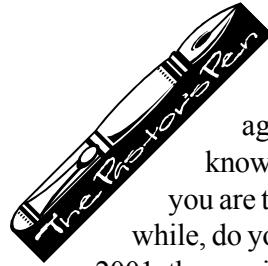




Hamilton Street Baptist Church Newsletter

2011

Essential Church for all the seasons of life.



If you were at the Building Presentation a couple of weeks ago, or have seen the drawings in the Church Foyer, you know we are getting closer to finalizing some building plans. If you are thinking that we have been dealing with this for quite a while, do you know that it really began much earlier? In October of 2001, the previous Building Committee presented and received over a 2/3 affirmative vote to build "Phase 1," the current Education Building and to later "complete the design of Phase 2 of the Master Site Plan."

For the past couple of years we have been working through the "Phase 2" aspect of that 2001 church action. We have assessed need through a Building Evaluation Committee. As a result, it was determined and approved by the church that our greatest current need was more preschool space. The church appointed a Building Committee to bring a recommendation of how to provide more preschool space. They have met, prayed and planned. With church approval they have hired a local architect to prepare some concept drawings and floor plans. You will find a copy of this elsewhere in the newsletter and in the Foyer at church. The Building Committee is now ready to ask you to approve the current design. If approved, this will complete "the design of Phase 2 of the Master Site Plan" of the original motion. That will be presented at the May Business Meeting.

Once that is approved, then we will need to address how we will fund and finance the project. That will probably be done through a capital fund raising process (pledging), like we did with the previous building. After that is completed and needed goals are met, we will be ready for a final presentation of plans and costs and with church approval to build, complete the process that started nearly ten years ago.

Each step along the way each committee has prayerfully sought to be open and transparent about the process. The church has been fully informed each step of the way. The desire is that our decision, whatever that may be, will further unify us and strengthen the Lord's work through His church. This is also a consideration that will require God's blessing to be completed.

Be much in prayer over these coming decisions.

Pastor Charles

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If April showers bring May flowers, a fragrant offering is in store for us. I

pray our relationship to God offers a fragrant offering to Him as well whether you find a deeper connection to Christ through Women's Ministry or through another ministry at HSBC.

Leadership

Because we are actually concluding our Women's Ministry year, I have begun meeting with the leadership of the various Women's Ministry teams to evaluate what went well, as well as how we can improve our serve. I am also asking for recommitments from leadership, and, thankfully, most continue to feel God's call on their lives to remain serving God in this area.

As the new Women's Ministry year is being planned and new leaders are brought on board, if you are interested in serving anywhere in Women's Ministry, *please* contact me. Maybe you have some ideas or suggestions for what you would like to see Women's Ministry do (or drop) next year. I would very much like to know those thoughts as well. My personal contact info is at the bottom of this article, and of course, you're always welcome to call or drop by the church to talk with me.

Discipleship

We concluded our spring Bible studies last month, but after meeting with

our Bible study leadership, we discovered some of us still want to get together for Bible study this summer. So, I am opening my home on Monday nights from 6:30 – 8:30 pm beginning May 16 for any woman who would like to do a verse-by-verse study of a book of the Bible. This group will be very loosely structured. For more information, contact Brenda Jones, or Lorri Landon.

Fellowship

Our every-other month Ladies' Carry-In Lunch will continue over the summer. Our next lunch will be in June. Child care is not provided, but children are always welcome at this luncheon.

We are looking for one or more women who would like to oversee this activity. Setting out tableware, preparing beverages, and clean up takes very little time and would be a huge help. If you would like to volunteer, please let me know.

Fellowship is one area where are seeking leaders for our next year of ministry. If you would like to serve in this area, please contact me.

Service

Our May Public Servants of the Month are the teachers, administrators and others who work at Kirksville Senior High School. We'll need the equivalent of about 20 dozen treats. Please deliver your donation to the church no later than Wednesday, May 18th at 2 p.m.

Suggestions: chips & dip, crackers & cheese, etc. as well as cakes, sweet breads, muffins, cupcakes, cookies. Contact Vickie Rudd

We are planning one craft night during the summer. Watch the bulletins

& newsletters for more information to come. Contact Stacy Tucker-Potter.

Love, Lily continues to receive homemade layette items. If you have made something to donate, you may drop it by the church or give it directly to Stacy Tucker-Potter.

