

HPBC MISSIONS AT WORK FALL 2015



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MISSIONS MINISTRY OF HPBC

UPCOMING SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

November

*Fall Food Drive for BCC
Shoe and Sock Drive for
Micah 6 Drop-In Center*

Nov 1: Share Your Table
Nov 4: UT Baptist Student Ministries
Nov 5: God's Family Dinner
Nov 6: Prayer Breakfast
Nov 12: God's Family Dinner
Nov 13: Prayer Breakfast
Nov 15: Drop-In Center Meal
Nov 16: Sisters in Service
Nov 19: God's Family Dinner
Nov 20: Prayer Breakfast
Nov 26: God's Family Dinner
Nov 29: 5th Sunday Benevolence Offering

December

*Fill Stockings for BCC's
Annual Christmas Party*
*Collection of Caps, Gloves,
and Scarves for Micah 6
Drop-In Center*

Dec 3: God's Family Dinner
Dec 4: Prayer Breakfast
Dec 6: Share Your Table
Dec 10: God's Family Dinner
Dec 10: Micah 6 Pantry
Dec 11: Prayer Breakfast
Dec 12: Micah 6 Pantry
Dec 14: Sisters in Service
Dec 17: God's Family Dinner
Dec 18: Prayer Breakfast
Dec 20: Deliver to Micah 6 Drop-In Center
Dec 31: God's Family Dinner

Our congregation's financial pledges support 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, including SafePlace, River Ministry, eMI, Heifer Project, and our Youth Summer Mission Trip.

Local Missions

Austin Baptist Chapel
Austin Habitat for Humanity
Baptist Community Center Mission
Capital Area Food Bank
Caritas
Children at Heart Ministries
Drive a Senior West Austin
Drive a Senior Northwest Austin
Foundation for the Homeless
Friendship International
Interfaith Action of Central Texas
Micah 6 Austin
Threads of Hope

Denominational Affiliations

Alliance of Baptists
Austin Baptist Association
Baptist General Convention of Texas
Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America
Baptist World Alliance

National & International Missions

Alliance of Baptists Worldwide Missions
Bolick Chilean Mission
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship
River Ministry, Mexico
Tohatchi, Arizona
Youth Summer Mission Trip

Micah 6 Austin is a network of faith communities that answer the call of Micah 6:8 in the UT area

Highland Park Baptist Church is a member congregation of Micah 6 Austin along with 10 other churches: University Baptist, University Presbyterian, All Saints Episcopal, Congregational Church of Austin, First English Lutheran, Hyde Park Presbyterian, St. Austin Catholic, University Avenue Church of Christ, and University United Methodist. This network of faith communities provides services to people in the UT area.

Micah 6 Austin is also an item in our Missions budget, and Alana Mallard currently represents Highland Park on the board of directors of Micah 6 Austin. Mac McKaskle is director of the drop-in center, and Riena Long is director of the food pantry.



What does the Lord require of you? To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God.

— Micah 6:8

MICAH 6 FOOD PANTRY

GET INVOLVED!

- ▶ **Serve at the Food Pantry:** December 10th (5:00–7:30pm) and 12th (9:30am–noon), we'll gather a group to help at the Micah 6 Food Pantry. Kids 7 and older are welcome as volunteers at the Micah 6 Food Pantry.
- ▶ **Help "Shop For" the Food Pantry:** We need volunteers on 2nd and 3rd Thursdays for "Shop For" at Capital Area Food Bank, a 30-minute time in the morning or afternoon where volunteers may pick items to supplement what the Micah 6 Food Pantry already offers.
- ▶ **Share Your Table:** We support the Food Pantry with our regular Share Your Table donations of non-perishable food.

For more information about these opportunities, contact Alana Mallard.

The Micah 6 Food Pantry, housed at University Presbyterian Church, is the largest self-pick food pantry in Austin.

Did you know?

The bulk of Micah 6 Food Pantry food comes from Capital Area Food Bank, which charges only transportation costs, and from area grocery stores, where volunteers for Micah 6 "rescue" food by picking up deserts, bread, vegetables, fruit, and other items that stores remove from their shelves.

RECENT NEWS

In September, the Food Pantry saw 1,253 shoppers on Thursdays and Saturdays who shopped for more than 37,000 pounds of food – about 30 pounds of food per shopper. In September and October, our Share Your Table donations totaled nearly 300 pounds – enough for 10 shoppers. Every bit of your donation helps.

STREET YOUTH DROP-IN CENTER



Computer lab at the Micah 6 Street Youth Drop-In Center

The Micah 6 Street Youth Drop-In center has been in operation nearly four years, ministering to young people up to the age of 30.

