers, now with an Episcopal Church in Burnet, to work with Padre Miguel in a sewing center at El Buen Pastor. This includes HPBC donating sewing machines and materials and participating in sewing clinics.

Fred continues to provide drawings for projects that other churches build in Piedras Negras and Ciudad Acuna, Coahuila, Mexico, as well as in Texas in Uvalde, Mission, and Palmview. Previously completed projects are in Morelos and Nava, Coahuila, and McAllen, Kennedy, Gillette, Texas. All this work depends on the managerial and Spanish language skills of Barbara Worley, and more than one hundred HPBC members who have traveled to Mexico over the past twenty years. This ministry depends on many more members for their financial and prayer support of the HPBC River Ministry.

HPBC has special relationships with all the ministries it participates with in South Texas and Northern Mexico, but especially with those of Dr. Ruben and Letty Juarez, Paulino and Gilberta Esquivel, and Paulino and Sylvia Venegas. HPBC members provide scholarships for students at Instituto Benjamin Franklin as well as monthly support for the school. HPBC members provide financial support for the handicapped children at their orphanage, Casa Hogar Bethesda. HPBC participation has helped each of these pastors in their efforts to meet their congregation and colonia needs.

----Fred and Barbara Worley

Habitat for Humanity

The most rewarding local mission projects that I have been involved with were the two homes that Highland Park built through Habitat For Humanity. The first home was one of seven built at the same time, creating a new neighborhood for families, and the second was built with other Baptist churches in Austin, building bridges with those churches as we built the home.

A few years ago Highland Park committed to building a home through Habitat For Humanity. We were going to be part of a "blitz" in which a home was built over a very intense week, instead of 8 -12. Saturdays. We were to build the home on a new circle of homes, all built by Habitat, near Montopolis in east Austin.

While we were raising money and gathering the team members for the build, we learned through Habitat that one of the families getting a new home through the blitz was that of Jose Gonzalez, the head custodian for Highland Park. We were going to build a new home for a friend and member of the HPBC family!

It was an amazing and blessed experience. From undeveloped land rose seven new homes. As with all Habitat homes, the families for whom the homes were built were working with us every step of the way. Different churches were building the different homes, but instead of a Presbyterian house, a Catholic house, or a Baptist house, we built a neighborhood for families who got to know each other as they participated in building their homes. The circle that the homes surrounded was their park, playground, and gathering place. The fact that we knew the family who would live there made the entire experience much more meaningful.

Two years ago, Highland Park joined with several other churches for a "Baptist Build," constructing a Habitat For Humanity home in Southeast Austin. This was not a completely new neighborhood, but several Habitat homes were built at the same time on that street. This was a traditional Habitat build, on Saturdays during three months. We started on a very muddy Saturday in January and ended with a March dedication. Along the way, we made new friends from Baptist churches all over the Austin area, helped a hard-working family build their home, and learned some valuable construction skills, like how much fun a nail gun can be.

The members of Highland Park helped build two homes for families that had never owned a home before. What seemed like carrying boards and driving nails when we started was much more. It was life-changing for us. We had something solid to show for our work, which we don't always have in our daily lives. We shared with friends and strangers, laughed, learned, and loved, all part of life that Jesus asks us to do and that make us more alive.

---David Duncan

Foundation for the Homeless

Thank you for the many ways you bring new life to our community. We, at Foundation for the Homeless Inc., are especially grateful for your partnership in the Family Promise-Interfaith Hospitality Network shelter program (est. 1993), and HPBC's graciousness in providing its former parsonage for use as our Day Resource Center since 1997.

For more than 20 years, Foundation for the Homeless has mobilized faith-based and other community resources to alleviate homelessness in a spirit of compassion, hope, and love. Foundation for the Homeless guides Austin's families home while helping them move up and out of poverty. We work with low income families and individuals every day and connect them with caring congregational and community volunteers to help them believe in their possibilities and break through the barriers that keep them poor.

We seek to build a community that nurtures personal transformation and celebrates low income persons as they achieve economic security for themselves and their children. The generous support of HPBC has helped us sustain and add new programs to prevent and end homelessness. In 2011, 700 persons, including 160 children, regularly used FFH programs and 87% of families who exited IHN secured safe, stable housing.

