

HPBC MISSIONS AT WORK IN 2015

Calendar of Upcoming Service Opportunities

Apr 2: God's Family Dinner
Apr 3: Prayer Breakfast
Apr 5: Share Your Table
Apr 9: God's Family Dinner
Apr 10: Prayer Breakfast
Apr 13: Sisters in Service
Apr 16: God's Family Dinner
Apr 17: Prayer Breakfast
Apr 23: God's Family Dinner
Apr 24: Prayer Breakfast
Apr 30: God's Family Dinner

May 1: Prayer Breakfast
May 3: Share Your Table
May 3: Youth Fundraiser for
Summer Mission Trip
May 7: God's Family Dinner
May 8: Prayer Breakfast
May 11: Sisters in Service
May 14: God's Family Dinner
May 15: Prayer Breakfast
May 21: God's Family Dinner
May 22: Prayer Breakfast
May 28: God's Family Dinner
May 29: Prayer Breakfast
May 31: 5th Sunday Offering
for CBF Global Hunger

Jun 4: God's Family Dinner
Jun 5: Prayer Breakfast
Jun 7: Share Your Table
June 8: Sisters in Service
Jun 11: God's Family Dinner
Jun 12: Prayer Breakfast
Jun 18: God's Family Dinner
Jun 19: Prayer Breakfast
Jun 25: God's Family Dinner
Jun 26: Prayer Breakfast

July 6-9: Vacation Bible School
July 11-18: Youth Mission Trip



The Need is Great We Are Called
Serving in our church — Serving outside our walls



Courtney, Bell, and Chuck Morton, Cheryl and Blaine Kimble tie a polar fleece blanket for the kids who benefit from the mission of Project Linus, February 2015



Hannah Hinckley, Sue Enoch, Larry Bethune, Maggie Glazener, and members of other Austin area churches serve at God's Family Dinner, which serves a hot meal each Thursday at UBC.

Missions Ministry of HPBC

Our congregation's financial pledges support these local and international missions and our denominational affiliations.

We also support many of these missions and others with volunteer service, clothing and food drives, and special offering collections such as Souper Bowl of Caring, Fifth Sunday Offering, Project Linus of Central Texas, CROP Walk for Hunger, Texas Baptist Offering for World Hunger, Refugee Services of Texas, and Lottie Moon.

Small groups, such as Sunday School classes, Men's Prayer Breakfast, and Sisters in Service, also support a wide range of missions projects with special offerings: SafePlace, River Ministry, eMI, Heifer Project, Youth Summer Mission Trip.

Local Missions

Austin Baptist Chapel: provides meals at Angel House in East Austin

Austin Habitat for Humanity: low-cost housing opportunities

Baptist Community Center Mission: East Austin food pantry, child care, social services

Capital Area Food Bank: supplies food to pantries across Central Texas

Caritas: refugee and social services

Children at Heart Ministries: Texas Baptist Children's Home, other child ministries

Drive a Senior West Austin: car rides to appointments and visits

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Foundation for the Homeless: Interfaith Housing Network

Friendship International: fellowship and learning for women from other countries

Interfaith Action of Central Texas: peace through interfaith dialogue and service

Micah 6 Austin: helping the needy in UT area, pantry, meals, freeze nights

Threads of Hope: low-cost, no-cost counseling services

National and International Missions

Alliance of Baptists Worldwide Missions: national and international missions

Bolick Chilean Mission: beekeeping, rain harvesting, weaving, girls' clubs, rebuilding through International Ministries

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship: global missions

River Ministry, Mexico: Bethesda Orphanage School and Clinic
Piedras Negras Student Scholarships

Tohatchi, Arizona: Christmas offering

Youth Summer Mission Trip: middle school and high school service week

Denominational Affiliations

Alliance of Baptists: progressive inquiry and action for justice and healing

Austin Baptist Association: local Baptists membership

Baptist General Convention of Texas: Texas Baptists state membership

Baptist Joint Committee: national commission to defend and extend religious liberty for all, ensuring religion is neither advanced nor inhibited by government

Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America: Baptist peacemakers working for justice and a peaceful world, ecumenical and secular partners

Baptist World Alliance: worldwide defense of human rights and religious freedom

Mission Voices



Mission Voices: God's Family Dinner

Jeanie Petrie: I love laughing with the other volunteers. Most of all I like seeing the appreciation in the eyes of the people as they come to the kitchen door to thank us for the meal on their way out.

