

HSBC Newsletter

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Vital Statistics: (10.31.25)

Budgeted Offering: \$202,893.50

Received Offering: \$205,958.54

Budget Expenses: \$ 194,458.17

Average Attendance (11.2025)

Small Groups: 91

10:15 AM Worship: 126

Wednesday Night 56

Unwrapping the Gifts of Christmas

December is here! This season is a time for cherished traditions, both old and new. During this time we can look back at the year and look ahead with hope. Whether you've been humming carols for weeks or are just now pulling the decorations out of the attic, this season holds great potential.

As we dive into this time of activities, music, gifts, and memory-making, let's think about how we can celebrate the very heart of it all. How can we make Christ, the greatest gift of all, central in our lives and central during this season.

This year, we will start our Christmas sermon series entitled "The Gifts of Christmas" on December 7th. In this series we will look at the gifts that God offers through the greatest gift of all: Jesus. This series will culminate on December 24th with our special candlelight service.

Here's a question that we would like for you to consider: Who will you bring with you to our Christmas Eve service?

Think of a friend, a neighbor, or a family member who might need a moment of peace, hope, or community this Christmas. We want our service to be a warm, welcoming place where everyone can experience the gift of true joy that can only be found in Jesus.

Here is how you can help us prepare for this Christmas Eve Service:

1. **Pray:** Ask God to place specific names on your heart, those who need to hear the message of hope this year.
2. **Invite:** Reach out and invite others. Let them know you'd love for them to sit with you.
3. **Pray Again:** Join us in praying that HSBC will make much of Jesus for every person who walks through the doors.

Our Christmas Eve service is on Wednesday, December 24th, at 6:00 p.m. We are looking forward to sharing this night with you and your loved ones. We truly hope to see you there!

Larry Gibson is the interim Director of Missions for our Network. He is sending out weekly updates about area churches. If you would like to receive these updates, please let the church office know.

1	7:00 PM	Men's Monday Night Football 19436 Tamarack Trl
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—crack burgers, hot dogs, tater tots, baked beans Bible Study for all ages, Prayer Group for adults Music Minister Search Committee
4	6:00 PM	Food & Fellowship at Diner 54 - 2700 S Baltimore
5	6:00 PM	Missions Committee
6	8:00 AM	Men's breakfast at Rosie's - 2801 N Baltimore
7	11:15 PM 2:30 PM	His Way social Manor Care Services
9	9:30 AM 6:00 PM	The Pines Services Couples Bible Study - 26010 Hwy 63
10	5:45 PM 6:30 PM	Last week for full programming until January 14 Meal served—pizza and salad Bible Study for all ages, Prayer Group for adults
11	6:00 PM	Food & Fellowship at Diner 54 - 2700 S Baltimore
13	11:00 AM	Mobile Food Pantry
14	6:00 PM	Our Christmas
15	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Missions Committee Men's Monday Night Football 19436 Tamarack Trl
16	9:30 AM 6:00 PM	The Pines Services Couples Bible Study - 26010 Hwy 63
17	6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Bible Study and Prayer Group for adults Women's Ministry
18	6:00 PM	Food & Fellowship at Diner 54 - 2700 S Baltimore
20	1:00 PM	Christmas caroling
21	6:00 PM	Children's Christmas Program
23	8:30 AM 9:30 AM 6:00 PM	Newsletter articles due The Pines Services Couples Bible Study - 26010 Hwy 63
24	6:00 PM	Christmas Eve—office closed Candlelight Christmas Eve service
25		Christmas Day—office closed
28	2:00 PM	The Pines Services
29	7:00 PM	Men's Monday Night Football 19436 Tamarack Trl
30	9:30 AM 6:00 PM	The Pines Services Couples Bible Study - 26010 Hwy 63
31		New Year's Eve—office closed



December Birthdays

1 - Remy Martin
 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





WHO IS LOTTIE MOON?

On July 7, 1873, Charlotte “Lottie” Moon was appointed as a missionary to China. With a bold spirit and a heart full of love for the Lord, she dedicated her life to sharing the gospel with the people of China — faithfully serving until her passing on December 24, 1912.

Lottie's life was marked by deep compassion, courageous obedience, and tireless commitment to God's call. Her sacrificial life demonstrated the impact one person can have when fully surrendered to Christ. She inspired many others to consider their role in missions.

Through her heartfelt letters home, Lottie encouraged churches to support missions through their prayers and giving. Those efforts led to the creation of the **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® for International Missions**, which continues today — supporting missionaries around the world as they share the hope of Christ.

Lottie's story reminds us that faithful service to God can make an eternal impact. **You can make an eternal impact too, following Lottie's example — by praying fervently for missionaries around the world and giving sacrificially to help take the gospel to the nations.**



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The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering supports Southern Baptist missionaries around the world. This offering has been instrumental in funding the work of over 3,500 missionaries, enabling them to share the gospel and provide assistance to those in need. Our goal at HSBC is \$2,250. How will you help?

The Personnel Committee is collecting offerings for the staff for Christmas. If you would like to contribute you may contact a Personnel Committee member: Phyllis Hamilton, Mike Hartman, Julie Sneddon, Sue Sprague, or Dan Willis. Gifts will be collected until December 7 and presented to the staff on December 14.