---Sharon Lowe, Executive Director

Lifetime Learning Institute

Lifetime Learning Institute (LLI) is an all-volunteer organization that provides education and learning opportunities for Austin Seniors. LLI has been in existence for 35 years, not all of that time using HPBC facilities. The organization is a non-profit (501c3) group.

The organization draws upon varied resources within the senior community to share their knowledge and skills with other seniors. Most of the instructors are retired university/college or lower grade educators. Some are businessmen, legal, or medical professionals, dedicated or experienced hobbyists or certified trainers. The small staff are all volunteers.

The courses are comprised of two-hour-long classes held once weekly and usually span eight weeks each semester. Sixty different courses each of two semesters are offered yearly.

Student registrations typically number around 1000. Since the program operates frugally with no paid management or staff and rely upon organizations like HPBC for the use of classroom space to reduce the cost, the organization is able to make high quality courses affordable to typically fixed-income seniors.

The courses currently have a registration fee of \$20 per course. This is one of the best kept secrets in Austin! Presence in communities like HPBC makes the offerings visible within the community and usually expands and enhances the purpose of the host facility. Without the support and cooperation of communities like HPBC, the programs would not exist.

---Don Stotts, LLI Site Coordinator

Bluebonnet Chapter, ANG

Bluebonnet Chapter (ANG) is a chapter of the American Needlepoint Guild. It is the chapter for canvas stitchers who enjoy needlepoint. The meetings emphasize education, fellowship, and sharing. The ANG is an educational, non-profit organization that defines needlepoint as any counted or free stitchery worked by hand with a threaded needle on a readily countable ground. Membership in the organization is open to all stitchers. Some HPBC members belong to the group. The organization uses the building on a monthly basis.

---Inez Eppright

Boy Scout Troop 410

Troop 410 is deeply grateful to Highland Park Baptist Church for their support and the access to church space. Both are essential to our success as a troop.

Members of Highland Park Baptist sought to sponsor a Boy Scout Troop back in 1956. HPBC and Troop 410 have been growing together since then. The list of church members and leaders who had a role in the formation of Troop 410 is long, but it includes Courtland Craig, J. Fred Jones, Joe McMordie, John Miller, and Herbert Skinner.

The group started in the church basement and parking lot, and was made up of church members' sons. Troop 410 continues as a thriving group of more than 60 boys and an additional 80 adults committed to the scout motto---"Do a good turn daily."

The basement and parking lot are still where the heart of Troop 410 beats. The Troop could not offer the variety of experiences it currently does to the boys without the use of these excellent facilities. At the church, we have room for the boys to learn new outdoor skills and how to run meetings, a place to store camping gear, and a home base for the fundraising projects that help get the boys out in nature at summer camps. Troop 410 tries to demonstrate an appreciation for these great facilities by maintaining the church green spaces on a monthly basis.

In case other people wonder about the value of having all those (often after-camp-out dirty) scouts running around the church facilities, it might help to know that scouting is the first contact that many of these boys have with a church these days. One percent of scouts grow up to enter the clergy and two percent will use scout skills to save a life, either their own or someone else's.

Thanks again for the support over the years. The scouts and leaders of Troop 410 look forward to being a part of the Highland Park Baptist family for many more years.

---Daphne McMurrer

Baptist Community Center Mission

In December of 2006, The Austin Baptist Association Executive Board voted for the Baptist Community Center to become its own entity. In May of 2007, the name was changed to Baptist Community Center Mission. The focus of the center did not change as it still gives emergency assistance to individuals and families in need with food orders, financial assistance for utilities, rent, medication, and birth certificates.

Adult ministries include weekly Bible study and sewing classes. Educational classes focus on areas such as cooking, Medicare and Medicaid, utility energy conservation, and health issues. These are only a few of the mission services sponsored through the Center.

HPBC's Women's Missionary Union (WMU) participates in the food program by sponsoring the food drives, one in the fall and another in the spring. Donna Reisenbigler spearheads the food drives.

---Baptist Community Center Brochure

Rise School

The Rise School of Austin is a non-profit organization providing the highest quality of early childhood education to children with and without developmental disabilities. The program provides school-based services for children 18 months up to age six. The Rise School has been in the Highland Park Church building since August 2011 and are thrilled to be a part of the Highland Park Baptist community.

