

**MINISTRY  
COUNCIL  
NEWSLETTER  
JANUARY 2015**



**2015 Ministry Council**

**Kay Greenhaw**

Worship Ministry Chair

**Roy Kimble**

Servant Ministry Chair

**Alana Mallard**

Missions Ministry Chair

**Courtney Morton**

Membership/Stewardship  
Ministry Chair

**Teresa Nuckols**

Family Life and Fellowship  
Ministry Chair

**John Hastings**

Communications and  
Technology Ministry Chair

**Roxanne Shelton**

Christian Education Chair

**Keith Cranford**

Administration Ministry Chair

**Nancy Osgood**

Ministry Council Chair

At Highland Park Baptist Church, we believe we have all been called to ministry, and we offer many opportunities for service, within our church and in our community.

Highland Park Baptist Church has a Ministry Model of church organization which emphasizes listening to the call of God as individual church members and as a congregation. The Ministry Model encourages and supports members as they seek to follow their personal sense of God's calling and contribute their gifts and talents to the realization of the God's calling for the whole church.

The church is organized into several ministries which are responsible for a specific area of the life of the church. Each Ministry will exercise their responsibility by discerning, visioning, planning, overseeing, coordinating and carrying out the various activities in their area of church life.

We hope you will find both inspiration and belonging in these pages. God's good work will continue through the hands and hearts of Highland Park Baptist Church.

**FROM THE MINISTRY COUNCIL CHAIR:**

This year's emphasis for the Highland Park Ministry Council is to include everyone by broadening our reach both outside our walls and outside of each of our ministries. Activities will be planned and hosted as usual, but our goal is to reach out to one another's ministries in the hopes of further encompassing our varied and diverse interests. The Family Life and Fellowship Ministry will have a Missions focus, Christian Education will closely involve Communications & Technology, and our Worship and Music Ministries will work with Membership/Stewardship to reach those outside of our congregation in new and exciting ways. Highland Park is a very active and involved community of servants; we do so much as individuals. Just imagine what we can do when we are all pulling in the same direction. I look forward to serving alongside you all in this new year.

