2010

Hamilton Street Baptist Church Newsletter

Essential Church for all the seasons of life.

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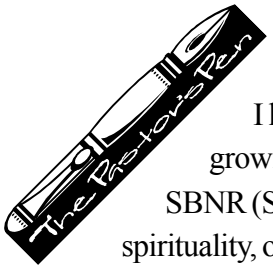

I have been challenged recently by an article describing a growing trend among young adults. They refer to themselves as SBNR (Spiritual But Not Religious). They have a high interest in spirituality, often borrowing preferred beliefs and practices from a variety of religious faiths. They are most known for turning from organized religion because they feel it often results only in power struggles.

Unfortuantely, I have to admit that we have been often found guilty of that final charge. That is why it is so important that we check our selfishness and selfcenteredness at the door and make following Christ our priority. These SBNR's are still spiritually lost without Christ, but we do not want our un-Christlike behavior to give them reason to turn away from the gospel.

On a very positive note, I want to commend everyone who attended our last Business Meeting. We worked through our Building Evaluation Committee Report in a very harmonious way. We have approved providing more preschool educational space as our next priority and have even begun receiving nominations for a new Building Committee. Great job!

Serving with you,

Pastor Charles

pastorchas@sbcglobal.net

Now, you can listen to weekly sermons or read the newsletter online. Check it out!
www.hamiltonstreet.org

Women's Ministry

Our women's ministry service team is busily working on several projects.

This month, we are introducing an on-going project where we will be making and delivering treats each month for various public servants. Our first recipient will be the Kirksville Police Department.

In addition to taking the treats, we will also be praying for them in our Sunday morning services and during our Wednesday evening prayer time.

If you would like to make treats, please sign up in the foyer.

Our women's ministry service team is also seeking volunteers to serve lunches for the Food 4 Kids program Monday through Friday, the week of August 2nd – August 6th.

Three volunteers are needed Monday through Thursday to package the lunches from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the old Kirksville Christian High and Elementary School on North Elson.

Three more volunteers are needed Monday - Friday at each of three of our four city parks. The three parks we will be serving are J.C., Memorial, and PC Mills. This time commitment should be no more than about 11:30 am – 1:15 pm each day you serve. Each day, one volunteer assigned to each park will need to pick up the pre-packaged lunches at 11:30 am, and return the coolers and unused lunches after 1 pm.

Ladies, feel free to get your husbands involved, and have them join you on this service project.

There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer.

Other short term self-contained service projects are being organized. Look for more opportunities to be involved in our community through women's ministry in the future.

If you have an idea for a service project, please contact me.

Save the Date: Thursday, August 26th

You won't want to miss this fun event! Mark your calendars now for our Fall Women's Ministry Kickoff, *Girlfriends' Gala*. Start inviting your friends now for our Shop 'til You Drop night with refreshments at the Death by Chocolate Bar. Watch for more details in next month's newsletter.

Kay Shelby, Women's Ministry Director
627-5322, or kayshelby@sbcglobal.net

Tuesday
July 31st
6:30 p.m.

Invite a friend or two to join us!
See you here!

Nominating Committee

I love summer at HSBC! We just had a fantastic service/lake baptism at Thousand Hills, we're gearing up for Vacation Bible School and plans are well underway for Worship in the Park. How exciting to be a part of planning and participating in these (and many other) church activities.

In the past, HSBC had an Activities Committee whose job it was to help plan these types of church-wide activities. Most recently, though, there hasn't been a committee, and individuals have been taking on the responsibility here and there. They've been doing a great job, for sure! But as we continue to plan bigger and better events, we don't want anyone to be unduly burdened with the majority of the planning. Nor do we want to rob others in the church of the blessing of helping coordinate these fun activities.

So...we are looking for volunteers to serve on the Activities Committee. No experience necessary! Just people excited to help out with great HSBC events. If you know someone who fits the bill or are willing yourself, give me a call! If you have questions about what this committee entails, call me for that too. I'd love to chat with you!

Stacy Tucker-Potter,
Nominating Committee Chair

"All human nature vigorously resists grace because grace changes us and the change is painful."