--Emily Greer, Rise Director

Experiencing South America Through Missions

If I had to name the best part of our mission trip to Ecuador and Chile, of all the wonderful experiences we had, it would have to be the people we met doing God's work in those countries. In Quito, Ecuador, our first stop, the Pastor of the Word of Life, Daniel and his wife, Anna, spend their lives ministering to young people by providing them with a school where they study for a year to be ministers to others.

They also provide for hundreds of city youth to have a camp experience of Bible study and interaction with other youths and mentors in a cloud forest encampment an hours drive outside of the city. The Engineering Ministries International volunteer group was able to work together to provide them with thousands of dollars worth of plans for their encampment, plans which included a master plan for the site and drawings for a multipurpose building. The team of 12 did an amazing amount of work in a week, waking up early to take advantage of the sunshine to working late through the evenings rains. The week culminated in a formal presentation of all the work done by each of the team members. The EMI members will continue working on the plans when they return to their homes, coordinating with the Latin American office in Costa Rica.

Fred and I were then blessed to be able to continue our journey from Ecuador to Temuco, Chile where our missionary friends, Barbara and Dwight Bolick live. We followed them through their work week with the Mapuche natives in the mountains outside the city and visited several families who shared their table with us. Fred worked with Dwight on plans to rebuild a site in the community that will incorporate a rainwater collection system with a general purpose building modeled after the Mapuche Ruka, a traditional building form used locally. We also went to the neighborhoods in the city where they work with the ministers they mentor and the women and girl groups they have developed a relationship with.

Barbara and Dwight have spent ten years there, working to help improve the lives of all the people they meet. Dwight has taught the Mapuche men beekeeping to help in their livelihoods and worked to rebuild the homes for people who lost theirs in the earthquake. Barbara has helped the women weavers have an outlet for their work and made women's rights a priority in her life there.

I returned to the states, empowered with the knowledge that there are such good people in the world doing the work Jesus asked us to do.

---Barbara Worley

Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Dr. C. Ray Burchette

Pastors

Rev. Dr. Steve Lucas

Rev. Dr. Marcus McFaul

Interim Pastors

Rev. Ron Higdon

Rev. Vernon Davis

Letter to Church

John Nichol

**Happy Birthday to You, --Happy Birthday to You.
How Old Are You Now?--How Old Are You Now?**

Sixty years old! That seems so long ago. I wasn't on your radar nor were you were you on mine.

I was twenty-one, moving towards discharge from the U.S. Air Force. Looking back, they were good years. I had dreamed of going to Europe, and the Air Force fulfilled that dream.

During these years, I felt an urge, a call, to be a minister. Baylor was not on my radar. My chaplain was urging me to go to Southern Methodist. Then a *Life* magazine showed up in the base hospital. In the back pages, there was an article on Baylor University and Friday night missions. That did it. I was accepted for the last quarter of 1954.

The move to Baylor was like a longing fulfilled. In time, I would respond to Highland Park's call and would spend the most significant 25 years of my life with you.

So, I celebrate your 60th birthday with you. What would have happened had I not found you? I did and for that, I am grateful. Somewhere there is a young man or young woman who will find you as I did, and their life will change forever.

So with a deep sense of gratitude, I say "Happy Birthday"--and many more.

---Rev. Dr. C. Ray Burchette
---Pastor Emeritus

On the Occasion of the 60th Anniversary of Highland Park Baptist Church

As the years have increased, so has my appreciation for the congregations with whom I have worked. High on that appreciation list is Highland Park. Austin, Texas, is always affirmed as a great city and Pat and I always add, "Let us tell you about a great church."

In a time of success measurement by the secular criteria of numbers and size of the splash, it's appalling how many Christians apply that same standard to their church. It's certainly not a biblical measurement. *The first shall be last and the last shall be first* has many dimensions, most of which we will probably be unaware until that great Accountability Day (a term I much prefer to Judgment Day).

It seems to me that the basic ingredient for evaluation is faithfulness. *Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful* (I Corinthians 4:2). This means being faithful to who one is, where one is, and the gifts one has been given. This applies to churches as well as individuals.