**Nancy Osgood**

**HPBC ACTIVITIES CALENDAR—1st Quarter of 2015****JANUARY****Friday, January 2**

Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7a

**Sunday, January 4**

Share Your Table Sunday

Sunday School, 9:30a

Worship Service, 10:55a

**Wednesday, January 7**

Ministry Meetings with dinner, 5:30p

Sanctuary Choir Meeting, 7:30p

**Thursday, January 8**

God's Family Dinner, 4:30p

**Friday, January 9**

Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7a

**Sunday, January 11**

Sunday School, 9:30a

The Breakfast Club, 9:45a

Worship Service, 10:55a

Taizé Service, 7:30p church atrium

**Monday, January 12**

Sisters in Service Meeting, 7p

**Wednesday, January 14**

Kerygma Course, 4:30p and 6:30p

Church Dinner, 5:30p

Sanctuary Choir, 7:30p

**Thursday, January 15**

God's Family Dinner, 4:30p

**Friday, January 16**

Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7a

**Sunday, January 18**

Sunday School, 9:30a

Worship Service, 10:55a

Ministry Council Meeting, 12:15a

**Monday, January 19**

Neighborhood SNOW DAY, 2-4p

**Wednesday, January 21**

Kerygma Course, 4:30p and 6:30p

Church Dinner, 5:30p

Called Church Conference, 6:15p

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, 7:30p

**Friday, January 23**

Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7a

**Saturday, January 24**

Women's Book Club, 10a

Practical Faith Small Group, 4:30p

**Sunday, January 25**

Sunday School, 9:30a

Worship Service, 10:55a

Vote on 2015 Budget, 12:00p

**Wednesday, January 28**

Kerygma Course, 4:30p and 6:30p

Church Dinner, 5:30p

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, 7:30p

**January 30**

Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7a

**FEBRUARY****Sunday, February 1**

Share Your Table Sunday

Sunday School, 9:30a

Worship Service, 10:55a

Souper Bowl of Caring Offering

Family Bowling Day, 12:30p

**Wednesday, February 4**

Kerygma Course, 4:30p and 6:30p

Ministry Meetings with dinner, 5:30p

Sanctuary Choir Meeting, 7:30p

**Friday, February 6**

Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7a

**Saturday, February 7**

Practical Faith Small Group, 4:30p

**Sunday, February 8**

Sunday School, 9:30a

The Breakfast Club, 9:45a

Worship Service, 10:55a

Taizé Service, 7:30p church atrium

**Monday, February 9**

Sisters in Service Meeting, 7p

**Wednesday, February 11**

Kerygma Course, 4:30p and 6:30p

Church Dinner, 5:30p

Sanctuary Choir, 7:30p

**Thursday, February 12**

God's Family Dinner, 4:30p

**Friday, February 13**

Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7a

Youth Midwinter Retreat begins

**Sunday, February 15**

Sunday School, 9:30a

Worship Service, 10:55a

Family Lunch &amp; Project Linus Tie-in

**Wednesday, February 18**

Church Dinner, 5:30p

Ash Wednesday Service, 6:30p

**Thursday, February 19**

God's Family Dinner, 4:30p

**Friday, February 20**

Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7a

**Saturday, February 21**

Practical Faith Small Group, 4:30p

**Sunday, February 22**

Sunday School, 9:30a

Worship Service, 10:55a

Ministry Council Meeting, 12:15p

**Wednesday, February 25**

Pre-dinner program, 4:30p

Church Dinner, 5:30p

**Friday, February 27**

Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7a

**Saturday, February 28**

Women's Book Club, 10a

**MARCH****Sunday, March 1**

Share Your Table Sunday

Sunday School, 9:30a

Worship Service, 10:55a

CROP Walk, 1:45-4p

**Wednesday, March 4**

Pre-dinner program, 4:30p

Ministry Meetings with dinner, 5:30p

Sanctuary Choir, 7:30p

**Friday, March 6**

Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7a

**Saturday, March 7**

It's My Park Day, 9a

Practical Faith Small Group, 4:30p

**Sunday, March 8**

Sunday School, 9:30a

The Breakfast Club, 9:45a

Worship Service, 10:55a

Taizé Service, 7:30p church atrium

**Monday, March 9**

Sisters in Service Meeting, 7p

**Wednesday, March 11**

Pre-dinner program, 4:30p

Ministry Meetings with dinner, 5:30p

Sanctuary Choir, 7:30p

**Thursday, March 12**

God's Family Dinner, 4:30p

**Friday, March 13**

Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7a

**Sunday, March 15**

Sunday School, 9:30a

Worship Service, 10:55a

**Thursday, March 19**

God's Family Dinner, 4:30p

**Friday, March 20**

Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7a

**Saturday, March 21**

Practical Faith Small Group, 4:30p

**Sunday, March 22**

Sunday School, 9:30a

Worship Service, 10:55a

Ministry Council Meeting, 12:15p

**Wednesday, March 25**

Pre-dinner program, 4:30p

Church Dinner, 5:30p

**Friday, March 27**

Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7a

**Saturday, March 28**

Women's Book Club, 10a

**Sunday, March 29**

Sunday School, 9:30a

Worship Service, 10:55a

5th Sunday Offering for Refugee

Services of Texas

Palm Sunday Picnic &amp; Egg Hunt



### FROM THE MISSIONS MINISTRY:

Highland Park supports a variety of local, national, and international missions and organizations that feed, house, and protect the most vulnerable children of God. Some of the groups we support are Baptist, some are ecumenical, some are not church-based. This year we will sponsor, fund, and work in many projects to help God's hungry people: Share Your Table, God's Family Dinner, Micah 6 Street Youth Drop-In, Crop Walk for Hunger, Texas Baptist Hunger Offering, Austin Baptist Community Mission, Capital Area Food Bank, Meals on Wheels, Souper Bowl Sunday, Caritas, Tohatchi, and Austin's Angel House.

Contact Alana Mallard at [alanasuzy@earthlink.net](mailto:alanasuzy@earthlink.net) for more information.