Conferences

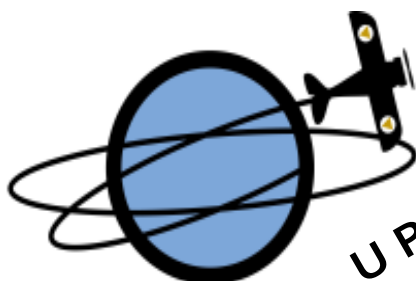
We have one conference in our plans for fall, Women of Faith, in November in Kansas City. Please be praying if this is an event God would like you to attend, and if so, you can begin budgeting. Cost will be determined later, but in the interest of saving money and developing deeper relationships, we'll be foregoing the cost of a motel in favor of bunking with Stacy Tucker-Potter's family.

Prayer

Our prayer team has been busy all year praying for each activity, Bible study, and ministry event. And God has answered in huge ways. Praise God with us for this group of women who undergird the Women's Ministry with their fervent prayers. They would also like to pray for you and your individual need. Contact Jane Jackson, to share a need.

I am very grateful for everyone who participated in our women's ministry Bible studies and events this year. I thought our leadership did a great job with new tasks. Thanks to all for making this a memorable year!

Kay Shelby, Women's Ministry Director
660-349-7268, kayshelby@sbcglobal.net



MISSION TRIP 2011

Park Hills, MO

July 24 - 29

We'll be helping with VBS and light construction

Sign up in the Foyer!
Housing & meals provided.

Vital Signs

Year to Date (04/20/2011):

Budgeted Offering:	\$89,787.88
Received Offering:	\$84,430.78
Budget Expenses:	\$81,472.94

YTD Average Attendance:

8:30 a.m. Worship:	105
11:00 a.m. Worship:	130
Worship Total:	235
Sunday School:	146

MISSION TRIP

MAY CALENDAR

May 1	12:00 p.m.	D6 Celebration: Hear O Hamilton Street! Fellowship Hall
May 2	9:30 a.m.	The Arbors
May 3	9:30 a.m.	Twin Pines
May 4	6:00 p.m.	Prayer
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study / Youth
	7:30 p.m.	Nominating Committee
May 5		National Day of Prayer
	10:30 a.m.	Kirksville Manor Care NDOP Observance
	12:10 p.m.	Community NDOP Observance, Courthouse
May 8		Mother's Day
	11:00 a.m.	Parent Baby Dedication
May 9		Book of Reports Submissions Due
May 10	9:30 a.m.	Twin Pines
	6:00 p.m.	Church Outreach & Visitation
May 11	6:00 p.m.	Prayer
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study / Youth
May 13	7:00 p.m.	The Panches Family Bluegrass Concert
May 14	12:00 p.m.	Youth Group Picnic, Brashear Park
May 15	12:00 p.m.	Carry-In Lunch Fellowship in Honor of Josh Smith's Last Day
	6:00 p.m.	Business Meeting
May 17	6:00 p.m.	Prayer
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study / Youth
May 18	6:00 p.m.	Prayer
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study / Youth
	7:30 p.m.	Church Council
May 19		Newsletter Items Due
May 22	11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Promotion
May 24	9:30 a.m.	Twin Pines
	6:30 p.m.	Deacons Meeting
May 28	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast, Rosie's Northtown Café
May 30		Memorial Day, Office Closed
May 31	9:30 a.m.	Twin Pines



Over the past couple of years we have grown very accustomed to seeing Josh Smith leading singing during the Traditional Worship Service or leading the Praise Team during Contemporary Worship. We have seen him grow and mature in his worship leadership, leading the choir and Praise Team. We have appreciated his friendliness that was shown to all of our worshippers, regardless of age. More than everything else, we have been blessed by his heart for worship. That time is very soon coming to an end.

Josh has graduated from Truman and will be getting married in the middle of the month. Josh's new wife will be teaching school near Peoria, so it is time that we must say "goodbye" to Josh and thank him for two very blessed years of worship leadership with us. Over the past few weeks many have voiced the same comment: "I'm sure going to miss him."

We will, but we pray God's best for Josh and his wife to be, Rachel.

