



HSBC Newsletter

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Pastor Tim Ingle

Can you believe it's December already? It's the practice of traditions old and new; of looking back and looking ahead. Some of you have been ready for Christmas for weeks and others of you are just now getting around to thinking about putting that tree up.

As you get ready for this season of activities, music, gifts, and traditions, how will you celebrate it? How will you highlight Christ and make Him central to this holiday season? He is, after all, the greatest gift of all.

Here's a challenge I'd like for you to consider, who you will invite to our Christmas Eve service? You may wonder, how can I prepare for this event? First, pray that God would give you clarity on who to invite. Second, invite them. Third, pray that we'd make much of Jesus in this service and in this season. Our Christmas Eve service is on Tuesday the 24th at 6 p.m. I hope to see you there.

Small Group Update

The Christmas season is upon us! And the story of Christ's birth will work its way into many homes that have no thought of God the rest of the year. For Christians, it's a focusing on themes of hope, peace, joy, and love.

Please be alert to the Spirit's nudging you to see those who might have questions about why this birth is so important or what Jesus was about after the birth.

It's also a time to reflect on our relationship to Him, a time of introspection and anticipation. As always, I'm recommending Sunday morning Bible study as a part of that reflection and a place to invite people to learn more about Jesus and what it means to be a follower.

If you need assistance in finding a Bible Study that "fits" you or a friend, please feel free to let me know.

May you have a blessed Christmas!

Elsie Rudd, Small Group Director

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The Music Minister Search Committee is taking applications for a part-time music minister to lead worship in the 10:15 service. The position is posted on our website (hamiltonstreet.org) under the Employment tab.

Look there for qualifications along with duties and responsibilities. If you are interested in the position or know someone who might be, please let a committee member know. These members include:

Laura Brown, Barb Deierling, Ashley Hartman, Lily Martin, and Chad Tatro.

1	2:30 PM	Manor Care Services
2	7:00 PM	Men's MNF - 2708 Weatherstone Drive
3	6:00 PM	Couples Bible Study - 26010 Hwy 63
4	5:45 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Meal served (donations accepted) Classes for all ages, Prayer Group for adults Building/Grounds/Transportation Committee Women's Ministry
5	6:00 PM	Food & Fellowship at LaFuente - 1711 N Baltimore
7	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Men's breakfast at Rosie's - 2801 N Baltimore Ladies' Christmas Brunch & White Elephant Exchange
8	1:00 PM	Adair County Detention Services
10	9:30 AM 6:00 PM	The Pines Services Couples Bible Study - 26010 Hwy 63
11	5:45 PM 6:30 PM	Meal served (donations accepted) Classes for all ages, Prayer Group for adults
12	6:00 PM	Food & Fellowship at LaFuente - 1711 N Baltimore
14	11:00 AM	Mobile Food Pantry
16	7:00 PM	Men's MNF - 2708 Weatherstone Drive
17	9:30 AM 6:00 PM	The Pines Services Couples Bible Study - 26010 Hwy 63
18	6:30 PM	Bible Study & Prayer Group for adults
19	6:00 PM	Food & Fellowship at LaFuente - 1711 N Baltimore
22	6:00 PM	Children's Christmas program
24	6:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service
25	Christmas Day - Office Closed	
26	6:00 PM	Food & Fellowship at LaFuente - 1711 N Baltimore
29	2:00 PM	The Pines Services
30	7:00 PM	Men's MNF - 2708 Weatherstone Drive
31	9:30 AM 6:00 PM	The Pines Services Couples Bible Study - 26010 Hwy 63



December Birthdays

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

Regular Sunday Service Times:

Sunday School/Small Groups	9:00
Worship	10:15



THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN OCC!
AS A CHURCH WE COLLECTED 162 BOXES

Vital Statistics: (10.31.24)
Budgeted Offering: \$188,952.80
Received Offering: \$181,330.60
Budget Expenses: \$180,560.08
Average Attendance (11.2024)
Small Groups: 92
10:15 AM Worship: 108
Wednesday Night: 50

BSU Update... "firsts"

Happy fall everyone!! We are so grateful that so many pray for us and give to the BSU so that we can keep being your missionaries here on our campus we love, where so many are disconnected from God and his love and his salvation through Jesus.