As I briefly journeyed with you, I believe all three of these were hallmarks of the congregation: faithfulness to who you believe God has called you to be as his people in your place and your time and a commitment to use your many gifts to fulfill your calling and mission. But perhaps what most impressed me was the spirit in which this faithfulness was carried out.

The energy and vitality was something I could feel. Sunday morning worship and Wednesday night sessions were "alive" because you brought life to them. It was a genuine pleasure to be with people who were really present. The blessings you brought to my life and ministry continue to be a source of gratitude. If there is one biblical passage that summarizes my experience with you, it is Paul's word to his beloved church at Philippi: *I thank my God every time I remember you* (Philippians 1:3).

But on this 60th anniversary, there is not only gratitude for the past, but this word I leave with you about the future: *I am confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus* (Philippians 1:6).

---Ron Higdon

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Dear Friends,

Completing sixty years as a community of faith is an occasion for celebration. Congratulations as you look back in gratitude and forward in hope on this day. Remembering God's grace through the years inevitably brings to mind many people through whom God worked to bring the vision of the church to reality. Today is a time for giving thanks for those who laid the foundation for this "work in progress" and for all of you who faithfully build upon it.

I am grateful to have been able to share a small part of this journey of faith with you. In that interim year Bennie and I came to know the heart of Highland Park. We discovered how even in a difficult time you expressed your commitment to care for one another and your embrace of a mission that reaches beyond the walls of the church to make a difference in the world. You continued to minister to us, especially in the time of Bennie's critical illness and the long months of her recovery. You upheld us through prayer and in many expressions of your loving concern. We will be forever grateful to you.

May you move into the years before you with the confidence of the Psalmist who prayed: "The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands" (Psalm 138:8). We will continue to pray for you with gratitude and joyful expectation.

Lord, you have led your people to be faithful in this place,
Healing with mending mercies, holding in enduring grace.
Lord of the future, by your presence still,
Guide in hope through all the way before us; help us do your will.

May God continue to bless you in your life together.

With our love and appreciation,

Thermon and Bennie Davis

As You Prepare to Celebrate Your 60th Anniversary

For seven months (from the Fall of 1998 to the Spring of 1999) it was my great good fortune and privilege to serve as Highland Park's interim pastor. Six years prior to my coming to Austin, in November of 1992, I had retired from my pastorate in Daytona Beach and married my wife Carolynn. So, your invitation to come to Austin and be your interim pastor was tantamount to a second career for me. I remember well the sense of trepidation and uncertainty which I felt.....was I up to this task?....would I meet your expectations?....could I provide helpful leadership at this critical time in the life of your church?

The late Charlton Heston, the larger than life movie star, once spoke of a similar kind of uncertainty he felt as he prepared to play the role of a professional football quarterback in the movie, "Number One". While preparing for this role, critics asked him, "Do you think after playing major roles like Moses and Michelangelo in previous films that you can capture the athletic agility and physical demeanor of a professional quarterback?" Heston replied, "I have been coached to the place where I have delusions of adequacy." I am happy to report that during the seven wonderful months I served there, you so loved and encouraged me that by the time I left I was beginning to have delusions of adequacy! By believing in me and affirming my efforts, you helped me begin to believe in myself, and I will always treasure that as a marvelous gift. When my youngest daughter, Hilary was a very little girl I would often pick her up, place her head on my shoulder and say, "it was a lucky day when I got you".....at which point Hilary would pat me on the back and respond, "it was a lucky day when I got you too!" Carolynn and I left Highland Park in the Spring of 1999 with a deep sense of wonder and gratitude for the many ways you had blessed and nurtured our lives.

As most of you know Carolynn passed away on December 29th, just two months ago. Since that time you have been a pillar of strength and encouragement to me....your cards and telephone calls have reminded me over and over again that you still hold me on your hearts and support me with your prayers. It has been an incredible gift, and underlines once again my conviction that it was a lucky day when I got you! You have, to use my favorite phrase, blessed my heart, and I thank you for it. Someone has observed that, "to follow Christ is to be lead where you had not planned to go." As you continue your pilgrimage of faith, I have every confidence that you will continue to pursue your goal to embody and express the Spirit of Christ.

