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June 3 Java for Jesus, Share Your Table

June 4-8 VBS

June 6 Church-wide Potluck 5:30 p.m., Ministry Meetings 6:30 p.m.

June 10-15 Youth Camp at Austin College in Sherman

June 13 Potluck Patriotic Dinner 6 p.m.

June 14 and 21 UBC God's Family Dinner Volunteer

June 18 Ministry Council 7p.m.

June 20 Church-wide Dinner 6 p.m., Guest Youth Handbell Choir Concert 7 p.m.

June 27 Summer Book Club 7 p.m.

July 1 Java for Jesus, Share Your Table

July 11 Church-wide Potluck 5:30 p.m., Ministry Meetings 6:30 p.m.

July 12 and 19 UBC God's Family Dinner Volunteer

July 12-18 Youth Mission Trip

July 14 Capital Area Food Bank Volunteer Morning

July 22 Ministry Council 12 noon

July 23-27 Children's Camp at Lake Brownwood

July 25 Summer Book Club, 6:30 p.m.

July 29 Hymn Sing 6:30 p.m., Pie & Coffee 7:30 p.m.

Aug 1 Church-wide Potluck 5:30 p.m., Ministry meetings

VBS Kids Send 100 Mosquito Nets to Mali

Thanks to our VBS children, helpers, and friends, Global Cares and World Vision will be able to send 100 mosquito nets to Mali, Africa, for children threatened by malaria. And Cheryl Kimble spray painted her hair rainbow colors to celebrate — but she drew the line at wearing rainbow hair to camp.



Everything is possible with God.
Mark 10:27

Our New Members

Kay
Greenhaw

Scot
McCann
with Kim
and Katie



Vacation Bible School 2012

June 4-8

Trust God



No matter who you are. . trust God. No matter how you feel. . . trust God.
No matter what people do. . . trust God. No matter what happens. . . trust
God. No matter where you are. . . trust God.

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Sunday Worship

Sunday worship begins at 10:55 a.m.

We'll celebrate the Lord's Supper on June 3, July 1, and Aug. 5.

Rev. Cheryl Kimble, Pastor

Rev. Kevin Mitchell, Associate Pastor

Garrett Martin, Director of Music Ministries and Organist



On first Sundays we collect food donations, called Share Your Table, for local food pantries. Micah 6 Food Pantry in the UT area, one of our member missions, receives our summer donations of food.



Our Summer Wednesdays

During the summers, we don't come together every Wednesday for a meal and study, but we do spend several Wednesdays together — and we invite you to join us for our Summer Wednesdays.

June 1 Ministry Meetings We'll have a potluck meal at 5:30 p.m., ministry meetings at 6:30 p.m. Not in a ministry? We'll help you find one.

June 13 Veteran Recognition Dinner Another potluck, this time at 6 p.m. Wear your red, white, and blue for this annual get-together to honor our military veterans.

June 20 Handbell Choir Concert BBQ at 6 p.m. (\$6 adults, \$4 kids), a concert at 7 p.m. featuring the Youth Handbell Choir of First Baptist Church, Warner, Oklahoma.

June 27 Summer Book Club We'll discuss "Everyday Justice" by Julie Clawson at 6:30 p.m. and have dessert at 7:30 p.m.

July 11 Ministry Meetings Another potluck meal at 5:30 p.m., ministry meetings at 6:30 p.m.

July 25 Summer Book Club Meet at 6:30 p.m., Rachel Carson's "Silent Spring," dessert at 7:30 p.m.

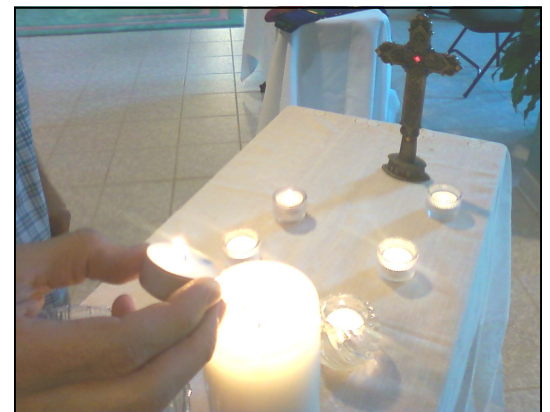
Aug. 1 Ministry Meetings Potluck meal again at 5:30 p.m., ministry meetings at 6:30 p.m.

Second Sunday Taize Worship, 7:30 p.m.

Please join us each second Sunday evening for a time of contemplation, quiet music, prayer, meditation, and communion.

Rev. Melissa Russell leads this time with a spiritual meditation, and Brenda

Nelson guides us in music. Nancy Lamb and Craig Russell hear our personal requests for prayer and healing. All are welcome.



O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.
When I call answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.