The drop-in center, housed at University Baptist Church, is open every Sunday afternoon from 2 p.m. till 6 p.m. with snacks, a hot meal, rest, computers, comfortable couches and chairs, games and art, and time away from the street and extreme weather.

Long-time drop-in center volunteer Craig Bell and his church, University United Methodist, have recently arranged for a social worker to begin work with clients of the drop-in center to help with finding housing, employment, and school. Micah 6 board member Jane Leifester has organized a pregnancy-help program to provide mentors and help for young pregnant women on the streets. Jane calls the program the Granny Project. And Street Youth Outreach Director Mac McKaskle recently got UBC deacon approval to make condoms available on Sunday afternoons in the bathrooms used by the drop-in center clients.

Besides Sunday afternoons, the drop-in center opens as a freeze shelter for young people on nights when temperatures drop too low for safety. Last winter, the drop-in center had about a dozen freeze nights. Volunteers are also needed for these nights, and a stipend is offered for overnight hosting.

GET INVOLVED!

- ▶ **Donate socks and shoes:** HPBC is collecting new or used shoes (men's or women's, athletic or sturdy low-heeled casual shoes or boots) and new socks for the clients to deliver to the center. Boxes will be in the Atrium for donations until Nov 15.
- ▶ **Donate hygiene items:** Shampoo, body wash, hand sanitizer, razors and shave cream, sanitary pads, toothpaste and toothbrushes, and lotion are always appreciated.
- ▶ **Donate caps, gloves, and scarves:** Watch for a donation box in the Atrium for a cap, glove, and scarf drive for Christmas presents for drop-in center clients. We will deliver on Dec 15, and all are welcome to help.
- ▶ **Help serve an afternoon meal at the center on Nov 15:** We'll heat up chicken spaghetti after our Celebration Luncheon and leave HPBC around 3:30p.m.
- ▶ **Volunteer as an afternoon host:** Hosts are needed on Sunday afternoon from 2-6 p.m. The time could be split between two people.

For more information about volunteering at the center, contact Mac McKaskle at dropin@micah6austin.org

BAPTIST COMMUNITY CENTER



Art, Don, and Donna deliver food from the spring food drive to the Baptist Community Center Mission

The Baptist Community Center Mission provides services to neighbors in east Austin, including a food bank and childcare.

Highland Park contributes to Baptist Community Center's big food drives 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.

FOOD DRIVE WISHLIST

Chili	Pinto beans in 1 lb bags
Canned chicken	Juice
Spaghetti and sauce	Cornbread mix
Jelly	Instant potatoes
Pancake mix and syrup	Ravioli
Sugar in 2 lb bags	Canned yams
Mac and cheese	Cereal
Ranch style beans	Rice in 1 lb bags
Beef stew	

RECENT NEWS

Right now, we're in the big middle of making stockings and decorations for those stockings, and everyone's help is appreciated. Our Fall Food Drive for Baptist Community Center began at the Family Fest and runs through mid-November.

GET INVOLVED!

- ▶ **Create an appliqué for stockings:** If you'd like to help create stocking decorations for the BCC's annual Christmas party, please visit the supply table in Sapp Hall and return your stocking appliqués by Wednesday, November 11.
- ▶ **Fill a stocking:** In December, the completed stockings will be available to pick up and fill with goodies for the children at the annual Christmas party.
- ▶ **Bring food for the Fall Food Drive:** The annual Fall Food Drive will encompass our usual Share Your Table offering November 1st and continue for a few weeks into November.

To learn more about the Baptist Community Center Mission, visit their website at <http://www.bccmission.org/>

SISTERS IN SERVICE & MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Sisters in Service, our women's mission group, meets monthly to learn about and work on mission needs in our community.

RECENT NEWS

On Aug 27, Sisters in Service served a salad meal at Northwest Drive a Senior's "Senior Day Out" at Anderson Mill Baptist Church.

S.I.S. meets next on Nov 16 at 7p.m. at Donna Reisenbigler's home to decorate Christmas stockings for the Baptist Community Center Mission's Christmas party.

Men's Prayer Breakfast meets every Friday for prayer, breakfast, and fellowship.

Did you know?

The Men's Prayer Breakfast began on August 2, 1991, and has met nearly every Friday since. Over the nearly two and a half decades of the men's prayer breakfast, their weekly collection has provided over \$35,000 to charities!

RECENT NEWS

Prayer Breakfast moved during the month of October to Russell's. The group will be back in Sapp Hall for the month of November, and will not meet the Friday after Thanksgiving or on Christmas Day.



Sisters in Service serve a meal at Senior Day Out on August 27 at Drive a Senior Northwest

GET INVOLVED!