### Ongoing Mission Opportunities that are always looking for enthusiastic volunteers:

Every Friday: Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m., Sapp Hall, offerings given to worldwide missions

Every Thursday: God's Family Dinner, servers needed 4:30 p.m.-6 p.m., University Baptist

Every Thursday: Micah 6 Food Pantry, 5 p.m.-7p.m., helpers needed, University Presbyterian

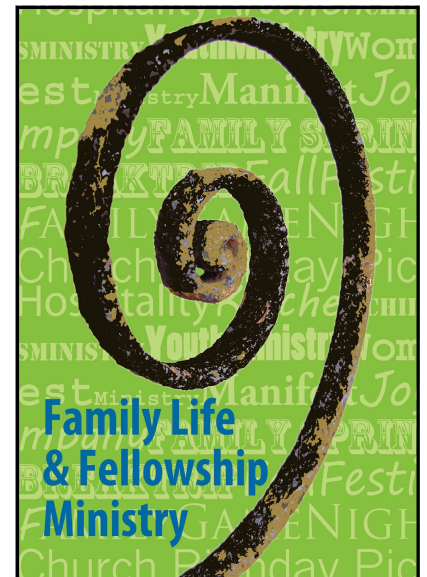
Every Saturday: Micah 6 Food Pantry, 10 a.m.-Noon, helpers needed, University Presbyterian

Every 1st Sunday: Share Your Table food collection for Micah 6 food pantry

Every 2nd Monday: Sisters in Service missions program, 7 p.m., various homes

The FAMILY LIFE AND FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY supports our members in all stages of life. From family outings to youth retreats, from church wide receptions to special events, we strive to share the love and joy of Christ by fellowshiping with one another and blessing each other. This year, we are working especially with the Missions Ministry to further incorporate service opportunities at many social functions of Highland Park. Our Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday will bless God's Family Dinner and then we'll enjoy bowling together at Dart Bowl. On Feb. 15, we will welcome Broadway Baptist Church in worship, and following the service we will share a meal and create blankets for the Project Linus ministry. Sunday March 1, we will have a fun church wide effort in support of the CROP Walk at Camp Mabry. As always, the proceeds of the CROP Walk benefit the work of Church World Service. Finally, on March 29, our 5th Sunday Benevolence Offering will go to the Refugee Services of Texas and our families will celebrate the season with a Palm Sunday Picnic and Egg Hunt. These are all wonderful events for the many generations of worshippers who come together at Highland Park.

If you'd like to help out at an event, chaperone a retreat, shop for goods, or any other vital part of this ministry, please contact Teresa Nuckols at [teresanuckols@yahoo.com](mailto:teresanuckols@yahoo.com).



FROM THE MEMBERSHIP/STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY:

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." - Philippians 4:6-7

Vision: We want to focus on the question, "Who can we invite?" We want to be putting on events for the community, focusing on changing people's perception of church. We want to focus on our "neighborhoods," both the church's geographic "neighborhood" and our own communities. We want to share our joy in Christ Jesus, who is our example in showing that everyone is welcome in His house.

Goals: Frequent, inexpensive activities that create an interaction between HPBC members and the community (online and in-person). Also, increasing attendance at activities and increasing activities with a service component, with a focus on family service opportunities. We want to practice what we preach and focus on being a church without walls. We also want to highlight and celebrate the variety of ways that people give to the church body.

What We're Working On:

- Starting "theme months," where we encourage members, in their own time, to do a certain activity with both a church and a non-church friend, in order for people in the community to get more of a sense of who we are (e.g. movie month, coffee month, etc.).
- Offering alternatives to traditional Sunday School - we are committed to offering the community learning and fellowship opportunities outside of Sunday morning and outside of the church walls. We currently have the following groups running, in addition to our extensive list of traditional Sunday School classes: Wednesday night Kerygma Course on the book of Ruth, *Practical Faith* Small Group every other Saturday, The Breakfast Club adult fellowship group on the second Sunday of each month, Sisters in Service missions group on the second Monday of each month, and Men's Prayer Breakfast that meets every Friday for fellowship and prayer.
- Inviting friends and neighbors to Highland Park's upcoming events
- Rethinking stewardship - working together to celebrate giving and the sacrifice of time, money, and resources to increase our ability to do Christ's work in the world.

We'd love to see you at one of our groups or upcoming events!

Check out our outreach suggestions on the next page to help with our efforts to share the love of God and what He's doing in and through Highland Park.

Contact Courtney Morton with any questions: [courtneymorton@gmail.com](mailto:courtneymorton@gmail.com).





