

Compassionate Hearts Ministry - connects Heights women with women in our community who need assistance and encouragement. (Pam Nicholson)



Community Ministries - The Heights family is committed to being actively involved in our community. Each Adult Bible Fellowship at The Heights is involved with a different community partner and serves with them on a regular basis. (Richard Covington)

Go & Be Events - Quarterly church-wide projects allowing our members to go outside of our walls and give back to the surrounding community by sharing the love of Christ through service. (Richard Covington)

UPWARD Ministries - Provides basketball and cheerleading leagues for elementary aged children. Many volunteers, including basketball and cheerleading coaches, referees and clock keepers are always needed for each UPWARD season to be a success. (Richard Covington/Marilyn Hansen)

Open Gym/Exercise Classes - Provides opportunities to invite our community to join us for exercise and open-play basketball and volleyball in a positive, Christian environment. (Richard Covington)

Prison Ministry - Provides opportunities to share the Gospel and pen pal support for men and women in Texas prisons. (Bill Ferrell)

THE HEIGHTS' STAFF MINISTRY LEADER DIRECTORY

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The Heights



Ministries

The following are some of the many ministries of The Heights Baptist Church. If you would like to talk to someone about being a part of one of our ministries, please contact the staff member at the contact number listed on the back.



Baptism Ministry - Assists baptism candidates with baptism procedures and dressing area needs during Sunday morning baptisms. (David Rogers)

Encourager Ministry - Helps people in our Discovery Room during the time of invitation with the decisions God is leading them to make, prayer requests on their hearts or questions they might have concerning The Heights. (Richard Covington)

Celebration Orchestra - Celebrating worship through instrumental talent, the orchestra leads in our 9:15 worship service. (Rob Platter)

The Lighthouse Church (Iglesia El Faro) - Provides worship services for the Spanish speaking community on Sunday mornings, as well as Bible studies and children's activities for all ages during the week. (Miguel Lopez)

Infant/Toddler Music - Tiny Tots 'N Tunes, similar to *Gymboree* or *Kindermusik*, is an interactive program of music, movement, instruments, prayer and worship specifically for birth - age 3 and their parents (or grandparents!). Ages: birth - 17 mos., and 18 mos. - 3 yrs. (Angela Irby)

Fine Arts Institute - Provides quality art education and prepares students for service, ministry and personal enjoyment through individual development of the arts in a positive Christian environment. (Rob Platter)

Media and Communications - Optimizes worship through technical and production aspects of the service. (Bobby Dennis)

Praise Team/Soloist Ministry - Anchors the choir, and leads in the 9:15 service worship and special events. (Trent Blackley)

Worship Choir - Leads worship through vocal praise in our 9:15 worship service. (Trent Blackley)

Singing Saints - Allows senior adults to enjoy weekly opportunities for fun, fellowship, travel, music and ministry to others in our community. (Angela Irby)

Worship Quest - An interactive program that trains children from Age 3 & 4 (Joyland Choirs) through grade 6 to worship God through song. Volunteer opportunities available as leaders, helpers, providing refreshments, assisting with costumes, sets and more. (Angela Irby)

Sermon CD Ministry - Provides audio and video recordings of sermons and special worship events to reach as many people as possible. (Bill Ferrell/Bobby Dennis)



Preschool - JOYLAND is the teaching ministry provided on Sunday mornings for our children, ages birth through pre-kindergarten years, during the Adult Bible Fellowship and Worship times. (Pennie Olivo)
Child Care Ministry - Provides child care for ages birth - 6th grade for Sunday evening activities, designated Wednesday evening activities, MOPS, Women's Bible Study and all church-wide events. Parent's Night Out is also a part of this ministry. (Pennie Olivo)
MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers is a ministry to mothers of young children which meets during the school year. (Pennie Olivo)

Child Development Center - This weekday ministry of our church incorporates a Mother's Day Out program for younger children and a Preschool program for children ages three through Kindergarten throughout the school year. (Marie Ruiz)

Children - KDOG Club – Intentionally equipping “Kids to Depend On God” in their daily lives, whether it’s discovering what it means to know Him as their Savior or the Boss of their lives. We do this through strategic programming from KDOG Club on Sunday mornings, to opportunities such as Bible Drill, summer camps, VBS, leadership teams, and more. Volunteer opportunities to serve are available in the large group leadership team as a small group coordinator, greeter, camp counselor and more. (Robbie Sutton)

Students - Grounded Groups (Student Bible Study) - Grounded Groups for Junior High meet at 9:15 and 10:50am on Sunday mornings. Grounded Groups for High School (which meet in various homes throughout the area) are Tuesday nights and Wednesday nights at 7:00pm (Steve Aylor)

