



HSBC Newsletter

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Next Food Bank date

2023 Reflection

2	9:30 AM	The Pines Services
3	6:00 PM	Kick Start for committees/teams
4	6:00 PM	Food and Fellowship at Pancake City
6	8:00 AM	Men's breakfast at Rosie's 2801 N Baltimore
9	9:30 AM	Church Council agenda items due The Pines Services
10	5:45 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Meal served Classes for all ages, Prayer group Church Council
11	6:00 PM	Food and Fellowship at Pancake City
14 14-15	2:30 PM	Manor Care Services Youth Evangelism Conference
16	9:30 AM	Book of Report items due The Pines Services
17	5:45 PM 6:30 PM	Meal served Classes for all ages, Prayer group
18	6:00 PM	Food and Fellowship at Pancake City
21	2:00 PM 6:00 PM	The Pines Services Business Meeting
23	9:30 AM	The Pines Services
24	5:45 PM 6:30 PM	Meal served Classes for all ages, Prayer group
25	6:00 PM	Newsletter articles due Food and Fellowship at Pancake City
27	11:00 AM	Mobile Food Pantry
30	9:30 AM	The Pines Services

Schedules for 2024

HSBC is responsible for The Pines Sunday services on January 21, March 10, April 28, June 16, August 4, September 22, November 10, and December 29. There are two services each Sunday (2 PM at Torrey Court, and 2:45 PM at Park Place). Each service is about 25 minutes.

Mobile Food Bank dates for 2024 are: January 27, February 24, March 23, April 27, **May 11**, June 22, July 27, August 24, September 28, October 26, **November 9**, and **December 14**. May, November, and December are not the usual 4th Saturdays.

Kirkville Manor Care services for HSBC will be on January 14, February 25, March 10, April 7, May 19, June 30, July 21, August 25, September 22, October 27, and December 1.

Vital Statistics: (11.30.23)

Budgeted Offering: \$ 230,123.85

Received Offering: \$ 198,382.95

Budget Expenses: \$ 167,358.43

Average Attendance (12.2023)

Small Groups: 87

10:15 AM Worship: 101

Wednesday Night 43



Dr. Jonathan Hayashi - 3 Ways to Grow in Wisdom

Life isn't easy, is it? The holiday season comes to an end, the credit card debt follows. Often, these are times when counseling and financial consultation are most acquired based on statistics and census reports. We may be able to retreat from the battle for a little while, but life is full of complex situations that make us feel like we are in the middle of a machine gun arsenal of World War 3. Perhaps we live in the most complex time in history! That could be a compilation of minor to major issues such as:

serious terminal illness, loss of an intimate relationship, nation at the rage in globalization, nonstop anxious digital world, hurry culture that idolizes technology, Obstacles in life: how do we find a "way" around those? Should we run and hide? Can we bulldoze through those obstacles? Or just face and freeze in the face of navigating through the way of life? Don't we need wisdom to navigate through those obstacles of life? How to be sane during all life's changes and circumstances? Proverbs gives us great wisdom to help us through all life circumstances.

1. The Purpose of Wisdom The quest for wisdom is the same ancient story of all mankind, isn't it? Proverbs is one of the most practical books in the Bible. There are about 900 proverbs which explain what it means to, "walk in the way of wisdom". Solomon lays out the purpose of wisdom is for this sole purpose, FEAR GOD! "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction." (Proverbs 1:7). We live in a world that seems like it has so little regard for God. That's the problem with America! We have turned away from our founding fathers who have led the way. Wisdom will also protect you from such as sexual immorality and sinful lust. Proverbs 5 and 7 warns men to stay away from the adulterous women and says, "Her house is the way to Sheol, going down to the chambers of death. For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong men have been slain by her." (Proverbs 7:26-27).

