

HSBC Newsletter

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The Joy of Being Found

Luke 15:7

Someone once said that there are at least two things that we will never do in heaven. One thing that we won't do in heaven is sin. And second, we won't evangelize in heaven. Everyone there will already know Him.

But here and now, we have this great privilege of sharing the good news and seeing people come to know Christ. After all, Jesus came to seek and to save the lost. In Luke 15, Jesus tells three stories about lost things being found. He gives us a glimpse into heaven's reaction to lost people turning to God.

Jesus says in Luke 15:7, *In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven't strayed away!*

Until Jesus returns, we get to be part of that joy. We get to help people turn from sin and turn to Him and trust in Him.

So, here's the question, how will you help bring someone to Jesus? Let's start with two personal questions. The first question is, do you know Jesus? God will welcome you with open arms.

The second question is, who in your life needs Jesus? The simple answer is everyone. To help narrow that down start with prayer. Specifically, who are you praying for right now? It may be a friend, a relative, a spouse, or someone else that you see regularly. There are people all around you who need hope, healing, and His truth. God works through His people to reach those who don't know him.

Let's be a people who bring joy to heaven one life at a time.

Children's Workers for September

Children's Church

September 7 - Renee Sweeney & Alicia Marschel
September 14 - Chelsea Phan & Jamie Edmondson
September 21 - No workers
September 28 - Debbie Athon & Ginger Reed

Nursery (available upon request)

Jessica Martin, Chelsea Phan, Jamie Edmondson
Lily & Asher Martin
Lily Martin & Jamie Edmondson
Glenda Baggs & Elaine Brown

1		Labor Day—Office Closed
2	9:30 AM 6:00 PM	The Pines Services Couples Bible Study - 26010 Hwy 63
3	4:00 PM 5:45 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Nominating Committee Meal served Bible Study for all ages, Prayer Group for adults Technology Committee
4	6:00 PM	Food & Fellowship at Diner 54 - 2700 S Baltimore
6	8:00 AM	Men's breakfast at Rosie's - 2801 N Baltimore
8	5:00 PM	Church Council written summaries due
9	9:30 AM 6:00 PM	The Pines Services Couples Bible Study - 26010 Hwy 63
10	5:45 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Meal served Bible Study for all ages, Prayer Group for adults Church Council
11	8:30 AM 6:00 PM	Book of Report items due Food & Fellowship at Diner 54 - 2700 S Baltimore
13	2:00 PM	Family Fun Day
15	6:00 PM	Missions Committee
16	9:30 AM 6:00 PM	The Pines Services Couples Bible Study - 26010 Hwy 63
17	5:45 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Meal served Bible Study for all ages, Prayer Group for adults Women's Ministry
18	6:00 PM	Food & Fellowship at Diner 54 - 2700 S Baltimore
21	1:00 PM 2:00 PM 4:00 PM 6:00 PM	Adair County Detention Services The Pines Services Deacons Meeting Business Meeting
23	8:30 AM 9:30 AM 6:00 PM	Newsletter articles due The Pines Services Couples Bible Study - 26010 Hwy 63
25	6:00 PM	Food & Fellowship at Diner 54 - 2700 S Baltimore
27	11:00 AM	Mobile Food Pantry
28	3:00 PM	Ladies' Dessert Social
30	9:30 AM 6:00 PM	The Pines Services Couples Bible Study - 26010 Hwy 63

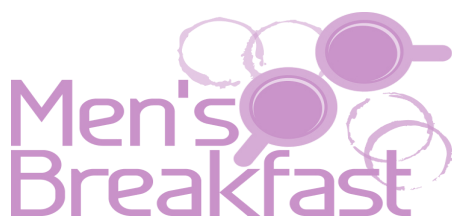


September Birthdays

3 - Glenda Baggs
7 - Alicia Marschel
7 - Declan Martin
15 - Allison Brown
19 - Valin Martin
20 - Charles Porter
23 - Kathryn Shafer
24 - Cole Kramer
25 - Kyle Seidel
29 - Joni Eitel

Regular Sunday
Service Times:

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



September 6 - 8:00 AM
Rosie's Northtown
2801 N Baltimore

Vital Statistics: (07.31.25)

Budgeted Offering: \$142,025.45

Received Offering: \$147,126.33

Budget Expenses: \$ 133,349.87

Average Attendance (08.2025)

Small Groups: 100

10:15 AM Worship: 108

Wednesday Night 13

Welcome new members!