**OUTREACH - EASY AS PIE!**  
FROM THE MEMBERSHIP AND STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

LET'S SEE IF THERE ARE NATURAL WAYS THAT WE CAN OVERLAP OUR HPBC COMMUNITY WITH OUR OTHER CIRCLES OF FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES. WHAT WE ULTIMATELY CAN SHARE WITH OTHERS IS A COMMUNITY OF PEOPLE TRYING TO HELP EACH OTHER KNOW AND RESPOND TO A GRACIOUS AND LOVING GOD. LET'S START SIMPLY. WOULD YOU CONSIDER TRYING THESE STEPS EACH MONTH FOR THE REST OF THIS YEAR? PICK AND CHOOSE IN ANY ORDER.

**JANUARY** - INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN YOU AND AN HPBC FRIEND AT A MOVIE. JUST ENJOY THE OUTING AND EACH OTHER.

**FEBRUARY** - VISIT GENUINE JOE'S COFFEEHOUSE ON ANDERSON LANE ON A SATURDAY WHEN HPBC IS HOSTING DISCUSSION ABOUT PRACTICAL FAITH.

**MARCH** - INVITE A FRIEND WITH A KNOWN SKILL/INTEREST THAT FITS AN HPBC SERVICE PROJECT (STAY TUNED!) TO PARTICIPATE WITH YOU. LET THEM KNOW THEY ARE NEEDED.

**APRIL** - DROP A HINT TO SOMEONE THAT YOU BELONG TO A CHURCH. "I'M ON MY WAY TO CHURCH FOR DINNER TONIGHT" OR "I HAVE BOOK CLUB THIS WEEKEND WITH SOME FRIENDS AT CHURCH", OR "I HEARD A FRIEND AT CHURCH THE OTHER DAY SAY THE SAME THING..." OR "I WISH YOU BLESSINGS" INSTEAD OF "GOOD LUCK".

**MAY** - ASK AN ACQUAINTANCE ABOUT THEIR CHILDREN'S SUMMER PLANS. MENTION VBS.

**JUNE** - PRAY FOR 3 PEOPLE YOU CARE ABOUT WHO ARE NOT INVOLVED WITH HPBC. PRAY FOR THEIR NEEDS.

**JULY** - DO SOMETHING FOR ONE OF THOSE THREE.

**AUGUST** - MENTION TO SOMEONE THAT OUR YOUTH WILL BE LEADING CHURCH AND TALKING TO THE CHURCH ABOUT THEIR SUMMER EXPERIENCES.

**SEPTEMBER** - POST A COMMENT ON SOCIAL MEDIA ABOUT HPBC.

**OCTOBER** - INVITE AN HPBC FRIEND TO JOIN YOU WHEN YOU AND OTHER FRIENDS GET TOGETHER.

**NOVEMBER** - ASK A FRIEND AT CHURCH IF THEY HAVE TRIED ANY OF THESE OUTREACH IDEAS.

**DECEMBER** - DELIVER A TINY PIE, 5035 BURNET RD, (OR OTHER LOCAL TREAT!) TO A FRIEND, NEIGHBOR, CO-WORKER AND MENTION THAT IT'S "FROM THE HAPPENING NEIGHBORHOOD THAT'S NEAR MY CHURCH".

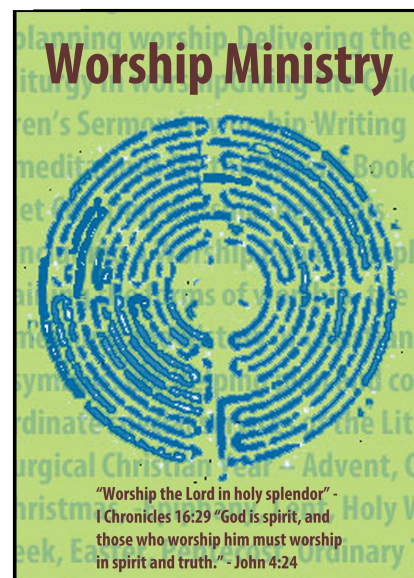
**FROM THE WORSHIP MINISTRY:**

Lay people serve with the clergy through this shared ministry to plan, prepare and participate in worship. Worship is a key component of the community of Highland Park Baptist Church, bringing us together to experience God's presence with the question from Micah 6:6 on our hearts: "With what shall I come before the Lord?"