—Flannery O'Connor,
The Habit of Being

Vital Signs

Year to Date (06/16/2010):

Budgeted Offering:	$125,177.26
Received Offering:	$128,441.87
Budget Expenses:	$122,274.09

YTD Average Attendance:

8:30 a.m. Worship:	94
11:00 a.m. Worship:	127
Worship Total:	224
Sunday School:	137

Hamilton Street VBS Registration Form 2010

Child's Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____
Address _____
Mailing Address (if different) _____
Birth date ___/____/_____ **AGE**: _____**Last grade completed**: _____

Parent/Guardian Information
Name: _____
Home _____
Cell _____
E–mail _____

Medical Information
Medical or other information we need to know. (Please include any food allergies.)
_____
_____

Emergency Contacts
Name_____ **Phone number** _____
Name_____ **Phone number** _____

Dismissal Information
Who may pick up your child at the end of each VBS day? Is there anyone who is **NOT** allowed to pick up your child?
_____

Other Information
Do you attend Sunday School? If so where?
_____

May we have permission to photograph your child? Yes No
May we use photographs in our church/public promotion? Yes No

At the June Business Meeting, the Building Evaluation Report was approved with Preschool space being our top priority.

Why is this needed?

In June our preschool space is being used at more than 100% capacity in 3 of our 4 preschool class rooms:

- Nursery 100%
- 18 – 36 Months140 %
- 36 – 48 Months 85%
- 4 – Pre-K 166%

We're still in need of a few workers – especially in the nursery and Pre-school. Even volunteering for one day would be a great help and HUGE blessing to everyone! Contact David Cook or Jill Sayre

CLASS ROOM SETUP

During Office Hours
8 am - 5 pm
Tuesday - Friday, July 6 - 9
and noon - 5 pm
Saturday, July 10

WORKERS MEETING

SUNDAY, JULY 11
5 PM
All ranch dudes & dudettes meet in the sanctuary

The hymn "Be Thou My Vision" started as an ancient Irish folk song. Tradition has it that the song came to be surrounding a story of St. Patrick's gentle defiance of a pagan Irish king. Whatever origins this song has, it came into its present form in the early 20th century, when it was translated into English by the Irish woman Mary Byrne, and then several years later was versified by Eleanor Hull. It is a beautiful hymn of adoration and devotion that from that time has become a treasured work of art in churches across the globe. Due to space restrictions in this newsletter we will just look at the first two verses of this hymn.

"Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart" is the first line of the hymn. These words are sung so often that it is easy to forget what they imply. The choice to begin the song with this request that the Lord "be our vision" is truly interesting. Is it not our eyes that are our guide as we walk through our days? We retrieve so much information about our environment through our eyes. What if we were to see what God sees? How would our lives be different? The "vision" also has the connotations of decision-making and planning for the future. When we ask the Lord to be our vision, we are allowing Him sovereignty over every decision we make, no matter how big or small. His vision shows us the poor and needy around us and the path we are to go by, and we must sacrifice our own vision, our own desires, in order to obey. The eponymous line is truly a hard prayer to pray.

The first verse finishes with this proclamation that the Lord is all we need; day and night, He sustains us: "Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art / Thou my best thought by day or by night / Waking or sleeping, Thy presence, my light." All else is nothing, when compared to the Lord! As John 1:3 says, all that exists is because of Him!

The second verse begins with a petition that the Lord be "wisdom" and "true word" for us. This continues the theme laid down in the first two lines of the song, that God be the Lord of our decisions and in control of our lives. Proverbs 9:10 says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." These words have such weight. The next lyrics "I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord / Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son / Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one" paint a portrait of the intimacy between God and Christian. It is intimacy likened to that between a father and son. The Lord is our Father, our loving and protecting Caregiver, and He gives us the righteousness of Christ's blood and the grace of the Holy Spirit, by whose power we become sanctified, growing more and more in Christ-likeness.

What deep words! This hymn is one of my favorites, and I hope it is one of yours as well. As we live in light of the Lord's grace, pray that He be our Vision.

Joshua T. Smith,
Hebrews 13:20-21
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The Mission of HSBC

Honor God's Truth
Share the Gospel
Build Believers
Care for Others

Lost Members

We have many people on our membership roster with whom we have lost contact. For the following few months, we will be publishing those member's names and birthdays, if known. For these people, we do not have an address, phone number or email address. If you can provide *any* information about them, please contact the church office.