John and Kathy Harris were married in 1979. They have two adult sons and six grandchildren (all girls). John's career in the shoe business went from West Plains, MO, to Hopkinsville, KY, to Perryville, MO, and finally to Kirksville, MO. Both John and Kathy worked at Florsheim/Hy-Test/Wolverine World Wide until it closed in 2000. John then worked for WireCo WorldWide until retiring in 2021. Kathy worked at Merri's, PSF, JCPenney, and Lovegreens until she retired in 2020. John was licensed to preach in Perryville, MO in 1986 by Calvary Baptist Church. He had the privilege of filling the pulpit of many churches in the Perryville area until moving to Kirksville in 1988. John was called to pastor and was ordained by Ten Mile Baptist Church in 1990. He continued to serve as their pastor until retiring in 2024.

The Barron family recently moved to Kirksville. Ken manages the Dollar General in La Plata, Rachel is a homemaker, and Georgia attends 8th grade at William Matthew Middle School. They are expecting another little girl in November.



... Exactly where we want to be

The summer has been really exciting with the opportunities God has been bringing for us to serve students here and to try and be a voice of hope to them. We got to help a Nepal student move into his apartment on campus. During the move, we had some good conversations

with him and other students from Nepal and Japan. None of them have a faith in Jesus and do not know very much about Him. I asked them if they believe in good and evil - is there evil in a sense that it is alive. After moving, the student shared that he had been thinking the whole time in Wal-Mart about that question about good and evil.

It's really exciting that by serving we're beginning conversations to help share Jesus and how much God is a vital part of life here today. We're really looking forward to the chance to have more conversations as we love him and his friends and be a voice of hope and help him connect to Jesus.

On another weekend, a church hosted a meal to have our students over to try and love them and be a light to them. We had several students come who had no personal relationship with Jesus.

One student who struggles with groups and emotions ended up sitting in a stairwell by himself and it was beautiful to see some of our students go sit with him and to see the church really care for him with love and patience. By the end of the night, he was interacting with several different church folks and then had a wonderful conversation with the pastor about life's struggles.

As we were ending the night, we saw a student standing outside by his girlfriend's car, but she was inside the car. I asked him if he needed anything and kind of joked with him like "Oh no did she kick you out of the car?" He said "No, she just doesn't let me smoke in the car." He actually came to several of our worship nights last semester. This is exactly where we want to be... among the ones who don't have a relationship in Jesus, but who are searching and wanting to feel alive and to have meaning in their lives...and are trying to find a place to be accepted and loved. This is exactly the people we are trying to reach with the message of Jesus! This is why we're here...we are for them, for you...for the whoever's... "For God so loved the world that whoever... - John 3:16

This is why we share with students as we serve and engage with them and feed them and love them. We know if you're here you'll experience something that you don't even know how to describe and why they want to come and be around the BSU. We know it's Jesus and we know He's speaking to them and moving through all creation and through His word, and through others as we try to share with them.

It is humbling to be a community of missionaries who are trying to help more people actually know who Jesus is and why he came for them and help them connect to HIM and to his family - the church! It is just so good getting to share about Jesus to students who are like new fields that no one has planted on, but God has been drawing to Himself and speaking to them all their lives! This is exactly where we should be...in the wilderness here at Truman...living by faith and being a voice of hope so one more can find forgiveness and life in the One who came for us before we believed in him...while we were still sinners...who has always been for us...for you! Where you can belong before you ever believe...

BSU

Women's Ministry

On Saturday, August 9, ten ladies enjoyed an outing to Farmhouse Hill in Brashear to pick flowers. We had a wonderful time selecting just the right blooms for our bouquets. We're now looking forward to our upcoming Ladies' Dessert Social on Sunday, September 28, at 3:00 p.m. We'll meet at the church for a sweet time of fellowship, delicious desserts, and even better company. Please plan to bring your favorite dessert to share! Thank you for donating packs of soda for our school's faculty and staff! In addition to the 20 packs collected at church, some church members purchased extra packs of soda, bottled water, and drink mix packets to ensure there would be plenty of drinks to share. This allowed us to deliver a refreshing variety to each of the seven buildings in our school district—more than enough to help quench everyone's thirst! The faculty and staff were truly grateful for your thoughtfulness and deeply appreciate your prayers as the new school year begins.