I am so thankful for the BSU because of what it provided me personally as a student beginning in 1989, but also how it changed my brother's life and reconnected his faith since he came to college here. It helped my wife as a student to hear his love and find community as she was trying to follow Jesus and help others know Jesus, to so many new "firsts" these past 30 days.

One of our girls has begun building relationships with two girls from two different countries. One of the girls is going to church. She asked which church the girl was going to and it was the Mormon church in town. She said she goes there because she's from a different country that didn't have any other churches. This was the only church she could find in town and she could not find any Protestant churches.

Now, we know there are many Protestant churches in town, but looking for a church can get confusing. The Mormon church has at least 3 who are serving as missionaries in Kirksville full time, talking to others daily. We are so incredibly thankful that we get to be your missionaries here for Jesus among students, and we get to be here to raise up students as disciples and connect more students to Jesus.

Another girl was baptized this past month. She was talking with me about how scared she was to tell her parents who are Hindi and she was afraid they would be disappointed in her. She shared that when she told them they were kind and said they were happy for her. That was a huge relief for her and she's trying to share with them about Jesus and giving them one of the children's Bibles that we gave her to help them understand. Her brother, who she is also sharing with is an alumni of Truman and he shared that he has seen a change in her since giving her life to Jesus.

Another first: One of our Nepal students shared a question last week. During the evening he asked: "I hear other Christians say Jesus died for their sins, but what does that really mean." God again let us be a part of helping a student hear the gospel that he had never heard before.

Since that conversation, he shared that he would like to try to go to church with us to understand more of who Jesus is and why he did what he did. Last week he came to church with us for the very first time and now we try to go every week before he goes to work on campus later in the morning.

Another "first" for us would be seeing our upperclassman having such a passion and boldness to want to talk to others and help others to know about Jesus. Since the semester started they've been raising up others to do that as well (making disciples). Two of our freshman girls now go clip boarding frequently on campus and are trying to have conversations with others. It is so encouraging to see those in our community having a hunger to help more people know the message of Jesus.

Another "first" was getting to visit with two Vietnamese students and asking them if they heard anything new today as we talked. They shared that they had heard about Jesus sacrificing himself for others on the cross, but had never heard about the resurrection. How awesome it truly is to keep helping students hear things they've never heard before about Jesus.

An exciting "first" would be one of our students who gave his life to Jesus last month from a country in Eastern Europe, is getting to have conversations with others who are Muslim and asking him about the change in him. They want to know why he gave his life to Jesus. God is doing so much and it is so inspiring to see a follower of Jesus sharing and "carrying his cross" to keep trying to create moments for those around him to hear more about Jesus.

We are so grateful for all the love and the prayers and the sacrificial giving so many are choosing to make to help us have more and more conversations and to watch God bring more to life in Him right here and right now! ...so we can keep trying to be a voice of hope in the wilderness here! We're ready for more that God wants to do — if we will have the courage and faithfulness to go and move with Him... because...there is always room for more! BSU

Nominating Committee Report

Your Nominating Committee is enlisting volunteers for 2025 committees and teams. Thank you to each of you who have said, "Yes," to God's call to serve in the coming year. This list was approved at the November 17 business meeting. These committees and teams will begin terms of service in January. The pastor is planning a meeting for all committees and teams on Wednesday, January 8 at 5:45. If you have agreed to serve on a committee or team next year, please put January 8 on your calendar right now! Our Hospitality Committee will provide light snacks in case participants haven't had time for dinner. See details in the following article. (Full Wednesday programming for the spring semester begins on January 15.)

Kick-Start 2025 information from Pastor Tim

As your pastor, I hope you know how much I appreciate each of you who have served in 2024 and who plan to serve in 2025 in the many ministries of HSBC. I am excited to start a new year with you, and it all begins on **Wednesday, January 8 at 5:45!** This meeting is for all committees and teams who begin their new year of service in January.