To show our appreciation to Josh, there will a going away carry-in luncheon after second services on Sunday, May 15. We will also have a money tree in the Foyer that Sunday. You can place cash gifts or checks on the tree and it will presented to him at the luncheon.

(For tax purposes, if you write a check, make it payable to Josh Smith. Please do not write it to the church.)



Six elephants are hidden in this newsletter. Can you find them all? Remember to pray for our friends in far away places whenever you see an elephant!

From the Desk of the Music Minister



As you all know by now, this month marks my last few weeks of leading Sunday services here at Hamilton Street. May 15 is my last Sunday worshipping with you from the stage. On May 21 I marry the love of my life, Rachel Harvey. We plan to reside in Peoria, Illinois, where we went to high school together.

I feel that the Lord is calling me out of vocational ministry at this time in order to focus on strengthening various spiritual disciplines that I have struggled to maintain the last few years. I do not know where He is calling me for the time being. I know that I am called to worship ministry, to lead and challenge through music and the arts. But His will has been made clear to me that there are things I need to work on before I step into such a position again.

This is a bittersweet time for me. The Lord has been incredibly gracious in allowing me to find here in Kirksville a fantastic church home. As I made the transition from semi-regular college student attendee to the minister of music, the church body was generously accepting and loving. Throughout my two years of stumbling through leading a music ministry while simultaneously

finishing college, you all have been patient as I made mistakes, eager as I tried new things, and most of all encouraging and loving with your words and gifts. After two years in this extraordinary position, I've discovered a resolute sense of belonging as I prepared for services early Sunday morning. It indeed saddens me to have to leave. I love this church, and I love you all. Your friendships mean so much. And no matter where the Lord leads me in life, I know I will always have a home back in Kirksville, Missouri.

Thank you for the opportunity to worship and serve alongside you. Thank you for your love and encouragement. May God continue to bless you, to challenge you, and to grow you.

Joshua T. Smith,
Hebrews 13:20-21

Sunday School NEWS

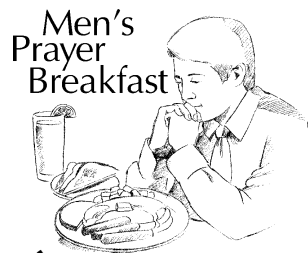
The Sunday School year is nearing a close. We'll celebrate the promotion of the children to their new classes on May 22 (in the 11:00 service), with the new SS year starting June 1. It's good to watch these amazing young people grow and change, both physically and spiritually.

Of course, we're all changing all the time. It's just more obvious with kids, and the changes are largely positive. For many of us, the physical changes are not so welcome! However, we should all be "growing up" spiritually, and those changes will make us more patient, kinder, more loving, more faithful, more gentle, and the other fruit of the Spirit listed in Galatians 5.

In the Easter sermon, Pastor Charles read a message from his high school yearbook. The gist of it was "The conversion of the soul is the miracle of a moment. The growth of a Christian is the work of a lifetime." Are you working at your Christian growth? Are you in a study of God's Word? In fellowship with other believers? Ministering to others? Serving God? Reaching out to others? I know a place that will support you in efforts to do all of these things—a Sunday School class!

As we move into summer mode and to the new studies of the new SS year, this could be a terrific time to become involved in Bible study. I would be happy to help you find a Sunday morning study group.

Elsie Rudd, Sunday School Director

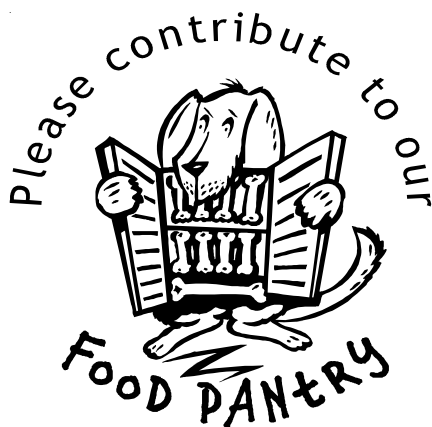


Men's Prayer Breakfast

Time Change!

Saturday, May 28
8:00 a.m.