Brenda Johnson	
Barbara Jorgenson	11/9/1952
Caroline Kanatzer	
Laura Kelly	2/13/1966
Martha Kelsey	9/11/1948
Patty Kelsey	
Julie Kenny	8/26/1965
Sandra Kirkpatrick	9/2/1966
Stacie Kirkpatrick	
Tammy Kirkpatrick	6/24/1966
William Knause	
Larry Kuner	
Jean Lackey	5/14/1944
Virgil Lackey	8/15/1942
Daralene Lague	
Ida Lawson	6/3/1955
Violet Ledford	9/9/1954
Walter Leslie	4/11/1948
Julia Lloyd	6/1/1961
Michael Lloyd	
Tamera Rebecca Lloyd	4/3/1958
Tony Lloyd	11/20/1970
Chuck Long	
Mike Louder	11/11/1955
Connie Lucke	9/9/1953
Kelly Lyons	2/1/1968

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose,
But mosquitoes come close.

JULY CALENDAR

July 4		No Evening Service
July 5		Independence Day Holiday, Office Closed
	9:30 a.m.	The Arbors
July 6	9:30 a.m.	Twin Pines
	7:00 p.m.	Music Committee
July 6-9	8:00 - 5:00 p.m.	VBS Classroom Set Up
July 7	6:00 p.m.	Prayer
	6:30 p.m.	Co-ed Adult Study / Youth
July 10	9:00 a.m.	Children Worker's Training Meeting
	Noon - 5:00 p.m.	VBS Classroom Set Up
July 11	5:00 p.m.	VBS Workers Meeting
July 11-15	6:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
July 13	9:30 a.m.	Twin Pines
July 16-18		Assoc. Youth Camp at Grand Oaks
July16	1:30 p.m.	Women on Mission (WMU)
July 18	3:00 p.m.	Kirksville Manor Care
July 20	9:30 a.m.	Twin Pines
July 21	6:00 p.m.	Prayer
	6:30 p.m.	Co-ed Adult Study / Youth
	7:30 p.m.	Finance Committee
July 22		Newsletter Items Due
	6:30 p.m.	Thousand Hills Executive Board Meeting, Fellowship Baptist Church
July 24	4:00 p.m.	Hydroblast, Rotary Park
July 27	9:30 a.m.	Twin Pines
	6:30 p.m.	Deacons Meeting
		Ladies' Craft Night, HSBC
July 28	6:00 p.m.	Prayer
	6:30 p.m.	Co-ed Adult Study / Youth
	7:30 p.m.	Nominating Committee
July 31	7:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast, Rosie's Northtown Café
	11:00 a.m.	Beach Ottumwa

Whenever you see an elephant, please remember to pray for Josh, Kimbre & the girls. You will find one (or more) pictures of an elephant in each newsletter.

Missions Update on The Refuge

We met with the cemetery board, which is in charge of The Refuge church building. They agreed to allow us to hold a Christian concert at that location with two purposes in mind – look for people who would be interested in a church start in the area, while at the same time collecting a love offering that will go to roof repairs on The Refuge church building.

We will be needing volunteers to help canvass the area with invitations to the concert, as well as need help to clean the building in preparation for the concert. We will inform you on dates once we have solidified our plans!

David Cook, Missions Committee Chair

The purpose of the Church is to glorify God by fulfilling the Great Commandment

([36]"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" [37]Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' [38]This is the first and greatest commandment. [39]And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' [40]All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." Matthew 22:36-40)

and the Great Commission

(*[18]Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. [19]Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20]and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20).*

Summary of Church Council Agenda Items

Church Council recently discussed the following subjects.

Summer Mission Possibilities – No responses from the agencies have been received.

Adult Ministry – A possible survey for adult ministry was reviewed with a few additions made. This will be included in the newsletter and available in the foyer. It will then be mailed out to those adults from our church who did not respond.

Worship in the Park – Planning has begun for Worship in the Park on August 29th. Some assignments were made, others confirmed, and some people will be contacted. It was agreed the same menu is appropriate this year. For additional publicity, it was suggested we look into the cost of yard signs.

