

From the Pastor's desk...

It is so difficult to exist in the world we live in today and not worry about so many things. We worry about our children at school, we worry about large gatherings of people and sadly, sometimes we worry about our church.



Recently, Nathan Thane, our Chair of Administration Ministry attended a workshop on how churches could deal with the fear of someone entering our building with the intent of causing harm. While I'm grateful for Nathan's willingness to attend this event, I'm saddened by the need to have such an event.

As a Council, both this year and last year, we have discussed how we want to deal with certain issues: the open carry law, the openness of our building (especially on Sundays), and what we feel like we need to do in order to educate our congregation.

We have made a few decisions. John, our Church Custodian, has been locking the downstairs doors and the back doors once Sunday School has ended. This limits people entering the building to only the two doors around the sanctuary. We also have posted signs at all doors stating we do not allow open carry in our building. This follows Austin Police Department's suggestions and allows them to respond if we notify them of a problem. These signs are worded, sized and mounted to the law's specifications. Lastly, one of the scheduled greeters will remain in the narthex during the service to remain aware of anyone entering the building.

While I know these things are hard to think about, the Council wanted you to know that they continually think about ways to be a church to one another, how to be a church open to everyone while being a place that feels safe and secure. Thanks again to Nathan for his willingness to think through these issues and thanks to the Council for making these decisions.

Rev. Cheryl Kimble

Worship this Month

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:55 a.m. Worship Service

July 1

- Worship on the **Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**
- **Communion by intinction** during worship
- Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches *"Only a Touch"*

July 8

- Worship on the **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**
- Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches *"Can You Go Home"*

July 15

- Worship on the **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**
- Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches *"A Speckle in God's Eye"*

July 22

- Worship on the **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**
- Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches *"Come Away"*

July 29

- Worship on the **Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**
- Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches *"Make Him King"*
- Our **Fifth Sunday Benevolence Offering will benefit the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)**, the largest grass-roots organization dedicated to building better lives for millions of Americans affected by mental illness



Mary Ellen Sullivan and Brooke Ostrom were officially approved to join the Drive a Senior West Austin Board of Directors on Wednesday, June 20!

For more information on DAS-West, visit driveasenior.org/austin-west

2ND CENTURY REFLECTIONS

Follow

in the Mirror

by Erih L. Randall

I was given the chance to be a sponsor for the four boys that attended Southwest Baptist Youth Camp from Highland Park, and it is safe to say that the week I spent at SWBYC was one for the books! The theme for the week was "Follow" and we spent our time exploring what it means to follow Christ's example of reckless love in a world where hate seems to be the easy answer. I had never been to Youth Camp before, so I was thankful that it was located at Schreiner University, my home for the last four years. It was an amazing experience getting to share that part of my life with our group from Highland Park.

Our days consisted of learning Christ's story through many different means, creating fellowship with people from all different backgrounds, worshiping our God in a space created entirely for us, and making memories that will last for years to come. The boys played many games of pool, dodgeball, and Tanner even came in second place during the ping pong tournament! I cannot put into words how it felt to watch the collective faith and fellowship of the group grow parallel to my own.

There were two parts of the week that really stuck out to me. First, during one bible study lesson, the youth were asked to identify something about their faith-walk that was hard for them – something that created space between themselves and Christ. I found myself searching the answer to that question in my own context. We spent the days prior learning about God's infinite love and it struck me as odd when I realized this concept was difficult for me to fathom. I have spent the last four years studying and learning about God's nature and overt willingness to live into a creation that has all but failed Him. I was not necessarily questioning God's love, but rather how God is capable of loving *me*, a beyond flawed human being, without abandon. How could anyone, let alone someone as awe-inspiring as God, love us so deeply when we fail them daily? Can you imagine the power of a love like that if it were to be shared without condition?