Bryan Case: God's Family Dinner not only provides sustenance to Austin's homeless population, but it also provides hope and faith to the ones who eat the meals. Faith that there are people who care about them; hope that the support they find at the meal will also be found in their daily lives. As they eat together, and among volunteers, they realize they are an important part of the larger community, and this gives them a much needed boost in self esteem. Try it out and see for yourself.

Mission Voices: Men's Prayer Breakfast

Fred Worley: The Men's Prayer Breakfast began on August 2, 1991, meeting every Friday with a few exceptions since that time. Men of the church gather every Friday morning at seven, one of them has cooked breakfast, and they tell stories, discuss current and historic events, and touch concerns. A donation is made for the breakfast and that collection has donated \$35,674.44 to charities over the nearly two and a half decades of the breakfast. A closing prayer at eight sends men off to work or retirement. A meaningful time is had by all.



Mission Opportunities to Serve at HPBC

James 1:22: Be doers of the word, and not hearers only.

Baptist Community Center Mission

Highland Park contributes to Baptist Community Center's big food collections in the spring and fall, and we also help with kids' activities such as Vacation Bible School in the summer and a Christmas party. This is an aging building in East Austin and cleanup and construction help is always appreciated.

Drive a Senior

Our congregation has supported this area-wide mission for 20 years with donations and volunteers who drive clients for medical appointments, grocery shopping, meetings, visits, and beauty appointments. We drive for West Austin Drive a Senior and Northwest Drive a Senior, and want to expand to programs in other parts of the city.

Earth Covenant

This is our environmental stewardship mission, which includes recycling, fair trade, elimination of Styrofoam, a wildlife habitat, Green Neighborhood designation, and volunteering with It's My Park Day and Lady Bird Lake cleanups.

Friendship International

Join this group of volunteers that meets at Hyde Park Baptist Church on Thursdays mornings to help women from other countries learn about our culture and language, sewing and cooking, and the kindness of Christian friendship. Or make a batch of cookies.

God's Family Dinner

This Thursday evening meal is a project of University Baptist Church with the help of congregations and volunteers from all over Austin. Highland Park members regularly help serve this meal on Thursdays from 4:30 p.m. till 6 p.m., when more than 200 hungry people are fed. Contact gfd@ubcaustin.org if you are interested in volunteering.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

This weekly group meets every Friday at 7 a.m., generally in Sapp Hall at HPBC and occasionally at local restaurants. The group supports a variety of missions with donations and welcomes men of all ages to join them for breakfast and fellowship.

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Micah 6 Austin

We are a partner congregation in this consortium of faith communities that works to bring help and love to needy people in the UT area.

We serve at these Micah 6 missions:

Food Pantry at University Presbyterian – Saturdays 10 a.m. to noon and Thursdays 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., as well as food pickup at grocery stores during the week.

Street Youth Drop-In at University Baptist Church – Sundays 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. to host or 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. to serve a meal we cook and deliver.

River Ministry

This long-time mission to Mexico supports Bethesda Orphanage and a school in Piedras Negras with visits, donations, Christmas gifts, books, scholarships, and groceries.

Share Your Table

This monthly food collection in our Atrium coincides with our observance of Communion on the first Sunday of each month. We donate food to Micah 6 Food Pantry and to other local food pantries.

Sisters in Service

This women's mission group meets monthly on the second Monday to learn about and work on mission needs in our community. The group is a long-time supporter of Baptist Community Center Mission, Micah 6 Austin, SafePlace, and River Ministry with projects and donations. Women of all ages are invited to SIS meetings and activities.

Youth Summer Mission Trip

Teenagers and chaperones of our congregation serve communities in Austin and across the country during their summer mission trips, which have included work in areas devastated by flood, fire, and poverty.

