

Shotwell, 77, dies of heart attack

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Bob Edd Shotwell, 77, died at his Georgetown home May 6 following a heart attack. Shotwell, was minister of education and administration at Hyde Park Baptist Church in Austin 26 years.

He started a child development center at the church that later evolved over the course of years into a high school.

Shotwell's willingness to help was not limited to children. During his years at Hyde Park, he founded Friendship International, which sought to help acclimate newly immigrant women and their children to the United States, teaching them American customs and how to go about shopping and other everyday tasks.

That ministry led to Chinese, Korean and Hispanic services at the Austin church.

He was a graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Theological Seminary.

Retiring from Hyde Park in 1994, in 2000 he moved to Georgetown and joined First Baptist Church there. He also worked as a consultant through Ministers Mentoring and Consulting Service, helping to train pastors and other church ministers.

He is survived by his wife, Lane; daughters, Laurie Kriegel and Robbie Walters; son, Carter; and seven grandchildren.