

From the Pastor's desk...

July 31, 2019

What a summer it has been. I feel like summer really crept up on me, and then when it finally hit, it flew by! Summer started for me as I prepared for VBS, Children's Camp, and a Trip to Israel.

So many of you have asked me about my trip and it's very hard to express, especially in a few words, what a meaningful trip it was for me. I was changed, but not necessarily in the way I expected to be changed. I thought so much before I left about how being in the same part of the world as Jesus lived, walking where Jesus walked, touching the same soil would move me. I was moved in such a different way. I was moved by how in so many ways things are still very complicated in that part of the world. Sure there are so many ways that Israel has moved into the modern world, but the disharmony is still there. They are still searching for some kind of peace in a nation that has been at conflict since before Jesus' time.

Being in sacred places, in the midst of chaos, was powerful. Being inside the Church of the Nativity while a protest was happening in the center of town was frightening. Being behind the wall in the West End and seeing the paintings by refugees in pain was moving and painful. To experience these events with other pastors helped me to grow as a pastor, and being able to share these things with you is changing the way I look at this world we live in. I look forward to sharing more about my trip with you later this month and in the future.



We were so lucky to have a team of workers for VBS that took this year's theme and ran with it. They created crafts, snacks, stories, and mission activities that made the children excited to be here and ready to come back each morning. That planning began long before the first child arrived on the 15th and I thank each member of our team. On the last day, we had a wonderful performance by the children in the Sanctuary, followed by pizza with the parents. What an amazing church we have and how they love our children.

The next morning we loaded up a bus, headed downtown to pick up FBC Austin and we all headed to Athens, TX for Southwest Baptist Children's Camping Association. When we arrived the weather was dreadfully hot, so we unloaded the buses and headed for the pool and lake in hopes of cooling off. It didn't happen! The water was warm and not very refreshing. All of sudden the rains arrived, and we had to hop out of the pool and into the cabins. As we began Camp with a worship service and fun fellowship, the cool air started blowing in as the weather shifted! The rest of the week we had highs in the 80's and lows in the 60's. What a blessing for east Texas in July.

Camp consisted of morning celebrations, Bible study, missions, recreation, many interest groups, swimming, canoeing, sliding down the big slide and playing on the blob, Rusty Shelton's invention of "Dancing Baseball", worship, church group times and fun fellowships. What a fun time we had spending the week together and once again a tremendous thank you to the adults that helped out.

I can't believe summer is almost gone but what an amazing summer it was. Join us on the 25th of August when our children lead worship and we have the opportunity to hear from them and to send them back to school with our blessings.

~ Cheryl

August 1, 2019

As you already may know, Rev. Kevin Mitchell submitted his resignation from ministry at our church effective as of Friday, July 19, 2019. Church Moderator Don Dillard made this announcement at the end of the July 21 Worship service at a Called Church Conference.

Many of you have loved Kevin and the Mitchell family, and were touched by his ministry here. We encourage you to express that to Kevin as he, Lori, Madison and Morgan begin a new chapter in their lives. We appreciate Kevin's ministry here and wish him and his family well in the future.

Yours in Christ,
Cheryl Kimble

Worship this Month

9:30 a.m. Sunday School | 9:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

10:55 a.m. Worship Service



Choir returns!

The Chancel Choir will resume their Sunday morning rehearsals on Sunday, August 4 and resume singing in worship on Sunday, August 18. Veteran and rookie singers are welcome to sing with this group. This is a great time to join in!

August 4

- **Worship on the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost** with the celebration of communion by intinction
- Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches "Take Care"
- Kathryn Stuart, Sheila Kershaw's sister, will be the guest soloist in worship, singing "I'll Keep My Eyes On You" by Raymond Brown
- SWEETT Activity for children following worship

August 11

- ♦ **Worship on Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**
- ♦ Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches

August 18

- **Worship on the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**
- Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches
- The Chancel Choir returns to singing in worship with anthem "The Strength of My Heart" arr. by David Danner

August 25

SUPER SUNDAY

- **Worship on Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**
- Service features stories and photos from the children's activities this past summer
- During worship, students and teachers beginning a new school year will receive a blessing
- Conference, potluck lunch, and Israel presentation from Rev. Kimble following worship...*more info on next page*

SUPER SUNDAY ***AUGUST 25***

PROMOTION SUNDAY

Many of our children and youth will move up to new Sunday School classes

SUMMER SHARE SERVICE

Pictures and stories from the summer will be shared during worship, and children will lead parts of the worship service.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Students and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks, bookbags, lunchsacks, etc. to receive a blessing during worship as a new school year begins.

QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE

Following the worship service, we will hold the conference for the 3rd quarter, at which the Nominating Committee will be selected. The Nominating Committee will in turn select the slate for the Ministry Council and other leadership positions. If you would like to nominate someone, please visit with them before the service to ask if they are willing. The Nominating Committee serves for one year (Sept thru Sept) and members of the Nominating Committee cannot be on the Ministry Council simultaneously, but can serve in other positions.

ISRAEL PRESENTATION AND POTLUCK LUNCH

Rev. Cheryl Kimble will present stories and photos from her 2-week pilgrimage to Israel at the end of June. This will also be a potluck lunch. The church will provide the meat and rolls. **please bring a side, salad, or dessert to share.**



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Warm breakfast & conversation, offerings taken for global missions. All men welcome - 7 a.m. on Fridays
1st Friday of the month in Sapp Hall and all other Fridays at Austin Diner



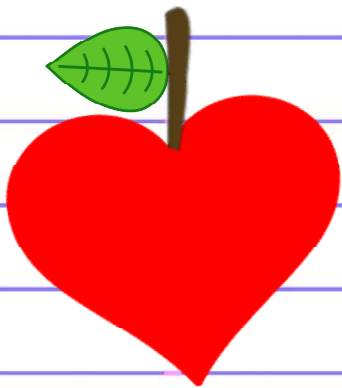
HELP NEEDED

Drive a Senior Luncheon

SIS will provide and serve a salad and dessert luncheon to 60 volunteers & clients of Drive A Senior Northwest on Thursday, August 22. Please contact Alana Mallard to volunteer.



Highland Park is in an interesting place this year. We have a lot of new, young teachers in our midst, as well as having several returning teachers in AISD, surrounding districts, & private schools. Being a former teacher, I realize what an impact they make on young minds and HPBC should be proud of the leaders we have in this church. We currently have over 10 teachers in our congregation.



I would like to show our teachers on August the 25th that we go with them as they walk into classrooms for the first time this year or as they return to classrooms with new classes. It can be very expensive setting up classrooms each year. I would like to give our teachers some gift cards to help them get started this year as well as offer a blessing on them during our morning worship.

We will be collecting a love offering to go towards this effort starting ASAP. If you can help with this effort you can donate on the website or by placing money or check in the offering plate carefully marked "Teacher Offering."

Thanks for your consideration, Cheryl



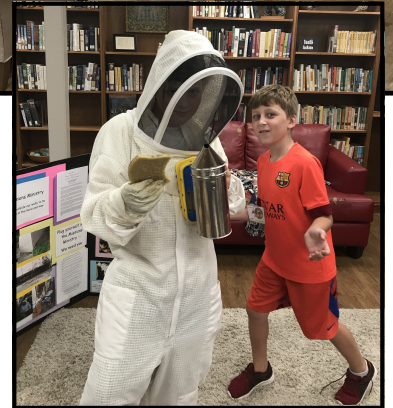
**“On Mission”
Vacation
Bible School
was held at
HPBC from
July 15-19. Eve-
rything was
truly out of this
world!**



A BIG thank you to all of our volunteers who gave their time to lead rotations or groups.



Kids had the opportunity to practice being sight-guided, learn about bee rescues, send thank you notes to local volunteers, and prepare donations for a food pantry during the missions rotation.



Snack was the favorite rotation of many!

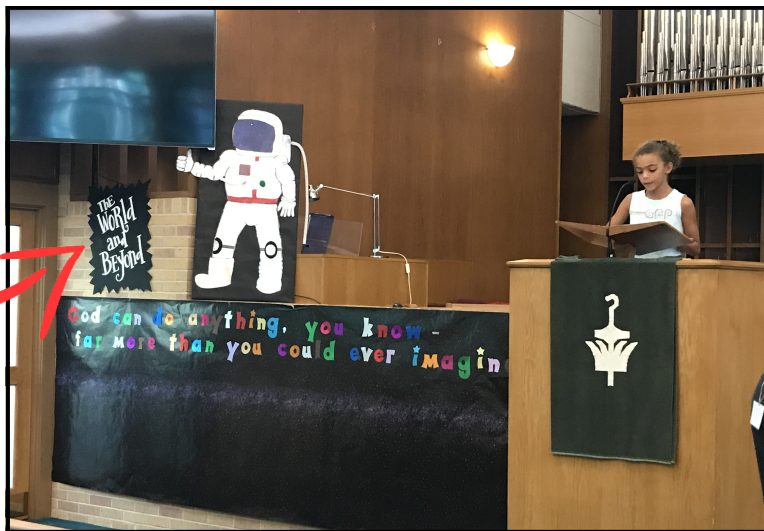


Expanding their creativity during Cosmic Crafts & expending some energy during Galaxy Games!