Our 2015 goals are to:

- Sustain meaningful worship opportunities that meet the needs of our diverse congregation
- Expand and substantiate the music element of worship
- Provide appropriate accoutrements for services
- Provide a venue for congregational participation in worship
- Support our staff as they lead us in worship

The Children's Choir has begun again with rehearsals on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in the multi-purpose room #134 and there is always space for more adult singers in our Sanctuary Choir, rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the choir room. Our dreams for the year include adding strings and brass for big celebration days and a children's Christmas pageant. Contact Kay Greenhaw at [kaygreenhaw@yahoo.com](mailto:kaygreenhaw@yahoo.com) if you'd like to participate!



FROM THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY:New offerings for 2015:

- A Kerygma study on the book of Ruth - Wednesdays through Feb. 11 at 4:30 & 6:30 p.m., with childcare at the church
- *Practical Faith* Small Group, an offsite discussion/book group focusing on the connection between faith and work of all types - meets every other Saturday, beginning Jan. 24, at Genuine Joe's Coffee-house, with childcare available by reservation at the church

2015 Goals and Dreams:

1. Continue to expand the children's Sunday School department
2. Establish a permanent Sunday School teacher in the high school/middle school departments
3. Reorganize the books in the current library to make better use of the space. Possibly moving some materials to the history room and forming a children's library.
4. Hosting a Faith and Film Series beginning this winter lasting for three Sunday nights.
5. Continuing the Children's Choir each Sunday.

Contact Roxanne Shelton at [roxanneshelton@gmail.com](mailto:roxanneshelton@gmail.com) if you'd like to be involved with any of these Christian Education activities.

The COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGY MINISTRY reaches the congregation and our community through a variety of media and methods in order to inspire, inform, connect and invite participants in the

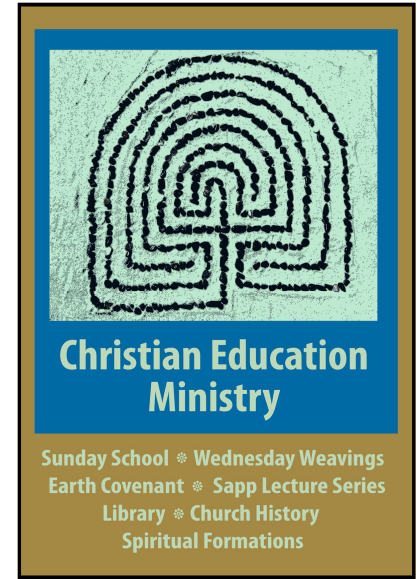


life, mission and purposes of the church. At a time where digital and social media are growing increasingly important, we are striving to communicate information about all ministries in new and fresh ways. This ministry supports all of the ministries and events throughout the year, and is always looking for members who would like to help with this effort.

We currently need people to assist in the following areas:

- Writing short pieces to go on the website and/or Facebook that describe coming events, mission opportunities, SS class studies, etc.
- Monitoring the HPBC website and Facebook pages for timely, accurate, and informative information and pictures

Contact John Hastings at [hhouse99@gmail.com](mailto:hhouse99@gmail.com) if you'd like to get more involved with this ministry.



THE ADMINISTRATION MINISTRY—made up of three sub-ministries: Property, Personnel, & Finance—is responsible for the maintenance of the church property, the management of the church finances, and issues related to church staff. Members of the Personnel and Finance ministries are nominated and elected, but the Administration Ministry is always looking for volunteers to support the staff, the church office, and the church building. Contact Keith Cranford at [keith.cranford@gmail.com](mailto:keith.cranford@gmail.com) if you'd like to help with this ministry.

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION MINISTRY—PROPERTY:

For more than half a century, Highland Park members have given their physical labor and their money to build, maintain and renew church buildings and related property. Today we are stewards of property that would cost over \$5 million to replace. This is God's property temporarily entrusted to us for His purposes. If this were a commercial property, we should be budgeting 3% of replacement cost or over \$150,000 per year just to ensure preservation of that \$5 million value, i.e. to be equivalent to the steward who buried his talents. Instead, we will continue to use volunteer labor, special gifts and a property loan to protect the property which has been entrusted to us.

