



# HSBC Newsletter

## August 2025

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### **The Joy of Being Found**

Bringing People back to God - Part 3

Luke 15:5-6 (ESV)

Several years ago, we took our oldest granddaughter to the St. Louis Children's Museum. If you've ever been there, you know it's massive. One of the highlights is a slide that stretches six stories high. We got in line and once it was time, we raced each other to the bottom. It was a blast.

However, the slides exit in separate areas, and it was dimly lit. I looked around and I couldn't see her anywhere.

Tightness gripped my chest. I tried to stay calm, scanning the crowd walking quickly, calling her name. Seconds felt like minutes. Finally, I saw her. Safe and smiling and I've never felt such relief and joy.

That moment reminds me of Jesus's stories on the lost being found. The difference is, God never loses track of us. He always knows where we are. But when we turn back to him, he doesn't respond with frustration or scolding. He, and the rest of heaven, celebrates.

In Luke 15, Jesus tells a story about a shepherd who searches for a lost sheep. Jesus explains what happens when the lost is found:

*Luke 15:5-6 <sup>25</sup> And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders. <sup>6</sup> When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.'*

I love that. There's no "where have you been" or "do you know what you have put me through?" It's joy and celebration. That is the heart of God. When the lost are found, heaven rejoices. May that be our hearts too, that we seek the lost and celebrate when they are found.

### Children's Workers for August

Children's Church

August 3 - No workers

August 10 - Renee Sweeney & Alicia Marschel

August 17 - Debbie Athon & Ginger Reed

August 24 - Chelsea Phan & Jamie Edmondson

August 31 - No workers

Nursery (available upon request)

Jessica Martin, Chelsea Phan, Jamie Edmondson

Lily & Asher Martin

Lily Martin & Jamie Edmondson

Glenda Baggs & Elaine Brown

Jessica & Lily Martin

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|----|-------------------------------|--|
| 1  | 6:00 PM                       | Missions Committee   |
| 2  | 8:00 AM                       | Men's breakfast at Rosie's - 2801 N Baltimore  |
| 3  | 2:00 PM                       | The Pines Services   |
| 4  |                               | Children leave for Grand Oaks camp   |
| 5  | 9:30 AM<br>6:00 PM            | The Pines Services<br>Couples Bible Study - 26010 Hwy 63                               |
| 6  | 4:00 PM<br>6:30 PM<br>7:30 PM | Nominating Committee<br>Bible Study or Prayer Group for adults<br>Technology Committee |
| 7  | 6:00 PM                       | Food & Fellowship at LaFuente - 1711 N Baltimore                                       |
| 8  |                               | Children return from Grand Oaks camp   |
| 9  | 10:00 AM                      | Ladies' trip to Farmhouse Hill—Brashear  |
| 11 | 5:00 PM                       | Church Council written summaries due   |
| 12 | 9:30 AM<br>6:00 PM            | The Pines Services<br>Couples Bible Study - 26010 Hwy 63                               |
| 13 | 6:30 PM<br>7:30 PM            | Bible Study or Prayer Group for adults<br>Church Council                               |
| 14 | 8:30 AM<br>6:00 PM            | Book of Report items due<br>Food & Fellowship at LaFuente - 1711 N Baltimore           |
| 17 | 4:00 PM<br>6:00 PM            | Deacons Meeting<br>Business Meeting  |
| 18 | 6:00 PM                       | Missions Committee<br>Personnel Committee  |
| 19 | 9:30 AM<br>6:00 PM            | The Pines Services<br>Couples Bible Study - 26010 Hwy 63                               |
| 20 | 6:30 PM<br>7:30 PM            | Bible Study or Prayer Group for adults<br>Women's Ministry                             |
| 21 | 6:00 PM                       | Food & Fellowship at LaFuente - 1711 N Baltimore                                       |
| 23 | 11:00 AM                      | Mobile Food Pantry   |
| 26 | 8:30 AM<br>9:30 AM<br>6:00 PM | Newsletter articles due<br>The Pines Services<br>Couples Bible Study - 26010 Hwy 63    |
| 28 | 6:00 PM                       | Food & Fellowship at LaFuente - 1711 N Baltimore                                       |
| 31 | 2:30 PM                       | Manor Care Services  |

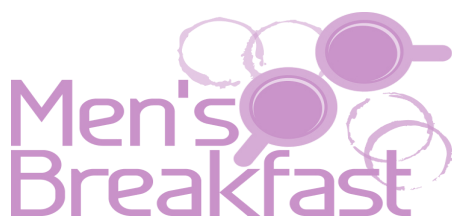


## August Birthdays

3 - Laura Brown  
 5 - Cindy Neuenschwander  
 7 - Makai Martin  
 14 - Sherry Bratton  
 24 - Rick Rudd  
 27 - Carol Williams  
 30 - Leon Hutcheson  
 31 - Trenten Marschel

Regular Sunday  
 Service Times:

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



August 2 - 8:00 AM  
 Rosie's Northtown  
 2801 N Baltimore

### **Vital Statistics: (05.31.25)**

**Budgeted Offering: \$101,446.75**

**Received Offering: \$105,447.40**

**Budget Expenses: \$ 99,347.83**

### **Average Attendance (07.2025)**

**Small Groups: 108**

**10:15 AM Worship: 104**

**Wednesday Night 13**



BSU update...only the 2nd one...