Another of my favorite moments from the week was an activity we did during worship Tuesday evening. We were all given a notecard and told to anonymously write on it a secret that we each held. We had to pinpoint

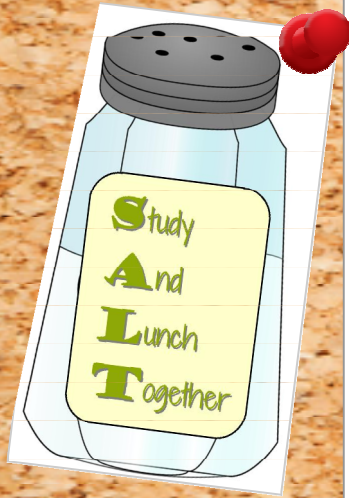
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and identify the one thing that had the potential to interfere with us wholeheartedly living into Christ's example. Once everyone finished writing, the notecards were turned in to the worship leaders and hung around the room. There was a somber and anticipatory mood that swept through the crowd when people realized exactly what was happening. This changed, though, and it was as if the room breathed a sigh of relief as we were encouraged to travel around the room and read each other's hidden facets. In that moment, we all became aware of the fact that we were not alone in our obstacles. It occurred to me then that we are most capable of following Christ best amid adversity and setbacks, that we can use the overcoming of our "secrets" as proof of God's love in the world.

Spending a week at Southwest Baptist Youth Camp taught me an array of things. It set my heart on fire with an understanding of God that I did not previously carry. It encouraged me to live out Christ's love in the world while simultaneously understanding that my own setbacks have the power to launch me into a redeeming future if I live into them the way Christ lives into us. **A big thank you to Cheryl, Kevin, and to Highland Park for allowing me the opportunity to attend Youth Camp!**



Notes & Announcements



S.A.L.T. Returns with a Six-Week Book Study

Our first S.A.L.T. series was truly enjoyed by all in attendance and the group has decided to continue with another lunchtime brown bag study. We will meet in the **Library at noon on Wednesdays, August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, and September 5** and our conversation will focus on the book *Making Sense of the Christian Faith* written by David Lose, the same author from our previous study.

You may bring a sack lunch or pick up something quick on the way to the church; the church will provide water, tea, & coffee.

Copies of the book are available for purchase in the Library for \$10.00 each.

SUMMER 2018

July 9-13
VBS at HPBC
July 23-27

Southwest Baptist Children's Camp
at Disciple's Crossing in Athens, TX

August 3-6
Intergenerational Mission Trip in
Port Aransas, TX

Sisters in Service (SIS) is sponsoring a gift card drive for McCallum High School's MACares. Highest needs are \$20-25 grocery store gift cards and \$10-15 fast food gift cards. Any contribution is appreciated! Contact Alana Mallard for more info.

Notes & Announcements

There will be no Taize services on July 8 or August 12. We'll meet back up on September 9 at 7:30 p.m.

The Church Office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day

The Ministry Council will not meet on July 8. Stay tuned for info on our next meeting date.

Look for a new bookcase, easy to find in the atrium, where you can drop off food donations any Sunday for the Micah 6 Food Pantry. Between deliveries to Micah 6, anyone who needs assistance can pick up from the bookcase. If you see bare shelves, it's time to donate!

Member Updates

We celebrated **Emma Cranford's** high school graduation on Sunday, June 10 with a special breakfast and worship service in her honor. Emma is attending Florida State University with a major in Flute Performance. She hopes to double major in both Flute Performance and Music Therapy after exploring performance for a year. We're so proud of you, Emma!



Our Director of Congregational Music, **Dr. Joshua Miller**, is departing for Florida. His last official day with us is Sunday, July 1. We made sure to send him off in true Highland Park fashion with a Farewell Reception in his honor on June 24. Choir members sang "The Lord Bless You and Keep You," which brought more than a few of us to tears. We'll miss you so much, Josh! Come back and see us soon! We love you!



Rusty Shelton is celebrating the launch of his new book, "Authority Marketing," on Monday, July 16th at 7 p.m. at BookPeople downtown. He and his co-author, Adam Witty, will be talking about how to use Authority Marketing to grow your business and will have an afterparty to celebrate as well. Way to go, Rusty!