The VBS families brought in enough toiletries to fill a large duffel bag! These donations have been mailed to the Cornerstone Community Outreach in Chicago. CCO sends their thanks.

A very special thank you to Maddy Bewley for creating our amazing décor!



On Friday, the kids performed songs, shared their favorite memory and read Bible verses. We loved being in the Sanctuary for this.



Afternoons during the VBS week included a jump park, movie, swimming, and bowling. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped chaperone this vibrant part of our church.

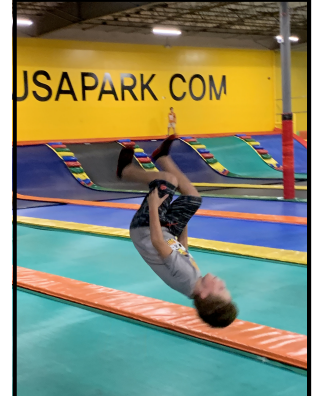
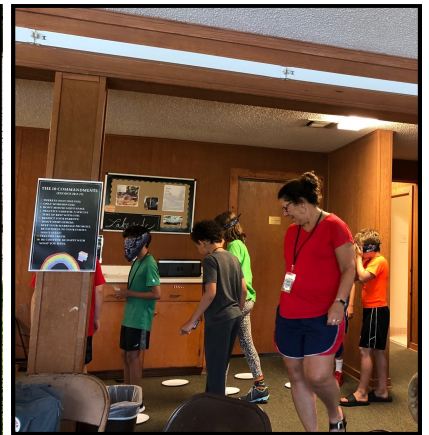


Photo: M6 Director Barry Smith, Pantry volunteer John Parker, and VBSer Katie McCann. Alana Mallard and Katie took a trunk & backseat filled with empty HEB shopping bags for use by the pantry, five bags of food in the front seat, and a donation for Micah 6. They were very grateful.

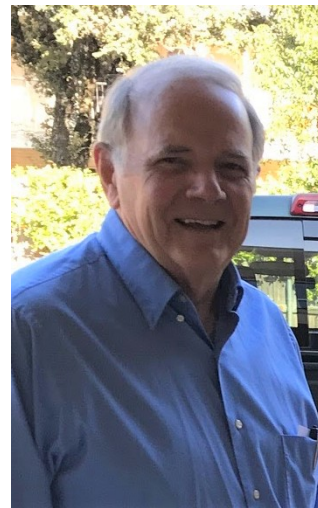


☀️ Children's Camp is a place full of sunshine, lots and lots of giggles, and the overwhelming feeling of knowing we are God's BELOVED. ☀️ Thanks to Andrew Glazener, Erin Randall, Rusty Shelton, Logan Kimble, and Courtney Morton for coming along to experience this camp (again, this time as grown-ups) with a great group of kids.





SPOTLIGHT ON OUR MEMBERS



Many thanks to Don Hartman for his years and years of alternating with Troop 410 on lawn care at HPBC. We are so grateful to Don for all his mowing, edging, and cleaning up. Don has also volunteered his time and truck each Spring and Fall for delivering the food drives to the Baptist Community Center. Thank you also for the tools and expertise for rebuilding after Harvey on Port A trips, Don! We appreciate your service to the missions of this church.



Wintertime 2 years ago, my friend and long time friend of HPBC Gini Norris-Lane reached out to me and asked if HPBC would be willing to let one of her favorite students do a summer internship with us. She was going to be a senior at Schreiner University, was a Baptist, and needed an internship to graduate. She told me Erin would fit right in and needed a church like HPBC to mentor her.

That year she jumped right in and became one of us, so much so that she joined our church. Following graduation she wanted to come back and help so we ask her to come help fill the void left while Kelley was on maternity leave.

Once again she did a wonderful job and helped in so many ways.

