



HSBC Newsletter

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Vital Statistics: (08.31.23)

Budgeted Offering: \$ 167,362.80

Received Offering: \$ 146,310.45

Budget Expenses: \$ 125,788.16

Average Attendance (09.2023)

Small Groups: 83

10:15 AM Worship: 93





Dr. Jonathan Hayashi

Reaching The Unreached in the Missionary Graveyard

I had the wonderful opportunity to share the upcoming Japan mission trip this morning with Overseas Instruction in Counseling. A few Sundays ago I presented this information at HSBC. I have had several people who said, "Pastor Jonathan, I wish I was able to attend and hear but I was out of town!" I wanted to take advantage here and share a bit so you all know how you can be praying for me and the mission trip.

Today, Japan is the largest, currently non-evangelized, nation that is completely open to missionaries. Japan is known by many to be a difficult mission field. Japan has now been known as "the missionary's graveyard."

Many missionaries have traveled to Japan only to return to their home country, discouraged. The difficulty with the time of cultural differences and language barriers that take years or even decades to overcome overwhelms the missionaries. Most people in Japan have never heard the gospel and have had little opportunity to hear the Gospel.

It is said that the average age of Japanese pastors is between 60 and 70 years old. More than 75% of the pastors are over the age of 55. There are more pastors over the age of 80 than pastors under 30. When pastors retire, churches close. The average attendance of a good-sized church is about 30 people. Churches in the countryside often have only 4-10 believers.

Having grown up in the country of Japan, I quite understand this difficulty. Culture is beyond the language barrier, which often missionaries spend most of the time on the field. However, to understand one's cultural context perhaps is more important compared to even the language. However, despite the language barrier, I believe the message of Christ will transcend cultural differences and will leave imprints of the gospel in the lives of many.

God is at work in the country of Japan. However, God is at work in our immediate context as well. The scripture is true when it says "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Luke 10:2).

The trip is really a wonderful opportunity to go along with incredibly gifted leaders on a mission trip to the country of Japan to train Biblical Counselors. It will be an incredible 9 days filled with opportunities to share the gospel of Jesus through disciple-making as we work alongside many other churches. I am looking forward to speaking at the Asia Pacific Biblical Counseling Conference in November with speakers such as these and many others:

- Dr. Stuart Scott (Association of Certified Biblical Counselors)
- Dr. Andrew Rogers (Overseas Instruction in Counseling).
- Dr. Stephen Viars (Faith Biblical Counseling Ministries)
- Dr. Julie Ganschow (Reigning Grace Counseling Center)

If you're interested in partnership, please donate as I have to raise \$3,250 by Nov 1st! To give now, follow the link here: <https://discoveroic.managedmissions.com/MyTrip/jonathanhayashinov2023>

Pray that the Lord will bless this mission trip!

Full **Wednesday night programming** has returned. The evening begins with a meal at 5:45. Donations per person or family are accepted for the meal. Bible study for all ages follows at 6:30. There is also a prayer group available for adults. These are the meals planned for October.

October 4 - Pizza, salad, chips
 October 11 - Lasagna, salad, bread
 October 18 -

Chicken Enchiladas, refried beans, nachos with cheese sauce

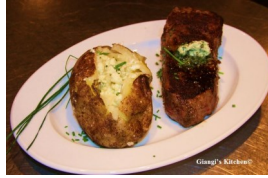


October 25 -

Tenderloin, macaroni and cheese, peas, fruit

Come and enjoy the food and get to know fellow worshippers.

Our **Thursday night food and fellowship** group will be going to Colton's for the next few weeks. There are usually around 25 there. If you haven't joined the group, give it a try - Thursdays at 6 PM. Lots of good food and fellowship. Come join us in the back room - just ask for the Hamilton Street group.