VBS Report 2025



Thank you to everyone for all the help! We had 63 kids who attended at least one night of VBS. We saw many children who

come to our VBS every year as well as some new faces. At least one child made a profession of faith. Follow-up letters were sent to children who are not regular attenders at our church. These letters included information about our Sunday and Wednesday activities as well as information about the Family Fun Day. Also, our VBS curriculum and leftover supplies plus some decor was donated to Brashear Community Bible Church, where Wendy Kerby is the VBS director. They will use this curriculum for their VBS next summer.

MMO—Rheubin L. South

Missouri Missions Offering

During the month of September we will be taking up the Missouri Missions Offering. This offering supports prayer and evangelism, church planting and renewal, missions mobilization, collegiate ministries, disaster relief, and ministries at six affiliated entities. This year the statewide goal is \$800,000 and the HSBC Missions Committee has set our goal at \$2,250.

The week of prayer for MMO will be September 7—14.

What will your part be?

GOD'S — { Eph 2:10 (CSB) } —
WORKMANSHIP

"FOR WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP, CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS FOR GOOD WORKS, WHICH GOD PREPARED AHEAD OF TIME FOR US TO DO."

Family Fun Day—September 13

HSBC's third annual Family Fun Day will be held on September 13, 2025, from 2—5 PM. If you haven't signed up yet there is still a place for you. Please plan to attend and bring family and friends. We need people to mingle among the visitors and make them feel welcome. Hopefully, some of the families will come back to visit church after the event. We had a trial run with the inflatables and everyone seemed to enjoy them (see pictures on the right). Another addition this year is a video game trailer. These things should appeal to the older children and youth. As in the past there will be hot dogs, popcorn, sno-cones, cookies, etc., for refreshments. We had numerous comments last year about how nice it was for a family to be able to come and enjoy the event without having to spend money to do it. Be praying for the event and do your part to help make it a success.



Small Groups

The fall excitement is beginning...starting September 3 is a new set of Wednesday night Bible studies, Wednesday night suppers (yum!), community outreach activities. The Jail Ministry, Food Pantry, Nursing Home services, various carry-ins, Women's and Men's Ministries, and Small Groups continue. If things seem to be moving on while you are standing still, let me encourage you to jump into the flow! There is a place for you in Bible study or other ministries. If you would like to be involved call, email, or stop me in the hallway and tell me you're interested! Or read the bulletin and check in with the coordinators named there. Of course, I would also suggest that you become a member of a Sunday morning Small Group so you can have better opportunity to be involved in God's work. Small Groups are a ministry in themselves!

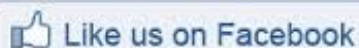
Elsie Rudd, Sunday Morning Small Group Director 660-665-2777 erudd1970@gmail.com

Small Group Promotion

A promotion ceremony was recently held for children promoting to a new class. Everyone enjoyed donuts and chocolate milk before receiving their certificates. Teachers and students are pictured to the right.



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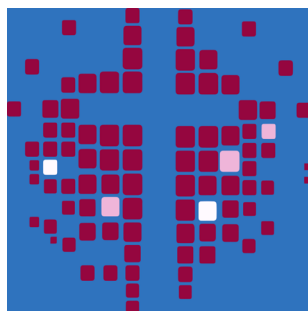
The Nominating Committee would like to thank the faithful servants who having been serving in so many capacities this year; and, also, for those who have agreed to serve for the upcoming year. Academic-year workers are preparing for the new year; and we are approaching people to serve in ministries that begin in January. So many of you are so faithful to hear His call and to answer "yes." May He bless you immensely and guide you as you serve Him for the Kingdom's sake.

**ADAIR COUNTY MOBILE FOOD
DISTRIBUTION - SEPTEMBER 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**



Live Biblically

Experience Community

Serve Others

Share Jesus

Mark Your Calendars - Upcoming Service Dates (September - December)

The Pines Services - September 21, November 9, December 28

Manor Care Services - October 12, December 7

Adair County Detention Services - September 21, November 30

Mobile Food Pantry - September 27, October 25, November 22, December 13