Back to Church Sunday, September 12, 2010 – It was agreed to participate in a national emphasis for Back to Church Sunday on September 12th.

Church Activities Committee – The Nominating Committee requested and Church Council agreed to increase the number of Church Activities committee members from three to five. Church Council will make this recommendation at the August business meeting.

Pastoral Ministry – Pastor Charles reported we are in need of a comprehensive visiting program to minister to all of our families. The deacons may not be able to accommodate this need. He described this as an urgent need at this time.

Preschool Space – In June we are over square footage recommendations in all of our current classrooms, with the nursery at 100% capacity, 18-36 months at 140% capacity, 36-48 months at 85% capacity, and 4s-PreK is at 166% capacity.

Noting classroom space issues, questions were raised about moving Children's Church to a larger classroom. Pastor Charles replied that if walls or tables need to be moved, volunteers would need to be secured to do this, or the weekend custodian would need to be hired.

July Church Council – Noting that nothing significant to discuss is upcoming in July, it was decided to next meet in August.

Sunday School NEWS

There is a murmur that one of the adult SS classes is birthing a new class. "Missionaries" from the existing class will provide a core and the class will grow from there! Watch for exciting details in the bulletin!

If you've been thinking about trying out SS, but don't want to have to figure out all the pre-existing traditions of a class—here's your opportunity to be part of the groundwork for a new venture. Let me know if you are interested!

Sunday School is still a great way to meet like-minded people, to be involved in a regular Bible study, to become involved in caring for each other, and to grow as a Christian. As the 3rd -5th graders are learning in their prayer unit, connections are very important—connections to God and connections to one another. Don't miss out!

Let me know if you I can help you find the class that's waiting for you!

Elsie Rudd, Sunday School Director

The Sunday Morning College class will meet with Strength Training for the summer, which is located across from the bathrooms in the Education Wing.

VBS Round-up in the Park!

Saturday, August 14

We will be joining the other three Baptist churches to have one massive round-up in the park!

More details to follow…..

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Hello Fellow Christians,

It is a blessing to me that I have been called to serve you and the Church through the position of Wednesday Night Children's Coordinator. To give you a little background on myself, it is because of a Wednesday Night Program that I was brought to Christ. Having never attended church as a child, I was invited by a friend to a Wednesday Night Youth Program. Feeling a connection to those around me and to God, I realized I was missing something in my life even as a young child. I started attending the Wednesday Night Program regularly and also the church. I later accepted Christ and now, 15 years later, am looking for ways to continually draw closer to Him through my journey as a Christian. I know God has called me and my family to Hamilton Street and I hope that as the new Wednesday Night Children's Coordinator I can help serve Him better.

Part of this call for me is to look for those of you who also feel called to help serve Him and the church through your time teaching our children on Wednesday night. We could not provide this opportunity for our kids to grow closer to Christ without your time, effort and love. It is greatly appreciated and valued by all those lives you touch. I know that on Wednesday night it is easy to find other ways to spend your time, but choosing to attend and help is a way that you can give back and show others how Christ has impacted your life. Like you, I would also enjoy listening to the thoughtful teachings of Pastor Charles, Kevin Martin, Sarah Mack, David Cook and others, than taking time out to teach, but I also recognize that I need to devote part of my time to serving the children in our church. These kids are just beginning to take root in the love of Christ. If we each do not take the time to feed, water and let the Lord shine the light, that plant will not take hold and grow. We can't miss the opportunity to show the children that they are worthy of our time and talents by serving them. They are in fact the future of our church. The time invested in them and their walk with Christ, is our way to ensure that Hamilton Street will continue to grow and draw others to Christ.

If you feel called this next fall (which I know sounds like a long way away considering it is just June as I write this) to teach in a children's class, I am already starting to plan for classroom teachers. My sister, Tiffany Athon, and I have volunteered to teach grades 1-5 for the first semester and Tanya Tatro and Donna Briscoe are planning to teach the second semester. I am still looking for volunteers to fill in for the nursery and pre-K-K. I would prefer to fill those slots in one-month blocks to allow time for the students to foster a relationship with their classroom teachers. I am asking that you would devote just four nights of your time away from the class you would usually attend, so that you have an opportunity to touch the lives of children who are seeking Christ. If you would like to donate your time, please contact me.