October Birthdays

- 4 - Dustin Brown
- 9 - Hazel Grissom
- 9 - Cindy Lea
- 12 - Asher Martin
- 12 - Randy McCollum
- 19 - Marvin Flynn
- 19 - Ethan Tatro
- 23 - Mike Brummit
- 23 - Alfred Roberts
- 25 - Larry Coy
- 26 - Keva Luse
- 26 - Karen Osborn
- 28 - Ashley Hartman

Rheuben L. South/Missouri Missions Offering

The MMO offering was collected in September. As of this date we have collected \$1,965 towards our goal of \$2,000. It's not too late to give. This state missions offering supports more than two dozen ministries which include Christian foster care, disaster relief, church revitalization, and other projects that help transform lives and communities with the gospel.



Men's Ministry News

Monday Night Football for the men will meet in October on October 9 and 23.

Come at 7:00 to watch the game and fellowship with others. Love of the game is not required. There will be a short half-time devotion and snacks.

Please plan to attend and invite a friend. For more information contact Chad Tatro.

Address is 2708 Weatherstone Drive.



There will be a budget presentation and discussion during the regular business meeting on October 15. Plan to attend and give input. This will be followed by a vote without discussion in a special-called business meeting after the morning service on November 5.



Children's Workers for October

Children's Church

October 1 - Debbie Athon & Alicia Sweeney

October 8 - Vera Willis & Kiley Speaks

October 15 - Renee & Alicia Sweeney

October 22 - Chelsea Phan &

Jamie Edmondson

October 29 - Debbie Athon & Ginger Reed



Nursery

Jessica & Lily Martin,

Jamie Edmondson

Lindsey Fraser & Asher Martin

Lily Martin & Jamie Edmondson

Glenda Baggs & Elaine Brown

Jessica & Lily Martin

Sunday School/Small Group Report

There is a loose agreement that a day in October is Sunday School Teacher (Small Group Leader) Appreciation Day. There is far less agreement on exactly what day that is with the third Monday, the third Sunday, and other more random dates being suggested. At any rate, if you are involved in a Sunday Morning Bible Study, you might make time this month to thank the leaders of your group. They study the lesson each week (or even write the lesson), review and select materials to help illustrate the Bible teaching, present or lead discussion on the lesson, and deal with the idiosyncrasies found in any group of people as they learn and minister together.

THANK YOU, SMALL GROUP LEADERS! Pre-School: Jennifer Trunk, Julie Sneddon, Debbie Athon, Linda Brummit
Elementary: Elsie Rudd, Richard Rudd, Laura Brown, Mike Brummit Middle/High School: Mike Hartman,
Tanya Tatro, Chad Tatro Adult Classes: Larry Sweeney (Spirit Movers), Dan Willis (Vessels), Neal Elliott (Joshua),
Lana Brown (His Way), Barbara Deierling (Truthseekers)

If you are interested in joining one of the Sunday Morning Small Groups, just let me know; I'm certain there is a place for you!

Elsie Rudd, Sunday Morning Small Group Director

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BSU Update - live compelling lives...