Rosie's Northtown Cafe
Contact Doug Athon



The Mission of HSBC

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

UNCLAIMED DISHES

Please take home
your dishes from
the church kitchen



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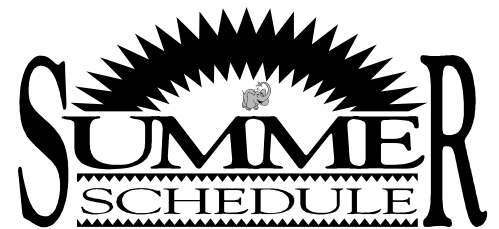


VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 10-14

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Sign up in the foyer,
or
contact VBS Directors:
Cheryl Flaim
or
Sara Elsea



May 15

Josh Smith's Last Day
Carry-In Lunch after 11 am service

June 6 - 10

Associational Children's Camp
Grand Oaks, Chillicothe

June 26

Lake Picnic & Baptism

July 10 - 14

Vacation Bible School

July 15 - 17

Associational Youth Camp
Grand Oaks, Chillicothe

July 24 - 29

Mission Trip, Park Hills, MO

August 28

Worship in the Park

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 5**

Pastor Charles will bring the message
at Kirksville Manor Care's observation of
National Day of Prayer.
Their service begins at 10:30 a.m.
and is open to the public.

Then meet on the south lawn of the
Courthouse from 12:10 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.
for community prayer.



Confessions Of The World's Worst Evangelist

You can teach an old dog new tricks.

For years I've hidden behind the excuse that "I'm the world's worst evangelist." I was right. But that's not the point.

1. It's not about me.

Mission is not about us. It's about God and what he has done through Christ. It's about what Jesus continues to do today through us by the power of the Spirit.

No more excuses. God is already at work.

For years I've been telling people, "I'm the world's worst evangelist." It was an excuse. It was about me, not about what God was doing.

One Sunday afternoon Michelle and I started walking around looking for "persons of peace." It took half an hour to find our first one. Now we have a thriving ministry to people from all over the globe living on our doorstep. Monday night we'll baptize three new believers. I'm still the world's worst evangelist, but that no longer stops me stepping out in faith to see what God is going to do.

2. Share the gospel—leave the results to God.

The gospel of our good deeds is a shadow. The gospel of our church cannot save. The gospel of our political agendas is a distraction. The gospel of our silence is unloving.

The only hope for this lost world is the death and resurrection of Jesus—Christ in us, the hope of glory.

If this is true, why are we so slow to share it? We talk about "earning the right to speak" as though the Cross is not enough.

I've learnt to share Christ the first time I meet someone. So many of the people I've shared with are now my close friends. Being up front with people has helped them see how important knowing Jesus is. My goal is not to convert anyone, but to find responsive people who want to learn more.

3. Teach them to obey.

The command was never just to teach, it was "teach them to obey everything I have commanded you." That's what discipleship is.

We start discipling people before they have decided to follow Jesus. I regularly meet with people who grew up in Communist countries. Some are still members of the Party. They're atheists.

We read a simple bible story—the Good Samaritan or the Prodigal Son—I don't teach I ask questions. "What is this saying to you?" "What does this tell us about God? about humanity?" "If this story is true, what difference would it make to your life this week?" "Who could you tell this story to?"

I want them to discover Jesus for themselves and to begin learning to obey him.

I finish up by asking how I can pray for them. Then we pray. You would be amazed at how many atheists are touched by your prayer for them.

You'd be surprised how many come back the next week and tell me how the God they don't believe in has answered our prayers.

Written by Steve Addison

<http://www.movements.net:80/2011/01/02/confessions-of-the-worlds-worst-evangelist.html>

Summary of Church Council Agenda Items



Church Council recently met and discussed the following items:

Nominating Committee – There is a need for two more members.

Logo Development – An idea has been suggested to a member artist for development.

Building Committee – The building committee reported the process leading up to and presented the proposed building plans. The plans, estimated cost and the presentation were discussed.

Constitution Committee – The committee is not making progress. Other alternatives are being explored.

Deacons – Doug asked if the Men's Breakfast could be moved to 8 a.m. this month and forward.

Requests for Donations – Pastor Charles stated there are a number of requests for various donations ongoing at any time and suggested Finance Committee and Church Council address policy and procedures regarding this.