In Christ's Love,

Tabith Cleaver,
Wednesday Night Children's Coordinator

Saturday, July 31
7:00 a.m.
Rosie's Northtown Cafe
Contact Doug Athon

WOMEN ON MISSION

We are on our way in saving a 'mile of pennies' for Pure Water, Pure Love. Keep the pennies coming. Of course, if you are so inclined, anything more than pennies is perfectly acceptable. Thanks.

We desire to see a good group from Hamilton Street Baptist Church at the WMU Thousand Hills Associational Meeting to be held at First Baptist Church in Kirksville, on Tuesday, July 13th, 7 p.m. HSBC will be furnishing the special music for the evening. If you would like a ride, we will be leaving from the church at 6:30 p.m.

At our June meeting, we looked again at Shepherds Ministries in Wisconsin. The box is in the foyer where we collect labels from Campbells products to send to this ministry. The young man for whom this ministry was originated passed away this past November. If you are not familiar with this ministry, feel free to ask any of us in WMU and we will be glad to share with you.

WMU has over 150 different areas of reaching others with the Word of God and His love for them. We are discussing some of these at each of our meetings. A.T. Ministry - Appalacian Trail Ministry - was presented at our June meeting. It is a tremendous outreach to those who walk this 2175 mile trail. Pray for those who minister there.

Our next meeting will be held on Friday, July 16th, 1:30 p.m., at the church. Plan now to attend as we will be sharing more WMU ministies with you. Bring someone with you that we may share fellowship and learn together where God is working as well as where we can pray for and be involved in. Our God is an awesome God. Let Him work thru us.

Sharon Schesvold,
Women On Mission Director

Hamilton Street Baptist Church
Adult Ministry Questionnaire

We are in the process of developing an adult ministry for our church for adults ages 50 up. Please fill out this survey and mark any areas for which you might have interest.

Name _____

Address_____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Please list activities that you are currently participating in.

___ Morning Worship ___ Sunday School ___ Evening Worship
___ Wednesday Night ___ Women's Bible Study ___ Women on Mission (WMU)
___ Men's Breakfast ___ Choir

Please mark any activities or support in which you might be interested.

Bible Study:
___ Mixed adult Bible Studies ___ Men's Bible studies ___ Women's Bible study
___ Sunday School class

Fellowship:
___ Monthly or other adult programs (probably with meal)
___ Regular mixed adult luncheons (or other times) ___ Regular men's fellowships (with food)
___ Regular women's luncheons (or other times) ___ Men's events (hunting fishing, etc.)
___ Adult day trips (Jamesport, shopping, etc.) ___ Adult overnight trips (Branson, etc.)
___ Knitting, sewing, quilting, etc. groups ___ Gardening
___ Hobby groups ___ Other _____

Ministry:
___ Taking part in mission trips: ___ Construction ___ Teaching (VBS, etc.) ___ Evangelism
___ Prayer walking ___ In State ___ In the US ___ International

___ Providing transportation for doctor's visits, etc. ___ Card ministry
___ Providing meals for others in need ___ House cleaning/helping for those in need
___ Making hospital/nursing homes/shut in visits ___ Prayer group
___ Other _____

Support Needs:
___ I need transportation to church events. ___ I would like videos of services.
___ I need help with house care. ___ I need transportation to doctors, etc.
___ I would like someone to visit with me regularly. ___ I need _____

Other Interests:

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 11-15
6:00 - 8:35 pm

for ages 3 years - 8th grade

Service Times

Sunday:	8:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship
	9:45 a.m.	Bible Study
	11:00 a.m.	Contemporary Worship
	5:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 p.m.	Worship
Wednesday:	6:00 p.m.	Prayer
	6:30 p.m.	Co-ed Adult Study/ Youth

Looking Forward

August 2 -6	Associational Children's Camp, Grand Oaks
August 14	VBS Roundup, Rotary Park
	Youth & Family Movie Night, Rehoboth
August 26	Girlfriends' Gala
August 29	Worship in the Park
September 1	Back to School Bash
September 6	Labor Day, Office Closed
September 8	Wednesday Night Programming Begins
September 12	Lord's Supper Services