- ▶ **Cook chicken spaghetti or bake brownies:** S.I.S. will cook chicken spaghetti for 200 on Nov 3 and bake brownies through Nov 4. Part will go to the Baptist Student Ministries for their Wednesday meal on Nov 4, and the rest will go to the Micah 6 Street Youth Drop-In Center for their Sunday meal on Nov 15.
- ▶ **Serve a meal at the BSM:** We will serve lunch on Nov 4 to about 160 students at the UT Baptist Student Ministries for their "FLOW" meal (Free Lunch On Wednesdays).
- ▶ **Help assemble stockings:** At the meeting on Nov 16, S.I.S. will attach appliques to stockings for the Baptist Community Center Mission's annual Christmas party.
- ▶ **Join us in prayer:** Men of all ages are invited to Prayer Breakfast every Friday.

Sisters in Service meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 7p.m.

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GOD'S FAMILY DINNER



God's Family Dinner is a free meal served at University Baptist Church on Thursday evenings to all who come.

GET INVOLVED!

► Sign up to serve on a Thursday evening:

- (1) Go to <http://carecalendar.org>
- (2) Log on using this information:
Calendar ID: 80598
Security Code: 9350
- (3) On the calendar, look for the date where you want to volunteer. Needs that have already been filled are in green; unfilled needs appear in red. Click on the need (in red) you would like to fill.
- (4) In the "Helper Signup" section, enter your name, association, phone, and email.
- (5) Click the Sign Up button.

Highland Park members serve a meal at God's Family Dinner with University Baptist members and chef Mac McKaskle

“ We serve 200-plus men, women, and children every Thursday evening at UBC. I appreciate the gentle gratitude and kindness of so many of our guests, and I love serving alongside volunteers from congregations across Austin. ”

— Alana Mallard

God's Family Dinner began at UBC over ten years ago as a response to the number of guests coming to the Wednesday evening meals who were unable to pay. The restaurant-quality meal is prepared by a trained chef and dedicated volunteers each week. Volunteers are invited to serve from 4:30p.m. to 6:00p.m. on Thursdays.

PLAYGROUND REVAMP

The Boy Scouts cleaned and painted our playground in September. We are so grateful for their service!



PARSONAGE PROJECT

Built in the early 50's, our parsonage was home to our pastors and their families for nearly 30 years. Next it was used for Sunday School classes. In the 90's Highland Park leased the parsonage to Foundation For the Homeless, which they used as a day center, offices, and emergency shelter for the families in their care.

When Foundation outgrew us and moved, we had the opportunity to look for a new purpose for the home at 5202 Balcones Drive. A decision was made to renovate the building to bring it closer to market value, which allows us to do more missions and gives us some financial flexibility.

The parsonage is now home to offices for Cabo Bob's, a local burrito restaurant with two Austin locations. Cabo Bob is not just a new neighbor and tenant, but will also provide catering for some church events.

It took help from every age group in our church to get the parsonage ready for its new life. More than 35 members lent a hand to the renovation. In fact, two-thirds of the renovation budget was given through in-kind donations, expertise, and volunteer labor.

The house looks great with new vinyl plank flooring, new bathroom fixtures and tile, upgraded electrical systems, a new efficient HVAC system, new paint, new gutters, new gas range, new lighting fixtures, corrected plumbing issues, new hearth, and improved laundry room. We achieved the goal of increasing its market value and improving efficiency.

“ The value of the project wasn't just in giving us new ways to help more people and the wild possibilities that affords. The real value, in my mind, was how our families grew together as they worked to give this home new life. ”

— Kevin Mitchell

Thanks to everyone who has had a hand in this adventure and to the One who brings us together as family and is our Home.



Photos of the renovated property

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bail us out of the next jam
...and many more volunteers!

MORE MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES

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

Drive a Senior

Our congregation has supported this area-wide mission for 20 years with donations, board members, and volunteers who drive clients for medical appointments, grocery shopping, meetings, visits, and beauty appointments. We support 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.

We are CALLED
to be Jesus
in the
HERE & NOW

GET INVOLVED!

► **Give on 5th Sundays:** Our 5th Sunday Offering Nov 29 will go to Because We Care, our fund to give immediate financial help to members and friends.

► **Pledge on Consecration Sunday:** Our budget supports many missions. Bring your financial pledges to worship on Nov 15.

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 Baptist Community Center Missions

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 **Refugee Services of Texas, Popham Elementary, CROP Walk, Souper Sunday, Capital Area Food Bank, Seton Medical Center, Habitat for Humanity, Tohatchi** in Arizona, **Assistance League of Austin, CASA, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Blood and Tissue Center of Central Texas**, and many others supported by our members.

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