Kirkville Middle School - 8th Grade:

Alisha Embry William Krause
Dorian Sneddon T. J. Tingley

Kirkville Senior High:

Brooklyn Miller Lauren Mitchell

Undergraduate, Graduate & Technical Degrees:

Amanda Brown Alyson Collins David Cook Dan Elmore
Nicole Merritt Brenda Mitchell Tony Potter Nancy Schlichting
Josh Smith Julie Sneddon



‘I have felt called ever since I was young, and this last semester – it has really grown; I am looking at transferring so I can be a missionary overseas.’ – a freshmen Truman student

‘...I am still working out things with God and my life...small things at a time...but hey, maybe I will see you at FUEL tonight (our student led worship service).’ – a senior Truman student who is slowly re-engaging in a life with Christ...and has found a community here...and the conversations are continuing

‘...we’ll, we thought of this – but you have tried that, and we came up with other ideas-but you have already been doing them...so we just prayed like you asked us to...’ (from a family who has been not attending anywhere for over 9 years...and have been themselves – initiating spiritual conversations with us and started attending a local Baptist church consistently the last month...and just helped us feed some college students involved with our church)

“Hey, do you want to come over and just hang out...I have an hour before class...I will challenge ya to ping pong (which I was terrible at)...’ But during the game and just chit chatting..this student then shared ‘Hey do you have one of the crosses (the symbol of the cross) that I can put on my shelf by my bed with the others (2 other symbols of importance to him from, I believe, the Buddha religion he values) – ‘It feels like something is missing’ he said.

What exciting conversations this past month and a half...what genuine joy to feel invited into the lives of these students, and family – in growing to love them and care about them genuinely – daily – intimately...it is so encouraging to continue to have more and more and more conversations...and more than that...to continue to share our lives..our kids love of them...our own love of them...more and more and more...

The opportunity to help explain who Jesus is...to help bring them to a place where they can meet him a little more and more as they ask and we continue sharing...to not miss Jesus...but to have the chance to get to know Jesus. Yes, we want to continue to be a part of that – and help us Holy Spirit – help us God – help us Jesus – to be about rescuing that guy, that grandma and grandpa, that guy in the apartment, that girl from back home...to be about your mission of rescuing humanity and exalting your name God!

You know...God has always been on a mission...and it seems like it took us as people a little while to come on board with that...”come on board” to the extent that —we were missing it. So we see Christ in his time here on planet earth with us...saying...“A new commandment...”

...the mission...God has always been on a mission..and it is a mission of love...

A new commandment I give you, to love one another... - John 13:34

That is so exciting!
The BSU Tribe!

Greg Xander, HSBC College Ministry



On behalf of the Building Committee, I would like to present to your our plan for the church expansion. Our primary purpose was to add additional preschool space, which was determined to be the primary need by the Building Evaluation Committee and voted on by the church. We feel that this plan not only fulfills that need, but will also allow for our church to expand in the future. We will have 4 new preschool classrooms, each approximately double the size of the current classrooms. This will allow our preschool capacity to grow from approx. 26 to 58 children. Please note the secure check-in and the preschool traffic flow is out of the main hallway, and in a new area.

There is a new fellowship hall/activity center that will be able to be used in all aspects of our church. We will be able to seat an additional 250-300 people. This will also allow us space for worship when sanctuary expansion/remodeling is needed. We have added additional storage for tables and chairs, additional kitchen storage space, maintained restroom access in the foyer, and have convenient nursery access from the sanctuary.

We had a very positive response at the special business meeting, with great suggestions from our members. The preliminary cost of this project is \$675,000. We are very excited to see where God is leading our church!

Building Committee
Tiffany Athon, chairman
Doug Athon
David Lupton
Carl Miller
Allen Noel



A free flowering plant will be given to every mother.