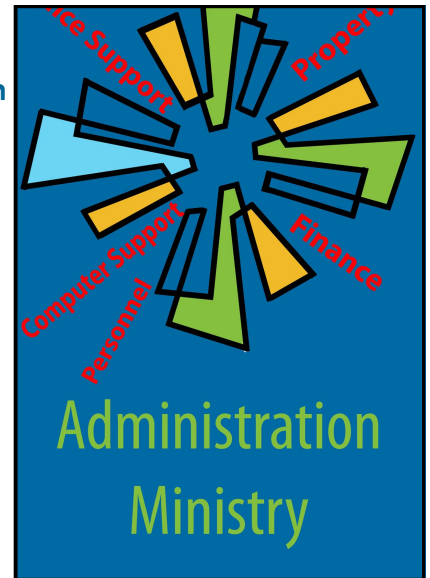
Major projects for 2015 include the replacement of a 22-year-old air-conditioning unit, renewal of the Annex in preparation for generating rental income, and possibly the replacement of the church organ. With thanks for the major work done in the last three years under Mary Ellen Sullivan's leadership, we hope that no other major repair projects will be needed this year.

Minor repairs and routine maintenance will be done by volunteer labor. John and Suzanne Lowe will continue to maintain landscape plantings. Don Hartman will continue to oversee mowing of the grass and has organized a team to remove leaves. Mary Ellen Sullivan will monitor all lighting fixtures and ensure that bulbs are replaced when needed. Justin Gamble will repair doorstops and report on any other needed door repairs. Dottie Denton will monitor the plumbing fixtures and report needed repairs. Teresa Nuckols and Don Dillard will take care of Sapp Hall touchup. Judith Latimer will continue to care for the church art collection but needs an assistant.

We also need volunteers for the following:

- Monitor vehicle maintenance and repair including annual inspections.
- Serve as backup for John Guerra if he is ill.
- Patch sheet rock in the choir room and the education wing hallway.
- Do touchup painting and reattach some baseboards.
- Assess the condition of the sump pumps and related drains (John Osgood repaired the back pump in 2014).
- Repair the soffits on the chapel.
- Assess the feasibility of installing drip irrigation on the front terrace.
- Respond to special project needs when they arise.
- Organize and oversee the annual spring cleanup of the building and grounds (probable work day, Saturday, March 28).

We need everyone to observe and to report needed repairs. The next time you enter the building, approach it as if you were a first-time visitor. Tell Joe Stafford or the office about repairs and improvements that would allow us to be more effective in building God's kingdom. (Or send Joe a text message and cell phone picture at 512-589-9698).





baptist church

5206 Balcones Drive

Austin, Texas 78731

hpbcaustin.org

Phone: 512-453-6603

Website: [www.hpbcaustin.org](http://www.hpbcaustin.org)

---

## Ministry Council Newsletter January 2015

**We've been called to be a Worshipping, Learning,  
Practicing, Missional Community of Faith**



### THE SERVANT MINISTRY LOOKING FORWARD...

One significant hope for this year is that we can assist in discovering new ways of doing ministry for all Highland Park members. Another hope is that we can truly live up to our motto that all members are ministers. It is our desire that all members will be keen observers in recognizing challenges and needs, that we will have hearts that hurt when things are not right and that we will put our hands to ministry provision.

The Servant Ministry has several hard working ministers already. We are engaged with the On Call Ministry, Circle of Touch, Ushers, Communion, Deacons and other ministry opportunities. As we look forward to the coming year we are excited about meeting people needs in our church and community.

Possibilities we have discussed include:

- The challenge of individual and group transportation needs
- Caretaker needs that our ministry may be able to assist or promote
- Enhancing and expanding our On Call Ministry
- Revisiting the role of Deacons for Highland Park
- To identify "champions" for specific components of the Servant Ministry
- To support the activities and ministries through cooperation, coordination, encouragement and attendance.

To learn more about the Servant Ministry or get involved,  
contact Roy Kimble at 512-963-2227 or [roykimble@att.net](mailto:roykimble@att.net).