



### Looking Ahead

- July 22-26 Children's Camp, Lake Brownwood
- July 28 Directory Photos
- July 30 Youth Swim & Learn
- Aug 2 Faith & Film Series 6:15p
- Aug 4 Share Your Table, Java for Jesus, Directory Photos
- Aug 11 Taize Worship, 7:30p
- Aug 19 Ministry Council 7p
- Aug 25 Promotion Sunday, Directory Photos
- Aug 28 Church Conference 6:30p; Dinners Resume 5:30p
- Sept 4 Roundtable Ministry Meetings 6:30p, Potluck Dinner 5:30p
- Sept 6 and 13 Faith & Film Series 6:15 pm

## Welcome to our Newest Member



Tricia Traeger  
Joined July 7

## From Our Pastor

Where has summer gone?

It seems like we spend weeks getting ready for summer. Planning, preparing, waiting for the heat, and then it flies by like a jet plane that you see and you feel but it's gone before you really experience it.

Now, I'll be the first to say that the heat has not flown by — 100+ degrees never flies by, but the days themselves have gone quickly.

We had an amazing Vacation Bible School. The children laughed, learned, played, and were crafty. The adults and youth that helped gave so much time and energy to make the week spectacular. What a great opportunity we had to learn from each other.

The Youth have met together on Wednesday evenings (when they weren't busy at camp or on trips) to have SALT (Swim and Learn Together). They gathered for dinner (often at Jim's Diner) and then traveled to our house to have a time of learning and then some fun in the pool. Derek Dillard led the group in a study of the Be-attitudes. There was much discussion about Jesus' Sermon on the Mount and blessings. How great it is to watch our youth as they grow in their spiritual life.

The Youth and the Children each went to their respective camps. The Youth traveled to Howard Payne in Brownwood and the children traveled to Camp Brownwood in Brownwood so Kevin has really gotten to know Brownwood this summer. Both camps were great! It's always great fun to get together with other churches and grow and learn together. Highland Park is so lucky to be in relationship with so many great churches across Texas and Louisiana, and this year we added Mississippi.

You've probably heard Kevin or me talk about the Mission Trip to El Paso, but if you haven't it was an amazing trip. Our Youth have such a heart for missions and to watch them with other people, whether it's the people at the church where we were staying, those we were working with, or the friends they're working with, they are special people who give of themselves completely and I'm so proud any time I can be around them and work with them.

And then let me say the summer Worship times have been amazing. It's always hard when we enter summer and people are traveling and spending time with their families, because attendance seems to drop and so our enthusiasm drops a little. But each Sunday those who've been here have been engaged and participatory. We've had wonderful musicians, liturgists who've been thought-provoking and moving, and many of you have stepped up to help in a variety of ways.

Highland Park is a special place, full of special people, and God is working in us and through us.

Thanks be to God,  
Cheryl

## Reflections in the Mirror by Sheila Allee

### Faith on the High Seas

*“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”* Hebrews 11:1

When I was in high school, I was assigned to read *Kon-Tiki*, the then-sensational story of how Norwegian adventurer and scientist Thor Heyerdahl had taken a primitive raft on a voyage across the Pacific Ocean. The trip was taken to prove Heyerdahl’s theory that Polynesia originally was populated by migrating peoples from South America. The prevailing wisdom at the time of the voyage (1947) was that the Polynesian islands in the Pacific were inhabited by people who had migrated from Asia thousands of years ago.

I recently saw a movie about the Kon-Tiki voyage and was reminded of this remarkable true story. Heyerdahl and five crew members spent 100 days riding the currents of the Pacific from Peru and did indeed land in Polynesia.

But in the intervening weeks, Heyerdahl had to deal with doubting crew members, all of whom had volunteered to go on the mission. When it looked like the prevailing winds and currents were propelling them too far south, when it looked like their balsawood raft was falling apart in the rough waves of the Pacific, Heyerdahl remained steadfast in his belief that they were on the right course.

At one point, Herman, the engineer who designed the raft, became convinced that the craft was breaking apart because the balsa logs were tied with rope and the rope was coming loose. He begged Heyerdahl to re-tie the logs with stronger wire, but the explorer refused.

Heyerdahl never wavered in his belief that his raft, which replicated what might have been built by migratory peoples thousands of years ago, was seaworthy and that his migration theory was correct. He knew from the evidence that he had gathered, and he knew in his gut, that he was on target.

When I think of my own spiritual journey through life, there have been times that circumstances seemed to indicate that my life was coming apart. When I lost my job and my father died two days later, it felt like disaster had struck. When I had a health crisis and couldn’t work for months, it looked like everything I had worked for had been lost.

In my better moments, I had the presence of mind to know that things might look bad. But I really was on the right path. Life had thrown me some curves, but I was still relying on God and his guiding hand. Unlike Thor Heyerdahl, I wasn’t sure of what lay at the end of my adventures. But I did know that I was not alone and that even though things looked grim, I still could lay claim to peace and God’s grace.

Rise School kindergartners celebrated graduation at Umlauf Sculpture Gardens in June



Share Your Table food collection on first Sundays  
Helps Micah 6 Austin and Baptist Community Center



## Sunday Worship of Christ

**July 28 and Aug. 4** Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches at 10:55 a.m.

**Aug. 11** Youth-Led Worship at 10:55 a.m., Taize at 7:30 p.m.

**Aug. 18 and 25** Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches at 10:55 a.m.

In this church season of Ordinary Time, now through early October, we will worship with a theme of “A Place at the Table for All.”