Alayna Enos, granddaughter of Fred and Barbara Worley, is currently cycling her way to Alaska with 300 other bicyclists from UT as part of Texas 4000 — a month-long, 4000+ mile bike ride from Austin to Anchorage in an effort to raise awareness in the fight against cancer. They should hit Alaska close to July 1. Sisters in Service and HPBC were part of her fundraising. Way to make us proud, Alayna!



Updates From the Earth Covenant Ministry



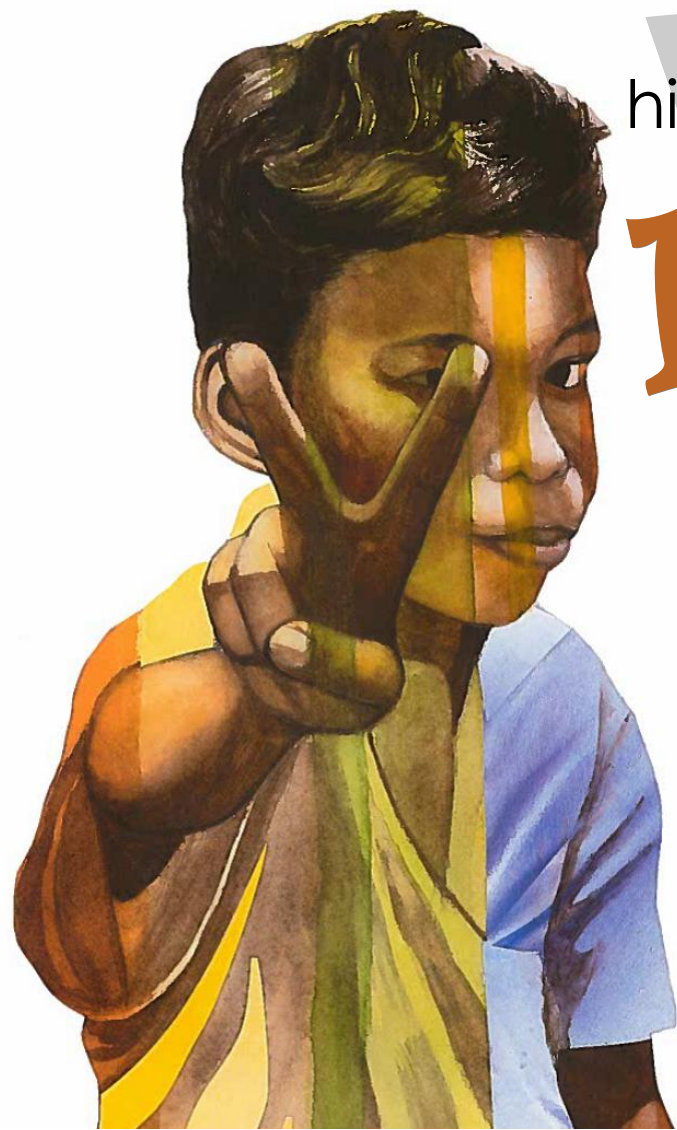
Why is Highland Park Baptist Church a Green Neighborhood? Because one-third of our member households have completed the Green Neighbor Green City Challenge – a city of Austin program to help us reduce our carbon footprint, protect our natural resources, and reduce waste. Pick up a Green Neighbor Green City Challenge booklet upstairs just outside the office and join

the HPBC Green Neighborhood. HPBC is a Green Neighborhood inside the Green Neighborhood of Highland Park West and Balcones Area neighborhood.

Tip: **Fertilize Wisely** Reduce turf areas to use less water, fewer chemicals, and cut maintenance time; Don't Bag It! Leave grass clippings on the lawn to return nutrients and organic material to the soil; choose compost or natural/organic fertilizers that release slowly; never fertilize before a rain because rain can wash fertilizer from your lawn to a storm drain and into the nearest creek to cause excessive growth of algae and aquatic weeds.

