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Aug 1 Church-wide Potluck
5:30 pm, Ministry Meetings
6:30 pm

**Aug 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Men's
Prayer Breakfast 7 am**

**Aug 5 Java for Jesus, Share
Your Table**

**Aug 9 UBC God's Family
Dinner Volunteer**

**Aug 11 Congratulations to
Garrett Martin, two years at
HPBC**

Aug 12 Youth-Led Worship
10:55, Taize Worship 7:30 pm

**Aug 16 UBC God's Family
Dinner Volunteer**

Aug 20 Ministry Council 7pm

**Aug 24 Round Rock Express
Game 7 pm**

Aug 26 No Excuse Sunday!
Promotion Luncheon 12 pm,
Piano Concert 1:30 pm

**Aug 29 Resume Wednesday
Weavings, Dinner 5:30 pm,
Programs for Adults, Teens,
Kids 6:30 pm**

Welcome our new member



Audrey Ferrell

From Our Pastor

Every week I hear some great excuses for why people can't come to church on Sunday morning. Many of the excuses are legitimate, and I try to be gracious and understanding, but come Aug. 26 there will be **NO EXCUSES!**

If you like to play golf on Sunday mornings, we'll have a putting green here for you. If you like to go fishing on Sunday mornings, we're going to have a place where you can fish. If you like to sleep late, we'll have some place you can lie down and, yes, even sleep through the sermon. If you run, bike, or play soccer on Sunday morning, we'll have a place for you to do that. And we may even have a .5k race if you need competition.

On Aug. 26 we'll have promotion of our children and youth into their new Sunday School classes, we'll present Bibles to the new kindergarteners, first graders, sixth graders during worship, and we'll present Kerygma certificates to those who completed our last Kerygma classes. Following worship, we'll have a church luncheon with music by pianist Jim Hendricks, who will also be our guest musician during worship.

Please plan to make Aug. 26 a priority for you and your family. While we plan to have a fun time that morning and we hope to really celebrate the start of a new year, it will be a time for us to really recommit ourselves to Sunday School and Worship.

If you think you have an excuse we can't match...just try us!

Yours in Christ,
Cheryl



Rev. Cheryl Kimble, pastor

Rev. Kevin Mitchell, associate pastor



Church Work Day in July

With many thanks to Property Ministry Chair Mary Ellen Sullivan for organizing the day and to Barbara Lightsey for keeping workers supplied with food and drink all through the day.

“I am so thankful to everyone who worked so hard to clean up and fix up our church,” Mary Ellen said. And in a few days off went those big, green Bagsters full of wood from the old risers in the choir room.

Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Romans 12:11

Sunday Worship in August

Aug. 5 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Celebration of the Lord's Supper, in-gathering of food for Share Your Table, Rev. Kevin Mitchell preaches at 10:55 a.m.

Aug. 12 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Youth-Led Worship at 10:55 a.m., Taize Worship led by Rev. Melissa Russell at 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 19 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches at 10:55 a.m.

Aug. 26 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost No Excuse Sunday! with golf, fishing, lounge pillows, Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches at 10:55 a.m.

Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays



Wednesdays in August

It's an odd hodgepodge of a few Wednesday evenings in August, and on Aug. 29 we'll be back in Sapp Hall for 5:30 p.m. fellowship suppers and 6:30 p.m. programs for adults, teens, and kids. Come to the August hodgepodge and then make room in your regular schedule for Wednesday Weavings. We'll make a place for you at our table. We really want you there.

Aug. 1 Ministry Meetings Potluck meal for all at 5:30 p.m., and we'll break into ministry meetings at 6:30 p.m. No ministry? Come along and try one out.

Aug. 22 Justice Book Club We'll meet at 6:30 p.m. in Under Construction classroom upstairs to discuss "Looking Up at the Bottom Line" by Richard Troxell, an Austin advocate for our homeless friends. And Keith Cranford usually brings yummy snacks.

Aug. 29 Wednesday Weavings Our fellowship supper at 5:30 p.m., followed by a quarterly Church Conference and programs for teens and kids. \$6 adult dinner, \$4 half-plate and kids, \$18 max for families.

Our Littlest and Most Precious Ones



Congratulations to Rise School Class of 2012
— our newest graduates

Learning in Sunday School with Ms. Nancy
how Daniel follows God's word



It is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.
Mark 10:14

From the Finance Ministry

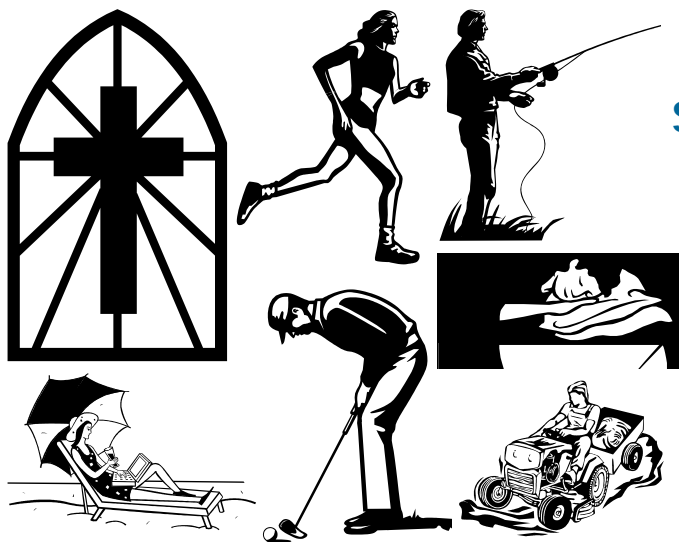
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	Revenue	Expenses	Difference
General Fund			
Budgeted	\$ 300,506	\$ 302,766	\$ (2,260)
Actual	\$ 226,634	\$ 249,895	\$ (23,261)
Difference	\$ (73,872)	\$ (52,871)	
All Operating Funds			
General	\$ 226,364	\$ 249,895	\$ (23,531)
Rise School	\$ 39,000	\$ 21,978	\$ 17,022
Fdtn Homeless	\$ 8,670	\$ 5,099	\$ 3,571
Other Designated	\$ 50,343	\$ 63,559	\$ (13,216)
Total	\$ 324,377	\$ 340,531	\$ (16,154)
Capital Improvement			
Air-conditioning	\$ 5,000	\$ 48,975	\$ (43,975)
Grand total	\$ 329,377	\$ 389,506	\$ (60,129)

