



HSBC Newsletter

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Next Food Bank date

Kiwanis Christmas Parade

2	8:00 AM	Men's breakfast at Rosie's
3	10:15 AM	Week of Prayer for International Missions Prospective Senior Pastor Tim Preaching Special-Called business meeting to vote on prospective pastor following the service
4	7:00 PM	Men's Monday Night Football Fellowship 2708 Weatherstone Drive
5	9:30 AM	The Pines Services
6	5:45 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Meal served Classes for all ages, Prayer group Men's Ministry, Technology, Women's Ministry Committee Meetings
7	6:00 PM	Food and Fellowship at Pancake City
9	11:00 AM	Mobile Food Pantry
12	9:30 AM	Church Council items due The Pines Services
13	5:45 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Meal served Classes for all ages, Prayer group Church Council Meeting
14	6:00 PM	Food and Fellowship at Pancake City
17	2:00 PM	The Pines Services
18	7:00 PM	Men's Monday Night Football Fellowship 2708 Weatherstone Drive
19	9:30 AM	The Pines Services
20	6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Classes for all ages, Prayer group Missions & Nominating Committee Meetings
21	6:00 PM	Food and Fellowship at Pancake City
24	6:00 PM	Regular morning services Candlelight Christmas Eve service
25		Christmas Day
26	9:30 AM	Newsletter articles due The Pines Services
27	6:30 PM	No services due to Christmas break
28	6:00 PM	Food and Fellowship at Pancake City

Vital Statistics: (10.31.23)

Budgeted Offering: \$ 209,203.50

Received Offering: \$ 183,078.30

Budget Expenses: \$ 151,525.44

Average Attendance (11.2023)

Small Groups: 84

10:15 AM Worship: 100

Wednesday Night 41

There will be a special-called business meeting on December 3 following the morning service to vote on the prospective senior pastor candidate. Please plan to attend and cast your vote.





Dr. Jonathan Hayashi - The Miracle of the Manger

Tis the Season to be Jolly! It's Christmas! This is a significant and a strategic moment in time. We all probably already know, but maybe some of you don't like the idea of Christmas. You feel like Christmas has become more a marketing, materialism, and minimizing the marginalized. But I want us to stop for a moment and think on, ponder upon, and meditate based on this glorious topic this season. C.S. Lewis in his book said it this way, "The central miracle asserted by Christians is the Incarnation. They say that God

became Man. Every other miracle prepares for this, or exhibits this, or results from this...." In the business of life, the busy streets of Bethlehem, in the business of routines of last-minute things, let us learn to pause, rest, be still and know that God is good because of the miracle street in Bethlehem. "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons." (Galatians 4:4-5).

Jesus Came in the Manger

"When the fullness of time was come" (v. 4). That really means right time, right moment he's right on time! Yes, most people did not recognize the significance of this, but in God's sovereign will and providential care, that was indeed the right moment. Jesus coming was God's divine plan from the very beginning of time.

Here are several key Old Testament passages of Scripture where God made the promise of Christ coming on many occasions.

"Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14).

"O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days." (Micah 5:2).

"When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son." (Hosea 11:1).

"The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14). Author John was pointing to Jesus! This was God himself, not God created Jesus. God always existed and there was never a time where God wasn't in existence.

"God sent forth his Son, born of woman" (v. 4). Who is this person that is God's Son? JESUS!

These are two significant truths we see here.

(1) Sent forth his Son = Son of God (2) Born of woman = Son of man

What does that mean? Jesus was fully God and fully man at the very same time, which is called the "hypostatic union" This was not like one of those heretical teachings in the past called Arianism, where Jesus was not really God but more like a superman with a beginning. Jesus wasn't just a "superman", but Jesus was the God man!

That is the very reason we can have, "Hope" in this CHRISTmas. That is the reason Christians can find radical and real purpose in this very moment because of joy in Jesus.

Jesus Came as the Ultimate Free Gift from God

Christmas is indeed a time of great celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ the Son of God. Not about the gifts, not about the wrapping, not about the nice meal we have around the dinner table. So, Christmas is not about the gift that is under the tree but the gift that was hung on the tree. That is what Christmas is all about. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16).

He came at the right time, at the right schedule at the right moment on earth. "My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!" (Psalm 31:15).

Maybe this is the message at this very moment you or your friend needed. A reminder of real "hope" and real "joy" this holiday season. "But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God," (John 1:12).

The Son of God became man so that man may become sons of God!

The ultimate gift you can have today is the gift miraculously sent, his Son at this moment, so that you and I may be redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. Christ has purchased us with the price of his own death to cleanse us from all unrighteousness and adopt us as children of God!