This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil Rights Movement, and it is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of three events in the life of Martin Luther King Jr.: his “Letter from Birmingham Jail,” his “I Have a Dream” speech, and his “Eulogy for the Martyred Children,” spoken at the funeral for four girls killed in the bombing of Birmingham’s 16<sup>th</sup> Street Baptist Church.



During this Ordinary Time, we will honor “A Place at the Table for All” and the Civil Rights Movement by exploring themes of social justice, equality, forgiveness and reconciliation, mercy, grace, courage, and risk with readings from Dr. King and other leaders in the causes of justice and freedom as well as through song, art, film and personal testimony.



## From the Ministry Council Chair — Alana Mallard

Our Ministry Council meets next on Aug. 19 at 7 p.m. in Lydia-Crossroads Sunday School classroom off the upstairs atrium. Our September meeting will be after worship on Sept. 15 in Sapp Hall. I hope you will make plans to attend one of those meetings to be part of discussions and planning about our ministries and our church.

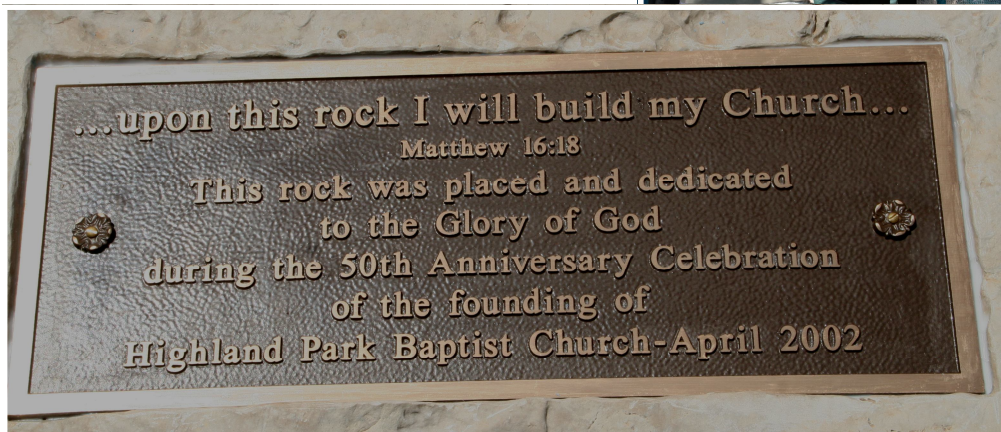
Ministry meetings begin again on Wednesday nights on Sept. 4, and we’re going to try something a little different — Roundtable Ministry Meetings. Each table at dinner will be flagged with the name of a ministry, and our hope is that people will gather for dinner at a ministry group they have been part of or maybe sit in on a new one. If you haven’t made yourself part of a ministry yet, this will be a great opportunity to do just that.

Some working groups have been meeting over the last few months, including the Deacon Nominating Ministry, which you have heard from during worship, and Personnel — with some choir folks added — which is considering and continuing to receive applications for our music position or positions — we’re trying to be flexible on that. Also Chuck Roberts is heading up a workgroup to look at our church name, and you’ll be hearing more about any ideas that come from this workgroup. Thanks to Nancy Osgood and Barbara Lightsey who headed up a “clean up the kitchen” workday after cleanliness and proper use issues were brought up at our June meeting. They will also work to get some more kitchen training scheduled, and Herb Wilson is working on signage for the kitchen.

Unless someone steps forward to coordinate our Interfaith Hospitality Network weeks of hosting families, we will not host families in 2014. Our next times in 2013 to host are Sept. 15-22 and Dec. 1-8.

Here is a benediction we used at our June meeting. I wish it for you: *Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom, teaching and encouraging one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father. Amen.*

## Happy Birthday, Highland Park Baptist Church



## Happy 61st Birthday



**Many thanks to Herb Wilson and Barbara Lightsey  
for using our 61st birthday celebration  
to design and install a plaque on the giant limestone rock in our side garden.  
The rock commemorates the first sermon preached at Highland Park Baptist Church, and it  
was placed on our grounds during our 50th birthday celebration.**

## Our Annual Patriotic Dinner to Honor our Veterans



With thanks to Cub Scout Pack 55 and to members of Camp Mabry's 36th Infantry Brigade Band Commanded by CWO Jeff Lightsey

## Children and Youth at HPBC





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## Life of the Church

**Micah 6 Austin** HPBC is a congregational member of Micah 6 Austin, which helps people in the downtown 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 benefits our youth mission trips: Aug. 4, Sept. 1

**Share Your Table** Our ingathering of food for **Micah 6 Food Pantry** coincides with our first Sunday celebration of Communion, Aug. 4, Sept. 1

**Interfaith Hospitality Network** Our next time to volunteer to set up bedrooms, cook meals, stay overnight, and love families in crisis as adults and children live temporarily at HPBC is Sept. 15-22

### What Does Community Look Like? Faith and Film Series Summer 2013 Fridays, Aug. 2, and Sept. 6 and 13

Aug. 2 It's a Wonderful Life, with James Stewart and Donna Reed

Sept. 6 Because of Winn-Dixie, based on a beloved kids' book

Sept. 13 Pay It Forward, with Kevin Spacey, Helen Hunt, Haley Joel Osment

Gather in Sapp Hall at 6:15 p.m.

Movie begins at 6:30 p.m.

Snacks provided

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