



# JANUARY

# Hamilton Street Baptist Church Newsletter

*Essential Church for all the seasons of life.*

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Welcome to 2012! I wonder what God has in store for this new year? The just completed year was such an amazing year. We have experienced God's blessing in so many amazing ways. We have ended the year financially strong. We have seen growth in many areas of ministry. We have also seen some new ministries begun. Most exciting is to see life transformation take place before our eyes.

We have concluded our 50th year on a strong footing. Let's remain strong as we begin our second 50.

Jane and I have been so blessed to have served with you all these past seven years. Your love, support and words and expressions of encouragement have been so important.

For 2012, let's stay in step with God and see where His steps will lead us.

Serving with you,

*Pastor Charles*

[pastorchas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pastorchas@sbcglobal.net)

## HIS HEART HIS HANDS HIS VOICE

**Our Goal: \$2,200**



**As of December 18,  
Our Giving: \$1,962**

2011 **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®**



*Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those*

*who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."* Nehemiah 8:10

Have you made a New Year's Resolution to become more intentional in Bible Study, more active in church activities, or spend more time in service? Women's Ministry may be just the place for you!

**Discipleship**

The Women's Wednesday Evening and Monday Night Bible studies will both be studying two 6-week lessons by Priscilla Shirer. Look elsewhere in the newsletter for a full list of what Wednesday evenings will have to offer. Brenda Jones will be leading the Monday Night studies which Debbie Athon graciously has offered to host at her home. We will be studying Priscilla Shirer's studies, *Can We Talk* and *He Speaks to Me*. Both lessons will be about talking and listening to God as he speaks to us. For more info, contact Brenda. The Monday night study will begin Monday, January 16 at 6:30 p.m.

The Wednesday evening class will begin on January 18. The leader for this session has not yet committed. Contact Lorri Landon about the Wednesday evening sessions.

Please sign up in the foyer so we'll

have enough material for these classes.

The Wednesday daytime study is still being selected. Sessions will begin January 18 at 9:00 a.m. This study will be led by Bertha Crump.

**Fellowship**

Plans are being made with WMU for a late month ladies' fellowship. You'll want to bring a friend and come hear some Missionary Moms speak about their experiences. The date has not yet been set, so watch the bulletins for more details.

**Service**

Our Public Servants of the Month service project will continue in January. We will be Treating the workers at Twin Pines Well. If you would like to provide any of the (homemade) treats, we'll need the equivalent of about 30 dozen (homemade) goodies. Besides cookies, you're welcome to also provide cakes, muffins, breads, chips & dip, cheese & crackers, etc. Please sign up in the foyer. Your donations should be dropped off at the church no later than Thursday, January 19 at 2 pm. Contact: Vickie Rudd.

**Ministry**

The Higher Hope Ministry purpose, mission statement & job description will be presented for approval at the January 8 business meeting. Following approval, dates & times will be calendared for the Higher Hope meetings beginning in February. This ministry is not limited to our church family or by age. No matter your age now, if you have ever experienced the loss of a child (pregnancy, infant, or early childhood) you are welcome & encouraged to attend these

meetings. Please be in prayer with us as we begin this new ministry, and watch for more details about how you can be involved. Sarah Mack and Joy Taylor are the Higher Hope ministry leaders.

Baby, it's cold outside! So the layette items you are making for *Love, Lily* recipients to be given through the LifeLine Pregnancy Resource Center are truly appreciated in many ways. If you are a crafter, quilter, crocheter or knitter and would like to make a donation, contact Stacy Tucker-Potter. Materials are also welcomed.

**Conferences**

Living Proof Live with Beth Moore and Travis Cottrell will be coming to Kansas City's Municipal Auditorium Friday, April 13 & Saturday, April 14. Early bird tickets are only \$65. Total cost of the trip would depend upon the number going. Interested? Contact Kay Shelby.