Thanks to McCallum seniors Cash Robinson and Bodhi Tripathi for their drive-through hazardous materials collection in HPBC parking lot on June 9. A steady stream of neighbors dropped off paint, lightbulbs, cleaning supplies, and antifreeze, and Cash's parents Carolyn and Rhett Robinson made several trips to the City of Austin Recycle and Re-Use Center on Todd Lane.





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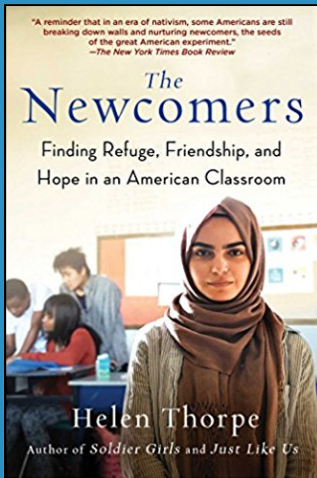
We would love volunteers to help with

**Set Up on Sunday, July 8 after
 Worship**

**Clean Up on Friday, July 13 after
 the recital**

<p>MONDAY Be Thankful</p>	<p>Tuesday Help Others</p>	<p>Wednesday Be Brave</p>	<p>THURSDAY Love Differences</p>	<p>FRIDAY Treat Others Like Yourself</p>
<p>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Colossians 3:15</p>	<p>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Romans 12:13</p>	<p>Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you. Deuteronomy 31:6</p>	<p>Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. Colossians 3:14</p>	<p>In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets. Matthew 7:12</p>

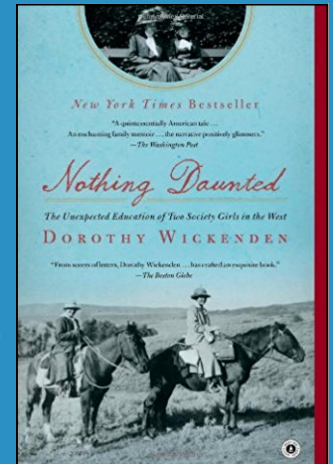
Book Club Selections for July



Monday Night Book Club

Monday, July 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the Library

At this meeting we'll choose books for the rest of the year, so bring ideas — fiction, nonfiction, whodunnits, biographies, memoirs, history, old or new. We read a little of everything, and everybody is welcome. Please join us for an hour of booktalk.



Saturday Book Club

Saturday, July 28 at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor

All interested readers are welcome!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 1 Mary Massar Malone

July 5 Kira Wilson

July 7 Mary Morgan

July 8 Jane Archer Feinstein

July 9 Trey Mallard
Karson Osgood

July 10 Alex Neely

July 11 Claire Spencer
Jack Spencer

July 13 Katalina Neas

July 14 Hannah Neas

July 15 Craig Russell

July 18 Tyson Brower
Martha Burns

July 19 Marie Sherman

July 20 Jadon Schumacher

July 21 Christi Reid

July 22 Charles Osgood

July 23 JoAnn Nicholson

July 24 Jaedyn Walters

July 25 Kelle Hand

July 26 Sharon Blythe

July 29 Kristin Autry
Tristan Coltharp
Virginia Craig
Cindy Harrington
Christina Houser

July 30 Kayla Prasek





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Sunday Worship: 10:55 a.m.
Taizé Service: 7:30 p.m. on the 2nd
Sunday of each month

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Erin Randall, *Staff Assistant*

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Communion Share Your Table			CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED		Men's Prayer Breakfast	
8	9 Vacation Bible School Monday Night Book Club	10 Vacation Bible School	11 Vacation Bible School	12 Vacation Bible School God's Family Dinner	13 Men's Prayer Breakfast Vacation Bible School	14
15	16	17	18	19 God's Family Dinner	20 Men's Prayer Breakfast	21
22	23 SWB Children's Camp	24 SWB Children's Camp	25 SWB Children's Camp	26 SWB Children's Camp	27 SWB Children's Camp Men's Prayer Breakfast	28 Saturday Book Club
29	30	31	LEGEND Christian Education Family Life & Fellowship Missions Worship Ministry Council/Church Business			