

Highland Park
Baptist Church
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Jan 3 WMU 9:30 a.m. Parlor
Jan 6 Share Your Table for
Micah 6 Austin
Jan 13 Taize Worship 7:30
p.m. Atrium
Jan 14 S.I.S. 7 p.m. Edna Na-
tion's House
Jan 18-20 Youth Disciple Now
Jan 20 Ministry Fair 10:15 a.m.
Sapp Hall, Worship 10:55 a.m.
Sapp Hall
Jan 21 Ministry Council 7
p.m. Lydia and Crossroads
Classrooms
Jan 27 Installation of Rev.
Cheryl Kimble 4 p.m. Sanctu-
ary, Reception Sapp Hall
Feb 3 Share Your Table, Java
for Jesus, Deacons Meeting
Feb 8-10 Midwinter Retreat
for Youth
Feb 10 Scout Sunday
Feb 15 It Takes a Village
Game Night Sapp Hall
Feb 18 Ministry Council 7
p.m. Lydia and Crossroads
Classrooms
March 2 Youth Fundraiser



From Our Pastor

First, where did 2012 go, and, second, can it really be 2013?

I've always heard people say time goes faster as you get older but I don't feel old enough for time to be flying by. Yet, I have a hard time writing the 2 at the front of 2013 much less the 13 at the end.

As 2013 is flying by, before it's gone and we don't even know what hit us, what do we want 2013 to look like at Highland Park? What things are working great, what things need a little tweak-ing, what things need to go away?

That's a hard conversation to have. It's al-ways hard to contemplate change. And some things need to stay the same. Some times things withstand the test of time, and they don't even need to be touched. So where and how do we look at 2013 and at Highland Park and see where we want and are called to go?

It starts in getting involved in our various ministries. It starts in look-ing at the places at Highland Park where you feel you have gifts, thoughts, ideas, desires, or just feel drawn. If you allow yourself to be involved in one of our ministries, then you are part of the process. You are looking at one of the areas of ministries and you're evaluating, you're offering ideas and you're setting the stage for Highland Park to be all that God calls us to be.

I urge you over the next few weeks to look at our eight areas of minis-try. Look over the Ministry Opportunities booklet, pray about where you feel called to serve, and then on Jan. 20, as each one of the ministries presents the opportunity to sign up, join in and help us kick off 2013 in a meaningful way. And if you don't have a chance to sign up on Jan. 20, do it as soon as you can. There are so many opportunities for us to serve.

In Christ's love,
Cheryl



Where Will You Serve in 2013?

Where Have You Been Called?

Reflections in the Mirror By Sheila Allee

In the Sanctuary of Outcasts

I seem to be fixated these days on people who are outcasts. The homeless, people with intellectual, mental and physical disabilities. I suppose it's because I just finished writing a book about a relative with an intellectual disability who spent almost his entire life banished in an institution.

In the long process of researching and writing this book, I've read everything I can put my hands on about people who are considered "less than" or "defective" in some way. I recently ran across a book that cast the subject in an entirely new light.

In Neil White's *In the Sanctuary of Outcasts*, White writes about the national leprosarium at Carville, Louisiana, where people with leprosy are institutionalized. You don't hear about leprosy very often these days, but it still exists.

White learned of the sanctuary for leprosy patients when he was sentenced to 18 months in a federal prison that was adjacent to the Carville leprosarium. The prison was minimum security, and White and his fellow inmates had regular contact with the patients.

As so often happens when people come up against "the least of these," they are deeply affected.

White, who had been convicted of bank fraud, was transformed by his relationships with people like Ella, an 80-year-old woman who had lost both legs to leprosy. Ella was institutionalized at Carville when she was a young girl. She lived her entire life there.

She never achieved the trappings considered essential in modern life – a home, a family and a certain level of prestige – all things that White sought aggressively before being sentenced to prison. But Ella achieved a black belt in wisdom, and she shared much of it with White.

White lost his marriage, his reputation and his financial solvency as a result of his conviction and sentence. But with the help of people like Ella, he reshaped his priorities and gave up his ambitions for fame and wealth.

When White and some of his fellow inmates were released from prison, leaving behind the leprosy patients, he wrote that he did not miss the irony in the situation. "...we were being released, while the innocent remained behind. We were the scourge on society. We were the 'lepers.'"

Maybe the reason I have been so interested in people like Ella is that it's clear they have something valuable to share with me. If I can just slow down and set aside my selfish preoccupations so I can hear them.



WMU and S.I.S. Christmas Projects The women of Morning WMU made and decorated stockings for Christmas parties at Baptist Community Center, and the people of Highland Park filled stockings with all kinds of goodies. Sisters in Service organized a Christmas gift drive for SafePlace and delivered gifts for kids to give to moms and for moms to give to kids.



Worship of the Lord

Jan 6 Epiphany Sunday Celebration of the Lord's Supper, Share Your Table, Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches at 10:55 a.m., "Where's the Center of Your World?"

Jan 13 Baptism of Our Lord Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches at 10:55 a.m., "What's Water to You?" Taize worship at 7:30 p.m. led by Rev. Melissa Russell, with prayer, music, meditation, communion.