In the middle of summer...a few exciting things

For the last month and more across Truman State University, whenever staff open their computers to log onto their internal computer system the

picture that comes up is of the announcement to help with new freshman move-in.

Now that is pretty cool to see them inviting everyone to be a part of that really special and unique time in a family's life. But what's even cooler is that the picture is of our three students during freshmen move-in helping roll a cart down the hallway for a freshman. They're wearing their BSU t-shirts that say "With you" and one of them is wearing our BSU sweatshirt that says "I am my brother's keeper" with Genesis 4:9 on it.

We absolutely are so grateful in just how much God is allowing us to be used to help our whole campus maybe see Jesus and be more open to Him! How else does that happen except for God being so kind in spite of the mess we are—but just trying to become less of a mess in HIM. We are so grateful for the opportunities He is providing for us to be a voice of hope in the wilderness here - of so many new thoughts and ideas and beliefs. A couple other wonderful things have been in the conversations we are still getting to have over summer with students who do not believe.

The conversations have been very intentional around the thoughts of - "What are the questions we have in life" and even asking "What are the questions, that if we could answer them well, would help move you closer to actually trusting that Jesus is more than they thought." And the conversations are continuing, so we just keep counting the conversations as we pray for them to realize and come to their senses and see Jesus and give their lives to Him.

The responses have been so genuine and heartfelt. One of the guys we talk to is Buddhist but he really is interested in Jesus. In one of our conversations as we walked around campus he asked, "How do you pray? What does prayer mean to you? How does prayer work?" Then he had questions about, "What about the Pope?" It was humbling to get to hear more about Jesus and the scriptures with him.

Another student would share that "the BSU is his happy place!" That "he really loves to come here because he feels so loved here." He is Hindu, but still engages in conversations as we share how Jesus is the only way and truth and life.

Then another student who we have been having conversations with about leadership. We share how Jesus changes everything and how leadership is so different when you see how Jesus saw leadership (a lot of our talks are about leadership principles as he looks to be leading in a student group and looks to become president of that group next year). He comes from an eastern country but doesn't really have a faith or belief in anything - he would share that it's not been important to him.

In one of our conversations I asked him what he likes about "leading or being a leader; what draws him to this?" He shared the ability to have the power to move others to create something that is good for others. So I shared that yeah, that's really exciting that you see creating as such a big thing. And shared that we believe we were created with intention; we are here on purpose and that we were made by someone with a heart and a passion for us...God! And then shared that we were made on purpose - that we are works of art...and we were created - to create. All of this and more in this conversation because he asked "You are a minister, religious person right?" And as we walked and talked and then were sitting in the BSU talking he shared that he and his family had talked to a taxi driver back in his country who was a Christian and from that country, and now to me, and that I was only the 2nd person he has ever talked to about Jesus. Wow! God you are sending them here right now - into our own backyards so we can help them find life in Jesus!

And there are more conversations we are having with others right now over summer and getting to share about Jesus and why He came - it is just so amazing what God is allowing us to be a part of in this moment and place... in the wilderness!

We are so grateful for all of you who are supporting the BSU as your missionaries "in your own backyard" to so many - so close to home...and from lands so far away.

The BSU

### Women's Ministry

Our ladies' event for July was held at The Gathering Grounds, where we enjoyed wonderful fellowship, laughter, and delicious treats. See the pictures below of this fun event. Looking ahead, mark your calendars for Saturday, August 9 at 10:00 a.m., when we'll meet at the church and head to Farmhouse Hill in Brashear to pick flowers and create unique bouquets to take home—please bring \$15 for your bouquet. Then, on Sunday, September 28 at 3:00 p.m., join us back at the church for a Ladies' Dessert Social, a sweet afternoon of connection and conversation. Bring your favorite dessert to share—because good friends and great sweets make the perfect recipe for fun! The ladies are collecting 12-packs of soda to donate to Stock the Fridges at our public school buildings, showing our appreciation for the staff as the new school year begins. Please bring a pack of your favorite soda to share and help us brighten their day!



### VBS Report 2025

Another Vacation Bible School is in the books. Was it a success? How do we determine that? We may never know what kind of impact was made on the children who attended. But, if you helped in any way it was appreciated. There are so many jobs in VBS. If the advance planning for an event is done well, it just seems to run itself. That obviously happened this year. Thanks for all the planning and preparation from our director. One of the first things families see when they enter are the decorations which set the mood for the theme. What a wonderful job the decorators do. It just makes it seem fun right off the bat. Possibly the first person



the families see is at the registration desk. Thanks for your smiling faces. The music is always upbeat and fun. Thanks to the workers who learned the songs before the event and brought enthusiasm every night. The teachers and helpers are vital. Lots of energy is needed for any age group but especially the ones who help with those little runners. Everyone looks forward to mealtime. Thanks to those who contributed money or food, those who served and/or cooked, and those who cleaned up. The craft area requires lots of help for little hands and ears that are not always listening. Thanks for your patience. Oh the energy it takes to help in the recreation area. Group after group who are ready to play and have fun. So, was it a success? Only God knows what may come of the seeds planted. But in the meantime we can savor the smiles and hugs we got and maybe a thank you if you're lucky.



