

### Looking Ahead

Sept 1 Share Your Table, Java for Jesus 9:15a Atrium

Sept 4 Roundtable Ministry Meetings 6:30p, Dinner 5:30p

Sept 6 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7p Kerbey Lane Café, Faith & Film Series 6:15p Sapp Hall "Because of Winn Dixie"

Sept 8 Ministry Council 12:30p Sapp Hall, Taize 7:30p Atrium

Sept 9 WMU S.I.S. 7p Jeanie Petrie's Home

Sept 11 Memorial Vesper Service 6:30p Sanctuary, Fellowship Dinner 5:30p Sapp Hall

Sept 13 Faith & Film Series 6:15p Sapp Hall "Pay it Forward"

Sept 13-27 Sabbatical for Rev. Cheryl Kimble

Sept 13, 20, 27 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7p Sapp Hall

Sept 28 Blessing of the Animals 10a Chapel Courtyard

Oct 2 Roundtable Ministry Meetings during Dinner 5:30p

Oct 6 World Communion Sunday, Share Your Table, Java for Jesus, Deacon Ordination

Oct 13 Ministry Council Meeting after Worship Sapp Hall



## From Our Pastor

My deepest wish is that by the time you're reading this I'll be well into writing about 150 pages on The Cornerstones of World Religions. Most of you know that I'll spend the last two weeks in September at the Denney Retreat Center outside Burnet, Texas. This is a beautiful little cabin on the land of Lorene Denney which she built for friends and family when they came to visit her. I can't say thank you enough to her for allowing me to just move in for two weeks to work on my paper.

I had the wonderful opportunity Sunday two weeks ago to teach the Faith Class as they began a three-month study of world religions and to share with them about my paper. It was a great opportunity for me to get my thoughts together and organized. It also helped for me to share with them why I picked the topic I did and a little about the journey that got me there.

Many years ago Roy and I spent a weekend in Dallas; I was officiating at a wedding so we took the opportunity to do a few things in downtown Dallas. One place I wanted to go was a place I had been many years ago. I couldn't remember what it was called or where it was; I just knew it was a beautiful chapel downtown with a beautiful water feature in front. I asked around and found out it was called Thanksgiving Square. We headed down on Friday morning, and I was very excited.

When we arrived at the chapel there was a sign on the door that said closed, reserved for a group doing mid-day prayers. It was going to be open in about 30 minutes. Roy and I decided to stay and wait; we walked around the grounds, went into the book store, and then waited outside the chapel for the group to finish.

A man exited the chapel about 10 minutes before it was time to open and said we could go on in. I said no, we're fine, your group can finish. I knew that this group was Islamic, doing their prayers, and I didn't want to intrude or interrupt. He insisted...no, it's great. So Roy and I entered and found many men knelt in prayer. We sat down on the edge of the room and entered into quiet prayer, and I thought to myself what a beautiful moment. Two, what I then classified as, extremely different faiths joining together in prayer.

We weren't extremely different. At the core we had more things in common than we had different. That was it! That was what I'd been looking for. What I wanted to research for my paper. How are the religions of the world the same? As I started looking there was very little written about the things we have in common. Differences...you can find a lot...but things in common...not much.

So there you have it, for TOOOO long I've been reading, thinking, preparing, and now it's time to go away for a little bit and put pencil to paper (or fingers to keyboard) and put down on paper all that's going through my mind.

Thanks for the time, thanks for the constant support, thanks for the prayers and thanks for being the church you are to recognize that we all have so much in common and that we're all God's children. I feel blessed to be your pastor and blessed that I have a community of faith that stands with me on this journey.

Your pastor,  
Cheryl



## Reflections in the Mirror by Sheila Allee

### Finding new meaning in prehistoric art

A few weeks ago, I went to the Seminole Canyon near Del Rio to look at ancient rock art paintings created by native tribal people, who lived in the area more than 4,000 years ago.

The images I saw were on the ceilings of limestone overhangs in the canyon. Our tour guide told us that the ancient artists, much like Michelangelo did in the 1500s in the Sistine Chapel, built ladders and scaffolding to reach the high surfaces where they did their artwork.

These aboriginal people lived in the same canyon crevices where they created the pictographs. They butchered their meat, cooked their food and slept under the painted ceilings.