This summer, despite a difficult year at Brite Divinity School, she wanted to spend July back at her church helping with VBS, Children's Camp and any other way she could. We can't say **Thank You** loud enough to Erin. What would we have done without you? You are loved by HPBC! ~ Cheryl

SUNDAYS WE EAT & ENJOY TIME TOGETHER



**Kids ages 4 & up
are invited for
an afternoon of
high-paced games
12:00-2:30 p.m.
Lunch is included**



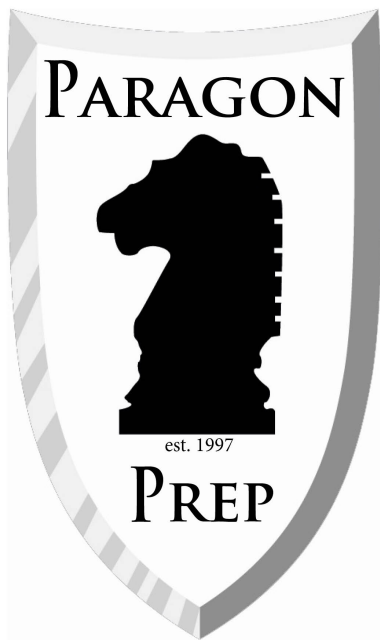
Sunday, August 4 in Rm. 225

BIRTHDAYS

- August 1** Martha Fields
Suzanne Lowe
- August 3** Barbara Lightsey
- August 4** Nancy Norris
- August 5** Greg Gregory
- August 7** Kristin Werner
- August 9** Mary Macias
Avery Nuckols
- August 10** Luke Stokes
- August 12** Judith Latimer
- August 13** Susan Magee
Michael Wilson, Jr.
- August 14** Dottie Denton
Michael Hartman
Glenn Shoemake



- August 15** Emily Yeager
- August 16** Rachel Longoria
- August 17** Madeleine Bewley
Rosa Luna
Tom Morrow
- August 18** Montez Coyle
Scott Davis
- August 19** Cindy Thane
- August 21** Don Ballard
Deborah Denney
- August 22** Rusty Shelton
- August 23** Kathryn Ingerly
Sergio Longoria
- August 25** Chuck Roberts
- August 31** Luke Chandler
Kathy Stanley



Hello HPBC!

On behalf of the Paragon Knights, I wanted to express our heartfelt thanks for the warm welcome we have received here this summer. As we all know, moving day can be tough - and moving month that much more so! Fortunately, with all of the assistance and encouragement of the church staff and members, our loads and our spirits were lightened. Very soon the teachers and the kids will arrive, and we will be able to share with your community our greatest asset - a building full of the laughter and songs of our wonderful children!

Yours sincerely,
David R. McGrath
Headmaster

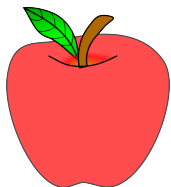
CHANGES DURING THE SCHOOL WEEK: SAFETY FIRST



Reverse flow of the parking lot: During the school week, the parking lot at Highland Park will operate in a clock-wise flow, opposite of the typical flow of our parking lot. This change is being made to keep students safe as they exit their cars during pick up and drop off. The angled spots at the back of the lot and north side of the lot will become back-in angled spots during the school week.

Procedure to enter building during school hours: To ensure safety of their students, Paragon Prep uses the Raptor software which performs a sex-offender check by scanning a driver's license. All visitors to the building will be required to undergo this scan before being able to walk the building during school hours, Monday -Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. During school hours, all visitors to the church building will need to enter at the main entrance on the north side of the building where the scanning machine is located.

PLEASE NOTE: These changes will only apply during the school week, and will not affect the flow of the parking lot or access to the building on Sundays.



Teachers will be setting up their classrooms in early August and the students arrive on August 12. Once the school year has begun and things settle in, Paragon will host a tour for the church on Sunday, September 8 so church members can walk through the spaces.

WHAT'S CHANGED THIS SUMMER?