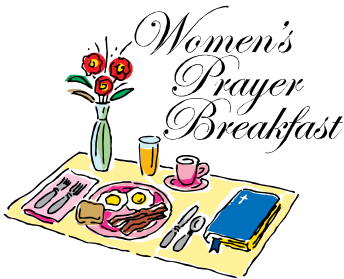
**Prayer**

Saturday, January 14 will be our next Women's Prayer Breakfast. Meet us at Rosie's Northtown Café at 9 am.

Do you have a need you would like to share with our women's ministry prayer team? There's a box on the Women's Resource Table in the foyer to place your requests, or call Jane Jackson.

Maturing in Christ doesn't just happen. We must be resolved to change. How will you be intentional in your walk with the Lord in 2012? Please let me know if women's ministry can help you on your journey.

**Kay Shelby**, Women's Ministry Director  
660-349-7268, or [kayshelby@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kayshelby@sbcglobal.net)



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 9 AM**

**ROSIE'S NORTHTOWN CAFE**

Contact: Pam Barnett

The women's prayer breakfast was held Saturday, December 10. A devotion was given and prayer requests were taken. We had a wonderful time of sharing and lifting concerns and praises up to the Lord. The next women's prayer breakfast will be Saturday, January 14 at 9:00 a.m. at Rosie's Northtown Café. There is no need to pre-register—just come if you can. And bring friends!!

<b>Vital Signs</b>	
<b>Year to Date (12/18/2011):</b>	
Budgeted Offering:	\$269,363.56
Received Offering:	\$266,412.16
Budget Expenses:	\$256,946.22
<b>YTD Average Attendance:</b>	
8:30 a.m. Worship:	106
11:00 a.m. Worship:	124
Worship Total:	232
Sunday School:	147

## A Note from the Minister of Music



### *What Sort Of New Year's Resolutions Should A Christian Make?*

The practice of making New Year's resolutions goes back over 3,000 years to the ancient Babylonians. The start of a new year just gives us the feeling of a fresh start and a new beginning. But in reality, there is no difference between December 31 and January 1. Nothing magical occurs at midnight on December 31.

The most common resolutions are to stop smoking, lose weight, manage our money more wisely, or spend more time with family. Many Christians resolve to pray more or read their Bible more. These are great resolutions, but they fail so often because there is no power in a New Year's resolution.

Philippians 4:13 tell us, "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength." John 15:5 declares, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." If God is at the center of our New Year's resolutions they have a chance for success, depending on our

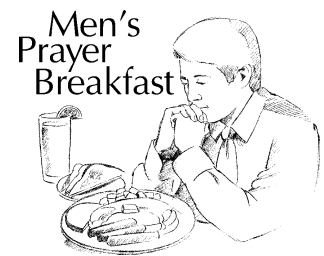
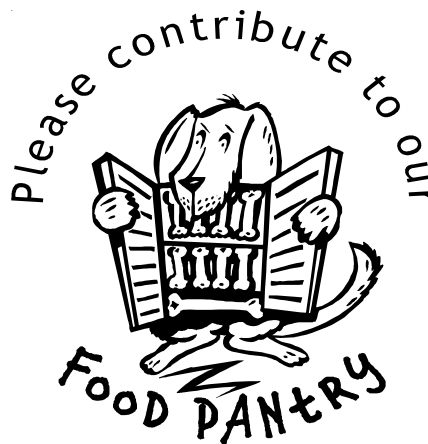
commitment and if it is God's will for it to be fulfilled.

So, what sort of New Year's resolutions should a Christian make? Here are a few suggestions: (1) pray for wisdom in regards to what, if any, resolutions God would have you make; (2) pray for wisdom as to how to fulfill the goals God gives you; (3) rely on God's strength to help you; (4) find an accountability partner who will help you and encourage you; (5) don't become discouraged with occasional failures; instead, allow them to motivate you; and (6) give God the glory for all successes.

I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas and my prayer for Hamilton Street Baptist Church is that 2012 will see continued growth and blessings from God.

Choir begins rehearsals again on Sunday, January 8, at 5:00 p.m. Let's begin the new year in song!!

