



# HSBC Newsletter

## January 2025

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#### “On Mission”

Have you heard of **Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius**? Legend has it that **Emperor Aurelius** had a servant who would follow him around and tell him, **“Look behind you! Remember you are only a man.”**

It was his way of reminding himself of the brevity of life and to stay focused. Thankfully, we don’t need someone to follow us around and remind us of that, but we do need help staying on mission.

Just before His return, Jesus met with his followers in Acts. Luke explains that (Acts 1:3) <sup>3</sup> **He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.**

Think of what it must have been like to hear the risen Jesus teach on such things. Just before he leaves, naturally the disciples want to know more about what’s next. Instead of covering the end times, Jesus turns their attention to the mission.

Jesus explains (Acts 1:7-8) **“...It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”**

Jesus gives them their mission. They go and live for His kingdom. How did that go? They turn the world upside down. As we start this new year, may that be our desire too. Let us live for His Kingdom as His witnesses for His mission.

#### Children’s Workers for January

Children’s Church	Nursery (available upon request)
January 5 - Renee & Alicia Sweeney	Jessica Martin, Chelsea Phan, Jamie Edmondson
January 12 - No workers	Lily & Asher Martin
January 19 - Debbie Athon & Ginger Reed	Lily Martin & Jamie Edmondson
January 26 - Chelsea Phan & Jamie Edmondson	Glenda Baggs & Elaine Brown



January 4 - 8:00 AM

Rosie’s Northtown  
2801 N Baltimore

1		New Year's Day - Office Closed
2	6:00 PM	Food & Fellowship at LaFuente - 1711 N Baltimore
4	8:00 AM	Men's breakfast at Rosie's - 2801 N Baltimore
5	2:30 PM	The Pines Services
6	9:30 AM	Nominating Committee
7	9:30 AM 6:00 PM	The Pines Services Couples Bible Study - 26010 Hwy 63
8	5:30 PM 7:30 PM	Kick-Start for Committees Church Council
9	6:00 PM	Food & Fellowship at LaFuente - 1711 N Baltimore
12	1:00 PM	Adair County Detention Services
14	9:30 AM 6:00 PM	The Pines Services Couples Bible Study - 26010 Hwy 63
15	5:45 PM 6:30 PM	Meal served (donations accepted) Classes for all ages, Prayer Group for adults
16	6:00 PM 6:30 PM	Food & Fellowship at LaFuente - 1711 N Baltimore THBN Quarterly Celebration
19	4:00 PM 6:00 PM	Deacons Meeting Business Meeting
21	9:30 AM 6:00 PM	The Pines Services Couples Bible Study - 26010 Hwy 63
22	5:45 PM 6:30 PM	Meal served (donations accepted) Classes for all ages, Prayer Group for adults
23	6:00 PM	Food & Fellowship at LaFuente - 1711 N Baltimore
25	11:00 AM	Mobile Food Pantry
28	9:30 AM 6:00 PM	The Pines Services Couples Bible Study - 26010 Hwy 63
29	5:45 PM 6:30 PM	Meal served (donations accepted) Classes for all ages, Prayer Group for adults
30	6:00 PM	Food & Fellowship at LaFuente - 1711 N Baltimore



**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
- 14 - Aiden Ingle
- 18 - Finneas Martin
- 27 - Kenny Bandy
- 27 - Carol Black
- 27 - Everly Martin
- 28 - Chad Tatro

***Vital Statistics: (11.01.24)***

Budgeted Offering: \$207,848.07

Received Offering: \$197,021.16

Budget Expenses: \$195,766.14

***Average Attendance (12.2024)***


Small Groups: 86

10:15 AM Worship: 103

Wednesday Night: 45

Regular Sunday Service Times:

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



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](http://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.

## BSU - The future is full of hope!

This is something we know is true because God is alive and well and moving in so many places! It is exciting to realize when you step into a relationship with Jesus that he constantly wants us to live out of that love that he has for us every day as we try to follow him and help our campus we love hear about the message of Jesus. God is not in love with the universe...He is in love with you... and with the people around us.

We wanted to say how incredibly grateful we are that there are so many praying for us and that number is growing more and more! Those prayers are being heard and it is making such a difference in the opportunities God is allowing us to be a part of in this generation today and that will impact the next generation, and the next and so many more.

Our students have been investing in their friends and new acquaintances and the conversations have been happening all over the place. For example one of our girls getting to be with a girl from Sri Lanka, who she met at the new international student meal we do every semester. She got to hang out with this girl one day shopping and talking. It is hard to count how much that is continuing to impact this girl who is interested in Jesus and wanting to understand more about him.

So many of our students have been mentoring with their younger peers and it's just exciting to see how that draws students closer to Jesus and how much they are taking on new things.

We were able to have a hay ride in the beautiful countryside of Unionville with Kevin Collins and Omaha Baptist Church. It was really meaningful for everyone and especially for the International students, who had never experienced such a thing. But even more who got to see an actual barn and hear about Jesus being born in a barn. Since then we get to keep counting the conversations about Jesus and Christmas.

We were able to travel to two of our local churches to help bring worship on Sunday mornings and that was so meaningful to be together and see so many who are faithfully loving and praying for them all through the year.

One of our girls from Nigeria was baptized. That came about because we've had several baptized this semester. On the way home from church after one of those baptisms, she asked us in the car if that's something she could do that she didn't get a chance to do at home. Of course we were thrilled, and we got to meet with Curtis at Rehoboth Baptist Church and were able to celebrate together with the church and with her friends.