Blue: Shared Spaces

Yellow: Paragon Space

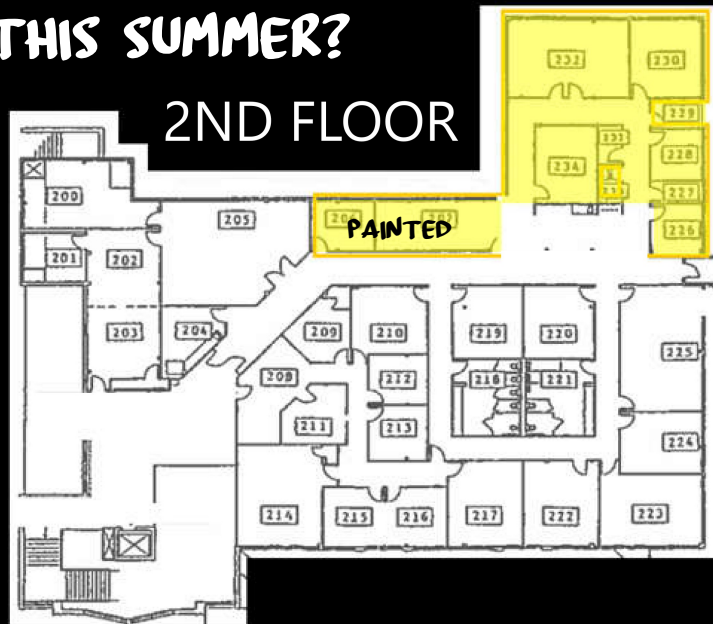
2nd Floor:
Offices & 1 classroom

Nursery "Preschool":
PreK3 & Kindergarten

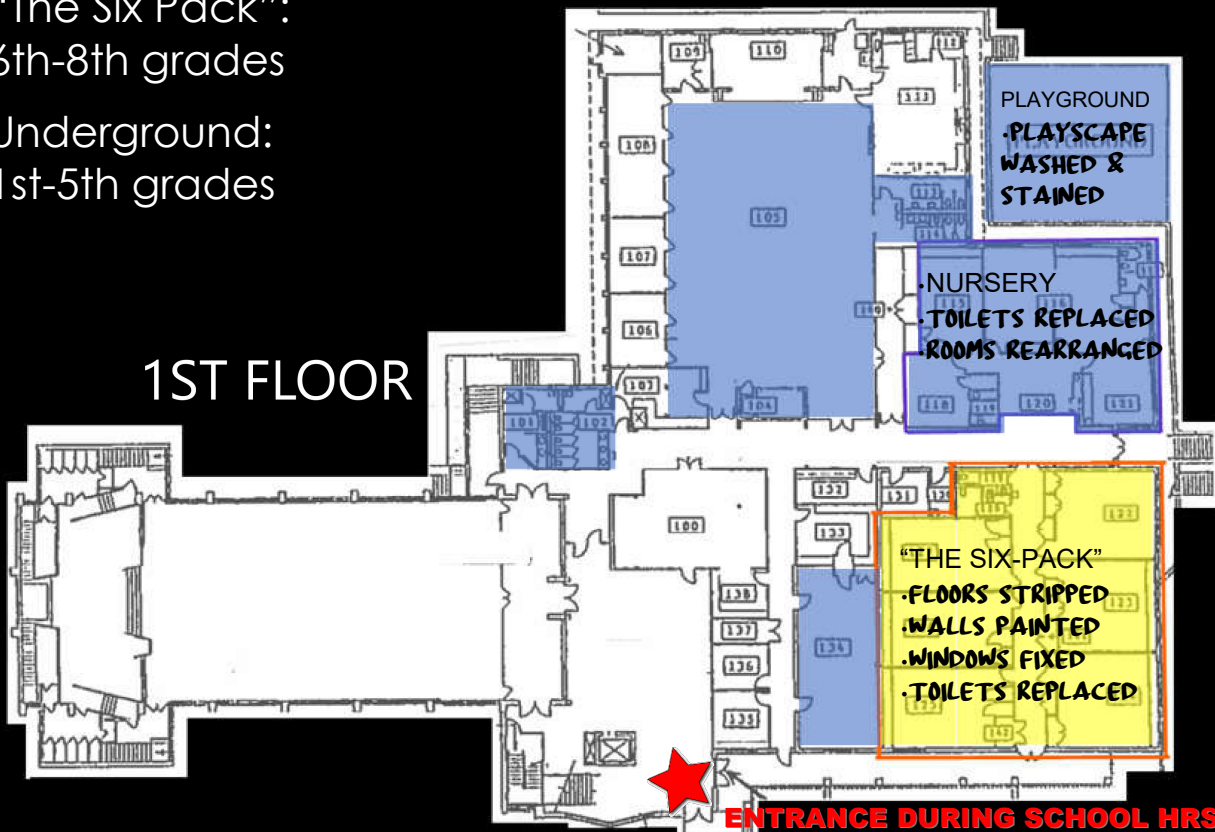
"The Six Pack":
6th-8th grades

Underground:
1st-5th grades

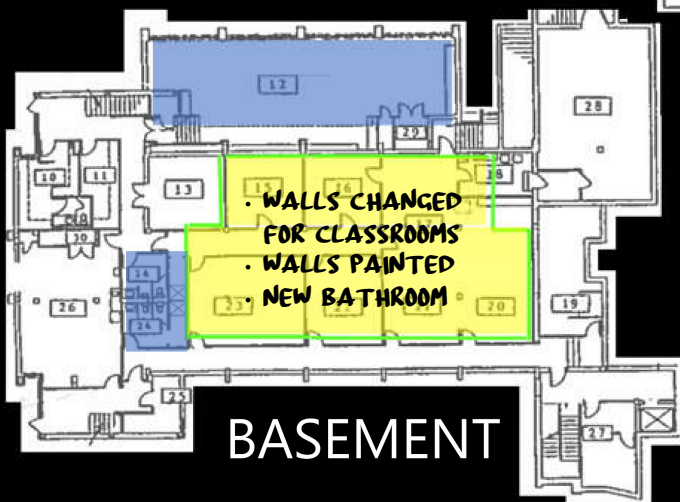
2ND FLOOR



1ST FLOOR



BACK BUILDING



CASTLE PLAYGROUND
 • CLEARED OUT FOR NEW MULCH
 • TREES TRIMMED

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM
 • MOWED AND CLEARED
 • PICNIC TABLES ADDED