Switch - This uplifting Wednesday evening worship experience for Jr. High students begins at 7:00pm and includes praise and worship led by David Frush and the Praise Band, and a Biblical message from the Student Minister, as well as games, skits, and funny videos. Switch offers a time to invite our community to informal worship. (Steve Aylor/David Frush)

1st Wednesday - is a time of fellowship for all students at 7:00pm. (Steve Aylor/David Frush)

Awaken - is at 9:15am on Sunday mornings, and is a time of worship and praise for High School Students. (Josh Jones)

Student Praise Band - Led by our Student Ministry Worship Associate, this group includes high school students who love to worship God through their instruments and voices. (David Frush)

Student Mission Trip – Offers hands-on opportunities for students to share the love of Christ in our city, state, country and overseas. Our Student Ministry serves at Park Plaza throughout the summer, as well as taking trips around the US and England to minister and spread the Gospel. (Steve Aylor)

Adult Bible Fellowship (ABF) - Provides opportunities for all age groups to grow in Bible study, develop authentic relationships through fellowship together, and share Christ through service to our community. Please refer to our “Growing Intentionally” brochure for times and room numbers. All age groups have fellowship and community ministry activities.

Circle of Friends Cognitively Challenged Adults (Richard Covington)

College (Dan Burke)

Young Singles (20's & 30's) (Dan Burke)

Singles (40+) (Dan Burke)

Early Marrieds/Families (Chris Havard)

Middle Marrieds (Pam Nicholson)

Mature Marrieds/Forever Young (John Palmer)

Circle of Friends - Circle of Friends Ministry is for adults with special needs (18 or older). Their ABF meets during the 9:15 hour on Sundays, and the first, second, and third Tuesdays of each month from 7-8:30 for Christian entertainment, food, fun, and fellowship. (Richard Covington)

Fifty Plus - Monthly lunch and dinner meetings promote growth and fellowship opportunities among median and senior adults. (John Palmer)

Power Hour – Our Power Hour is an open men's group that meets on Fridays at 6:30 a.m. for Bible study and prayer. (Bill Ferrell)



PLACE Ministry – Assists people in evaluating their passions, personality and spiritual gifts, and helps them discern where God wants them to serve. (Pam Nicholson)

Bereavement Ministry - Provides assistance to church families at a time of bereavement, particularly in the presentation of a meal before or after the funeral service. (John Palmer)

CART (Computer Aided Real-Time Translation) Ministry - Provides real-time closed captioning of our worship services for the hearing impaired. (John Palmer)

Divorce Care Seminars - Offers 12-week workshop seminars to support men, women, and children dealing with issues arising from separation and divorce. (Dan Burke)

First Impressions Ministry -

Greeters – Welcome all who enter our facility with an atmosphere of warmth, as well as distributing information, answering questions, and giving directions. (John Palmer)

Ushers – Provide a positive atmosphere by assisting our guests and congregation with seating, questions and collection of the offering. (Trent Blackley/Butch Craig)

Parking Lot Associates – Parking lot associates assist our guests, handicapped and senior citizens park their vehicles, and greet them with a warm welcome. (John Palmer)

Shuttle Bus Drivers – Shuttle bus drivers operate the shuttle bus for special ministry events throughout the week. (John Palmer)

Homebound Ministry – Provides regular home visits, The Lord's Supper, and prayer support to those who are physically unable to attend our church. (John Palmer)

Jobseekers Ministry—Serves as a resource and training ministry for those who are seeking new or different employment. (Richard Covington)

Library Ministry—Serves as a tremendous resource center for Christian education. (Gaye Ratcliff/Pam Nicholson)

Medical Emergency Team Ministry - Certified healthcare professionals who assist with medical emergencies during services and events. (John Palmer)

Men's Ministries- Offers unique opportunities for men to gather for worship, Bible study, fellowship and service through various projects and events throughout the year. (Bill Ferrell)

Office Volunteer Ministry - Assists the ministers and support staff with various office duties and special projects. (Pam Nicholson)

Prayer Room Ministry – Provides opportunities for prayer where people commit to pray one hour per week, each week, in the prayer room, prayer garden or from home. (David Rogers)

Women's Ministry – Provides Bible Studies on Tuesday mornings, Wednesday nights and Thursday nights. Discipleship and small groups meet on Tuesday nights. Events for fellowship and outreach include Evening of Grace, Countdown to Christmas and a spring retreat or fellowship opportunity. Other ministries include Compassionate Hearts, Prayer Shawl Ministry and Widow's Ministry. (Elaine Esparza/Pam Nicholson)

Widows' Ministry - Encourages and assists our widows, single mothers, and elderly in all areas of their life. (Pam Nicholson)

Prayer Shawl Ministry - provides comfort and support by crocheting or knitting shawls and giving them to those in need. (Pam Nicholson)