2. The Righteous Living as Wise Men A man told me once that "Life is a series of choices". That stuck with me, cause that's true, isn't it? Solomon speaks of two dichotomies in contrast: (1) Lady wisdom vs. (2) Madam Folly. Lady Wisdom here speaks of this asking, "Which road will you take?" as her other seductive sister Lady Folly stands in the way. I love the Proverbs because they are short and helpful observations about life. Here are my few favorite proverbs that I am sure you are familiar with. "When words are many, transgression is not lacking, but whoever restrains his lips is prudent." (10:19). "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death." (14:12). "A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger." (15:1). "The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps." (16:9). "A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity." (17:17). "A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones" (17:22). "Before destruction a man's heart is haughty, but humility comes before honor" (18:12). "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it" (22:6). "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another" (27:17). "Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy" (28:13). Someone asked me recently, "Jonathan, what's the difference between knowledge and wisdom?" That is one great question! What is the difference? Wisdom is the idea that you have skills for living - practical knowledge that helps one live uprightly before the Lord. When you have wisdom, you live "rightly" which means, you're a righteous man. Therefore, a wise man is a man with righteousness. A righteous man is a man of wisdom. Chuck Swindoll once said, "Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it."

3. The Words of Wisdom from Two Gentlemen When we read Proverbs 30-31, the two authors here are NOT Solomon but Agur and Lemuel. For those who do not know, Solomon is the 3rd king during the United Kingdom era. (1) Saul: who had NO heart. (2) David: who had a WHOLE heart. (3) Solomon: who had a HALF heart. Solomon did ask for one thing from God, which God pours his favor and grace because of his heart that was in tune with God. "Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked for possessions, wealth, honor, or the life of those who hate you, and have not even asked for long life, but have asked for wisdom and knowledge for yourself that you may govern my people over whom I have made you king" (2 Chronicles 1:11). Therefore, God gifted Solomon with the gift of wisdom like no other. That is the reason Solomon often is referred to as the wisest man who ever lived. His wisdom was shown in 1 Kings 3:16-28 with two mothers who claimed the same child, he applied "knowledge" into "action" which was an incredible site. As we think of very complex situations, we are not to be thinking in the framework of right vs. wrong but more so in the framework of being wise vs. foolish.

Make it a Habit to Read God's Word We all need wisdom, don't we? How do we get it? By reading the Bible, praying the Bible, singing the Bible, meditating on the Bible, memorizing the Bible, obeying the Bible, preaching the Bible, being transformed by the Bible, and living out the Bible. As we begin the new year, let's make it our aim to make a 2024 New Year's resolution to be committed to reading the Bible! Make it your goal to read 1 chapter of Proverbs each day as Proverbs has 31 chapters. You may be thinking, "Well, that seems overwhelming Jonathan! I don't know how I can do it." I often tell people the old African Proverb, "How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time." It is doable to read the Bible. I have not yet met a single person who regretted reading through the Bible. I meet people quite regularly who say, "I don't pray enough" or "I don't read the Bible enough" so let's make this our aim this year. Let's grow and walk in wisdom together as we commit to biblical literacy together. Why? Wise people are Christ-like people. Proverbs says wise people are generous (19:17), wise people bring blessing (11:25), and wise people are truthful and honest (12:17).

Our **Thursday night food and fellowship** group is currently going to Pancake City. We recently had 28 there. The menu has a good variety of food and the service has been great. Come join the group Thursdays at 6. We are in the back room - just ask for the Hamilton Street group.



January Birthdays

- 3 - Barbara J. Coy
- 5 - Elaine Brown
- 5 - Linda Brummit
- 6 - Jason Lloyd
- 8 - Audri Sweeney
- 9 - Charlie Donaldson
- 10 - Barbara E. Coy
- 18 - Finneas Martin
- 27 - Kenny Bandy
- 27 - Carol Black
- 27 - Everly Martin
- 28 - Chad Tatro
- 31 - Cecilia Mausolf



The Youth Group recently met at Dan and Vera Willis' home and had a birthday celebration for Kiley Speaks who turned 18. Here are some pictures from the event.



Truthseekers Christmas/Birthday Party
 The Truthseekers Small Group recently held a Christmas/birthday party at the home of Kathryn Shafer. The party was held on Barb Deierling's (teacher of class) birthday. It was well attended and everyone had a great time. If you would like to join this group their Sunday School class/Small Group meets on Sunday mornings at 9 AM.

