

## **HSBC** Newsletter

### November 2025

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#### **Cultivating A Grateful Heart**

Gratitude is not a feeling that simply arrives; it is a habit of the heart that we can learn and grow. The apostle Paul's life is a powerful testimony to this truth.

Consider some of his life experiences: shipwrecked, snakebitten, and imprisoned repeatedly for his beliefs. Yet, from a Roman prison cell, he writes a letter overflowing with joy. This is the same man who persecuted the church

grateful heart. How can we, like Paul, grow in gratitude?

many years before. What changed? Through Christ, Paul learned the secret of a

## Here are three practices that will help transform our perspective. 1. See through the eyes of faith.

We all face seasons of hardship and joy, of valleys and mountaintops. What often sets a faithful heart apart is perspective. While chained in prison, Paul wrote, "I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, 13 so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ." (Philippians 1:12-14, ESV). Paul was guarded by Caesar's elite soldiers, and over two years, he shared the gospel with many of them. He saw prison not as a setback, but as a divine appointment. God has placed you where you are for His purposes. While our circumstances may be difficult, we have a choice: to count our blessings and trust God's plan or go with an alternative. As Paul reminds us in Romans 8:28, God works all things together for those who love him. The cross is the ultimate proof that what was meant for evil, God used for our eternal good.

#### 2. Keep Christ as your first priority.

Paul's single-minded focus was his anchor. He rejoiced that Christ was being proclaimed, even by those with wrong motives (Philippians 1:15-18). His life was ordered around one thing: Jesus first. Making Christ our priority is like learning to tie our shoes. For a child, it requires concentration, but for an adult, it is second nature. When we consistently put Jesus first through daily prayer, reading His word, and obeying him, it becomes the natural posture of our hearts. How can we do that this week? When you wake up, begin your day with a quick prayer: "Lord, I want you to be first in my life today." When we put him first, He faithfully shapes us to be more like Him.

#### 3. Remember your eternal hope.

If this life were all there is, Paul's imprisonment would be a tragedy. But he lived with eternity in view. This hope allowed him to declare, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." (Philippians 1:21) What would you write in the blank? "For to me, to live is...my career?" or "...my comfort or "...my reputation"? Paul later encourages us to, "...[forget] what lies behind and [strain] forward to what lies ahead" (Philippians 3:13-14). Our souls are eternal, and who we live for now determines who we will spend eternity with later. When we choose Christ and fix our eyes on the hope he gives, a grateful heart will follow. My prayer for our church is that we would be known for our grateful hearts, trusting God's purposes, prioritizing Christ, and living in the light of our eternal hope.

| 1  | 8:00 AM                       | Men's breakfast at Rosie's - 2801 N Baltimore  |
|----|-------------------------------|--|
| 2  | 11:00 AM                      | Daylight Savings Time Ends<br>Special-Called Business Meeting to vote on<br>Proposed Budget for 2026     |
|    | 3:00 PM                       | Souper Sisters   |
| 3  | 7:00 PM                       | Men's Monday Night Football<br>19436 Tamarack Trl  |
| 4  | 9:30 AM<br>6:00 PM            | The Pines Services<br>Couples Bible Study - 26010 Hwy 63   |
| 5  | 5:45 PM<br>6:30 PM<br>7:30 PM | Meal served—pizza and salad<br>Bible Study for all ages, Prayer Group for adults<br>Technology Committee |
| 6  | 6:00 PM                       | Food & Fellowship at Diner 54 - 2700 S Baltimore   |
| 9  | 2:00 PM<br>6:00 PM            | The Pines Services<br>BSU Meal served  |
| 10 | 5:00 PM                       | Church Council written summaries due   |
| 11 | 9:30 AM<br>6:00 PM            | The Pines Services<br>Couples Bible Study - 26010 Hwy 63   |
| 12 | 5:45 PM                       | Meal served—chicken enchiladas, refried beans,   |
|    | 6:30 PM<br>7:30 PM            | nachos with cheese<br>Bible Study for all ages, Prayer Group for adults<br>Church Council                |
| 13 | 8:30 AM<br>6:00 PM            | Book of Report items due<br>Food & Fellowship at Diner 54 - 2700 S Baltimore                             |
| 16 | 4:00 PM<br>6:00 PM            | Deacons Meeting<br>Business Meeting  |
| 17 | 6:00 PM<br>6:00 PM<br>7:00 PM | Missions Committee<br>Personnel Committee<br>Men's Monday Night Football<br>19436 Tamarack Trl           |
| 18 | 9:30 AM<br>6:00 PM            | The Pines Services<br>Couples Bible Study - 26010 Hwy 63   |
| 19 | 5:45 PM                       | Meal served—ham & beans, cornbread, oven fried potatoes, applesauce                                      |
|    | 6:30 PM<br>7:30 PM            | Bible Study for all ages, Prayer Group for adults Women's Ministry                                       |
| 20 | 6:00 PM                       | Chariton Valley Thanksgiving Dinner Food & Fellowship at Diner 54 - 2700 S Baltimore                     |
| 22 | 11:00 AM                      | Mobile Food Pantry   |
| 25 | 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                      |
| 26 |                               | No evening services due to Thanksgiving  |
| 27 |                               | Thanksgiving Day—office closed   |
| 30 | 1:00 PM                       | Adair County Detention Services  |