Operation Christmas Child Update

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Operation Christmas Child. HSBC packed and sent 159 shoeboxes. Many of you gave boxes and/or money. Our VBS offering goes to this as well. The money is used to buy items and the children from the Wednesday night program pack the boxes. Here is a picture of the boxes we dropped off. ***Samaritan's Purse is a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. Since 1970, Samaritan's Purse has helped meet needs of people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine with the purpose of sharing God's love through His Son, Jesus Christ. The organization serves the Church worldwide to promote the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.***



December Birthdays

- 1 - Remy Martin
- 5 - Marie Yarkpawolo
- 6 - Renee Sweeney
- 7 - Raylee Brown
- 9 - Shirlene Lloyd
- 10 - Veryl Van Houtan
- 11 - Colton Van Houtan
- 12 - Amy Cox
- 12 - Barb Deierling
- 16 - Sheri Kennedy
- 20 - Neal Elliott
- 20 - Kiley Speaks
- 23 - Ron Hamilton
- 23 - Jeda Kerby
- 23 - Inara Martin
- 23 - Vera Willis
- 26 - Jennifer Trunk
- 28 - Mykaela Halleman
- 29 - Doug Athon
- 30 - Willa Hutcheson

Men's Ministry News

Men's
breakfast
will be



December 2 at 8 AM at Rosie's, 2801 N Baltimore.

Monday Night Football for the men will meet on December 4 and December 18. 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.

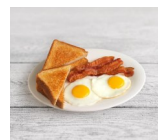
Please plan to attend and invite a friend. For more information contact Chad Tatro. Address is 2708

Weatherstone Drive.



Our **Thursday night food and fellowship** group will be going to Pancake City for

the next several weeks. Around 25 people of all ages usually attend. If you haven't joined the group, give it a try at 6 on Thursdays. This is a good opportunity to get to know others you may not get to talk to on Sundays. Come join us in the back room - just ask for the Hamilton Street group.



Children's Workers for December

Children's Church

December 3 - Vera Willis & Kiley Speaks

December 10 - Renee & Alicia Sweeney

December 17 - Debbie Athon & Ginger Reed

December 24 - Chelsea Phan &
Jamie Edmondson

December 31 - Renee & Alicia Sweeney



Nursery

Jessica & Lily Martin,

Jamie Edmondson

Lindsey Fraser & Asher Martin

Lily Martin & Jamie Edmondson

Glenda Baggs & Elaine Brown

Jessica & Lily Martin

Lottie Moon Christmas offering

In letters to Southern Baptists in America, Lottie Moon pleaded for increasing prayer and giving. Her letters raised more support for missionaries to be sent to China where she served. Every year, Southern Baptists collect the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® where 100% of the gifts collected send and support missionaries. Our goal here at HSBC is \$2,500. Our own Pastor Jonathan credits IMB missionaries with helping win his family to the Lord in Japan. Please give as God leads you.

Chariton Valley

Association sponsored a Community Thanksgiving Dinner here at HSBC on November 16.



BSU UPDATE

Merry Christmas everyone!! What a month November has been!! We saw students connecting with students and more students attending! Our students are engaging with students on campus through clip-boarding, tabling, friendships, and just inviting people to things. We had a lot of activity on campus and planning events. It's been really encouraging seeing God work. We had one student really struggling with mental health. It caused some real concern and action that we had to take to connect them to the police and to good services. It's been encouraging to see how this community has helped our student so much. We get to keep helping them connect to people who help them on a road to getting healthier spiritually, mentally and in every way. It was encouraging to see how the relationships this community built with each other ended up being such a big reason for why this student was able to begin sharing. This led to knowing more and helping them connect to other professionals. I love that we all got to experience the reality that where Jesus is - healing is, in every way as we live lives of faith and take self-mastery of our lives as we all try to follow Jesus. Something else that reminded us that there really is a battle of light and darkness, of hope and despair, is getting to help another student as he is going through some challenges. We are watching him coming to more things and actually coming to church consistently for the first time in a very long time. It has been so uplifting to see how God is speaking and moving and using this community in spite of the mess we are, to keep trying to help others have a relationship with Jesus that changes everything. Because where Jesus is healing is. It's been so exciting to see this community realize that we can do both healing and Lordship at the same time. It's about care and calling together. It's exciting to see our students experiencing healing in their lives, reaching out to others, growing in their identity, and growing roots. They are striving to follow His word and be faithful. At the same time they are going out and sharing with others, having real conversations, taking real opportunities to help and serve others, and help them consider who Jesus is. I can't say enough about how proud I am of this group and how they serve and share about God and find healing at the same time. I just love how it can be both - healing AND Lordship. There's so much more like getting ready to decorate the BSU for Christmas and having one of our students from India text us asking about a Bible verse he would love to know more about. The BSU is becoming more and more a place people come to rather than running from or walking far around and away from. We just keep trying to help others become more open to faith. This community is trying to move with truth, and love together at the same time. Something exciting to end with is hearing our students sharing how there is such a proactive interest in the BSU among their friends and their peers and people they don't even know on campus. The BSU is being represented in such a way that it's causing curiosity and actually becoming the reverse of clip boarding. Instead of us going out and asking people questions, people are coming up to our students and asking them questions and being curious and wanting to know more. It is so amazing what God is doing. It is so encouraging because he is hearing your prayers and using your support. They are making an impact in the lives of our students and of the campus that we love and are trying to reach, from our president all the way down to a freshman. Thank you so much for always supporting us all year long!! Love has come...Merry Christmas! BSU