Children's Workers for January

Children's Church

- January 7 - no workers
- January 14 - Debbie Athon & Ginger Reed
- January 21 - no workers
- January 28 - Chelsea Phan & Jamie Edmondson



Nursery

- Jessica & Lily Martin,
- Jamie Edmondson
- Lindsey Fraser & Asher Martin
- Lily Martin & Jamie Edmondson
- Glenda Baggs & Elaine Brown

Lottie Moon Christmas offering

Every year, Southern Baptists collect the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® where 100% of the gifts send and support missionaries. Our goal here at HSBC was \$2,500 and we have currently given \$2,290. Our own Pastor Jonathan credits IMB missionaries with helping win his family to the Lord in Japan. Thank you for giving.



Full Wednesday night programming

will resume on January 10. 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. Pictured is your meal crew



from the Fall.

BSU UPDATE

Thank you all so much for the love all year long!! We are so grateful and so encouraged by how many pray for us and love and give and send words of encouragement to help us never tire of doing good and continuing to help a campus we love know a life changing relationship in Jesus!



It has been so exciting to have such a family of churches and alumni and parents and friends who are just breathing such love and life into so many here! It was a final flurry of activity as students finished projects and papers and exams...and tried to sleep and eat! And because of so many who just love so big - we were able to keep impacting our campus and students one on one with the idea of Christmas and that Jesus, from hot chocolate tabling to individual conversations, such as with a student who didn't know very much at all about Jesus being born as a baby and what that backstory was, to feeding over 350 meals to students during finals! From sorority girls to very hungry fraternity guys, to cheerleaders and tennis players to international students to ones from Kansas City, to Buddhists and Hindus, to no faith and a faith that would not be active, it was a wonderful short month to keep helping introduce or re-broadcast to some the idea that God actually loves them and came himself for them to bring them life and to move them from death to life. Thank you all!

Couple things: below is going to be our last worship service where our students read some of the scripture around the birth of Jesus. Here is the link: <https://youtu.be/BGi1wdfjWAQ>. We recorded it because our students are going to be sharing the video with their friends that they love who they have been serving and loving and investing their lives in, hoping it might continue to create more conversations and more conversations that could bring them into the conversation that will change everything in HIM. So here is a little summary of what we shared and our students will be sharing through the days they are on break with their friends. And that we will be sharing with so many alumni we have been able to stay in touch with through the last 13 years, of which so many we have loved and who are still living lives disconnected from God and from forgiveness and love! From young adults now who are in their 30's from Vietnam to India to Nepal to all over... because we know that darkness will not give them up willingly! So we keep the conversations going all through the year, always hoping they will hear the voice calling to them in the wilderness of their careers and lives...to life...find in Jesus! Here is a little recap video - in 60 seconds of so many you have been investing in and loving and helping us so so much...for a community here to live by faith and try to be known by love and hope we can be a voice of hope to! <https://youtu.be/70sA2041Sps?si=0b1LRBRQqeJ53j11>

Until He says it is finished...Merry Christmas
Love has come
BSU

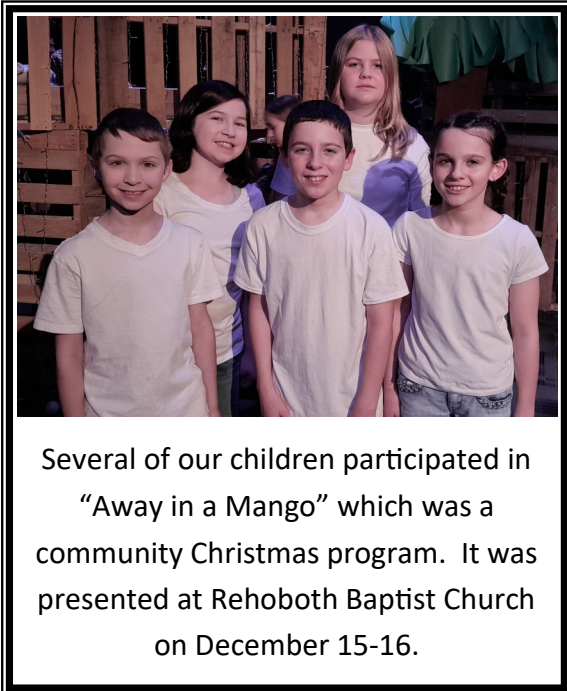
KICK START 2024 for committees and teams
Wednesday, January 3—Starting at 6 PM