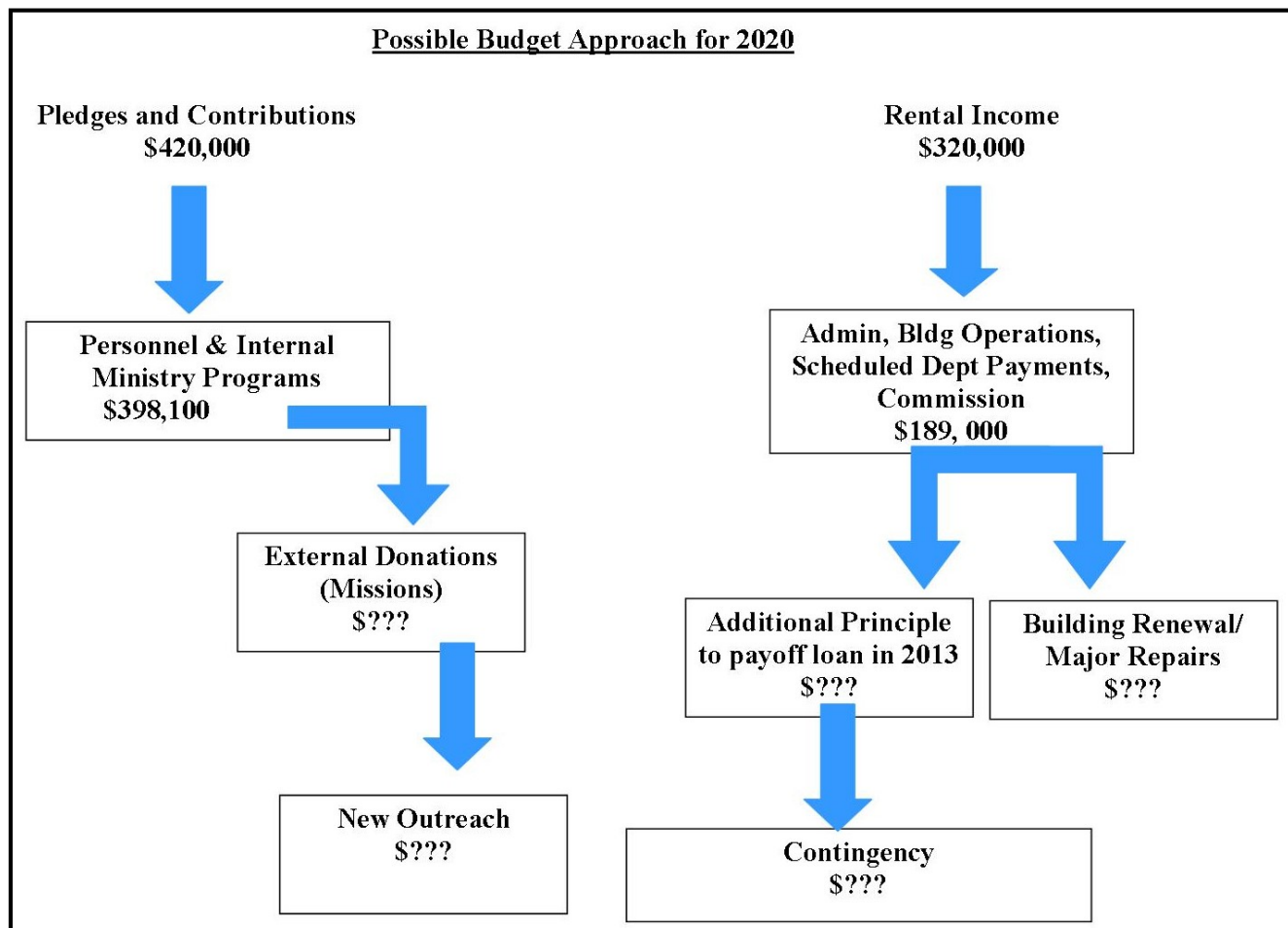
BASEMENT

New Budget Approach

With our new lease with Paragon Prep, we have an opportunity to improve our budget process. We'll have two main sources of income - contributions and rent. One way to be effective stewards of these revenue sources is to align specific expenses with one source or the other.

We could dedicate rental income for property maintenance and planned renewal, administrative operations, and lease expenses. We have building repairs and replacements that are long overdue as well as building improvements needed to relocate our youth and enhance our outreach. These are not all wish-list projects, but delayed upkeep or a consequence of reallocating space to Paragon. The Finance Ministry is looking into the cost of a reserves study that would identify how much we should be saving to care long-term for our building.

With our contributions, we could pay for our ministers, staff, and congregational ministry programs like family life events, bible studies, children and youth programs, outreach, touch circles, hospitality events, environmental conservation, service projects, and worship. Continued and increased contributions from us would directly enable the programs and people that serve us and those we reach out to. At current levels, and with reliance on unpledged contributions and activity participation donations, we are fairly breakeven on personnel and programs.



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Excess from either source could be used to fund our external missions giving (what we now call our missions budget), new outreach initiatives, pay off our debt, build contingency reserves, or other priority.