We hosted a Thanksgiving meal as an opportunity to keep creating moments to invite friends who might be interested in Jesus or who may not be interested at all. We saw this meal grow from 50 students last year, to this year 97 students representing over 14 countries with so many of them who do not have a personal relationship with Jesus...not yet.

This December we got to share with three Chinese students about Jesus in the Christmas story. I had the wonderful privilege from seeing our students loving and investing in them all semester long with many conversations, to have the opportunity to share with them why Jesus came and why God loves and wants us all to have a relationship with Him thru Jesus and how Christmas connects to Jesus and the shepherds and the Magi. And all of this they had never heard in their life and then, that evening I got to share with three Nepal guys about Jesus and the nativity and the story that they also had never heard as we hosted a group picture. So we got to have these guys come and be a part of the picture outside by the huge Christmas tree. So after the picture we were walking back and for the first time in their lives they were able to hear about how God came for us all when no one else is coming for us...and Jesus is his name. We were getting to share the scriptures and the stories of Jesus because we get the chance to be there because of people like you who faithfully are praying and giving and supporting us to help us have conversations.

Is there a distance that's too far for God? No... From students from Green City to a girl who works at Aldi, to guys from China and Nepal. It's incredible that the only distance that matters is the distance in your heart. Merry Christmas and Happy New year everyone! The future is full of hope because God does not want to leave anyone behind, but to help everyone find forgiveness and love and hope and meaning today that goes on through forever. Who are we not willing to leave behind?

### Small Group Update

I think a new year is motivational because it marks an end and beginning. It's an invitation to look at what has passed in the last 365 days, both the good and the not-so-good, and evaluate how your life and personality changed from those blessings and adversities. A year's worth of living will change most of us, hopefully for the better.

A new year is also exciting. The open calendar encourages us to look ahead. How do we hope to fill our hours and days? What do we plan to do that will make us stronger? Kinder? More connected to our families? What will we change to better live out our Christian witness? To grow in the ministry, commitment, and maturity that God has for us?

If you want to get the year off "on the right foot," let me suggest that it's a great time to join a Bible Study. I will assist you if you need help in finding a Sunday Small Group to join (remember we have a Couples Group on Tuesday night as well). Or join the 6:30 Wednesday night Bible Study!

I look forward to what God has planned for us individually and as a church in the coming year. I wish you all a blessed 2025!

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### Building and Grounds Need

The Building and Grounds Committee is looking for people who are willing to lock up the building after services. Please talk to one of the committee members if interested: Charles Porter, Doug Athon, Jason Lloyd, Rick Rudd, Dan White, or Dan Willis.

### Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Lottie Moon was sent as a Southern Baptist missionary to China from 1873 to 1912. She saw firsthand the world's greatest problem — LOSTNESS. Meeting so many people who had never heard the gospel compelled her to write letters to American churches describing the need for a greater missionary presence. She pleaded for increased prayer and financial support to send and sustain more missionaries. This challenge became known as the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®.

Since 1888, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® for international missions has supported Southern Baptist missionaries as they share the gospel around the world. The offering represents 59 percent of IMB total annual support. Every penny you give to the offering goes directly to support missionaries, including salaries, medical care, housing, transportation, and children's education.

### Kick-Start

You've been hearing about Wednesday, January 8 as the evening all our 2025 committees and teams get organized for the year. If you are serving in these groups this year, be looking for a letter with details in it soon; and plan to join us at 5:45. Let's plan a great year of ministries in behalf of our church and for the glory of our Lord .

Bulletins and newsletters are posted at [hamiltonstreet.org](http://hamiltonstreet.org) under the Resources tab. Books of Reports are under the Resources tab in the members only section. If you would like to receive prayer requests and do not currently receive them, notify the church office at (660) 665-4633 or at [hsbc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hsbc@sbcglobal.net). Office hours are Tuesday - Thursday from 8:30 - 12:30 and 1:00 - 4:00.

### January Wednesday night meals:

- 15 - Young Adult Group will serve soups
- 22 - Womens' Ministry will serve (menu to be determined)
- 29 - His Way Small Group will serve pizza



The group above (plus photographer Becky Ingle) participated in Christmas caroling at The Pines and Manor Care. Residents and staff seemed to really enjoy it.



The children from the Wednesday night programming plus the middle school youth presented a very entertaining Christmas program on December 22 led by Ashley Hartman.



The Ladies' Christmas Brunch and white elephant gift exchange was well-attended on December 7 by the group above. If you haven't attended one of these events be sure to join in the next time.



Celebrating recent December birthdays at our Food and Fellowship at La Fuente. Join us Thursday nights at 6:00 PM.

Hamilton Street Baptist Church  
802 W Hamilton Street  
Kirksville MO 63501  
660-665-4633  
[www.hamiltonstreet.org](http://www.hamiltonstreet.org)



Return Service Requested

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**ADAIR COUNTY MOBILE FOOD  
DISTRIBUTION - JANUARY 25  
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 (January - June)

The Pines Services - January 19, March 9, April 27, June 15,

Manor Care Services - January 5, March 9, April 6, May 18

Adair County Detention Services - January 12, March 23, June 1

Mobile Food Pantry - January 25, February 22, March 22, April 26, May 10, June 28