---John Nichol

Timeline 2002-2012

2002

- May 19** Interfaith Hospitality Network makes plans.
Request to sponsor Cub Scout Pack 55 granted.
Deacon Committee on Ordination appointed.
- May 26** HPBC will host first IHN group for week ending June 2.
Salute to America dinner scheduled.
- July 21** Interfaith Hospitality Network discussed.
HPBC website improved and updated.
- Aug. 18** Computer Systems Workgroup organized.
Withdrawal of Ordination Request.
Town Hall meeting (Congregational Dialogue).
- Sept. 9** Plans made for Teague Memorial Chapel renewal,
Memorial Gardens, and Memorial Pavers.
- Oct. 10** Renovation begun on Teague Memorial Chapel under the
guidance of Rev. Jill Spruce and Craig Russell.
Interfaith Hospitality Network host week.
Formation of Worship Planning Team.
- Nov. 8** 17 churches, whose youth participate in S.W. Camping Assn.
attend a two-night Deacon Leadership retreat.
- Nov. 11** Emphasis placed on World Hunger.
Hospitality/Visitor Table and brochures planned.
- Dec** Strategic Plan for Growth presented.

2003

- Jan.** Work begins on redo of original office area (downstairs at
front), for a social/meeting/study room.
- Mar.** Reception for Oletha Sapp prior to move from Austin.
Announcement of first Sapp Lecture Series in honor of Jim
Sapp.
55+ go on trip to Round Top for James Dick performances
- Aug.** Deacon Retreat with Peter Steinke leading the program.

- Sept. Adria Project begun, to redo the "underground" with bathroom and shower facilities to participate in IHN program with temporary sleeping quarters for the homeless. Craig Russell & Rev. Jill Spruce to oversee the project.
- Nov. Five-year plan for spiritual growth introduced.
- Dec. First annual caroling of shut-ins and other members by choir.

2004

- Feb. Author Lynn Hinton leads Spiritual Growth.
- May Dr. Ralph Wood speaks at Sapp Lecture Series.
- June Rev. Jill Spruce announces the Open Door Ministry to provide visitations and contacts for shut-ins as an adjunct to Touch Ministry.
- Sept. Night In The Tropics, the first of several annual dinner theater programs with singing, dancing and skits, primarily by choir members, but with a supporting cast of thousands (the audience).
- Nov. It was a cloudy & rainy day when HPBC members canvassed, the neighborhoods handing out information about our church.

2005

- Jan. Rev. Jill Spruce tendered her resignation.
- May A regular Sunday sermon became a "wedding ceremony"
An unannounced wedding ceremony between Rev. Cheryl Hill and the honorable Roy Kimble was held. Church goers were surprised.
Rev. Steve Lucas tenders his resignation
With a vacant pulpit, the deacon board voted to have an "Intentional Interim Pastor" come to HPBC to ease the tensions between members
- July Dan DeLeon tenders his resignation in response to a "Call" from a Bryan/College Station Baptist Church.
La Gran Comision, a Mexican American congregation and Highland Park entered into an agreement wherein they had the

- June 18 **Deacon Minutes:**
 Rev. Higdon is leading self-help sessions and will continue in the fall.
 Deacons approved enrollment in 10-year Green Power plan, with annual savings estimated at \$450.
- July 16 **Deacon Minutes:**
 Diane Baker reported refunds totaling \$2,385.00, primarily from Worker Compensation Insurance.
- Aug. 20 **Deacon Minutes:**
 John Lowe reported Austin Baptist Assn. is proposing to spin off Baptist Community Center to a single church working with a transition team. John Hastings will serve with the group.
- Sept. 10 **Deacon Minutes:**
 Ned Burns, Trustee Chair, reported on Hawthorn Phillips Benevolence Trust-moved funds (\$62,000 +/-) to a CD @ 6%.
 Diane Baker reported lights in Atrium and Sanctuary were replaced at a cost of \$2,000.
 Ron Higdon reported Sapp Lecture Series will be Sept. 17-18. Perry Bramlett will speak on Finding the Real C. S. Lewis.
- Nov. 19 **Deacon Minutes:**
 Ron Higdon has begun teaching a new Young Adult SS Class. 55+ will be writing Christmas cards to shut-ins as part of the Open Door Ministry.
 History Committee, as a follow-up to "Bring Church's History to Church Body," will begin including "From the Evans History Room " of 50, 30, 20 and 10 Years Ago in Sunday Bulletins.
 Mission Comm. added a new budget line, Alliance of Baptist-Missions, specifically to allocate 1/3 of Alliance donation to Missions.

