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Looking Ahead

Nov. 1 WMU Morning 9:30 am; All Saints Day Requiem 7 pm

Nov 2,9,16,23,30 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7 am

Nov 2-4 Sapp Lecture Series with David Breckenridge

Nov. 4 Consecration Sunday with Celebration Lunch after worship, Share Your Table food collection

Nov 7 Ministry meetings 6:30 pm; S.I.S. serves at UT Baptist Student Ministries at noon

Nov 8 and 15 UBC God's Family Dinner Volunteer 4:30 to 6 pm to serve homeless

Nov 10 Church-wide Work Day 8 am-4pm

Nov 11 and 25 TLC Grief Support 12:30 pm

Nov 12 Sisters in Service 7 pm

Nov 11 Taize Worship 7:30 pm

Nov 18 S.I.S. serves at Micah 6 Youth Drop-In 1:30-6:30 pm

Nov 19 Ministry Council 7pm



From Your Pastor

Can you even believe that it's already time to start thinking about 2013? I feel like summer is just now ending (some days the temperature makes me think that it's still here), and here we are thinking about next year.

What about summer camps? What about mission trips? What about mission activities? What about special programs or guest speakers? What about Sapp Lectures (we're just now having this year's)? The list goes on and on!

I think the most important things we have to think about as a church is, what do we as a church, sitting here at 5206 Balcones Drive, what do we want to do in this community, in this world? How do we want to be church to each other and to each person who enters this building?

I was the guest pastor at Westminster Manor a couple of Sundays ago during their afternoon vespers. I go over there a couple of times a year and it's so wonderful to visit with the people living there and hear their stories.

One woman came up to me and said, "I just want to thank you and your church." I said, "OK, but what did we do?"

She began to tell me that every month she comes to meet at our church with the Austin Genealogy Society. She said everyone is so kind and helpful, and when you walk in the door you just know it's a warm friendly place. I was so touched, and she told everyone that came up to me after that the same story.

We never know who walks through our doors at any moment of the day or how they are touched by our church. I don't know if the Austin Genealogy Society member ever came in contact with a member of Highland Park, but she was touched by us.

Two weeks ago at the Blessing of the Animals a woman was walking her dog, just strolling down Balcones. She saw the group gathered and one of our members asked her if she wanted her dog blessed. She walked up, I said a little prayer for her dog, and she went on her way. Last Sunday she was in worship with us.

Do we believe that what we do makes a difference? If so, it's time for us to really think about what we want to do this coming year and how we can make those things happen.

I ask that you prayerfully consider the part you'll play in the ministries of 2013 as we enter into this time of consecration and planning.

In Christ and community,
Cheryl Kimble



Sunday Worship at HPBC With Zambian Singers, bagpiper Nick Classen, World Communion Sunday, and processing with the kids.

**God, help us to learn, because we are all your children.
Help us understand that where we come from does not matter,
because we are all your children.**



**Help us know that you
want us to love each
other, because we are all
your children.
Help us celebrate our dif-
ferences, because we
are all your children.
And gather together in
your sight to worship
together, because we
are all your children.**



Preschool Sunday School and Worship

Our preschool Sunday School is studying stories of the Egyptian people, including leaders Moses and Joshua who helped the people to remember to love God. Nursery and preschool director Nancy Osgood teaches most Sundays with the teaching help of Roxanne Shelton, Courtney Morton (who taught all through the summer), Greg Chandler, and Wes Glazener.

During Worship, preschoolers come with all their helpers to the sanctuary for a Children's Sermon, usually with Kevin or Cheryl.



***Because the Lord is good, his loyal
love lasts forever. Psalm 100:5***

***We will serve the Lord our God and
will obey him. Joshua 24:24***

Worship of the Lord in November

Nov. 1 All Saints Day Requiem at 7 p.m.

Nov. 4 Consecration Sunday David Breckenridge preaches at 10:55 a.m., "The Value of Community," Celebration of Communion, Share Your Table food gathering

Nov. 11 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost Cheryl Kimble preaches at 10:55 a.m.; Taize worship at 7:30 p.m. with Communion

Nov. 18 Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost Cheryl Kimble preaches at 10:55 a.m.

Nov. 25 Christ the King Sunday Cheryl Kimble preaches at 10:55 a.m.



Wednesday Weavings in November

Please join us as we eat together at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in November — well, all except for the Wednesday before Thanksgiving when we will all be at the house getting ready for Thanksgiving. Adult dinner \$6, \$4 half-plate and kids, \$18 max for families. After supper we have a time of prayer and then programs at 6:30 p.m. for adults, kids, and teens where we all learn about the grace of God.

Nov. 7 Ministry Meetings After we eat as a community, we'll go off to our ministry meetings. No ministry? No problem. You know we can find you one. You're welcome to join in.

Nov. 14 Justice Series Judith Averill of Refugee Services of Texas will tell us about services her agency provides to hundreds of refugees who are relocated to Texas from areas of strife:

Nov. 21 No Wednesday Weavings We'll take this Wednesday off for Thanksgiving.

Nov. 28 Church Conference After supper, and after our time of prayer, we'll go into a scheduled Church Conference to elect 2013 Ministry Council and do some bylaws work.

Richard Troxell, author of "Looking Up at the Bottom Line: The Struggle for the Living Wage," talked as part of our Justice Series, explaining his work with the homeless in Austin and across the nation. His book advocates setting minimum wage on housing costs rather than food costs. He founded House the Homeless in Austin.



