

Morning Service 10:30 a.m.

Rash Vows: The Sacrifice of Fools

Text: Leviticus 27

Meditation Passage: Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

Awana Awards Ceremony

Welcome Guests!

We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us today. If you have any questions regarding our church and ministries, information is available at our Information Desk in the front foyer; someone will be there to assist you. If you would like to make an appointment to meet with a staff member or elder, please feel free to call us at 837-7725. We would like to have a record of your visit, so please fill out the "Welcome Guest" form included with this bulletin.

How do I become a member?

**Attend a Newcomers' Luncheon:**

Immediately following our morning worship gathering (second Sunday of each month). To attend call the Church Office, 837-7725, sign up at the Information Desk or register online, [highpointeustin.org/visitor/newcomers-lunch](http://highpointeustin.org/visitor/newcomers-lunch).

**Declare Intention to Join:**

Indicate your desire for membership on the guest information card in the bulletin. You may also inform someone in the Prayer Room at the end of the service or call the Church Office.

**Attend Our Membership Class:**

The class is held on the third Saturday of the month from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Missions Room. To attend call the Church Office, 837-7725, sign up at the Information Desk or register online, [highpointeustin.org/visitor/membership-class](http://highpointeustin.org/visitor/membership-class).

**Participate in a Membership Interview:**

Participate in a membership interview. This meeting allows the elders to get to know you and gives you the opportunity to ask questions about High Pointe in an informal setting.

**Receive Congregational Affirmation:**

New member candidates are presented to the congregation during our worship gatherings, at which time the congregation will be asked to affirm the elders' recommendations.

Worship Notes

\* Services are broadcast online in their entirety. Recordings of the sermon are available online at [highpointeustin.org/resources](http://highpointeustin.org/resources) or following the service in the front foyer.

\* Children worshiping with their parent(s) and involved with Children's Church (K-4th grade) will be dismissed midway through the morning service.

\* Live feeds are available in the Missions Room for families and also in the Nursing Room (access through ladies' room in front foyer) for nursing mothers only.

**Facts and Figures**

Week of April 29, 2012

General Fund dollars needed for budgeted expenses	\$ 23,585
General Fund budgeted income received this week	\$ 17,880
General Fund dollars <b>short</b> this week	<b>\$( 5,705)</b>

January 1, 2012 - April 29, 2012

Total General Fund dollars needed to date for budgeted expenses	\$ 424,528
Total General Fund budgeted income received to-date	\$ 419,956
Total General Fund dollars <b>short</b> to-date	<b>\$( 4,572)</b>

**General Announcements**

VBS Tables are Now Open!

Stop by TODAY, after the morning service, to order your VBS t-shirts, sign up to donate VBS snacks, register your children and volunteer to serve. You may also register your children online at [highpointeustin.org](http://highpointeustin.org). Follow the **Amazing Wonders Aviation** logo.

Casas por Cristo Mission Trip Team

**Fellowship following this Morning's Service - Livingston Room**

Team members will share their experiences and a video from the trip. They will also be available to answer questions about this trip or future missions opportunities.

Awana Awards Ceremony this Evening

Please come and show your support for our children as they receive their awards for all their hard work during this school year. Congratulations Awana Clubbers!

Parent/Child Dedication

**Sunday Morning, May 13**

Our next Parent/Child Dedication service will be held on May 13. Members are welcome to participate. Please stop by the Nursery Reception area for a registration form. **Today is the deadline to sign up.**

New Member Candidate

**Steven Cardenas** will be presented on Sunday, May 13. Should you have any questions, please feel free to speak with one of the Elders.

**Newcomers' Luncheon**

**Sunday, May 20**

Our luncheon is for anyone interested in learning more about High Pointe's mission, ministry and Membership Class. We meet immediately following the morning service in the Fellowship Hall.

2012 Graduate Recognition

**Sunday, May 20**

We would like to recognize High Pointe's High School, College and Graduate level Graduates on Sunday morning and follow up with a Reception on Sunday evening in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in participating, please e-mail Josh Hayward, [jhayward@highpointeustin.org](mailto:jhayward@highpointeustin.org), or call the Church Office, 837-7725, as soon as possible, and we will let you know what is needed regarding information, pictures, etc.