We are kick starting 2024 on Wednesday, January 3, with organizational meetings of church committees/teams. You should have received a letter with details if you are involved. The purpose of the meetings is to determine a chair, solidify 2024 meeting dates, and review your job description. Here is the schedule for the evening:



- 6:00 - 6:25 PM Personnel, Audit, Counting, and Missions Committees
- 6:30 - 6:55 PM Women's, Men's, Youth, and Benevolent Committees
- 7:00 - 7:25 PM Hospitality, Finance, Technology, and Building/Grounds/Transportation Committees

Bring your calendars and let's get things rolling for the year! Thank you so much for serving. In case of bad weather, the make-up date will be January 4.



Several of our children participated in "Away in a Mango" which was a community Christmas program. It was presented at Rehoboth Baptist Church on December 15-16.

Sunday School/Small Group Report

Christians are granted a restart every day; the Lord's mercies are new every morning (Lamentations 3:22-23). But starting a new year still feels like a more momentous occasion for a new beginning, a do-over, a clean slate, an unopened gift. To really take advantage of daily mercies (or the new year) requires some reflection and being open to possibilities. That can be bothersome. But we need to be intentional about finding where God is leading. Staying the same isn't God's intent; we should be becoming more like Jesus all the time. A Small Group on Sunday morning could provide encouragement, support, and accountability as you embrace each day of the new year. I can help you find a group; just contact me!

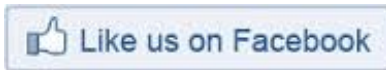
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Meet Pastor Tim Ingle

The most important choice I ever made was to follow Jesus when I was 8 years old. I grew up in a Christian family, but I only realized the true meaning of my faith in high school. God wanted more than a one-time commitment from me, He wanted a personal relationship with me. I met my wife, Becky, in college at Southwest Baptist University. We got married in July 2001 after dating for a little over a year. Becky is a wonderful gift from God to me. She has a heart for serving others, both in the church and as a public-school teacher with over 20 years of experience. God has given us five children and five grandchildren. Our youngest son, Aiden, still lives with us and keeps us on our toes. He fills our lives with joy and fun. I have been a pastor for more than 20 years, and God has shown me His faithfulness over and over again. We are excited to move to Kirksville and see what God has planned for us and for HSBC.



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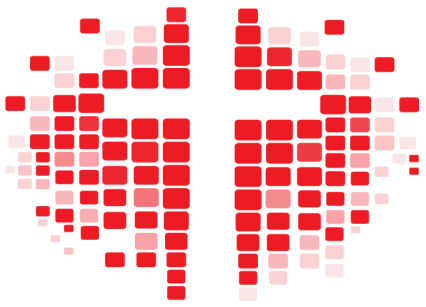


**ADAIR COUNTY MOBILE FOOD
DISTRIBUTION - JANUARY 27**

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

Looking back over 2023 here are some of our regular ministries with names to contact if you wish to help: Nursing Home Ministry at The Pines and Manor Care (Neal Elliott, Doug Athon), Jail Ministry (Doug Athon, Dana Brown, Joni Crouse), Food Bank (Kevin Martin), VBS (Tanya Tatro), Men's breakfast. We also participated in several new or returning events last year. A group attended Spring Jubilee in Branson. The Women's Ministry hosted a free garage sale. The Missions Committee headed up the July 4 & Christmas parade entries and also Halloweentown booth. We had our first annual Good Neighbor Block Party. The Building and Grounds crew helped us to get a new roof and gutters. We had a presentation from Galon Moss for Disaster Relief. If you don't currently have an area of service, consider these options. We have been extremely blessed to have Jonathan Hayashi as our interim pastor. We will miss him but are eagerly anticipating the arrival of our new senior pastor, Tim Ingle. God has blessed us and has a plan for our future.