Here's the general plan: Please arrive in the fellowship hall by 5:45. I'd like to talk with the full group for a few minutes; and then I'd like each group to have a chance to get organized for your year of service by reading through the job description the church has asked you to fulfill, choosing your chairperson, and setting your meeting dates.

Because some people serve on three committees/teams, we need to have three sessions of meetings. And that's where our wonderful Hospitality Committee comes in! They will have light snacks for you as you arrive, and you can also munch on them and fellowship with others if you are waiting for your meeting to begin.

More information will come in a letter soon to all people who are involved. Again, thank you for answering God's call on your life; and let's ask for and expect great things in 2025.

Women's Ministry Fellowships

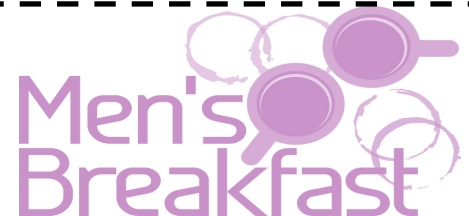
All ladies are invited to join us for Christmas Brunch on Saturday, December 7, 2024, at 10:30 AM in the Multi-purpose room at church. We will eat, have a short devotional, play a game or two and then have a white elephant gift exchange. Please bring a WRAPPED "white elephant gift" for the exchange. (This item can be new, gently used, funny, practical or imaginative. If buying new please note that it doesn't have to be expensive). Feel free to invite a friend but please RSVP by signing up on the list located on the table in the entrance area or call or text Karen White at 618-581-4758 or e-mail ms.Karen2104@gmail.com so that we will have enough food for all!! Thanks! Karen

Women will also meet on December 9 & 17 at the Ingle home at 1509 Knight Drive from 6 PM - 8 PM. Come join us for a time of fun and fellowship.

Men's Ministry Update

Monday Night Football

Men's Fellowship will meet at 7:00 PM at 2708 Weatherstone. All males from Youth Group on up are welcome. Dates for the fellowships in December include December 2, 16, & 30. Contact Chad Tatro for more information.



December 7 - 8:00 AM

Rosie's Northtown

2801 N Baltimore



HSBC had a booth at Halloweentown on October 31. Ladies from the Truthseekers class stuffed 700 bags with candy, salvation pamphlets, business cards with service times, and a list of activities available here at Hamilton Street Baptist Church. All 700 bags and lots of smiles were handed out at the event.



Praise God for the recent decisions and additions to our church.

Children's Workers for December

<p>Children's Church</p> <p>December 1 - Renee & Alicia Sweeney</p> <p>December 8 - No workers</p> <p>December 15 - Debbie Athon & Ginger Reed</p> <p>December 22 - No workers</p> <p>December 29 - Chelsea Phan & Jamie Edmondson</p>	<p>Nursery (available upon request)</p> <p>Jessica Martin, Chelsea Phan, Jamie Edmondson</p> <p>Lily & Asher Martin</p> <p>Lily Martin & Jamie Edmondson</p> <p>Glenda Baggs & Elaine Brown</p> <p>Jessica & Lily Martin</p>
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The Personnel Committee is collecting offerings for the staff for Christmas. If you would like to make a contribution contact a Personnel Committee member: Phyllis Hamilton, Mike Hartman, Julie Sneddon, Sue Sprague, or Dan Willis. Gifts will be collected until December 15 and presented to the staff on December 22.

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Return Service Requested

**ADAIR COUNTY MOBILE FOOD
DISTRIBUTION - DECEMBER 14
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**



Live Biblically
Experience Community
Serve Others
Share Jesus

Mark Your Calendars - Upcoming Service Dates

The Pines Services - December 29

Manor Care Services - December 1

Adair County Detention Services - December 8

Mobile Food Pantry - December 14

Kick-Start for committees - January 8

December Wednesday night meals:

4 - Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs

11 - Sloppy Joes, Chips