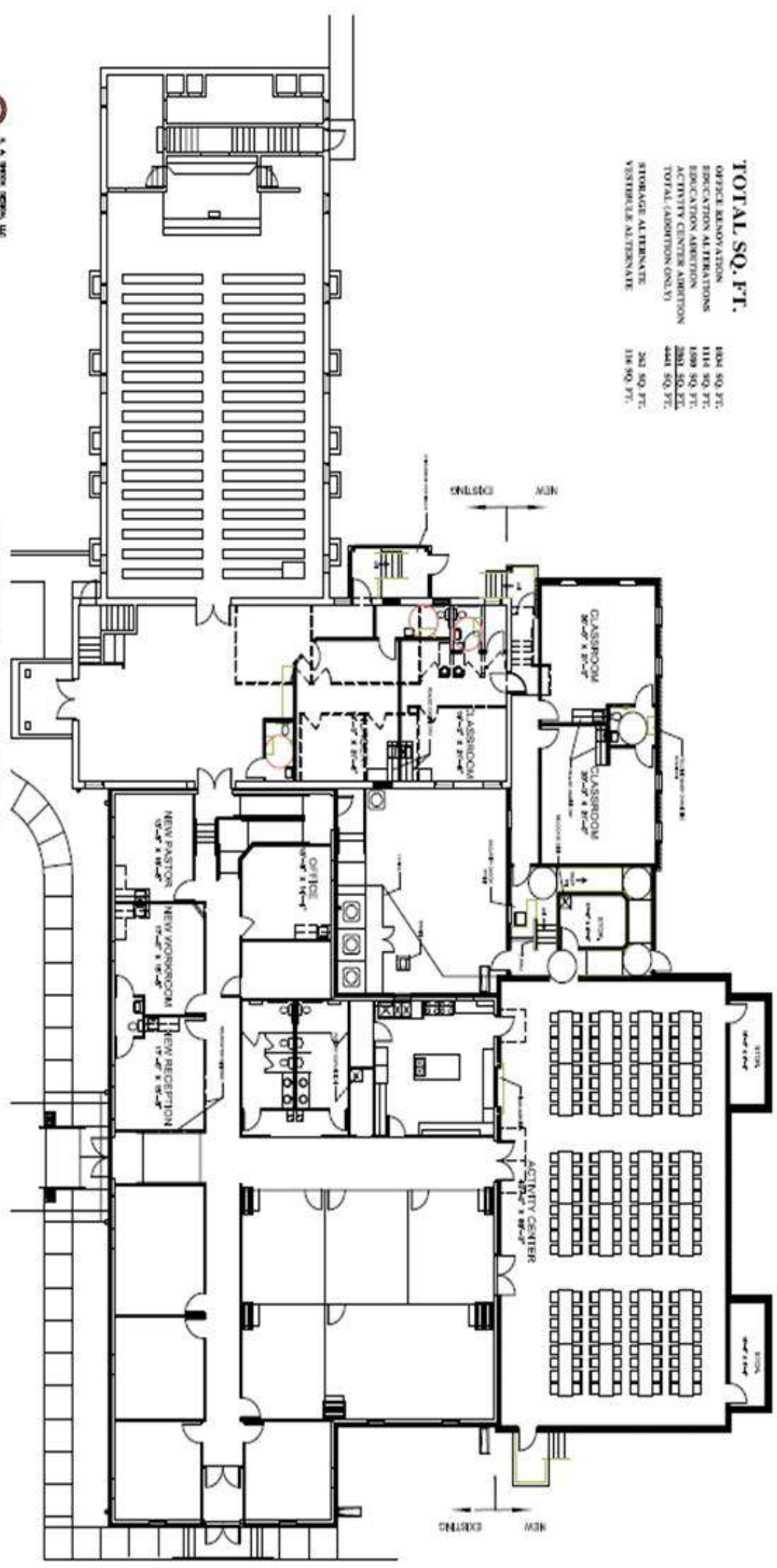




NEW ADDITION TO HAMILTON STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

TOTAL SQ. FT.

OFFICE RENOVATION	104 SQ. FT.
EDUCATION ALTERNATE	114 SQ. FT.
EDUCATION ADDITION	109 SQ. FT.
ACTIVITY CENTER ADDITION	201 SQ. FT.
TOTAL (ADDITION ONLY)	528 SQ. FT.
STORAGE ALTERNATE	24 SQ. FT.
VESTIBULE ALTERNATE	18 SQ. FT.



FLOOR PLAN - SCHEME F

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Josh Smith - Minister of Music
Cheryl Flaim - Minister of Youth & Family
Kay Shelby - Administrative Secretary

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Bluegrass Concert

**Friday Night
May 13**

7 p.m.

the
PUNCHES
family

Hamilton Street Baptist Church
802 W. Hamilton Street
Kirksville, MO

A free-will love offering will be taken.

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
Wednesday:	6:00 p.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer
	6:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Study / Youth

L^oving Forward

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