# November Birthdays

- 1 Jamie Edmondson
- 1 Larry Sweeney
- 1 Tanya Tatro
- 1 Kavin Tingley
- 4 Rachel Kramer
- 5 Sue Sprague
- 7 Nancy Entwistle
- 8 Wyatt Norman
- 16 Ginger Reed
- 18 Virginia Banner
- 22 Makenna Hartman
- 23 Patsy Rhoads
- 29 Joe Banner
- 30 Cozette Seidel

Regular Sunday Service Times:

Sunday School/

Small Groups 9:00 Worship 10:15





BSU update...willing to be in the wilderness..

It has been a wonderful month! From seeing a girl from Sri Lanka give her life to Jesus to having so many of our students clipboarding on campus to start conversations to try and be a voice of hope! And it's been a sad month. Jerry Carmichael, BSU director in the 80's, passed

away in September. Being at his funeral and hearing former students from NMSU (now Truman) and getting to talk with them was really meaningful! We know where he is and it's so encouraging having that hope because of Jesus, but it's also been a little sad remembering the summer reunions we shared with him and his former students and the car rides and conversations about life, faith and student ministry. I remember him sharing his personal testimony when he gave his life to Jesus as a young man. He said it was the moment that changed his life, when he knelt and prayed, "Help me God to have the will - to do your will." That has been reverberating in my mind and it's been such an encouragement to see the heritage and legacy that God has built. So many are still loving, serving, and supporting the BSU today and helping it to keep being a voice of hope to the next generation. In the last 3 weeks, we have had so many conversations with students who are atheist, Hindu, Mormon, or Buddhist from AI to what happens after we die, to the difference between Catholic and Protestant, to why Jesus died, and more. It's humbling to try to follow and reflect God, in the mess that we are, to try and help students really know who Jesus is through the Scriptures. Something really encouraging is that our Sunday night meals now have at least six churches helping. That is hugely encouraging and exciting to see church members in the building, and how much they love the BSU and love what we're trying to do. To see them serving alongside the BSU students as we try to help our campus see Jesus and hear his message. Equally exciting is how proactive our students have been in engaging, serving, and loving "the outsiders", and "the ones who do not believe"... not yet. They have been so active with clipboarding, tabling, and inviting students to activities to hear the gospel and to experience it together through community here. Re-launching the Sunday night meals has provided many moments and made new connections and conversations possible. These meals have provided a space for us to help the message of Jesus be heard, and it is only possible because of so many church folks who've jumped in with their time and money to provide the food for around 70 students every week. It has been incredible. But what we love most at the Sunday night meals, not just seeing the church members serving and loving and talking with students, is seeing our BSU students sitting all over the place, not at one table amongst themselves. Last week I was visiting with one of the pastors and, our little blonde haired, American BSU girl who loves Jesus and loves people, was sitting at a table full of students from Bangladesh and Nepal. It was such a beautiful moment to see her with a whole group of students who are Muslim or a little of everything and have no set religion or faith, interacting with them. And as I was talking with some of the students who came. I saw many of our BSU students sitting where they were the minority in terms of faith or religion, interacting with new students and with students we don't really know well yet. How amazing is God. One girl who has just starting coming, is experiencing something so encouraging and exciting is already wanting to bring her friend who is really nervous about church. We love that we can try to be the salt and light and point so many to the One who came for them and loves them - Jesus! And maybe we could become a place students want to come to - not run from. We had new students from Pakistan, Japan, and Nigeria and new American students from the varsity sports teams. It's so encouraging that they can belong before they ever believe. We pray before the meal starts, and we share our love for Jesus and our love for people, and we are intentional with conversations, and hope it leads to more interactions and opportunities to help them begin to hear the One whose voice can change everything... Jesus. We are trying to be a voice in the wilderness... to bring and breathe God's voice to so many who are lost in the wilderness. You are a huge part of that through your prayers! Because God, who is the creator of the universe, gives us authority to speak in a way that makes a difference... and that way...is called prayer!! It's so incredible having so much support, from prayer and alumni, churches, and friends of the BSU, who invest in what we're doing through the donations, to keep creating moments for people to hear the message of Jesus and experience His love through the scriptures - in the context of community, as we share why Jesus is the only way, the only truth, and the only life. And God has always wanted them to live. To be alive, full of love and full of forgiveness and full of meaning, and it begins with giving their lives to Jesus and letting him forgive them of all their sins. Now... they get to live a life — so full and soul free - in Jesus. ... Willing to be in the wilderness...so that we can be a voice of hope in Jesus... **BSU** 

