



HSBC Newsletter

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Church Family,

1 Corinthians 1:10-11

“Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment. For I have been informed concerning you, my brethren, by Chloe’s *people*, that there are quarrels among you.”

While we are not Corinth, we do have quarrels among us. I believe that most, if not all of us, have been asking ourselves the questions; how do we work together in this time? How do we worship when we are frustrated with a brother or sister in Christ?

First, we are not asked to be unified but *commanded* to be unified. If we are to reach this world with the Gospel we must put aside our differences and be united in His will. Yes, the devil does want to cause division in HSBC and every church. Our job is to focus not on what divides us but what unites us. What unites us is the Gospel.

Second, worship is about focusing on Christ not each other. Is it hard at times to focus? Yes! This is why I spoke a few weeks ago about prepping yourselves for worship. When we prepare our hearts for worship we prepare ourselves to focus on our Heavenly Father.

Will the next few months be difficult? Yes! But if we are focused on having the same mind and judgement in the Gospel then we can and will be one in the body of Christ.

Pastor Steven

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Vital Statistics

Year to Date (09.30.21)

Budgeted Offering: \$242,250.39

Received Offering: \$210,003.68

Budget Expenses: \$211,041.71

Average Attendance (2021)

Small Groups: 83

Online Views: 37

8:30 a.m.: 55

11:00 a.m.: 82



Honor God’s Truth

Share the Gospel

Build Believers

Care for Others



Thank you all so much for all the prayers and love!!! It has been such a blessing getting to have so many who love so many here and we are so grateful!!!

We have been having such an encouraging semester getting to try and be a voice of hope to students on our campus we love. We have been able to host events on campus every week such as Art on the Quad where we share how they are a work of art - created with intention, that that there is a heart behind it, Jesus! And were able to interact and share this with over 120 students in one afternoon as they would stay for over half an hour to paint. I loved that our students who were able to come, totally just engaged in the mission and would go and sit by others they didn't know as they painted and just be present and try to get to know them and hope for more conversations. It was beautiful to see some of our students just pushing past their fear or past what they can control, and just being intentional to just try and be a voice of hope to the others. We had one girl come who had horns on her head. Yes, horns; theatre grade, professional looking (glued on I assumed) horns. So you just never know what you're going to encounter; and it was great to share with her why we are doing this, love and respect her (and not go "you're bizarre!!") And then to see her stay and not run the other way, but stayed for over 1/2 hour and painted and we got to just say hi and encourage her.

God has been so kind: we had one guy who is a junior in a fraternity message us because he felt like he was just not close to God anymore and wanted to try to find that again. How he found us, I don't know! I keep forgetting to ask him; but I love that we just keep doing things on campus and keep trying to interact with students no matter what they believe, or if they have horns, and maybe God is just blessing that in ways we cannot even see yet.... And I love that we are not known for just "oh they are positive, or nice" but that there is a sense that they know we are kind (which is a nice thing) but also really believe in Jesus and share hope and truth too..not just love;

but grace and truth - together!

Golly, there is more - from now getting to know a fraternity more (really first time getting to take ground in this area) and getting to know the sororities a lot more and their leadership who will be in our home soon. To our cheerleaders who we keep supporting and loving, and trust me there are some who do not trust God or are at all interested in Him, but we keep loving them and keep hoping we can just be the jars of clay as we try to love and influence them and earn the right to be a voice in their lives. And actually one who is a believer is now coming to our worship and small group, and is inviting her whole team; and 1 guy who practices a gay lifestyle continues to come and wants to connect to God (he grew up in a Christian home) and we just get to keep helping him see and hear what it looks like to be following God and not making it a buffet where we just pick and choose what we like about Him or His word and just not keep the rest. And he keeps coming!! I love that God is so working all around us, and is so kind to let us be a part of what He is doing!

And so much more, from our believers maturing in their character, to seeing upperclassmen leading to seeing freshman engaging. There is just so much good to be done in HIM and I love that we get to be here...in the middle of so many of these students lives and they make such big decisions such as making their faith their own, engaging in His mission not just coming and sitting in the pew, deciding who they might marry, choosing careers, etc.

I love that we get to be your missionaries...here in the middle of life here on this campus we love...to be a voice of hope in the wilderness!

PS - We have had several students come up and ask: "So are you a church that supports LGBTQ?" And I love that we get to share, with gentleness and yet firmness: "Oh, well no. 1, we're not a church; we love our churches so we go to church on Sundays and connect to our churches and serve them. We're not a church but are missionaries from the churches."

