



HSBC Newsletter

DECEMBER 2021



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Vital Statistics

Year to Date (10.31.21)

Budgeted Offering: \$269,167.11

Received Offering: \$235,860.68

Budget Expenses: \$232,591.62

Average Attendance (2021)

Small Groups: 84

Online Views: 39

8:30 a.m.: 56

11:00 a.m.: 81

"And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.'

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.'

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told."

Luke 2:8-20 NIV



Thank you to everyone who participated in Operation Christmas Child this year! As a church, we packed 264 shoeboxes! Please continue to pray for the children who will receive our boxes.



Honor God's Truth

Share the Gospel

Build Believers

Care for Others





Thank you all for the prayers and love and kind words we receive constantly from so many; they are so encouraging and God is hearing your prayers for us!

The past month has been so wonderful with God! We have gotten to see relationships that we have been investing in for years see movement and ground taken in HIM. Such as getting to have the leadership team of one sorority over to our home and then watching the conversation come around to church and just what it looks like to follow Him as a believer on this campus. And now there are 2 more sororities that we are going to get to bring home with us and try to meet them with compassion and intentionality and hope we can continue to be a voice of hope in their lives.

The fall was a time for us to try and restart after Covid now that we could do more and see more people and the work of engaging others and the conversations and small group times together over and over are bringing exciting things. God has been so kind to us and now we are getting to see students going out in pairs with me, but even more with each other, and engaging students they do not know with the intention of helping them hear about Jesus. We have just begun getting to do this and it is so exciting to see how we are doing worship weekly, small groups, and events and tables on campus and with various sororities, and now even more "hand to hand" in beginning conversations around campus with others. So exciting to see our students not just going, but really feeling the joy in doing this and as one said, "it actually is really fun getting to do this".

Our students have lead in hosting Sunday evening meals for other students which is always a wonderful space for many to come who may not be seeking God or are not sure what it is all about,

to students who are trying to follow him and need community to help them have peace or be encouraged.

Just last week at our hot chocolate tables on campus the University President stopped and talked for about 20 minutes about her struggles with leadership and Covid and the challenges she faces in her work. We have been engaging with her since before the semester with a meeting we set up in her office- that she shared with others (that we heard from later) that in all her years - that meeting was one of the best meetings she had ever had. Wow God! And then we have been just supporting her staff and her office such as with a plant to start the year, flowers for homecoming for her board of directors and raising funds from students to support a cause she could pick at our campus (ended up with one that supports students in crisis). Then before the hot chocolate table conversation, she had invited us to the President's section for the home football game. So excited we are not only impacting students...but even a president here too...and hope it will lead to more. We are not sure yet where she lands on faith, so we keep just loving and trying to earn the right to be in those circles she is in. And then she comes by our table and stays way longer and talks about real things with us.

And there is just so much good God is bringing from an inter-Christian panel that we hosted with several other ministries and got to share similar things, and also saw a moment where we shared with grace and faithfulness that we did not agree with a couple of the others there on their stance on the issue of LGBTQ. And that we could share that we don't agree on everything but that does not mean we see them as our enemy and hate them. It was a moment of tension and I loved that we could live by faith and have love and grace as we shared. And more such as a

girl stopping at our hot chocolate table just today actually, and coming straight over and asking if she could talk (which you never quite know where that is going to go as in she is upset with something we believe etc,) But she started sharing how basically she didn't find God in Catholicism, had mean Christians make her move away from church, but would love to just try and find a church to go to and try again. I love that one of our pastors, Curtis from Rehoboth, was with us, and that we got to help connect her to him and the church. And I really love that she came to us and just shared all of this and asked for help; that we are not a place people are running away from, but actually running to. Wow God, you are so good!

To end would be just sharing that one of the cheerleaders who we had heard might have interest in God, was actually a believer but had not been attending anywhere for at least a year. We asked her over to see if she would want to read the Bible and just disciple her, and we found out she would love to learn to cook, and now we have pasta and bible study, and next I think will be cooking breakfast and bible study. And after coming she messaged and with her English that is almost better than mine, asked if she could invite a friend to come. Yeah God! Just from 2+ years of trying to be a blessing to her and her cheer team and trying to be close to all of them so maybe we can connect and hear how to help them know God and grow as followers of Him and be a part of His mission. And then God is so crazy, that she shared her parents can not be here and asked us if we could be her parents to escort her across the football field on "Parents day" during the home football game as a senior student. How good you are God!

1 Thessalonians 2:8

Greg Xander

Campus Missionary TSU BSU

A Note from our Associate Pastor

Merry Christmas! Praise the Lord that Jesus was born incarnate to die and resurrect from the dead on our behalf! This is why we celebrate Christmas. During this season this year take time to reflect on the Gospel. The Gospel is the Good News of salvation that came through Jesus Christ being born in a “manger” to go to the cross. He died as a sacrifice for our sins, that separate us from a Holy God, to ultimately reconcile us to Himself.

Take time to Reflect on the Gospel as you sit in front of a fire, or in front of a pretty Christmas tree glowing with lights.

Take time to Worship the Lord for what the Gospel means to you and your family this season.

Take time to Share the Gospel as you work, as you volunteer in the community, and as you shop for presents.

Paul says in Romans 10:15: “*And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news’ (Is. 52:7a)*” (ESV)!

Have a beautiful Merry Christmas!

Pastor Garrett

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Remy Martin	01	Veryl Van Houtan	10	Jeda Kerby	23
Tina Miller	01	Colton Van Houtan	11	Inara Martin	23
Judy Peterson	01	Amy Cox	12	Vera Willis	23
Mike Athon	02	Barb Deierling	12	Jennifer Trunk	26
Dawn Stitzer	04	Connie Davis	13	Sue Osborn	27
Jessica Daniels	06	Debbie Fincher	16	Payton Stitzer	27
Toni Rhoads	07	Neal Elliott	20	Doug Athon	29
Phil McIntosh	08	Kiley Speaks	20	Willa Hutcheson	30
Shirlene Lloyd	09	Charlie Fraser	22	Taira McVay	30

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



As you read this, the calendar has turned to December and the Christmas season has arrived. As part of our numerous celebrations of the holiday are the many carols that we sing in praise and honor of Christ’s birth. One of these carols is “What Child Is This?”

This carol owes its musical existence to an old English song entitled “Greensleeves”. According to the book, “Then Sings My Soul”, this tune dated back to the time of Henry the VIII. Shakespeare mentioned the tune twice in his works and Queen Elizabeth I danced to it.

It was licensed to two different printers in 1580 and afterward became associated with religious texts. Its first Christmas association was in 1642. The words which we are most familiar with were written by a British insurance agent named William Chatterton Dix. His greatest love was for prose and poetry. He wrote scores of hymns, including this one, two devotional books and a book for children.

The journey of this carol is an interesting mix of the secular and the sacred. As you sing it this season recall its evolution and give praise to God for Christ’s birth.

See you in worship!

Jim Barnett

Traditional Music Minister

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ADAIR COUNTY MOBILE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

**December 11th
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
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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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