It has been an exciting Fall already! We've seen students connecting and getting involved - from being a part of the worship team, to going to churches with us, to being a part of our outreach that we do on campus with our tabling and outdoor worship services and more. Seeing them so loved and encouraged and already inviting their friends who are not believers, has been really so kind of God! Our students have been so wonderful just trying to engage with other students and in really trying to be believers that are living compelling lives. A huge part of that for us has been sharing how truth should never travel faster than love; but that they should always be journeying together in our lives and our conversations and all we do. One of our students is finding that other guys are coming to him and asking about worship, about God. One guy who says he is agnostic came over to our students as they were hanging out and wanted to talk more about who God is because he is feeling that the life he is living is just not it. Others want to come to things we are doing because they are seeing how our students are living, and how our students are treating them and others with such love...and seeing them serving on the worship team. I love the work our students are doing to be in God's word, to be together, to serve and pray. They keep being faithful in who they are on Saturday night as well as on Sunday morning. Even their peers who don't know Jesus are seeing it and it's compelling to them. It is so encouraging to see disciples who are capable of following Jesus, not just "I have Jesus but I will live my own way". There are roots growing in their walk and lives of faith they are trying to live out. Their character is matching their spirituality - that is probably THE most rewarding thing we are seeing in this new Fall. God is so honoring their faithfulness through wonderful opportunities to keep being lights to their friends. We were doing a table last week where we were handing out bubbles, I know how crazy that is, but they loved it. We usually have a question at our table because we want to try and get students to engage in conversations. The question was "If you could wish for one change in the world in your lifetime, what would you wish for?" One girl came over and asked how we would answer that. For the next 10 minutes we just had a wonderful conversation with her about how God really is the answer to life and all the struggles we face and why the answer really is Jesus and that is why it is so essential to have Him from the inside out. Then another girl, who grew up going to church but decided to be Catholic a few years back, came over. She shared a big reason she switched was because the Christians she was around were just not very loving or kind. Oh my goodness that is so hard to hear. Then she came by our table and started talking and having conversations. Now she's starting to connect and come to the BSU because she shared that we were so kind and loving to her. There is so much God is doing as we try to model and live lives that are compelling and just try to live lives where our character matches our spirituality. To live by faith...the BSU



Welcome new member Mykaela Halleman! Mykaela is a 21-year-old student at Truman



working towards a Masters of Athletic Training. She is originally from Cottleville, Missouri. Mykaela comes to us from Waypoint Church in St. Charles. She is currently teaching at Faith Lutheran. She enjoys studying medicine, human bodies, and loves Bible history. Please make Mykaela feel welcome here at HSBC.



Pantry For Adair County

The Pantry for Adair County is located at 2012 S Halliburton in Kirksville. They distribute food to approximately 560 households each month. They need volunteers to unload food, prepare and distribute food, and record distributions. Call Krista at (660)341-3955 or email

pantryforadaircounty@gmail.com for more information. They also need donations. Items needed include canned goods of carrots, chicken, mixed fruit, mixed vegetables, peaches, pears, peas, and tuna. Other items needed include low sugar cereal, crackers, hamburger helper, mac & cheese, pancake mix, pasta side dishes, peanut butter, rice side dishes, and tuna helper.

The 3rd - 5th grade class recently held a fishing day at Mike & Linda Brummit's pond. Below are some pictures of the fun time. Ziva Martin caught the biggest fish and Aubrey Potter caught the most. Everyone caught at least one. The donkeys got a little attention too.



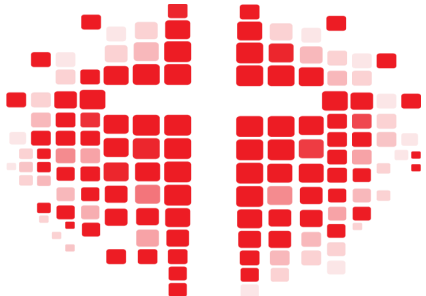
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**ADAIR COUNTY MOBILE FOOD
DISTRIBUTION - OCTOBER 28
11:00 am - ???**

There are no income guidelines.
Bring a photo ID, proof of Adair
County residency, and containers for
food.

**Hamilton Street Baptist Church
802 W. Hamilton Street**



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

Life Chain Sunday, October 1, 2023 2:30 - 3:30 PM Baltimore Street

Life Chain is an annual, one-day pro-life event which began in 1987 and now includes individual events in 1550 cities and towns across the United States and Canada. HSBC's spot to line up is between Washington and McPherson on the east side of the road. We share this space with First Church of God. Signs will be distributed at the North end of the Lincoln Square Shopping Center from 2 PM on. Participants should stand and spread out on the sidewalk during the prayer time, without blocking driveways or standing on the grass and as far back from the curb as possible. This time is to be dedicated to prayer. No other petitions or literature will be allowed.

