



# HSBC Newsletter

## March 2024

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Souper Bowl 2024

2	8:00 AM	Men's breakfast at Rosie's 2801 N Baltimore
5	Church Council items due 9:30 AM 6:00 PM	The Pines Services Couples Bible Study 26010 Hwy 63
6	5:45 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Meal served Classes for all ages, Prayer group <b>Church Council (rescheduled due to Spring Break)</b> Building/Grounds/Transportation Committee Women's Ministry
7	6:00 PM	Food and Fellowship at Pancake City
9	5:00 PM	His Way Fellowship
10	Daylight Savings Time begins 2:00 PM 2:30 PM	The Pines Services Manor Care Services
12	9:30 AM 6:00 PM	Book of Report items due The Pines Services Couples Bible Study 26010 Hwy 63
13		No Wednesday programming - Spring Break
14	6:00 PM	Food and Fellowship at Pancake City
17	6:00 PM	Business Meeting
19	9:30 AM 6:00 PM	The Pines Services Couples Bible Study 26010 Hwy 63
20	5:45 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Meal served Classes for all ages, Prayer group Missions, Nominating, Technology Committees
21	6:00 PM	Food and Fellowship at Pancake City
23	11:00 AM	Mobile Food Pantry
25	6:00 PM	Personnel Committee
26	Newsletter articles due 9:30 AM 3:30 PM 6:00 PM	The Pines Services Audit Committee Couples Bible Study 26010 Hwy 63
27	5:45 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Meal served Classes for all ages, Prayer group Finance Committee
28	6:00 PM	Food and Fellowship at Pancake City
29		Good Friday
31		Easter Sunday

### **Vital Statistics: (1.31.24)**

Budgeted Offering: \$ 18,895.28

Received Offering: \$ 16,677.00

Budget Expenses: \$ 13,949.92

### **Average Attendance (02.2024)**

Small Groups: 82

10:15 AM Worship: 101

Wednesday Night 43

## Starting a New Chapter - Pastor Tim Ingle

As we begin a new chapter at Hamilton Street, I want to share with you three key points from the book of Jeremiah that can inspire and guide us.

### **God's Word Leads Us**

We don't know much about Jeremiah at this point of his life, but he probably had plans and ideas of his own. God has plans for this young man. We see these words in [Jeremiah 1:4 \(ESV\)](#) *"Now the word of the Lord came to me..."*. This shows us that God takes the first step. He is the one who initiates and directs our lives. He knows you better than you know you and you can trust His plan. We can trust God's word, because it reveals His character, His will, and His ways. It is our source of identity, mission, vision, purpose, beliefs, and behaviors. God also speaks to us through His Spirit, through people, through circumstances, and through our conscience. He is always communicating with us, and we need to listen and respond. His fingerprints are all over His creation, and we can marvel at His wisdom and power. If we want to have a solid foundation for our lives, we need to start with Him and His word.

### **God's Word and Mission Call Us**

God shares with Jeremiah in [Jeremiah 1:5](#) *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."* Though your calling will look different than Jeremiah's, you're still called to live on mission for God. He invites you to join Him. Every believer is called to be His witness, His ambassador, His servant, His friend. When you accepted Christ you accepted the call to share His name, His plans, and His love with the world. Do you know how you fit in God's mission? Do you know that the only way to find out is to trust Him and follow Him? God sees the bigger picture, and He knows how our lives fit into His story. He is the author and the finisher of our faith. He is the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning, and the End. God helps us to put our lives together, as we align ourselves with His word and His mission. He gives us a family, a church, a community, a ministry, a calling. He provides for our needs, and He blesses us with His gifts. He also challenges us to grow, to serve, to give, to love. He reminds us that He is with us, and that He will never leave us nor forsake us. The creator of all things tells Jeremiah in [Jeremiah 33:3](#) *"Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known."* Without God's direction, our lives are like a thousand-piece puzzle without a box. We don't know how the pieces fit together, or what the final picture looks like. But with God's direction, we have a clear vision, a clear path, and a clear goal. He knows how it all fits together, and He guides us every step of the way.