Jan 20 Second Sunday after Epiphany Ministry Fair, Worship in Sapp Hall with Rev. Cheryl Kimble and Rev. Kevin Mitchell preaching at 10:55 a.m., "Water to Wine."

Jan 27 Third Sunday after Epiphany Rev. Cheryl Kimble preaches at 10:55 a.m. Celebration of Installation of Rev. Cheryl Kimble at 4 p.m., sermon and charge by Rev. Jackie Saxon and Rev. Vernon Davis.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.



Wednesday Weavings

Please join us as we eat together in Sapp Hall at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in January. All are welcome to come enjoy meals prepared by teams headed by Roy Kimble, Nancy Osgood, DeeDee Wilson, and Barbara Lightsey. And remember that first-timers are always our guests. 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.

Jan. 9 Presentations by Ministry Chairs After supper we'll hear presentations about several ministries as we lead up to Jan. 20's Ministry Fair.

Jan. 16 Presentations by Ministry Chairs Another evening of presentations on several ministries to help us make choices at Jan. 20's Ministry Fair.

Jan. 23 Ministry Meetings After supper we'll break into monthly meetings of ministries.

Jan. 30 A Study of "The Last Week" Joe Stafford and Keith Cranford will lead this study on three Wednesday nights: Jan. 30, Feb. 6, and Feb. 20

*You are cordially invited to attend a
Celebration of Installation
Of Rev. Cheryl Kimble
As Pastor of Highland Park Baptist Church
On Sunday, January 27, at 4 p.m.*

*Clergy invited to participate. Please meet in
Oletha Sapp Library at 3:45 p.m., and robe as desired*

Reception to follow in Sapp Hall

HPBC Youth On the Go: Capital Area Food Bank, Christmas Party, Jump Street, In the Underground



Ministry Fair 2013 Jan. 20 Sapp Hall
Breakfast and Ministries Presentations 10:15 a.m.
Worship 10:55 a.m.

Your chance to learn about HPBC's ministries and how you can be more involved. Visit with ministry chairs and ministry members. Want to be involved in outreach to the needy? Missions Ministry.

Working with our youth or children? Family Life and Fellowship.

Visiting in a hospital or a retirement home? Servant.

Telling our story of faith and salvation on social media? Communications and Technology.

Welcoming visitors and members on Sunday mornings? Membership and Stewardship.

Cooking on Wednesday nights? Family Life and Fellowship.

Reading liturgy and leading prayer? Worship.

Repairing broken hymnal holders in pews or working on cleanup day? Administration.

Leading a book study or teaching Sunday School to the kids? Christian Education

Ministries of Highland Park Baptist Church

Servant Missions Worship

Membership and Stewardship

Christian Education Family Life and Fellowship

Communications and Technology Administration

Where Will You Serve?

2013 Ministry Council

Fran Hattin, Servant Chair Susan Magee, Missions Chair

Kristin Werner, Worship Chair Margaret Stafford, Membership and Stewardship Chair

Keith Cranford, Christian Education Chair Teresa Nuckols, Family Life and Fellowship Chair

Debbie Autry, Communications and Technology Chair Tom Petrie, Administration Chair

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Rev. Cheryl Kimble, Pastor

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John Guerra, Church Custodian

Susan Hammack, Church Bookkeeper

Hayley Kimble, Children & Young Families Ministry Coordinator

Alan Werner, Sunday Assistant Custodian

**And congratulations to
Kelley DeCleene
and Susan Hammack
who celebrate two years this
month with Highland Park Baptist
Church.**

Season of Advent and Christmas



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And Some Plum Pudding Festival





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Life of the Church

Share Your Table Our January food collection benefits **Micah 6 Food Pantry** housed at University Presbyterian just off the UT Drag — and so will our February collection. This first Sunday donation of canned goods and staples is an HPBC tradition that coincides with Sundays that we as a congregation go to the table for the Lord's Supper. HPBC is a member congregation of **Micah 6 Austin**.

Women's Mission Groups HPBC's **Morning WMU** meets first Thursdays — Jan. 3 and Feb. 7 — in the Parlor at 9:30 a.m. **S.I.S.** — Sisters in Service — meets second Mondays — Jan. 14 and Feb. 11 — at 7 p.m. In January at Edna Nation's home, and in February at Mary Morgan's home. All women of the church are welcome to attend these times of fellowship, missions, and tasty, tasty snacks.

Men's Prayer Breakfast A Friday morning tradition, Men's Prayer Breakfast meets at 7 a.m. in Sapp Hall, and all men are invited for fellowship, prayer, cooking, and eating.

Austin Genealogical Society Fourth Tuesday of each month finds Sapp Hall full of family researchers. January's meeting — Jan. 22 — might give you clues about finding birth records when birth certificates don't seem to be answering your questions. Visitors are always welcome for fellowship at 6:30 p.m. and a program at 7 p.m.

Dwight and Barbara Bolick During a Texas trip from their mission work in Chile, Dwight and Barbara and the boys brought news of their work helping with recovery from an earthquake and developing fair trade with local weavers.



Sunday Morning Bible Study for all ages 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:55 a.m.
Taize Worship on Sunday, Jan. 13 and Feb. 10, at 7:30 p.m., the second Sunday evening of each month
Please join us. All are welcome