

# SEPTEMBER

# Hamilton Street Baptist Church Newsletter

2013

*Essential Church for all the seasons of life.*

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By the weather, it does not feel like it, but summer is over. That is, the kids are back to school. Most of the family summer vacations are over. The summer ball season is complete and all the summer activities at church are over. What a busy summer it has been! We began with the picnic and baptism at the lake and just completed our sixth Worship in the Park with two baptisms and over 300 in attendance on a very hot day. It has been a great summer and I appreciate the hard work of the many volunteers who made all of it possible.

Now we are about ready to begin our fall schedule. The Wednesday night family dinners and all the age group activities will begin on September the 4th. There are a lot of great adult Bible studies and kids and youth activities scheduled. If your schedule allows, take advantage of any of these offerings. The other women's Bible studies will also begin as well.

The first half of the year has been completed on a very strong note. As we head toward the conclusion of the year, let's stay in step with the Lord and continue to see His blessing flow through us.

*Pastor Charles*

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

**Our Goal:**  
**\$1,600**



**RHEUBIN L. SOUTH**  
**MISSOURI MISSIONS OFFERING**



Your eyes  
saw my  
unformed  
body. All  
the days  
ordained  
for me  
were  
written

in your book before one of them came to be. Psalm 139:6 (NIV 1984)

The verse chosen to guide us through the coming year speaks loudly to me of God's preeminence, forethought, compassion, and more.

## DISCIPLESHIP

Fall Bible studies are ready to begin, and I am so excited I can't wait. All of these studies are excellent. You will want to attend them all if you can. By all means, be sure you don't come alone! Invite a study buddy to attend with you. She doesn't have to attend this church, but maybe she's the gal sitting next to you in worship.

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study which meets at the church from 9:30 – 11 a.m. will begin Wednesday, September 4. This group will be studying the Francis Chan work, *Forgotten God*, a study which calls us to embrace the Holy Spirit's work in our lives.

Today's church *admires* the gift of the Holy Spirit, but have we neglected to open it? Chan tears away the wrapping paper and ribbons to uncover the source of the believing community's true power for witness and service. He issues a compelling invitation to understand, embrace, and follow the Spirit of the living God.

Suggested Reimbursement for Book & Workbook — \$10 each

Our Wednesday Evening Study will be *Gods at War* by Kyle Idleman. This study will challenge us with our own modern-day sin of idolatry. The study will meet from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. as part of our Wednesday Night Programming. Kevin Martin will be leading the men in this study as well.

There are gods at war within each of us. The author claims idolatry is the most discussed problem in the Bible.

Behind every sin struggle is a false god that is winning the war in our lives. Don't give in to the myth that gods are only statues that people of other cultures or long ago worshiped. Pleasure, romance, sex, money, and power are just a few of the gods that vie for our allegiance. When the Lord God takes His rightful place on the throne of our hearts, we will have victory.

Suggested Reimbursement for Book and Workbook — \$5 each

Monday Night Bible Study will be using the in-depth Beth Moore resource, *Living Beyond Yourself, Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit*. The study will begin Monday, September 9 at 6:30 p.m. Sherri Bratton will be our hostess. It will be led by Brenda Jones, Kathy Adkins, Debbie Athon, Carol Black, and April Keene.

Through this in-depth Bible study of the fruit of the Holy Spirit as presented in the book of Galatians, participants will walk through each trait listed and will be encouraged to know the freedom of a Spirit-filled life that truly results in living beyond yourself.

Suggested Reimbursement for Study Guide — \$16

Please either sign up on Facebook at Hamilton Street Baptist Church Women's Ministry, in the foyer or call the church office.

## SERVICE

Our Public Servant of the Month for September is the Adair County Sheriff's Department. We would like to provide 9 dozen treats. Besides sweets, salty snacks and fresh fruit are also a hit. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer if you'd like to donate some goodies. Treats will be delivered on Thursday, September 19. Please have your donation at the church no later than noon. Please also remember to pray for these workers and the duties they perform. Contact Vickie Rudd for more information.

## MINISTRY

*Love, Lily* continues to donate handmade layette items to each baby and mother who are clients of the Lifeline Pregnancy Resource Centers in

Kirksville & Memphis. Thank you for your generosity and care for these women and infants. You have been so gracious in giving, the Potters continue to seek to expand the ministry to other cities. If you know someone in a city (of any size) with a pregnancy center, please contact Stacy.

Won't you pray about how God would use you to bless others through this ministry? Are you a crocheter, quilter, knitter or crafter who likes to make booties, baby hats, or baby blankets? Would you like to donate items or materials, or even learn how to crochet? For more information about *Love, Lily*, contact Stacy Tucker-Potter.

## DRIVER'S TRAINING

Once again, we have been given the opportunity to teach female international students to drive. Some of the women already know how to drive, they just need to practice and be familiar with Kirksville streets. For information on how you can participate, contact Stacy Xander.