Wednesday night programming

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. Meals for December include:

December 6 - Garlic lover's chicken, scalloped potatoes, peas, and fruit salad
December 13 - Cook's choice

Full programming for Wednesdays will resume on January 10. Be sure to thank the workers who have been preparing meals, serving, and cleaning up since September: Sherry Bratton, Linda Brummit, Neal Elliott, Phyllis Hamilton, Cheryl Miller, and Vera Willis. Also give a thank you for all the great desserts to the Martin family.



Please come and meet our prospective senior pastor and his family. Tim and Becky will be here for a meet and greet on Saturday, December 2, from 3:00 - 5:00 PM. Tim will be preaching on Sunday morning at 10:15 in the worship service. There will be a special-called business meeting after morning worship to vote on whether to call Tim as our next pastor. We are releasing limited information in print at this time to protect privacy. Tim has been a pastor for over 21 years for two different congregations. He is a graduate of Southwest Baptist University where he earned a B.S. in Christian Ministries. If you have questions you may contact a member of the Pastor Search Committee: Mike Brummit - chair, Debbie Athon, Kevin Martin, Elsie Rudd, Tanya Tatro.



Have you noticed our new roof and gutters? There have been lots of improvements over the last few months. Funding for these projects was provided by individual donations, insurance settlements, and a grant from the county commissioners. Dan White was very instrumental in the insurance settlement. Mike Brummit and Jonathan Walker were largely responsible for the grant from the county commissioners. Express your thanks to these gentlemen when you see them. The Building and Grounds Committee is a busy group all year long. Most of what they do is behind the scenes and doesn't get much recognition. They clean up leaks in the basement, line up the crew to cut grass, get the furnaces and/or air conditioners going when not working, fix windows that won't open or close, and many other things. These gentlemen are: Charles Porter - chair, Doug Athon, Jason Lloyd, Rick Rudd, Dan White, Dan Willis. Give them a pat on the back when you see them. Pictures below are of the roofing crew.

Children's Christmas program

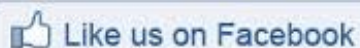
There will be a children's community Christmas play again this year. Last year we had several of our children participating and will have again this year. "Away in a Mango". will be presented at Rehoboth Baptist Church at 7 PM on December 15 and 3 PM on December 16. Admission is free but donations to the I Think I Can Foundation will be accepted at the door. Come support our children - Allison Brown, Remy Martin, Ziva Martin, Micah Tatro, Mikayla Tatro. They have invested several hours in preparation.



KICK START 2024 for committees and teams Wednesday, January 3—Starting at 6 PM

If you are on a committee or team, you will receive a personal letter soon with more details. This meeting will help all ministry teams and committees get off to a good start for the new year. Each ministry group will meet for a few minutes to organize for the year. If you need to know who else is on your team/committee, ask any Nominating Committee member (Doug Athon, Lana Brown, Linda Brown, Leon Hutcheson). Thank you for agreeing to be the hands and feet of Jesus to carry out His ministries here at HSBC.

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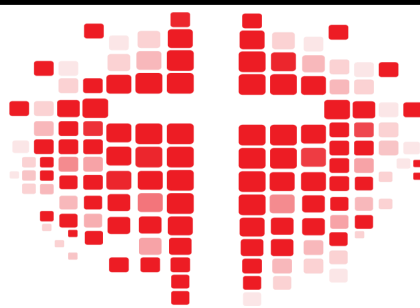


**ADAIR COUNTY MOBILE FOOD
DISTRIBUTION - DECEMBER 9**

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



HSBC participated in the Kiwanis Christmas parade on November 25. The theme was a Bluegrass Christmas. Bob and Sheila Thompson (Ruth Thompson's son and daughter-in-law) helped us by providing music for the float. Many people watched the parade. We handed out candy and flyers. Plan to join us next time and help spread the word about Jesus.