Membership Class

**Saturday, May 19**

All prospective members must attend our Membership Class which will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Missions Room.

Join Us for A Marriage Seminar with Paul Tripp, June 1-2

What Did You Expect? Redeeming the Realities of Marriage

Hosted by the Austin Stone Counseling Center

For more information, go to: <http://austinstone.org/marriageseminar/>

**Straight to the Heart**

**Fighting the Fight of Faith Against Sin**

*"In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, . . ."*  
(Ephesians 6:16-18, ESV)

We see in Genesis 3, that Adam's fall resulted from a failure to believe God's Word. God promised to provide Adam everything, including wisdom and knowledge, but instead, Adam with Eve, turned away from God and turned to Satan and his promise for satisfaction. Thus, the battle against sin is a battle against unbelief; it is a battle of faith. Will we believe God's promise to be everything for us in Jesus Christ, or will we turn away from God to Satan and believe his promises that sin will satisfy our seemingly frustrated, unmet, selfish desires (James 4:1-3)?

The apostle Paul reminds us in Ephesians 6:16, that the battle against Satan is a battle of faith. In battling Satan and his minions, he reminds us that "in ALL circumstances," we are to take up the shield of faith. Why? Because with it we can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one. What a promise! In other words, when Satan throws his flaming darts at us, we have a weapon at our disposal with which to extinguish his darts. That weapon is the shield which is faith. Again, the weapon to use against Satan is faith, for faith functions as a shield against Satan's seductions and deceptions. But faith in what?

Again, Paul helps us. The picture is one of a warrior in full armor. As Satan is attacking, the warrior holds up the shield of faith, and Satan's darts cannot penetrate. At our disposal we also have the helmet of salvation; in other words, by faith we know and understand the great salvation that has been granted to us through Christ, and we know and believe that nothing shall separate us from the love God has for us, His children, in Jesus Christ (Romans 8). Note, these are defensive weapons; these are the weapons that we hold up to Satan to battle unbelief. But there is an offensive weapon—the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. When we wield this sword of the Spirit against Satan, he must flee, for He is under the authority of the God of the Word.

As we put on the whole armor of God, we will be able to withstand the schemes of the devil (Ephesians 6:11). By submitting ourselves to God and standing firm on God's Word by faith, we will resist the devil, and he will flee from us (James 4:7). So if we are going to fight sin and Satan, standing firm in faith, we must . . .

**Know the Word of God**—This is a weakness of too many Christians; they don't know the Word. If you don't know the Word of God, then you will not be able to wield the sword of the Spirit against Satan. You will not be able to recall to mind all the promises of God that are yours and which you can hold up as a shield of faith against the fiery darts of the evil one. Therefore, you should do what you can by God's grace to know the Word. What you must do is choose a plan, a time and a place and be disciplined. If reading is difficult for you, use a Bible translation that is simple to understand (i.e., *The New Living Translation*), and read small portions of Scripture, praying for the Holy Spirit's illumination. One option for non-readers is to use a version of the Bible on cassette or compact disc.

**Treasure the Word**—Let God's Word become honey to your lips, a joy to your soul. Study it; memorize it; meditate on it. Pray that God's Word would become more satisfying to you than food or drink.

**Trust the Word**—Finally, we must take God at His Word; this is the fight of faith and the fight against unbelief. Only God is trustworthy, so believe Him and His Word and be satisfied. This is true joy.

