

Highland Park Baptist Church

The Earth Covenant Ministry

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Summer Earth Hours

An opportunity for us to gather and learn together how we can be faithful stewards of God's good creation

New time: Dessert will be provided at 6:15pm before programs begin at 6:30pm

Wednesday August 11

Lecture and discussion on **Community Wildlife Habitat** - Austin is the first city in Texas certified with the National Wildlife Federation as a Community Wildlife Habitat and the largest metropolitan area in the nation to earn this distinguished title. Hear from Alice Nance, Conservation Program Coordinator with the City of Austin, about how your residence, business, or *church* could work towards meeting the requirements of certification and benefit the entire community of plants, wildlife, and people.

Wednesday August 18

Film and discussion on "**Keeping the Earth: Religious and Scientific Perspectives on the Earth**" (27 min. film) Science and religion have traditionally pursued parallel paths in struggling to decipher the mysteries of the universe. In this thought-provoking documentary they converge and inspire. Produced by the Union of Concerned Scientists along with the National Religious Partnership for the Environment, prominent scientists and religious leaders call on Americans to protect our environment and the diverse species that share it.

Wednesday August 25

Film and discussion on "**A Sense of Wonder**" (54 min. film) Rachel Carson's love of the natural world compelled her to complete *Silent Spring*, and thus this quiet biologist helped launch the modern environmental movement. This film provides an intimate glimpse of Carson as she is thrust into the role of controversial public figure. With the sounds of her nephew Roger playing in the surf as a backdrop she muses about the changing human relationship to the natural world and we hear of her conviction that "a child's world is fresh, full of wonder."

Wednesday September 1

Lecture and discussion on **Christian Life Commission** and their leadership on the environment- Christian citizenship is a response to the call of God and the example of the ministry of Jesus Christ in the world. Director Suzii Paynter will discuss the complex and interrelated nature of environmental problems and related ethical issues from the perspective that care for creation is a Biblical mandate from God.

The earth is the Lord's...Psalm 24:1