**Jim Barnett**, Interim 8:30 am Music Minister  
660-342-0668, musicjim@sbcglobal.net



Saturday, January 7  
8:00 a.m.

Rosie's Northtown Cafe  
Contact Doug Athon



Our December WMU meeting was held December 8. Pam Barnett presented a monologue on Lottie Moon, and Bertha Crump provided refreshments.

The January meeting will be Thursday, January 12, at 1:30 p.m. We will discuss future missions projects. Please plan to attend and see what we can collectively accomplish for missions.

If anyone has ideas or projects that WMU could assist with, please let Pam Barnett know.

**Pam Barnett**, WMU Director

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

<sup>36</sup>"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" <sup>37</sup>Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' <sup>38</sup>This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup>And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

<sup>40</sup>All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." Matthew 22:36-40)

## and the Great Commission

<sup>18</sup>Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>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, <sup>20</sup>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).

# JANUARY CALENDAR

January 1		New Year's Day
	2:30 p.m.	Twin Pines
January 2		New Year's Holiday, Office Closed
	9:30 a.m.	The Arbors
January 3		Book of Reports Submissions Due
	9:30 a.m.	Twin Pines
January 4	6:00 p.m.	Prayer
	6:30 p.m.	Co-ed Adult Bible Study / Youth
January 7	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast, Rosie's Northtown Café
January 8	6:00 p.m.	Business Meeting
January 10	9:30 a.m.	Twin Pines
	6:00 p.m.	Church Outreach & Visitation
January 11	6:00 p.m.	Prayer
	6:30 p.m.	Co-ed Adult Bible Study / Youth
January 12	1:30 p.m.	WMU
January 14	9:00 a.m.	Women's Prayer Breakfast, Rosie's Northtown Café
January 15	1:30 p.m.	Adair County Detention Center Service
January 16	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study, Debbie Athon's home
January 17	9:30 a.m.	Twin Pines
January 18	9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study, HSBC
	5:45 p.m.	Dinner
	6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Programming
	7:30 p.m.	Church Council
January 19		Newsletter Items Due
January 22	2:30 p.m.	Kirksville Manor Care Service
January 23	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study, Debbie Athon's home
January 24	9:30 a.m.	Twin Pines
	6:30 p.m.	Deacons
January 25	9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study, HSBC
	5:45 p.m.	Dinner
	6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Programming
January 28	11:30-1:30	Mobile Food Bank Distribution
January 30	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study, Debbie Athon's home
January 31	9:30 a.m.	Twin Pines



So we are about to embark on a new year. How did you spend the 525,600 minutes of last year? Did you accomplish goals, build relationships, grow spiritually? Or just kind of pass the year by "keepin' on keepin' on"?

But "keepin' on" isn't likely for Christians. The Christian life in many ways is intentional. A Christian has to be aware of how he or she is living, and how that matches what God intends for us. And there's that regular checking to see if we have missed the mark, or are following God's precepts and staying in His will. And following the instruction to become more like Christ. You don't get there by floating through life.

At the end of the year, it's good to look back at God's blessings, and where we've been on track and where we've strayed. But the beginning of the new year is also a great time to decide how you will live the next year. What does God have in store for you? Do any ideas come to you for ministry? Fellowship with other Christians? Discipleship? Sharing the gospel? Worship? How many of the 527,040 minutes of 2012 (there's extra because it's a leap year) will you commit to those endeavors?

The new year is also a great time to join a Bible Study. It's easier to keep moving on the right path, stay in the Word, and live the life God intended when you are supported by a group of like-minded people. I can help you find a Sunday School class, or another Bible study to partner with you through 2012.

Happy New Year!

*Elsie Rudd*, Sunday School Director



## The Mission of HSBC

**H**onor God's Truth  
**S**hare the Gospel  
**B**uild Believers  
**C**are for Others

The Nominating Committee is looking for persons interested in being on the Hostess Committee.

If you enjoy cooking and serving others this could be your calling. We have 4 persons who have retired and replacements are needed. If interested contact the office or someone on the Nominating Committee.