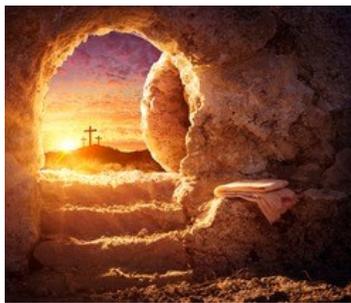
### **God's Word Challenges Us to Trust and Obey**

We see Jeremiah's response in [Jeremiah 1:6](#) *Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth."* Jeremiah felt inadequate, unqualified, and unworthy. He had his own plans, his own dreams, his own expectations. But God had other plans, better plans, higher plans. We can relate to Jeremiah, can't we? We often feel the same way. We say, "Ah, I do not have the skills, the resources, the time, the courage, or the faith." We have our own plans, our own comfort zones, our own preferences. But God wants to shake us up, to stretch us, to transform us. God knows our weaknesses, our fears, our doubts. He does not call us because we are ready, but because He is ready. He does not call us because we are able, but because He is able. He does not call us because we are worthy, but because He is worthy. God replies to Jeremiah in [Jeremiah 1:7-8](#) *"Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the Lord."* I love that! "Do not say...". God doesn't want Jeremiah's excuses; he wants his trust. God doesn't want excuses, He wants obedience. Could it be that God wants the same from you? If you trust him and obey him, you will be better for it.

### **Conclusion**

As we start a new chapter together, remember that God's word leads us, God's word and mission call us, and God's word and life challenge us to trust and obey. Remember that God is faithful and He has a better story. God is good, and God is with us. May God bless you and guide you as you listen, trust, and obey Him.

Please plan to join us for Easter Services on March 31.  
Hallelujah, He is Risen!



## March Birthdays

- 9 - Yassah Yarkpawolo
- 17 - Lindsey Fraser
- 21 - John Smithberger
- 24 - Kathy Adkins

### Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Your gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering:

- ◆ Support nearly 3,000 missionaries and their families
- ◆ Enable hundreds of churches to be planted and thousands of disciples to be made
- ◆ Continue the SBC's 179-year commitment to North American missions



The Week of Prayer for North American Missions is March 3 - 10, 2024. The National Offering Goal is \$75 million. Please contribute to help us reach our goal here at HSBC.

### Wednesday evening meals

Wednesday meals planned for the month of March include:

March 6 - Pizza & veggies served by His Way Small Group

March 13 - no services due to Spring Break

March 20 - Chili & Sub Sandwiches

March 27 - Spaghetti, salad, & French bread.

Beginning March 20, Phyllis Hamilton will head up the Wednesday meals through May.



### BSU CHILI COOK-OFF

Thanks to all who participated in the BSU Chili Cook-Off. Our church was well represented by about twenty-five people. The Men's Ministry team, Women's Ministry team, and the Youth all competed with pots of chili. Thanks to each of you who went to the extra effort to make chili for the event. And congrats to HSBC for bringing home both 1st and 2nd place! The top picture shows our winners and the others are some of the attenders from HSBC.



### Children's Workers for March

#### Children's Church

March 3 - no workers

March 10 - Debbie Athon & Ginger Reed

March 17 - Renee & Alicia Sweeney

March 24 - Chelsea Phan & Jamie Edmondson

March 31 - no workers



#### Nursery

Jessica & Lily Martin,

Jamie Edmondson

Lindsey Fraser & Asher Martin

Lily Martin & Jamie Edmondson

Glenda Baggs & Elaine Brown

Jessica & Lily Martin

BSU update... I am...