For the remainder of 2019, the Finance Ministry is proposing that we use our increased rental income to cover the cost of the tenant transition and consider needs above our existing budget as they arise. In November, we will prepare the new budget for 2020 with Ministry Council and staff input for approval by the congregation in December. Please consider the idea of two budgets – one for property & administration, and another for personnel & ministry. The hope is that with a new source for property & administration, our personal giving can be committed directly to personnel & ministry. We welcome your thoughts and suggestions now.

From the Finance Ministry - Cathy Glazener (chair), Sharon Duboise, Jim Eskew, Justin Gamble, Margaret Stafford, Roger Vaughan

Highland Park Baptist Church General Fund Cash Flow Statement	Current Financial Outlook	
	<u>Actual thru</u> <u>6/30/19</u>	<u>2019 Annual</u> <u>Budget</u>
Revenues		
Contribution General Giving	\$ 202,987	\$ 415,000
Rental Income	89,427	134,500
Misc Income	<u>765</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 293,179	\$ 554,500
Expenditures		
Debt P&I Payments	11,952	0
SubTotal General & Administrative	8,798	55,000
SubTotal Labor & Personnel Expenses	173,520	375,000
SubTotal Land & Property	42,427	80,000
Ministry Programs		
SubTotal Christian Education	493	2,500
SubTotal Communication & Outreach	1,349	4,000
Subtotal Family Life & Fellowship & Food	6,927	10,000
SubTotal Music	278	2,500
SubTotal Servants	58	600
SubTotal Worship	293	2,500
SubTotal Missions	<u>18,479</u>	<u>35,000</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 264,574	\$ 567,100
Net Income	<u>\$ 28,605</u>	<u>\$ (12,600)</u>
Note: All programs & administration are also supported by Designated Funds		

Want to Get Involved?

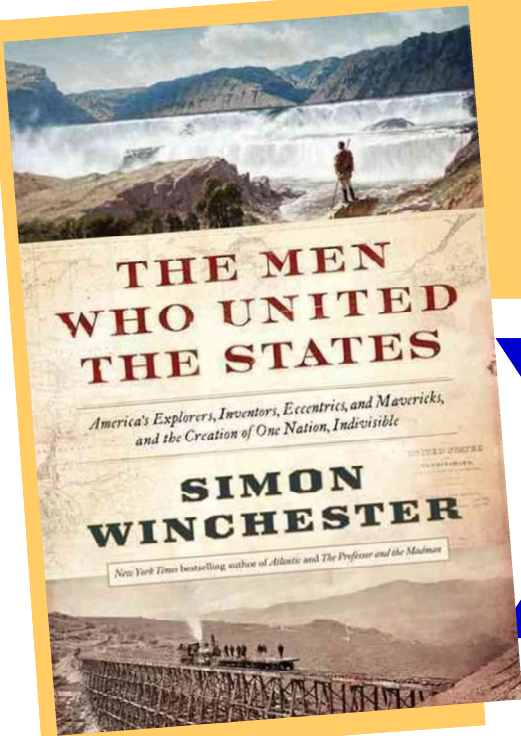
Sunday mornings offer many ways for you to serve the mission of this church.