Please pick up your



UNCLAIMED DISHES from the kitchen



Nominating  
Committee

Greetings from the Nominating Committee! After four years of serving on simply the best committee ever, I am stepping down. It is truly with mixed emotions that I make this move. While I know it is where God wants me now, I really love the work the Nominating Committee does. What greater blessing than helping people find areas of service? What greater excitement than to be used by God in His work?

The Nominating Committee at HSBC is truly a blessing - everyone working together to find a home for every single willing person to serve. We truly know that God has gifted each and every one of us to work for the Kingdom. So even though I am leaving the committee, I encourage you to be always watching and in prayer for how God wants to use you in His body. I can confidently say you will be blessed and glad you did!

*Stacy Tucker-Potter,*  
2011 out-going Nominating Committee Chair

Interested in serving at HSBC?  
Contact any of these 2012 Nominating  
Committee members:

-  Lana Brown
-  Lisa King
-  Floyd Owings
-  Geraldine Rowland

# ONE10 Missional Community

## Greetings from the ONE10 Missional Community!

It has been a semester of stability for our faith community. We have seen a core group continue to meet and grow together in their journey of following Jesus. There is a desire to answer the question, "What next?"

That will be our prayer as we move into the next semester and new year. Where does God want this community to go and what does He want it to be? We are looking at starting some small groups, taking on a mission project, and reaching out more to our friends. The business of football and volleyball season is over so we hope to nurture the relationships we have through these and other connections now that our pace of life is slower.

Please pray that we would be sensitive to the Spirit's leading as we move forward. We do not want to just start some new activities. We want to begin what God wants in helping us fulfill our purpose and be effective in sharing Jesus' love with others He has placed in our lives. We also want to be intentional about an Acts 1:8 mission strategy. We are looking at IMB's One Life emphasis for some possible international connections. Please pray as we seek other missions opportunities in our community, state, and country.

We want to be ready and willing to do whatever and go wherever God leads. Thank you for praying with us as we answer the question, "What next?"

Shalom  
*Gene Austin*



## Adair County Mobile Food Pantry

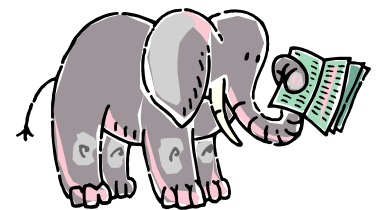
Because of your willingness to volunteer, we were able to serve about 34 families at our first distribution. Mike DeSantis, Northeast Regional Coordinator, who was here to oversee our first distribution and train the volunteers, was pleased with this response.

Per our request, officials at the Food Bank have granted permission for us to hold our next distribution on Saturday, January 28. Again, in January the hours for Food Distribution will be 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

There are no income guidelines, but in order to receive food, please bring:

1. A photo ID.
2. Social Security cards for each member of the family living with you.
3. Proof of residency in Adair County - i.e.; a utility bill or other mail with your name and current address.
4. A box, laundry basket, or bags to carry home the food.

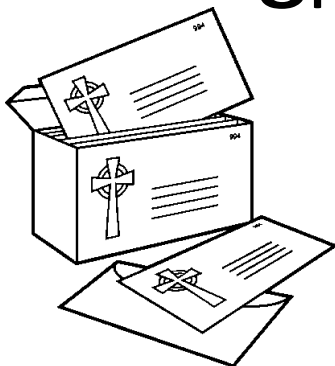
For more information, you may contact the Central & Northeast Missouri Food Bank at Toll-Free: 800-764-3663.



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

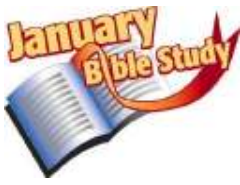
**Can you find the 13 elephants hidden in this newsletter?**

## OFFERING ENVELOPES



Contribution Envelopes for 2012 are in the foyer and your Sunday School classrooms. If you do not find an envelope with your name, please contact our financial recording secretary, Flo Berger, 627-4121, or the church office.