2007

- Jan. 21 **Deacon Minutes:**
 Rev. Higdon, Intentional Interim Pastor, suggested the church begin looking for a full time pastor.
 A request was made to approve sponsorship of Venture Crew 410, a co-ed group for 16-20 year olds, part of Boy Scouts of America.
 Youth Committee Minutes: planned a 1st Sunday fund raiser, with flavored coffees –Java For Jesus. Also, agreed on the need for summer Youth Coordinators. Andy Manns & Sarah Stanley were named.
 Deacon Chair Herb Wilson said that Building & Grounds had received a generous offer for new, more efficient light fixtures in Sapp Hall.

- Mar. 18 **Deacon Minutes:**
55+ suggested sponsoring a summer Bible study with an "old fashioned ice cream social" following each session.
- Apr. 15 Rev. Higdon completes Intentional Interim stay with HPBC and preaches final sermon.
- Apr. 22 **Deacon Minutes:**
Computer Systems Work Group presented a month-by-month report of progress on website upgrade.
55+ said Rev. Leigh Hebbard will lead the summer Bible study.
Finance report-had a serious discussion on pastor's salary package.
Herbert Skinner resigns from Counting Room team-health problem.
Mission Committee raised \$2,529 for Crop Walk..
Personnel established policies for use of email, voice mail, etc.
- May 1 Rev. Vernon Davis began serving as interim preacher.
- July 15 Finance Committee reported an anonymous Matching-Challenge Gift of \$12,500 toward cost of new van.
- Aug. 8 Mission Committee -An open house was held at the Worleys for the Bolicks, missionaries to Chili.
55+ partnered with Faith SS Class for Patriotic Dinner with 90 in attendance.
Summer Bible Study had 105 in attendance. Blue Bell ice cream was served after each session.
WMU report-Youth mission trip to do VBS in Isidro, TX and Miguel Aleman, Mexico.
- Sept. 16 **Deacon Minutes:**
Virginia Musick accepted Deacon Chair for 2008, Brenda Nelson as V-Chair & John Hastings as Secretary.
Pastor Search Committee start phone interviews with 4-6 prospects.
Trustee Chair Ned Burns reported donations from Phillips Fund of \$900+/- to both Baptist Student Ministry and Baptist Community Center.
- Oct. 21 **Deacon Minutes:**
1. 55+ plans New England Fall Foliage Trip, 8 days, Oct 7-15
2. Sept. 5th Sunday offering to go to Bolicks, missionaries in Chili
3. WMU Fall Food Drive to go to Baptist Community Center, 11/4-18
4. Attachments: Information on HPBC's Charitable Foundation, Protocol for serving Lord's Supper, HPBC Deacon's Dream List-a list of wants and needs.
- Nov. 18 **Deacon Minutes:**
Pastor's Search Committee.-Three candidates and their spouses were in Austin during past two weeks.
Rev. Cheryl Kimble reported that an EEOC complaint had been filed

against the Day School. An attorney has been retained. Church insurance expected to cover the attorney's fees.
Diane Baker's report: 2007 Ford Goshen bus, 15 passengers, purchased. Rev. Kimble and Alana Mallard will fly to Chicago to take delivery and drive it to Austin.