Reflections in the Mirror by Sheila Allee

My Father's Eyes

*Then the light begins to shine and I hear those ancient lullabies.
 And as I watched this seedling grow, feel my heart start to overflow
 When will I learn the words to say? How do I teach him? What do we play?
 If I did, I'd realize
 That's when I need him, that's when I need my father's eyes.*

Eric Clapton, My Father's Eyes



Mark Twain once told the story of a man who launched a search for the greatest general who ever lived. When he learned that the person had already died and gone to heaven, the man went to the Pearly Gates to see if he could locate him.

When he got there, he asked Saint Peter to point the man out.

“That can’t be the greatest of all generals,” the man said after Saint Peter pointed to one of the men in Heaven. “I knew that guy before he died and he was just a cobbler.”

“I know that,” Saint Peter said. “But if he had been a general, he would have been the greatest of them all.”

This story reminds me of the story from 1 Samuel that we read on a recent Sunday in church. In it, God tells Samuel to go find a new king for Israel. The one God directs Samuel to pick is a most unlikely choice – a young, inexperienced shepherd named David. But as God says to Samuel, “The Lord does not look at the things a man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

I like these stories because they are about people who are overlooked – people who have tremendous potential. But because of their station in life or their temperament, no one notices them or sees the possibilities in them. But God apparently sees each of us quite clearly. And I’m glad of that.

Our world is fixated on the rich and the famous, the flashy and the beautiful, the Kardashians and the LeBron Jameses. But our God is fixated on what’s inside us. He sees our potential and knows the gifts He has given us.

I like to think I can see the good in people. But I’m not so good at peering beyond the veneers that people display in public – especially when they are abrasive, argumentative and hostile. My tendency is to write such people off or to take them at face value and move on. I don’t want to try to understand them. It’s hard for me to see why God does. But I guess that’s the business he’s in. That’s when, as Eric Clapton so beautifully sang, “I need my father’s eyes.”

From the Finance Ministry

Financial Performance – First Quarter 2012						
	General Fund Contributions	Designated Contributions	Rent Income (Rise, FFH, etc.)	Total Revenue	Operating Expenses	Net Revenue
Budget	\$150,253	\$0.00	\$24,660	\$174,913	\$152,882	\$22,031
Actual	\$118,695	\$20,421	\$31,196	\$170,312	\$146,478	\$23,834
Difference	(\$31,558)	\$20,421	\$6,536	(\$4,601)	(\$6,404)	\$1,803
Notes:	Operating Expenses include a portion of salaries paid from Rise School funds.					
	While the budget is being underfunded monthly, we know that contributions are not spread evenly across months. We receive more contributions in December than any other month.					

Graduate Recognition Sunday May 20 God's love endures



Congratulations to high our school graduates Will, Alex, Katie, Breanne, Mickey and Shannon

When you were babies, we held you, sang to you, prayed for you. When you came before us, standing new in your faith, we welcomed you. Now you're standing here again, this time ready to go. We appreciate you for what you do. We love you for who you are. May you always know the difference. We give thanks to you, O God, for your extravagant and eternal love.



Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser

We enjoyed a chicken spaghetti dinner after worship and were entertained by our youth — all aimed at sending them to Georgia and Alabama this summer for missions.



Highland Park's 60th Birthday Celebration April 29 — From 1952 to 2012



What does the Lord require of you: to act justly, to love mercy, to walk humbly with God.
Let justice roll down like a mighty water and righteousness like an ever flowing stream.
Yesterday, today and forever.
Micah 6:8-9



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to be a worshipping church,
to be a learning church,
to be a practicing church,
to be a mission church.





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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.

Central Texas Food Bank Save the date - July 14 - for a morning of helping sort and package food. See David Duncan to help from 9 a.m. till noon.

Share Your Table We'll bring food for Micah 6 Food Pantry on June 3, July 1, and Aug. 5. Your generous donations help serve more than 200 families who are able to shop at no cost on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. Micah 6 Food Pantry is at University Presbyterian Church at 22nd Street just off the UT Drag.

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 in the 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. Go to carecalendar.org and log on with ID 80598, code 9350, and the calendar will show you slots available. Go ahead, just click on Kitchen Helper once you get to the date you want, and show up at UBC on Thursday to help: You'll do a world of good and you'll meet some nice folks.

Old Fashioned Hymn Sing Our second annual hymn sing will take place on Sunday evening, July 29 at 6:30 p.m. in Sapp Hall. Continuing the great success of last year's program, we will have coffee and home made pie following our program. If you would like to place a request for one of your favorite hymns, please email Garrett Martin at gmartin@hpbcaustin.org. Find your favorite pie recipe, bake one to share, then warm up your voice and join us in Sapp Hall at 6:30!

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.

Please join us for worship.

Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:55 a.m.
Taize Worship on Sunday, June 10, July 8 and Aug. 12, at 7:30 p.m.
Our Taize Worship is the second Sunday evening of each month
All are welcome