Using contribution envelopes makes recording your giving more accurate and easier.



January Bible Study will have a new look for 2012. Instead of an intensive four-day study, Pastor Charles will lead the sessions on four consecutive Wednesday nights, January 18, 25, and February 1, 8. This allows the ongoing Wednesday night studies to continue, and full meals will be served.

The book for this year's study is *The Pursuit: Chasing Answers to Life's Questions* (a study of Ecclesiastes). To assure enough study guides, please sign up in the foyer.






If you have any questions, call Elsie Rudd.



## CO-ED DERBY

Children in grades 1 – 6 are invited to participate in the annual Divisional Co-Ed Derby on Saturday, February 25 at Rehoboth Baptist Church. Registration begins at 10 a.m. with the race at 11 a.m.

Trophies will be awarded in the following categories:

-  Speed 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>
-  Best Overall Design
-  Most Realistic Design
-  Most Imaginative Design
-  Best Religious Design

A standardized car kit is required. Car kits are available at Rehoboth Baptist Church for \$5 each. For more information, contact Rehoboth Baptist Church at 665-7577.



## BUILDING OUR FUTURE

Hello from the Building Committee

I just wanted to give an update before the end of the year. We are continuing to work with Ken Shook, our architect, to make some changes to the plan to meet our budget as determined by our Planting Today, Harvesting Tomorrow campaign. We will have an update at the January business meeting and plan to have everything ready for a final church vote at the February business meeting.

Thank you to everyone who pledged to help our church continue to grow and meet the needs of our congregation.

Tiffany Athon,  
Chairman, Building Committee



Wednesday Programming will resume on Wednesday, January 18 at 6:30 PM. Join us for one of these life-changing Wednesday Night Bible Studies.

### PASTOR'S STUDY

*The Pursuit: Chasing Answers to Life's Questions* by David S. Dockery

January Bible Study based on the Book of Ecclesiastes will raise the most challenging questions that we face in life in a very realistic way; remind us what life is really like when we choose the pattern of this world rather than what God has to give; help us develop an everyday theology, showing us how to shape a Christian worldview in light of the challenges of secularism; serve as a guide for us as we seek to learn how to engage culture in an effective way; and enable us to see afresh our need for the gospel of Jesus Christ. Ecclesiastes may well be the most contemporary book in the Bible.

### VISIONARY MARRIAGE / VISIONARY PARENTING

Led by Kevin and Jessica Martin

*Visionary Marriage* is a 3-week video study, followed by *Visionary Parenting*, an 8-week video study. Books are optional, but are \$12 for each study if you would like one. Discover and grow God's vision and mission for your marriage and family! Please sign up in the foyer for either or both studies and indicate if you want to purchase a book.

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

*He Speaks to Me* and *Can We Talk* by Priscilla Shirer

Both lessons will be about talking and listening to God as he speaks to us.

At the time of the newsletter being compiled, the discussion leader for these two 6-week video driven sessions is not yet determined.



What a privilege to serve in a church with such a loving and giving congregation.

Your generous Christmas gifts to us were very much appreciated.

Thank you so much!

Your Church Staff

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Jim Barnett - Interim 8:30 am Music Minister  
Ben Austic - Interim 11 am Music Minister  
Cheryl Flaim - Minister of Youth & Family  
Kay Shelby - Administrative Secretary

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## Adair County Mobile Food Distribution

**Saturday, January 28**  
**11:30 am - 1:30 pm**

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

### 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.	Choir Rehearsal (beginning Jan. 8)
	6:00 p.m.	Worship
Wednesday:		January 4 and 11
	6:00 p.m.	Prayer
	6:30 p.m.	Adult Co-ed Bible Study / Youth
		January 18 and following
	5:45 p.m.	Dinner
	6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Programming

### Looking Forward

February 14	Valentine's Day
February 25	Co-ed Derby, Rehoboth
March 4-11	Week of Prayer for Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions
March 9-10	Sports for Christ Retreat
March 11	Daylight Saving Time Begins
March 31	Easter Egg Hunt