## Family Fun Day—September 13

HSBC's third annual Family Fun Day will be held on September 13, 2025, from 2—5 PM. This is a major outreach event for us. Our church currently has very few young families. One of the goals of Family Fun Day is to bring people here for the event and hopefully they will come back to learn more about what a difference Jesus can make in their lives.

This year instead of having a big draw (the magician), we have added some inflatables that will hopefully appeal to older children, youth, and even adults. These include a bungee run and an obstacle course. We will also feature many of the things that were well received last year. Some of these include bounce houses, balloon animals, cookie walk, fingernail painting and tattoos, and miscellaneous games with prizes.

We have also added a face painter. In the area of food, there will be a slushie machine, popcorn, sno-cones, hot dogs, etc., for refreshments.

It takes a lot of people to make this event successful. Several workers are in place to head up specific areas but they will need helpers to actually man the events.

Let your family and friends know about this event now so they can mark it on their calendars. We received lots of positive feedback last year saying how nice it was for families to have a fun day at no expense.

We need people to mingle among the visitors and make them feel welcome. Be praying for the event and what part you should play in it. There is definitely a place for everyone.

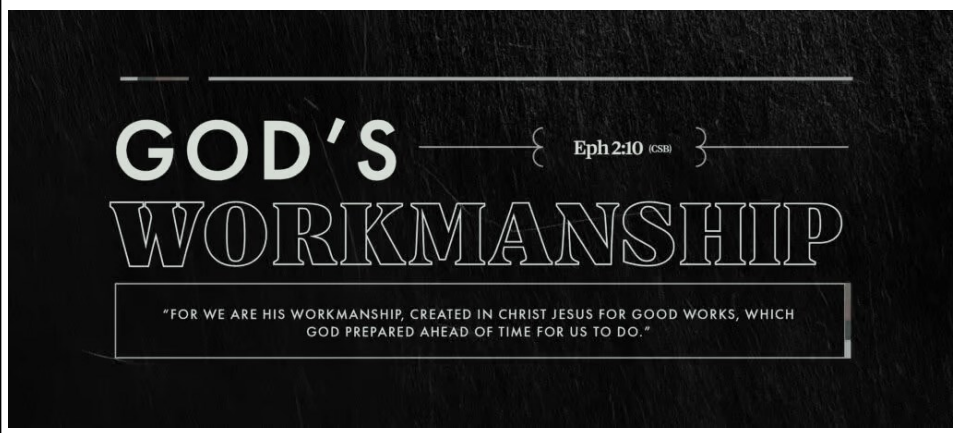
### Children's Camp

HSBC will be sending three children and three sponsors to camp at Grand Oaks during the week of August 4—8. Do you have fond memories of camp as a child or youth? I do. This can be a time of refreshment for all involved—campers and leaders alike. How nice it is to get away from the world and just concentrate on God and what He wants to say to you. Please pray for all the campers that they will hear God's voice and respond in the way He is leading. Pray for the leaders that they will show the love of God to all the campers, even those who don't make it easy.

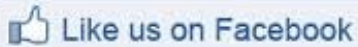
### MMO—Rheubin L. South Missouri Missions Offering

During the month of September we will be taking up the Missouri Missions Offering. These gifts support prayer and evangelism, church planting and renewal, missions mobilization, collegiate ministries, disaster relief, and ministries at six affiliated entities.

Last year Missouri's goal was \$760,000 and receipts totaled \$1,072,207. HSBC was one of 672 churches that contributed to the total by giving \$2,468. This year the statewide goal is \$800,000 and the Missions Committee will be setting our individual goal soon. The week of prayer for MMO will be September 7—14. You will receive prayer guides to help you pray for specific areas that MMO supports.



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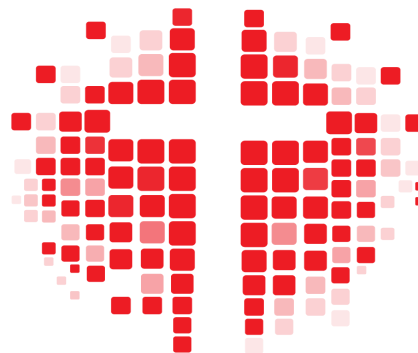
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**ADAIR COUNTY MOBILE FOOD  
DISTRIBUTION - AUGUST 23**

**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 (August - October)**

The Pines Services - August 3, September 21

Manor Care Services - August 31, October 12

Adair County Detention Services - September 21

Mobile Food Pantry - August 23, September 27, October 25

September 13—Family Fun Day