2008

- Jan. 20 **Deacon Minutes:**
Virginia Musick, Deacon Chair, is asked to appoint a Day School Task Force to review the Church/School relationship and make recommendations to Deacons. Request approved and Task Force appointed.
- Feb. 17 **Deacon Minutes:**
Day School Task Force distributed a report listing Advantages and Disadvantages of the Day School and Long-Term Alternatives/Options.
- Mar. 16 **Deacon Minutes:**
Gregg Wilson, Pastor Search Committee Chair, made a presentation concerning financial aspects of "calling" a strong prospect. He received a positive response from the Board. It was reported \$115,113.67 has been received from Norvella McKinney's estate, designated for kitchen remodeling. Rev. Kimble made a presentation on the need for a Cardiac Defibrillation unit for church, to be donated by a Tr 410 Eagle Scout candidate. UNIT LOCATED IN NARTHEX.
- Mar. 26 Wednesday supper bulletin: Pastor candidate resume distributed with a Saturday evening, Mar. 29, announcement of a Pot Luck Supper with candidate and family as well as "Get Acquainted" times for Friday and Saturday. Candidate will preach the sermon on Sunday, Mar 30, followed by a called business meeting to vote on his "call."
- Mar. 30 Called business meeting: Unanimous approval to call Rev. Dr. Marcus McFaul as Senior Pastor.
- May 11 Dr. McFaul preaches his first sermon at HPBC.
- June 1 **Mirror:**
"The parents and teachers in the Day School will form their own school. . . with a building lease contract with HPBC for no longer than the school year of 2008-2009."
- June 15 **Deacon Minutes:**
Church Nominating Comm. receives approval to:
Work outside By-Laws during transition year.
Develop and recommend new church structure. [Ministry Council]

Kelley Reeder and Logan DeCleene married on July 7.

Mustard Seed Church was held on the front grounds of the church. The children planted seeds and the Pastor spoke on the parable of the mustard seed. Lunch on the ground, literally made it a special Sunday.

Aug.

Mirror:

July 9-16 was Youth Mission Trip, to New Orleans. Twenty youth made the trip, focusing on the Broadmoor community and Apex Community Center, painting walls, cleaning carpets, etc.

Aug. 7 was the Youth Led Worship with prayer, music, and summer reflections.

The Underground will be home to IHN, hosted by Redeemer Lutheran families. Their IHN hosting facility had to be demolished due to water damage.

Rev. Cheryl Kimble and Roy leave for England and Oxford University where Cheryl will continue her degree work from Graduate Theological Foundation at Notre Dame.

Garrett attended a choir clinic at Baylor in July and has recently been named artistic director of Austin Children's Choir

We spread our net farther, serving God's Family Meal at University Baptist Church two nights each month and famine relief in the Horn of Africa with \$donations and a church member going to work for Glimmer of Hope-a clean water ministry.

Sept.

Mirror:

A Happy 100th birthday celebration with a surprise reception in Sapp Hall for Frances Derden.

Diane Baker was pictured with her recently awarded Church Administrator certificate.

The Wednesday nights of 14, 21, & 28 will give us insight into the Islam faith.

Bill & Bonnie Baker's 66th wedding anniversary was celebrated with Explorer class members and other friends.

Blake Miller completes summer internship with youth and serving as part of worship team.

Austin Children's Choir participates with HPBC's choir on 9/25.

Dec.

Mirror:

Acting Senior Pastor Cheryl Kimble recently preached at Westminster Manor Vesper Service, talking about seasons of life, about Sabbath, and finding rest in our busy lives.

Rev. Kevin Mitchell joins staff as Interim Minister for Children and Youth.

Faith Sunday School Class is profiled by Marilyn Sutch.

Plum Pudding Festival on December 14.

2012 Ministry Council to be chaired by Joe Stafford.

Steering Committee for HPBC's 60th anniversary to be co-chaired by Barbara Lightsey and Herb Wilson.

Advent decorations are special at HPBC.

60th Anniversary Recognition
Steering Committee Members

Barbara Lightsey and Herb Wilson.....Co-Chairpersons

History Committee Chairman.....John Miller

Memory Book Editor.....Lorene Denney

Time Line Researchers:..... John Miller, Martha Burns, Susan Magee

Decorations.....Terri Reynolds

Assistants..... Lynn Crawford, Kristin Autry Foster

Publicity..... Alana Mallard

Assistant.....Deborah Autry

Fundraising Chairperson.....Lynn Evans

Assistant.....Craig Russell

Youth.....Katie Dodge, Will Glazener

Event Planners.....Teresa Nuckols

Assistants.....Jay Evans, Cindy Harrington, Nancy Lamb, Edna
Nation, Mary Ellen Sullivan

Ex-Officio..... Rev. Cheryl Kimble, Rev. Kevin Mitchell, Garrett Martin

The Steering Committee would especially like to thank Kelley DeCleene for her capable assistance and gracious spirit in preparation for this event.

The Steering Committee would also like to thank Highland Park members, Sunday School classes, and friends who donated funds for this special celebration.

