



HSBC Newsletter

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It's a time for Joy as we head into the Christmas season. Joy because God loved us so much that He sent His Son to die for us. This is a time when we focus on the birth of Christ, but we focus on His birth because of His death. The Joy we have is not just celebrating the birth of a child, but the birth of our Savior; we are celebrating salvation.

This has been a challenging year and Joy has been hard to come by for many. I would encourage you to take the next few weeks and focus on celebrating salvation. Tell others that Jesus was born so that they might be saved and that He wants them to know the Joy of salvation.

"This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." 1 Timothy 2:3-4

Pastor Steven

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Vital Signs

Year to Date (10.31.2020)

Budgeted Offering: \$290,441.40
Received Offering: \$244,067.76
Undesignated + PPP: \$267,026.88
Budget Expenses: \$254,754.46
Bldg Fund YTD: \$30,885.00



Honor God's Truth
Share the Gospel
Build Believers
Care for Others



Hello everyone!!

Thank you all so much for always praying and loving us all here and our campus we love! We are so grateful!

Well, this fall was not a normal one for sure. We have been really cautious with our work with students and the campus to just try and help with the slowing of the virus. So, it has meant a lot of things we have not gotten to do, like tabling with cookies or doing spiritual surveys around campus in pairs, and just several events.

But...God has been kind to continue to give us opportunities to make disciples.

It has been good!

We continue to get to visit with the cheerleader coach and husband about life and faith with the real questions they have, and to stay in contact with the team.

One of our leadership students has been growing in his ownership of his life and that has positively impacted his spiritual life; he is leading consistently, actually has organized some of the others in having a worship night, and serving a new freshmen student who has gotten engaged with the community.

One of our guys in our mens group had shared he was going to respond to a facebook invitation from mormon students to hear about Mormonism. From this we ended up taking all of our mens group to visit including myself. It was the first time some of them had ever visited with a mormon about faith. We got to ask some questions that really helped us later when we debriefed on our own that led to some good conversations about the gospel. It's not just being about giving our lives to Jesus, but also about the implications from this that when we did this, we are now supposed to be what He was about - the saving of the world through HIM. So much more could be shared, but loving the chances to help our students not just be nice alone, but also use words to help a world know the message of Jesus. Our buddhist friend came too, so it was really good to help him experience love and truth together from us and that following Jesus (Christianity) IS DIFFERENT than every other religion.

We organized a meal with our students who are leading and invited them to invite a friend, and we had several who did that. From that we got to share more about who Jesus is, and from that we had a student message wanting to know and experience God, not the religion of Catholicism they grew up in. Now we have started

meeting weekly to help them know Jesus, and we hope, to hear His love and forgiveness for them and see them give their lives to Jesus one day...and truly have a relationship with God, not religion.

And to end: something we are loving is that some students are still very cautious and nervous about attending a local church service with the virus still spreading; so, we have visited with Pastor Steven at HSBC and started hosting the online services at the BSU and have had several already come. We are so glad they are engaging the online services. We are so eager for a vaccine so we can once again give them rides to church and help them not just have religion and not just come to church, but to become a part of the community...a part of the tribe... a part of HIS family.

And God always comes with a family!

Blessings,

Greg Xander

Campus MissionaryTSU BSU



The Finance Committee would like to partner with you in a Five for Five Building Fund Campaign.

When the designated Building Fund reaches \$5000, we will take \$5000 out of our church savings account to help pay down the building debt.

Make Donations to office or in offering plate designated "Building Fund"

A Note from our Associate Pastor

Church Family,

Merry Christmas! Even though this has been a difficult year that none of us will forget, we MUST remember our Savior's birth. God is on His sovereign throne ruling and reigning on our behalf. I love singing the song "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands", because He does! During this time of year, let's focus our hearts and minds on the birth of our Sovereign Savior.

He came incarnate to live, to die, and to resurrect for His elect. Praise God for His humility, love, and power as a baby born in a manger for our sake. What a beautiful picture of the birth of Jesus we see in our own life as we surrender to Christ. Let us worship Christ the new born King!

Worship with the "multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,
'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased'" (Luke 2:13b-14, ESV)!

Merry Christmas to all!

Pastor Garrett

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December Birthdays

(Missing birthday? Please contact the office to update.)



Christmas! The world in upheaval and uncertainty, a dark future indicated, and the people stressed out from it all. Sound familiar? It should because that was the state of things in the land of Judea roughly two thousand years ago.

Every year in Christmas Eve services across the world Luke's account of Jesus' birth is read. When you read the portions of the Gospels of Matthew and Mark that also cover this time period you get the sense of the anxiousness and despair that had settled in over the region. The Roman Empire ruled their territories with an iron fist, and to a people who were God's chosen people this situation was untenable. Also, there was no sign of God working in their midst to correct this, which contributed to a growing sense of anxiety and despair.

Yet, in the stillness of night during the hustle and bustle of an Imperial census taking that brought many travelers to Bethlehem, the long-awaited Savior was born. Unnoticed by most of the world at the time, with no fanfare of announcements or proclamations, this history changing moment was witnessed by two young parents and a stable full of animals. Their only visitors were the local shepherds, who were told the news by God's own band of angels and who came to see this miracle for themselves.

Since that time, millions of people through the centuries that have followed have given their lives to Him to become His followers. History was changed in that moment because no matter how dark the outlook of the world is, we who follow Him have a sense of peace and affirmation of His return that all will eventually end with His triumph.

From the Barnett family to you, may you have a peaceful and blessed Christmas.

See you in worship!

Jim Barnett

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ADAIR COUNTY MOBILE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

December 12th
11:00 am - ???

There are no income guidelines.
Recipients need to bring a photo ID, proof of Adair County
residency & a container to take home the food.

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SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY:

8:30 a.m. Traditional Service
9:45 a.m. Small Groups
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Service
or Join us on Livestream
go to: hamiltonstreet.org



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