I love that we get to share that with students; to help them always connect to our local churches now, and after they graduate. And then, we share: "We are always going to love and respect and just treat kindly anyone who practices a LGBTQ lifestyle. And actually have had students who have been with our family, in our home, playing with our kids, etc, and have one currently that we have over all the time. We are always going to love and respect and care for them... but we are never going to embrace that lifestyle. We're never going to champion that way of living or lifestyle, but we will always respect and try to love them."

And they usually then walk away; I feel because they are looking for maybe a way to make fun of what we believe, or paint us into a corner as being a un-loving group or something. I think there is an agenda that they have when they come over to our table and ask us that right off, and I love that we can share truth and who we follow and we actually are maybe more open than they are; because we're not going to say "you can't be my friend unless you embrace this". I think they are expecting us to act that way. But we don't; see, we want to be in their lives no matter what they believe because we know they need life and forgiveness and hope, and maybe not today or next week, but maybe one day when they are just finding out how empty it is try and live without HIM, that they will remember that we do follow someone who is above us, Jesus, and that we actually love people too.

Anyway, wanted to share how neat it is to share how much we love our churches, and love God, and we can't separate following Him and not being a part of what Jesus set up; the church was His idea; and I love that!

In the middle... *Greg Xander*
Campus Missionary TSU BSU

A Note from our Associate Pastor

Church Family,

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy remind us in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18: *“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you”* (1 Thess. 4:1, ESV). Thanksgiving is a season to remember the blessings we have and to be thankful for each one. We have reasons to rejoice, to be in prayer, and trust God in all circumstances. This is because God is good, trustworthy, and worthy of our worship!

Psalm 107:1 says, *“Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever”* (ESV)! It’s not just this time of year that we should be giving thanks, but every day that God gives us to glorify Him. We should be recognizing who He is and praising His name without ceasing! This is God’s will for your life, and for our church’s life. God’s will is that we know His goodness and His love, and trust Him in all providential circumstances.

Praying for God’s will for our church during these times,

Pastor Garrett

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(Pastor Garrett will be on vacation Nov. 14-20)

LOOKING FOR A PERSON WHO WOULD LIKE TO DO SOME DRYWALL REPAIR WITHIN OUR CHURCH

CONTACT BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Charles Porter, Doug Athon, Jason Lloyd, Dan Willis

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<u>Jamie Edmondson</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>Lisa Pearson</u>	<u>09</u>	<u>Dee Matheney</u>	<u>18</u>
<u>Tanya Tatro</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>Hazel Putnam</u>	<u>09</u>	<u>Makenna Hartman</u>	<u>22</u>
<u>Kavin Tingley</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>David Moseley</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>Patsy Rhoads</u>	<u>23</u>
<u>Jack Thompson</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>Stefani Xander</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>Joe Bleything</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>Judy Hayes</u>	<u>03</u>	<u>Lauryn Nelson</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>Ellie Athon</u>	<u>28</u>
<u>Sue Sprague</u>	<u>05</u>	<u>Ginger Reed</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>Joe Banner</u>	<u>29</u>
<u>Nancy Entwistle</u>	<u>07</u>	<u>Virginia Banner</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>Madelyn Pearson</u>	<u>30</u>
<u>Wyatt Norman</u>	<u>08</u>				

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



We have again come to the month of November where we celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. We take time out of our busy lives to give thanks to God for the blessings he gives us. It has been celebrated by God’s believers for centuries at some part of the year. Today, we sing praise songs and hymns as part of our celebration but in the Old Testament, psalms giving thanks were written.

Psalm 105 is a hymn of thanksgiving that recalls God’s covenant with Abraham and the subsequent events through Joseph before recounting the Exodus. In this section the psalmist lists all the plagues and major events that led to the Exodus. Then he goes on to detail how God led the Israelites through the wilderness and sustained them during that journey. He ends the psalm by repeating God’s promise to Abraham and how it was fulfilled.

As you give thanks this year see if you can list all the ways God has blessed you in the past year. You might be surprised at the length of that list.

See you in worship!

Jim Barnett

Traditional Music Minister



Next Meeting:
November 21st 2021

Hamilton Street Baptist Church
802 W. Hamilton Street
Kirksville, MO 63501
660-665-4633
www.hamiltonstreet.org

Steven Nelson - Pastor
Garrett Trunk - Assoc. Pastor of Discipleship & Youth
Jim Barnett - 8:30 am Music Minister
Andrew Keene - Interim 11:00 am Music Minister

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OR
HSBC@SBCGLOBAL.NET**

ADAIR COUNTY MOBILE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

**November 13th
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.

**Hamilton Street Baptist Church
802 W. Hamilton St., Kirksville, MO**

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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