Love,  
Pastor Juan

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## Calendar

### Today

12:15 p.m. Casas por Cristo Mission Trip Fellowship (Livingston Room)  
 4:30 p.m. VBS Worship Rally Team  
 6:00 p.m. Worship Service  
 Awana Awards Ceremony  
 Hispanic Worship Service (Jourdan Crossing Building)

### Wednesday May 9

6:45 p.m. Student Ministries Bible Study  
 Christianity Explored - An Informal Seven-week Course (Fellowship Hall)  
 7:00 p.m. Hispanic Worship Service (Jourdan Crossing Building)

### Sunday May 13

9:00 a.m. LIFE Classes - Last Day  
 10:00 a.m. Ethiopian Worship Service (Livingston Room)  
 Hispanic Worship Service (Jourdan Crossing Building)  
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
 Parent/Child Dedication  
 Mother's Day  
 11:00 a.m. Children's Church (K-4th Grades)  
 5:30 p.m. Worship Band Rehearsal  
 6:00 p.m. Worship Service  
 Hispanic Worship Service (Jourdan Crossing Building)

### Monday May 14

6:30 p.m. Monthly Women's Bible Study led by Jeanine Sanchez  
 "Lies Women Believe and the Truths That Set Them Free" by  
 Nancy Leigh DeMoss (Livingston Room)

### Wednesday May 16

6:45 p.m. Christianity Explored - An Informal Seven-week Course (Fellowship Hall)

### Friday May 18

7:00 p.m. City-wide Daughters of Sarah Dinner

### Saturday May 19

9:00 a.m. Membership Class (Missions Room)  
 11:00 a.m. Hispanic Church Outreach (Jourdan Crossing Building)

### May 20

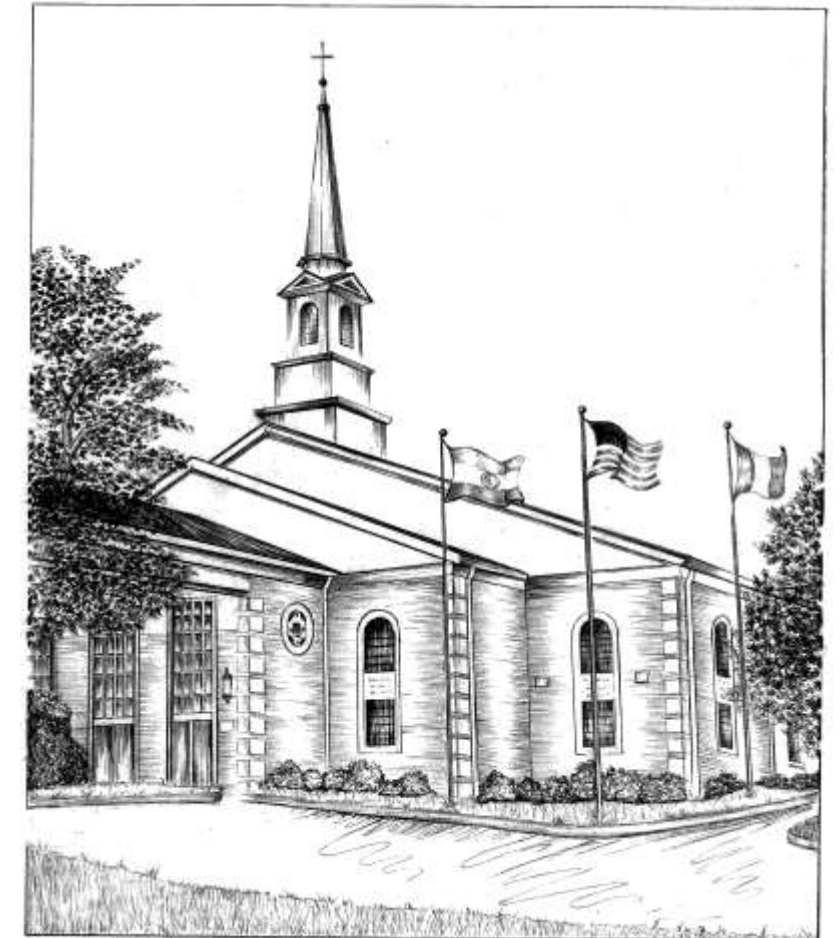
12:15 p.m. Newcomers' Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)

### June 1-2

### June 3-7

### July 16-23

Marriage Seminar with Paul Tripp  
 Vacation Bible School - "Amazing Wonders of Aviation"  
 Mission Trip to Haiti



*We exist to see all peoples become  
 whole-hearted followers of Jesus Christ  
 by reaching unbelievers, gathering worshipers,  
 and making disciples to the glory of God.*

May 6, 2012