Special December Events

December 14 6:00 PM

Our Christmas—sign up in foyer

December 20 1:00 PM

Christmas caroling

December 21 6:00 PM

Children's Christmas program

December 24 6:00 PM

Candlelight Christmas Eve service

Children's Workers for December

Children's Church

December 7 - Renee Sweeney & Alicia Marschel

December 14 - Chelsea Phan & Jamie Edmondson

December 21 - No workers

December 28 - Debbie Athon & Ginger Reed

Nursery

Jessica Martin, Chelsea Phan, Jamie Edmondson

Lily & Asher Martin

Lily Martin & Jamie Edmondson

Glenda Baggs & Elaine Brown

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. Please be alert to those who might have questions about why this birth is so important or what Jesus was about after the birth. And be prepared to respond!

The season is also a time to reflect on how to deepen a personal relationship with God. As always, I'm recommending Small Group Bible study as a part of that reflection! It's a place to connect to like-minded people, to grow in an understanding of God's plans, and to find opportunities to serve in our church.

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

May you have a blessed Christmas!

Elsie Rudd, Sunday Morning Small Group Director

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These ladies to the right have been your Wednesday night crew for meals the past few months. Be sure to tell them thank you before they hang up their aprons until January. Meals will be served December 3 & 10. Also thank the Martin family for providing desserts each week.



Men's Breakfast

December 6 - 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 December 1, 15, and 29 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.



Nominating Committee Report

We would like to thank the church for allowing us to serve you in the past year and hope that we have served you in line with your expectations, as we presented people for your approval at the church-wide business meetings. We would like to also thank Linda Brown and Leon Hutcheson, who are going off the committee, for their faithful service through these last few years. They have both been willing and joyful servants as we sought to match our members' gifts with open places of service.

We would also be amiss if we did not thank each of you who have faithfully answered God's call to fill (or not fill) a position that we presented to you. We hope never to be a committee who uses guilt motivation to fill a position, as we realize it is not our job to fill nor get a desired answer; rather it is our job to offer and your job to discover what God wants you to do with that opportunity. So thank you to each of you for your faithfulness to Him who calls us into service.

We are grateful that most every position is filled at this point. We had those ready to present at the November business meeting, but did not have a quorum present. Therefore, no action could take place. We will need to wait until the January business meeting to approve new workers for 2026. Nonetheless, we look forward to another new year serving alongside you. If you have recommendations or questions for our committee, please do not hesitate to contact one of us—Doug Athon, Lana Brown, Laura Brown.

Worship Opportunities!

It's almost time for that season that some consider the most joyous! The Christmas Season is an interesting time when many who don't even yet know Jesus will sing songs about his birth and God's love. One of my fondest memories of this season was when I was a young child and would get the opportunity to go Christmas caroling with some neighborhood families. I did not yet know the significance of the lyrics I was singing, but I understood that there was something different about this time of year that seemed to bring joy to so many.

How blessed we are as believers to sing these songs as acts of worship to our Lord and Savior!

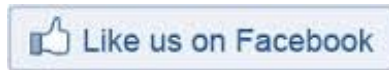
Speaking of singing, we are planning to do Christmas caroling again this year. What a blessing it was to have so many of us involved in this event last year! It can be so rewarding sharing the joy of Jesus' birth with others. Make plans to join us on **Saturday, December 20th at 1:00 PM for Christmas caroling**. We will meet at HSBC and caravan to nursing homes here in Kirksville to share the joy of the holiday season by singing familiar carols up and down the halls. Afterward, we will meet back at the church for some hot cocoa and sweet fellowship.

Also this year, we are planning to bring back **"Our Christmas."** This is a **special evening service** to be held on **Sunday, December 14th at 6:00 PM**. This service is an opportunity for each of you to be involved! In the past, we have had individuals, friends, and families bring special music, poems, readings, and other testimonies regarding the Christmas season. Please sign up in the foyer for your opportunity to participate in this service. Whether or not you are bringing something to share, please plan to attend and support your HSBC family as we honor God through our various gifts and talents. And finally, remember to invite friends, families, neighbors, and strangers to join us for our **Christmas Eve candlelight service December 24th at 6:00 PM**.

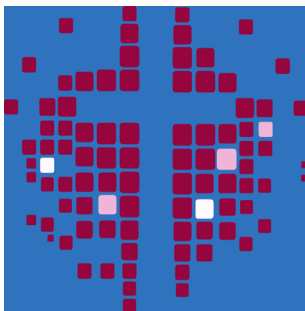
As you go through this holiday season, take time to slow down and listen to the lyrics of the songs you sing – especially familiar Christmas carols. All too often we may sing right past a familiar lyric and miss the significance of the very words we are singing. And remember, "Joy to the World! The Lord is Come; Let earth receive her King."

-- Chad Tatro, Fill-In Worship Leader

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Return Service Requested



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Experience Community

Serve Others

Share Jesus

Mark Your Calendars - Upcoming Service Dates

Manor Care Services - December 7

Mobile Food Pantry - December 13

The Pines Services - December 28