We are open to other opportunities to serve and donate in our near community and our far community, including with **Capital Area Food Bank**, **Seton Medical Center**, **Habitat for Humanity**, **Tohatchi** in Arizona, **Assistance League of Austin**, **CASA**, **Blood and Tissue Center of Central Texas**, and many others supported by our members.

Mission Voices: Baptist Community Center Mission

Helen Hastings: While there at BCC, I can hear and see just how much folks are hurting daily...whether because of loss of income or health concerns or grief and loneliness, etc... and I am thankful that BCC is one place where those hurting can come and be heard and seen. Thankful for the gifts of food and money (for prescriptions, birth certificates, and utility bills) and time given by our church and many others which do help ease those hurting. Those daily interactions at BCC do matter— where prayerfully God's grace and love intersects/meets the needs of so many folks.



Donna Reisenbigler: I chose to volunteer here because I was first introduced to its much needed and much used mission work through my involvement in our WMU. BCC offers a very active, efficient and effective service to those in need within our own community. Those services include food distribution, meals, counseling, child-care, spiritual learning, and help with a variety of bills including medical and house management. The BCC is wholly supported by various Baptist churches, friends, and volunteers.

Mission Voices: Sisters in Service

Barbara Lightsey: The S.I.S. meetings have become very meaningful to me. Learning about the missions which are supported by Highland Park helps me to understand our budget needs. By having different projects highlighted, we have opportunities for choosing more personal involvement.

Cheryl Kimble: I love the community of spending time with the women of HPBC. Spending time learning about the missions of the church, thinking of new ways to serve and praying for our church all make for a re-energizing time. A good way to spend a Monday evening!



Mission Voices: Micah 6 Youth Drop In



Nancy Osgood: Each time I have gone to the Micah 6 Youth Drop-In, the drive to the location fills me with thoughts of all that those that I will meet do not have. But I pull into the parking spot and there is a group of young people caging their pets, greeting friends, offering to help carry food into the kitchen, and looking forward to congregating with others and having some hot food. The atmosphere is that of a familiar place to come and gather. There is that mixture of people

that you find anywhere. I have never seen a more grateful group. They tell you over and over how they enjoyed the food. They love engaging in conversation.

As I leave, it is not what they don't have that is on my mind, but what this world is missing if we don't tap the resource of all they have to offer.

Kevin Mitchell: Standing next to Alana with a ladle in my hand, my heart warmed and filled with gratitude. All I was doing was scooping up veggies and plopping them on plates for the kids who'd shown up for dinner at the Micah 6 Drop In. The regular volunteers speak to EVERYONE. Look everyone in the eye. Smile. Call plenty of the kids by name and they tease right back, like family. For many of these kids, the volunteers are their closest family that day and for a few minutes, I feel like that too. Didn't even know I was hungry when I walked in there that day. Thought I was going there to feed hungry kids who live on the streets. Are you feeling empty? You may want to pick up a ladle and scoop up veggies at the Micah 6 Drop In.

Mission Voices: Youth Mission Trip

Andrew Glazener: Our youth summer mission trip is a unique experience to go out and see how different people live. And to see that we can go out and help people.

Emma Cranford: Summer Youth Mission Trip is really fun -- working on a project together and seeing the end result. We see what a difference we can make.



Mission Voices: Share Your Table



Janet Serna: I love having the opportunity to contribute to the "Share Our Table" mission. The first Sunday of each month we are given the chance to bring food donations to share with our community. I enjoy being a part of this mission because it allows me the avenue to participate in a way that I can help others with my very busy schedule. I'm very thankful to Highland Baptist Church for serving as the liaison between the members and those in our community.

John and Suzanne Lowe: We participate in the Share Your Table because it is good way to get food to neighbors in our city who are in need. The food is given out in a way that gets it fairly distributed- something we couldn't do ourselves. Share Your Table is a meaningful outreach for us as Highland Park church members.

Alana Mallard: I love delivering all our bags and boxes of food donations to the Micah 6 Food Pantry at University Presbyterian on Thursday evenings – the big smile of the pantry manager's face, the helping hands and laughter of the volunteers unloading my car, and across the alley people lined up for food and community at God's Family Dinner. All of it, food for God's most vulnerable people.



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