Many of the paintings were of animals – like mountain lions and deer. And some of the figures were half human/half animal, a representation of their religious belief system.

These people who lived so long ago had to work much harder than Michelangelo to gather the tools for painting. They made their own paintbrushes and mixed their own paint by grinding rock and mixing it with bone marrow from sheep and sap from yucca plants.

According to the rock art I saw, they favored two colors – black and red. (There are other colors in other locations, including yellow, orange, and white.) These artists may have had a limited color wheel, but the paint they created has withstood time, wind, moisture, and pollution. Today, their work is being preserved by the Rock Art Foundation, a 900-member volunteer organization based in San Antonio.

I find it fascinating to realize that throughout history, people have sought meaning, hope, and comfort. And they have turned to art to express their deepest yearnings and fears.

My companion Tom Kershaw pointed out how moving it is to realize that people – over the millennia – have always sought a way to come alive spiritually. As mortals, we can't help but search for ways to transcend this dimension of life and to attach meaning to seemingly random events.

As I once learned in Sunday School, there's a God-shaped vacuum in each of us. Even though they had a different way of expressing it, the Seminole Canyon people knew that truth just as surely as we in the 21<sup>st</sup> century know it.

It's part of the human condition, and I don't expect it will change even in this era of technology, social media and globalization. We can't help but express ourselves through creativity; and to me, creativity is the essence of the divine.

## HPBC Missions

In October HPBC will participate in **Mary Hill Davis Offering**, which supports missions in Texas. This month, we look at a couple of local missions that HPBC supports financially: Friendship International and Baptist Community Center. Both missions are always happy for new volunteers.

**Friendship International** is a project of eleven sponsoring Baptist churches, including Highland Park, to serve international women who may not know much about the love of Christ or about Austin and Texas. Friendship volunteers help women learn to speak English and learn about living in this country. Mary Ellen Sullivan is Friendship's current president of the board of directors, and she would love to talk to you about how you can be a part of Friendship on Thursday mornings.

**Baptist Community Center** is an East Austin program that helps families with a range of services: preschool, after-school care, summer programs for kids, Vacation Bible School, clothes closet, food pantry, daily bread distribution, help with bills, sewing classes and Bible study for adults, Thanksgiving meals, parties and gifts for families at Christmas. Helen Hastings volunteers at Baptist Community Center on Tuesdays and can talk about how you can help at Baptist Community Center.

Next month: **Micah 6 Austin** and **iACT, Interfaith Action of Central Texas**.



## Sunday Worship of Christ

**Sept. 1 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost** Celebration of Communion, Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches at 10:55 a.m.

**Sept. 8 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost** Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches at 10:55 a.m., Rev. Melissa Russell leads Taize at 7:30 p.m.

**Sept. 15 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost** Rev. Kevin Mitchell preaches at 10:55 a.m.

**Sept. 22 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost** Rev. Kevin Mitchell preaches at 10:55 a.m.

**Sept. 29 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost** Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches at 10:55 a.m.

**Oct. 6 World Communion Sunday** Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches at 10:55 a.m., Celebration of Communion and Deacon Ordination



## Wednesday Weavings: Fellowship Dinner and Programs

We hope you will join us as we eat together in Sapp Hall at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. Meals are prepared by teams headed by Nancy Osgood, Dee Dee Wilson, Barbara Lightsey, and Roy Kimble, and first-timers are always our guests. Adult dinner plates are \$6, kids plate and adult half-plate are \$4, and a family never pays more than \$18. After we eat together, we have programs for adults, kids and teens where we learn about the grace of God, how we can be the hands and feet of Jesus, and why community is important to us all.

**Sept. 4 Roundtable Ministry Meetings** We're trying something a little different on ministry night — instead of eating and then going to ministry meetings in rooms all over the church, we'll sit together during dinner as ministries and have discussion and conversation over the meal. We'll end the evening with some reports from ministries, announcements, and prayer.

**Sept. 11 9/11 Memorial Vespers Service** We'll meet in the sanctuary after dinner for a Vesper Service commemorating the losses of Sept. 11, 2001.

**Sept. 18 A Place at the Table with Edmund Gordon** Dr. Gordon, who chairs African and African Diaspora Studies at UT, attended the 1963 March on Washington as a 12-year-old, and he will discuss the impact of that event on his life. We will also have a **Family Event at 4:30 p.m.**, to allow families with young children to come together, enjoy some activities, eat dinner with us, and still make it home in time for bedtime rituals.