“Thank you for being so kind-hearted and reminding me of the love of God. I very much in need of it and I am happy that it is real.” That was from one of our former Vietnamese students. We have video conversations about once a month and he has become more and more open to God; from being Buddhist to now every conversation is about Christianity and who Jesus is. It is so humbling to see the BSU be part of so many lives through the years. God is being so kind to let us have an influence on so many lives for Jesus. We can’t express how much gratitude we have for so many who went before us and for so many right now, who are praying for us and loving us and investing and supporting this community of missionaries here. I should say BSU family, because the students keep calling this group a family, even after I say community, and I love that! And family it seems to be; they don’t just care for those who are coming already, but they are eager and zealous in trying to invite their friends and everyone and they genuinely want to share who God is. From starting a book club to beginning two new small groups. They consistently offer Sunday night meals for students which has brought several who are not engaged in faith at all. To the free book and Bible tables, which we want to say a warm thank you to Hamilton Street Baptist Church for bringing us more Bibles so fast and with such love. To handing out over 300 flowers on the quad and getting over 65 spiritual surveys back. Now we get to follow up with those students. To several other events we have hosted to keep trying to engage and create spaces for more people to come experience a community that’s all about Jesus! And this doesn’t even count the real conversations they are having with their friends, roommates, and classmates. God has been so kind and now we’re getting to see more conversations and also seeing more students jumping in and serving together here at the BSU. It seems they cannot be stopped! They keep creating more conversations and more experiences for others, while at the same time they keep developing new ways to encourage the leaders here or encourage others who are now connected to the BSU. They keep “setting up dates” as we call it - to create space for God to work and to create opportunities for more to hear who Jesus is. One of our girls was able to take an international student to church with her for the very first time, and it was wonderful, just watching and hearing her explain to her friend what was happening during the worship service. It’s always a reminder to realize there are people who have never stepped into the church, and that there are so many on our campus who have no idea who God is or the message of Jesus and a life that could be changed forever in him. God is so kind to use us through the mess that we are, and so loving to bring so many others like you into the vortex of love that we have for our campus, and for every guy and girl who might be from Nebraska, Vietnam, St. Louis, Nepal, Green City, or Iran. At one of our book and Bible tables, we had a Vietnamese student stop who we got to help move furniture several times through the past couple years, and he remembered us and he’s now a senior. He started asking about Christianity because some of his friends had become Christian, and actually one of them was connected to us as we helped him continue growing as a disciple. So we ended up getting to take this Vietnamese guy out to eat to talk more about Jesus. And he messaged and asked if he could bring his friends to also hear and ask questions! Wow God! It was a great meal and we had some great conversations, and since then he has stayed connected and his friend came to an event on his own, and the other friend has now signed up to go on the spring break trip with us to Minneapolis in a few weeks. God is so moving! At the activities fair, we got to share a table with another student group, whose member there is Muslim and we’ve gotten to be a blessing to this girl through years (yes moving furniture ha). Now one of our girls is getting to take her out to eat for lunch and talk more with her so that our girl can learn more about Islam and this Muslim girl wants to know more about Christianity. There’s just so much more— at least 5 new Nepal students that we have been getting to know at our house or on the tennis court (they had never played). During that time they are asking questions about Christianity. And they’ve signed up to go on our spring break trip too now! It’s been so encouraging to see this community, serving others and taking care of each other and having such a joy and a hunger to help more people connect to Jesus and his mission. The phrase we use here is: “I am... My brother’s keeper”. It’s been beautiful to see them see that everyone is their brother; not just fellow believers, but that they care and are warm and welcoming to the outsiders because they genuinely care about those who don’t believe. They keep being intentional to try and share about Jesus. Truth and love journeying together! I am...BSU



## Sunday School/Small Group Report

Spring is on its way, and so is the commemoration of the greatest event in human history...Christ's resurrection! Falling at the end of March this year, we'll celebrate Jesus overcoming death after dying for our sins. For believers, the birth of Jesus was a promise of being made right with God. The resurrection of Jesus is the fulfillment of that promise and full confirmation of all that Jesus taught and preached. So what exactly was it that Jesus taught his followers? What was and is expected from Jesus' followers? If you'd like to explore those answers, I know some Sunday morning Bible studies that can help you delve into that! I'll be happy to help you find your place to connect, grow, and follow Christ!



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### Women's Ministry Events

The Women's Ministry event of Cake, Coffee, and Conversation was a success with 16 in attendance. Karen White began with a talk about heart health. Cecilia Mausolf shared some tips and techniques for decorating cakes. Everyone received their own cake and/or cupcakes to decorate. Several were donated for Wednesday night desserts the following week. Thanks to Mike Brummit for donating the cakes and frosting. Pictures of the participants are to the left.

### Super Bowl Gathering

Close to 40 people attended the gathering to watch as the Kansas City Chiefs won their second straight Super Bowl Championship on February 11. Good food and fellowship were enjoyed along with the victory. Pictures of the event are shown below.

Start cleaning out those closets and drawers now for the second annual rummage sale on June 1. Check with one of the Women's Ministry members for more details: Phyllis Hamilton, Julene Thornhill, Karen White (chair), and Vera Willis.



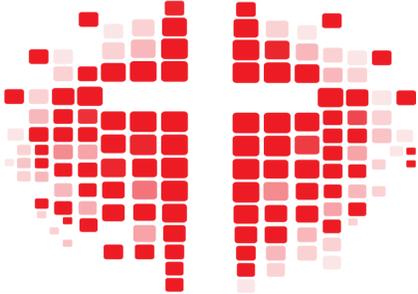
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**ADAIR COUNTY MOBILE FOOD  
DISTRIBUTION - MARCH 23  
11:00 am - ???**

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

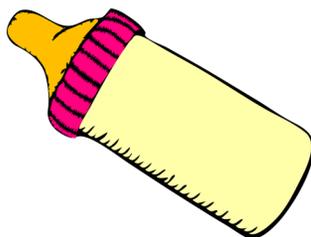
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**Honor God's Truth  
Share the Gospel  
Build Believers  
Care for Others**

**Baby Bottle Blessing**

Our baby bottles were returned to Lifeline. Thank you to all those who helped with this ministry. If you still want to contribute online the address is <https://page.fundeasy.com/6483873>.



**Souper Bowl 2024**

The Pantry for Adair County surpassed their goal of 10,000 cans of soup. Thanks to all of you here at HSBC who contributed. As a group we donated 114 cans and \$20.