The 6-month budgeted General Fund revenue is shown as half of the 12-month revenue but December contributions are usually about equal to twice the average monthly contribution. Thus, extrapolation of the general fund for a full 12 months is revenue of \$499,790 and expense of \$480,945, or an end of the year deficit of \$18,845.

As of July 27, we have received contributions of \$18,960 toward the full cost of \$55,100 for the Sanctuary air conditioner. The cost of the replacements for Sapp Hall and remaining parts of the building is still unknown.

No Excuse Sunday — Aug. 26



What's your Sunday pleasure? A run? A game of golf? Fishing? Sleeping in? Tinkering on the car? Lolling near the water?

Whatever your Sunday pleasure — or excuse — we'll have it at church on Aug. 26.

It's No Excuse Sunday, and we need you to be here. We'll have some fun.

And we'll definitely worship God.

28th Annual Patriotic Dinner

Honoring our veterans, celebrating our country, being with friends



From Associate Pastor Kevin Mitchell

Two quick stories, I hope quick, about our mission trip and our kids.

Monday morning near our vans, circled up in the motel parking lot for devotion, when my cell phone rang. It was Frances, our mission site coordinator. The group who was supposed to lead the literacy program at the town library didn't show. "Can y'all help?" she asked. "Kids will start showing up in thirty minutes."

I turned to our crew after juggling the logistics of our other mission projects with Frances still on the phone and without hesitation, our crew said, "YES!"

So we jumped in the vans and raced to the library. When the first kid walked into that library our crew not only had a plan ready, they had several stations set up with supplies and smiles all around. In a whirl of a moment I found myself standing on holy ground in that old library.

Friday the 13th we walked up to little St. James Baptist Church after piling out of the vans. The old wooden building was badly in need of a new coat of paint. And that's exactly what we'd come there to do, paint the place a clean new bright white. The place looks like it could be hanging in an art gallery somewhere or cast in a movie about yesterday's small town and big faith. Tall dark green trees surround the back of the



place and deep along both sides. But something spooky happened as we walked closer to that church. That little white church got bigger and bigger the closer we got. We were living one of those Hollywood special effects and in my version it was a scene from a horror movie. Do we have enough supplies? Do we have enough time? Will our ladders reach that high? Why is it so dang hot here? Where is the breeze?

About 4 p.m. I was ready to call it quits. Head back to the motel. Swim. Eat dinner. Come back with the evening breeze to knock out some more work.

But our crew wanted nothing to do with that idea. "We came here to work.

Let's push on." I wanted to take off my shoes, holy ground again.

The trip was crammed with moments like these. I think I'm taller, freer (if that's a word), more awake in my faith having been on that adventure with our youth. Ask us about the adventure, about our time with President Carter at his church, and come to worship Aug. 12 where we'll tell you more about what God's been up to with us and in us and through us this summer.

See ya around.

Peace,
Kevin



With a little Youth Camp and Children's Camp thrown in for good measure.



Youth Mission Trip to Alabama and Georgia in July

Painting homes and churches, loving kids, following a civil rights trail, and President Jimmy Carter teaches Sunday School





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Life of the Church

Nametags You don't have to be a member to have a nametag, so if you want one let the church office know — 453-6603 or hpbcoffice@hpbcaustin.org. And if you do have a nametag, put it on every Sunday morning. Please. It will help everyone. I'm not kidding. Really. Let's wear our nametags and meet people we don't know.

Share Your Table We'll bring food for Micah 6 Food Pantry on Aug. 5, and manager Linda Williams always appreciates our generous donations. We help the food pantry at University Presbyterian Church serve more than 200 families who shop at no cost on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings.

God's Family Dinner Every Thursday evening, University Baptist Church serves a meal for homeless people in the UT area. HPBC volunteers serve in the kitchen and dining room from 4:30 p.m. till 6 p.m. every second and third Thursday. Edna Nation, Nancy Lamb, and Alana Mallard are regular volunteers if you need any info or parking advice. See carecalendar.org, ID 80598, code 9350, the calendar will show you slots available. You'll do a world of good.

Womanfest Save the date: Oct. 26-28 in Fredericksburg. All women of the church are invited, as are friends, neighbors, family. We had several mother-daughter groups last year. And don't forget to think about our silent auction to raise money for scholarships.



Capital Area Food Bank HPBC volunteers helped with a Saturday work morning at Capital Area Food Bank recently, repackaging donated bread and pastries into 15-pound boxes for local food pantries. "Someone will be eating this food by the end of the week," Bethany Carney of CAFB told our group of about 40 from several organizations as we finished packaging 5,265 pounds of bread, croissants, donuts, cookies, rolls, cakes, and snacks. David Duncan promises to organize another morning for us at Capital Area Food Bank.



Please join us for worship.
Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:55 a.m.
Taize Worship on Sunday, Aug. 12, at 7:30 p.m.
Our Taize Worship is the second Sunday evening of each month
All are welcome