**Sept. 25 A Place at the Table with Kristin Werner** Kristin will share photos and stories of her attendance at a memorial service for victims of the bombing of 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama.

**Oct. 2 Roundtable Ministry Meetings** Sit with your ministry at dinner for this monthly ministry meeting and have conversation as you eat together. This is your chance to commit to a ministry.

**Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30 The Visible and Invisible Church with Cheryl Kimble and Keith Cranford** In October Cheryl and Keith will lead a series of discussion-oriented programs on The Visible and Invisible Church. This will center on examining what we do as a church and how we can better serve our members and reach out to the broader community. Your input is vital to this process, and we hope everyone will attend.

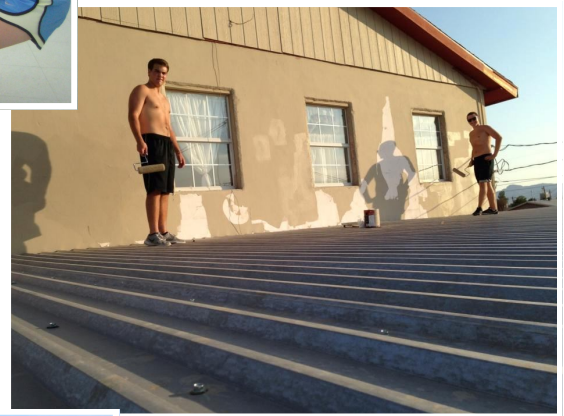
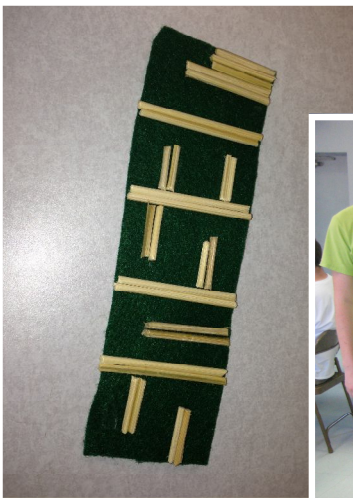


Carolyn's Wednesday night crash helmet in response to Cheryl's Sunday sermon

# Variety Show and Fundraiser for Youth Mission Trip 2013



# Youth Mission Trip 2013 El Paso and Big Bend

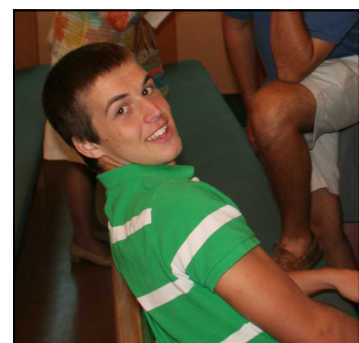
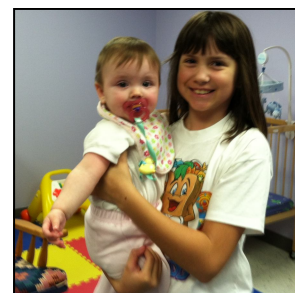


## From Kevin Mitchell

Preparing for Promotion Sunday the other day I pulled up my chart with the names of all our kids, birth through college: 25 university kids, 29 middle and high school kids, 21 elementary kids, 11 kids birth to age 4. That's 86 kids, if you can still call university students kids.



cannon ball into Balmorhea Pool. She rocks our babies to sleep, and sits on the floor with our toddlers, singing and humming. She races kids around the building. She camps out, with the rest of the crew, in the same hot rooms on mission



trips, and stinky youth camp dorms and rustic children's camp cabins. She gets right in the middle of Vacation Bible School with our kids. She pops popcorn for Faith and Film Series. She paints walls, does dishes, and even cooks for us. And if all that weren't enough, on top of all her other pastoral work, she **runs** to give my girls a real hug.



Now, there are a lot of people out there telling churches what they need to do to draw in more families. This is all I need to know: My pastor loves God, loves my kids, and loves all our kids. That's something the 86 kids on that chart know very well, and I hope you do too.

Highland Park, I thank God for you, for calling Cheryl to be our pastor, for being the kind of church where my girls don't have to know anything about a glass ceiling in their pulpit or their church.