I thank my God every time I remember you. Philippians 1:3



Sapp Lecture Series: November 2, 3, and 4

Modern Family: Why Christian Community Will Always Matter

Join us Nov. 2-4 for this year's Sapp Lecture Series, featuring Rev. David Breckenridge, pastor of First Baptist Church of Memphis, Tennessee, and former youth minister at Highland Park. David will lead us in three sessions as we explore what community means in our church. You won't want to miss his time with us.

Session 1: The Challenge of Community

Friday, Nov. 2, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Session 2: The Practice of Community

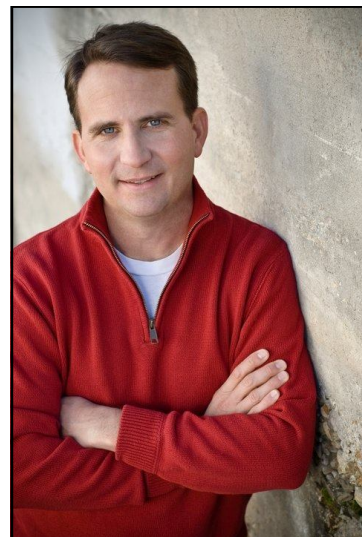
Saturday, Nov. 3, 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Includes continental breakfast and a box lunch

Session 3: The Value of Community

Sunday, Nov. 4 morning sermon, service begins at 10:55 a.m.

The annual Sapp Lecture Series is an HPBC tradition that honors the memory of Jim Sapp, our longtime education director from 1978-1981 and one of the founders of Highland Park with First Baptist Austin pastor Carlisle Marney. Legend has it that Sapp and Marney were on horseback when they came to our location and thought it would be a fine place for a neighborhood church.



Texas Baptist Offering for World Hunger Nov. 11 to Dec. 22

The Texas Baptist Offering for World Hunger works together with many Baptist ministries in Texas and around the world to show Christ's love and generosity by meeting immediate hunger needs and helping people escape the devastation of poverty. Texas Baptist Offering seeks to empower those in need by funding relief and development projects that are holistic and sustainable.

Plastic take-home Texas banks will be available for children and youth (and adult kids at heart) beginning Nov. 11 and are to be returned on Sunday, Dec. 2, during the children's sermon. Envelopes for bigger bills and checks will also be available in the pew racks. Let's make this our biggest World Hunger Offering ever!



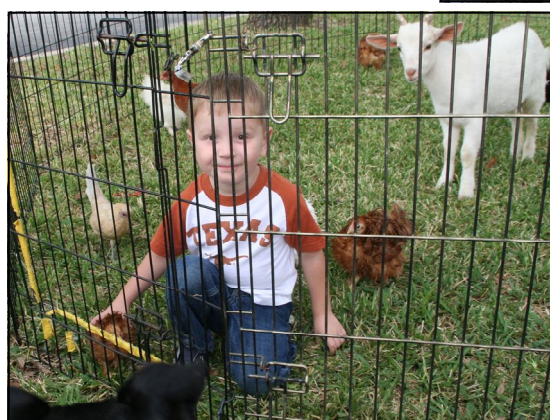
Womanfest 2012 Fredericksburg

Our thanks to planners Kristin Werner and Kathy Stanley, and to our facilitator Jennifer Wagner, who used stories of women of the Bible, women in history, and women at Womanfest to bring us to contemplation of God's purpose in us all.



A Celebration of Blessing of the Animals

Oct. 20 at HPBC



God's Creation: Psalm 8 Oct. 14-31 A Showing of the Art of Laura Johnson



Special thanks to Brett Johnson, Susan Magee, Dottie Denton and Discovery Sunday School Class for loaning artwork for this show

Fall Family Fest Food, Fun, and Trick-or-Treating



With many thanks to
Cathy Osgood for her
Fall Family Fest photos





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Life of the Church

Daytime WMU Our daytime women's mission group will meet on Thursday, Nov. 1, at 9:30 a.m. to decorate stockings for the Baptist Community Center's Christmas party. And all of us will have a chance to take these stockings home one Sunday and fill them with goodies for the kids at the Christmas party.

Share Your Table We will collect food in November for the Baptist Community Center Fall Food Drive. Daytime WMU members will hand out grocery bags on Nov. 4 with lists of needed food items, and you can bring your donations on Nov. 4 and Nov. 11 — or any time in between. The food will be delivered on Monday, Nov. 12. Twice a year we participate in the Baptist Community Center's food drive for their food pantry that benefits families who need a little help with groceries now and then. Just before Thanksgiving is a great time for us to fill the food pantry's shelves.

Sisters in Service Our evening women's mission group will visit Martha Fields on Nov. 12. We'll meet at the church at 7 p.m., hop on the bus, and go to Martha's new home at the Conservancy at Wells Branch. Martha has been a faithful member of S.I.S. and opened her home to our meetings several times. In the spirit of the season, we'll talk about gratitude. S.I.S. will cook and serve lunch at UT Baptist Student Ministry on Nov. 7 and at Micah 6 Youth Drop-In on Nov. 18.

Tender Loving Care TLC, our grief support ministry, meets after church at 12:30 p.m. in the parlor upstairs, this month on Nov. 11 and Nov. 25. Rev. Sue Enoch leads this group and invites all, whether you see yourself joining only one or two meetings or if you prefer to meet with the group for a longer term.

Triple L Every Tuesday from 9 a.m. till 11 a.m. you can find a couple of tables of cards and dominos in the multipurpose room — and a table full of goodies. No need to make a reservation — just show up. Several of our neighbors are regulars at the bridge tables.



Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:55 a.m.
Taize Worship on Sunday, Nov. 11, at 7:30 p.m., the second Sunday evening of each month
Please join us. All are welcome