Greeters are the first interaction that guests to our building get on Sundays. They can help direct newcomers throughout the building and secure contact info.

Liturgists assist with duties during the worship service by offering prayers, calls, and reading scripture. All are welcome to participate in the holy act of worship.

Ushers hand out bulletins, take up the offering, and clean up the Sanctuary. Sunday School classes often rotate this responsibility, but all are welcome to join in.

contact 512-453-6603 or hpbcoffice@hpbcAustin.org to get PLUGGED in.

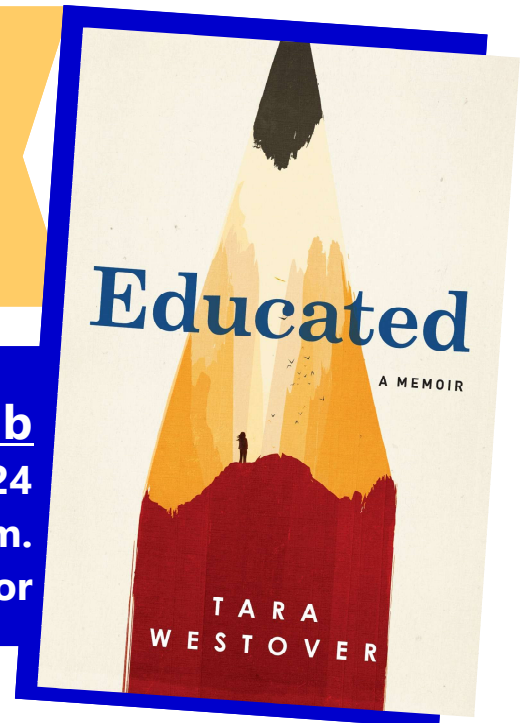


Monday Night Book Club

Monday, August 5
at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday Book Club

Saturday, August 24
at 10:00 a.m.
in the Upstairs Parlor



OPPORTUNITY TO ENGRAVE A PAVER

WE RECENTLY RECEIVED A REQUEST TO ADD AN ENGRAVED BRICK PAVER TO THE TEAGUE COURTYARD. WE WOULD LIKE TO OPEN THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ANYONE INTERESTED. THE COST OF EACH PAVER IS \$100. ORDER FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE. PLEASE PLACE YOUR PAYMENT AND ORDER FORM IN KELLEY DECLEENE'S BOX WHEN COMPLETE.

SCOUTING THIS SUMMER

HPBC's chartered scouting groups have had a busy summer!



Representatives from Pack 55, Troop 410, Troop 2019, and Ship 410 carried the colors at the Allendale Fourth of July Parade.



29 Scouts & Scouters (3 crews) attended the Philmont 12-day hike adventure.



Troop 410 sent 44 Scouts and 12 Scouters To Gorham Scout Ranch in NM. Gorham Scout Ranch was established in 1972 as a center for outdoor skills training, high adventure, and scout fun.





Troop 410 sent 24 participants (divided into three 8-sailor crews/boats) for SeaBase 2019 St. Thomas. This base began sailing operations in 2014. Crews board vessels in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands and then circumnavigate St. John, USVI throughout the duration of their adventure. Celebrated globally for its waters, winds, coral reefs and beaches, the US Virgin Islands offer participants amazing opportunities for adventure and exploration.



Ship 410 won the Lake Belton Yacht Club fun races on July 20.



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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:55 a.m.

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Rev. Cheryl Kimble, *Pastor*
Dr. C. Ray Burchette, *Pastor Emeritus*
Rachel Davis, *Director of Congregational Music*
Kelley DeCleene, *Director of Church Operations*
John Guerra, *Church Custodian*
Susan Hammack, *Church Bookkeeper*

"Life and Legacy Discussions"

A local insurance agent has begun leading casual but informative talks in Sapp Hall every 2nd Tuesday where folks can learn about Medicare, health insurance, estate planning, and more. This is a FREE event. A workbook is provided as attendees learn the current health insurance options and how they work, how Medicare works and upcoming changes, how to set up Wills, Trusts, Estate planning and Medical directives, and begin a plan for accumulating, preserving and distributing assets.

The next event is: August 13 at 7 p.m. in Sapp Hall.
Sign up at www.legacydiscussions.org

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