Peace! Kevin

When I typed Class of 2030 next to Keller Kimble, Katie Sue McCann, and Rachel Longoria's names, I stopped and smiled — 2030, wow. Then adding Chuck Morton and Alex Neely CLASS OF 2031 to my simple chart, something hit me about our pastor, Rev. Cheryl Kimble, and our kids. Every one of the kids on that chart know our pastor and our pastor knows them, loves them. She's been in their homes, and they, most of them, have been in her home. If they haven't yet, I'm confident they will be if they hang out and do church with us very long. I can't say that about all the pastors I know. How about you?

Rev. Cheryl Kimble climbs to the top of the high dive to



# Youth-Led Worship and Youth in Worship Summer 2013



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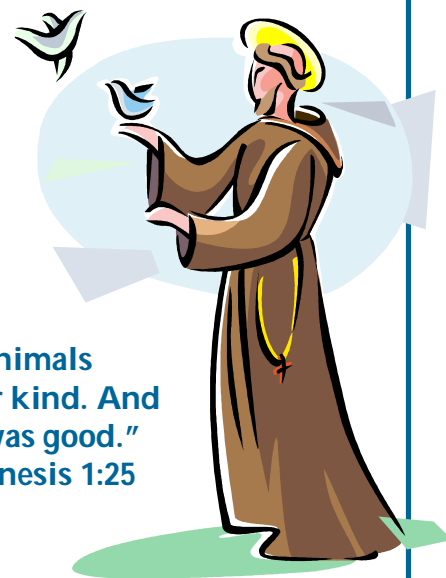
Alan Werner, Sunday Assistant Custodian

## Blessing of the Animals

Sept. 28  
10 a.m.

Teague Chapel  
Courtyard

"God made the animals according to their kind. And God saw that it was good."  
Genesis 1:25





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## Life of the Church

**WMU S.I.S.** Sisters in Service is back after summer break — we meet Monday, Sept. 9, at Jeanie Petri's home at 7 p.m. We'll talk about our programs for the year, discuss missions we help, and enjoy fellowship and an evening snack with one another. Next meeting we'll be at Helen Hasting's home on Oct. 14.

**Micah 6 Austin** HPBC is a congregational member of Micah 6 Austin, a consortium of about a dozen churches that helps people in the UT area. Micah 6 needs volunteers in these programs:

**Micah 6 Youth Drop In** at University Baptist, Sundays 1:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m., meals at 4 p.m.

**God's Family Dinner** at University Baptist, Thursdays 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m., HPBC is specifically signed up to help on second and third Thursdays, Aug. 15 and 22, Sept. 12 and 19

**Micah 6 Food Pantry** at University Presbyterian, Thursdays 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m.-11 a.m.

Our **Share Your Table** first Sunday food donations go to Micah 6 Food Pantry

**Java for Jesus** This first Sunday coffee fundraiser on Sept. 1 and Oct. 6 benefits our youth mission trips. Get your coffee before Sunday School in the Atrium — and add a little hazelnut or vanilla or raspberry flavoring to it. Help our junior high and high school kids work with needy children next summer.

**Share Your Table** Our ingathering of food for **Micah 6 Food Pantry** coincides with our first Sunday celebration of Communion, Sept. 1 and Oct. 6. In November we'll collect food donations for **Baptist Community Center**.

**Interfaith Hospitality Network** Sept. 15-21 is our time to host families who are in temporary homelessness. Sign up on the big white board in the Atrium on Sundays or in Sapp Hall on Wednesdays — bring a meal, stay as an overnight host, help shop, do set-up or clean-up, keep the kids company during the day on Saturday. This is our time to show hospitality and love to three or four families.

**Operation School Bell** You can support **Assistance League of Austin's** work to give a week's worth of new clothes to needy children by shopping. Right. Go shopping at Assistance League's Thrift House at 4901 Burnet Road. And drop off some things you no longer need while you're at it. It all turns into money for Assistance League's **Operation School Bell** to buy new clothes for 3,000 kids every school year. Questions? Margaret Stafford.

Sunday Morning Bible Study for all ages 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:55 a.m.  
Taize Worship on Sunday, Sept. 8 and Oct. 13, at 7:30 p.m., the second Sunday evening of each month