A Pastor Appreciation Taco Bar was served on October 12 for Pastor Tim and Becky. We thank God for sending them to serve with us.



Welcome new member Hiruni Hewa who was baptized on October 12.







November 1 - 8:00 AM Rosie's Northtown 2801 N Baltimore Men and boys from grade 6 and up are invited to attend Monday Night Football fellowships on November 3 and 17 this month. There are lots of good snacks and a devotion at half-time. The address is 19436

Tamarack Trail. See Dana Brown if you have questions.



It's OCC time! Empty shoeboxes and info on how to pack boxes are in the foyer. Packed shoeboxes need to be returned to the foyer by Sunday, November 16. If you would like to pack a box online (which go to hard-to-reach countries),

there is information in the foyer on how to do that. If you have questions, talk to Tanya Tatro.

Vital Statistics: (09.30.25)
Budgeted Offering: \$183,862.33
Received Offering: \$188,357.33
Budget Expenses: \$170,232.32

Average Attendance (10.2025)
Small Groups: 93

Small Groups: 93 10:15 AM Worship: 119 Wednesday Night 56 A hayride and hot dog roast was held at the home of Dick Schoonover last month. There were around 40 in attendance. The weather was beautiful and everyone had a good time. See pictures below.





A baby shower was held for the Barron family on October 19.
Naomi Wanda Barron arrived on October 26.



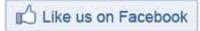
Ladies, mark your calendars! On Sunday, November 2 at 3:00 PM, we'll be gathering for a special women's fellowship event called Souper Sisters. Join us in the multipurpose room as we enjoy an afternoon of soup and dessert, along with warm conversation and connection. It's a great chance to relax, recharge, and spend time with one another. A sign-up sheet is available in the lobby—we'd love to have you join us.



We will be providing a meal for BSU students on November 9. Sign-up in the foyer to bring side dishes or dessert.

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Return Service Requested

#### Children's Workers for November

Children's Church

November 2 - Renee Sweeney & Alicia Marschel

November 9 - Chelsea Phan & Jamie Edmondson

November 16 - No workers

November 23 - Debbie Athon & Ginger Reed

November 30 - No workers

Nursery (available upon request)

Jessica Martin, Chelsea Phan, Jamie Edmondson

Lily & Asher Martin

Lily Martin & Jamie Edmondson

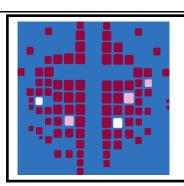
Glenda Baggs & Elaine Brown

Jessica & Lily Martin

# ADAIR COUNTY MOBILE FOOD DISTRIBUTION - NOVEMBER 22 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** 



**Live Biblically** 

**Experience Community** 

Serve Others

Share Jesus

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

The Pines Services - November 9, December 28

Manor Care Services - December 7

Adair County Detention Services - November 30

Mobile Food Pantry - November 22, December 13