## PRAYER

Do you have a specific prayer request? Would you like the women's ministry prayer team to pray for your need? Contact Pam Barnett with your request, and she will discreetly pass it on to our team of prayer warriors

## RESOURCES

There are several books on the women's ministry table in the foyer from which to choose. Find one that fits you and check it out.

## FACEBOOK

Remember to "like" us on Facebook: Hamilton Street Baptist Church Women's Ministry and *Love, Lily*.

Not only did God see our unformed bodies, He saw our spirits before they were renewed. And He loved us anyway. If you haven't yet made a life-changing decision to know Him as your Lord and Savior, but you want to, I'd like to talk to you.

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

# A Note from the Minister of Music



## Worship and Wait

Waiting is a hard thing. And when you think about it, we spend a lot of our life waiting. Waiting in the checkout line at the grocery store. Waiting for that special someone to come into our life. Waiting for a promotion or retirement. We know from scripture that God is a God to be worshiped. In John 4:23-24 Jesus gives us His criteria for right worship.

But we also know from scripture that God is a God of wait. David said *"I waited patiently for the Lord, and He inclined to me, and heard my cry"* (Psalm 40:1a). The Psalmist teaches us to *wait on the Lord, and be of good courage; He shall strengthen thine heart* (Psalm 27:14). I noticed in each of these passages that God either did, or promised to do, something in response to our waiting. To me, that's good news because that tells me that my waiting is never in vain **if** I trust Him.

When we worship God in our waiting time we acknowledge it is all about Him. He is still God, and most importantly, He

is still in control. God is in no way obligated to respond to my prayers. But He **will** respond to my sincere worship of Him. The Word of God says it is impossible to please God without faith (Hebrews 11:6). So while I am aware of the fact that He hears me and understands, the best thing for me to do is change my attitude to one of thanksgiving, rather than complain about my inability to manipulate an omnipotent God. I am not God, and frankly, I don't want to be. I'm glad I am who I am and He is who He is. We miss the blessing of God in our lives when we refuse to wait and listen for God to respond. See you in worship!

**Jim Barnett**, 8:30 am Music Minister  
musicjim@sbcglobal.net



## ADAIR COUNTY MOBILE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

**Saturday,  
September 28  
11:00 am - ???**

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

There are no income guidelines. Recipients need to bring a photo ID, Social Security cards for each family member in the household, proof of Adair County residency & a container to take home the food.

742 Individuals representing  
259 Households  
received more than  
20,000 pounds of food in August.

Sign up in the foyer to help!

### Vital Signs

#### Year to Date (08/25/13):

Budgeted Offering:	\$199,866.45
Received Offering:	\$197,204.43
Budget Expenses:	\$192,997.27

Bldg Fund Offering YTD: \$45,837.36

#### YTD Average Attendance:

8:30 a.m. Worship:	101
11:00 a.m. Worship:	135
Worship Total:	240
Sunday School:	151



### The Mission of HSBC

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

# SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

September 1	2:30 p.m.	Twin Pines
September 2		Labor Day, Office Closed
September 3	9:30 a.m.	Twin Pines
	7:00 p.m.	Discipleship Team Meeting
September 4	9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	5:45 p.m.	Dinner
	6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Programming
	7:30 p.m.	Nominating Committee
September 5	5:00 p.m.	Downtown New Student Welcome
September 7	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast, Rosie's Northtown Café
September 8	1:30 p.m.	Adair County Detention Center
	3:00 p.m.	Thousand Hills Baptist Association Annual Meeting, FBC Kv
September 9		Book of Reports Submissions Due
	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study, Sherry Bratton's home
September 10	9:30 a.m.	Twin Pines
	6:00 p.m.	Church & Outreach Visitation
September 11	9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	5:45 p.m.	Dinner
	6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Programming
	7:30 p.m.	Church Council
September 15	5:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal Resumes
	6:00 p.m.	Business Meeting
September 16	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study, Sherry Bratton's home
September 17	9:30 a.m.	Twin Pines
September 18	9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	5:45 p.m.	Dinner
	6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Programming
	7:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting
September 19		Newsletter Items Due
September 22	8:30 & 11 am	Lord's Supper Service
	2:00 p.m.	Highland Crest
	7:00 p.m.	2014 Budget Requests Due
September 23	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study, Sherry Bratton's home
September 24	9:30 a.m.	Twin Pines
	6:30 p.m.	Deacons
September 25		See You at the Pole / See You after the Pole (times to be announced)
	9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	5:45 p.m.	Dinner
	6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Programming
	7:30 p.m.	Finance Committee
September 28	11:00 a.m.	Mobile Food Pantry Distribution
September 30	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study, Sherry Bratton's home

## Men's Prayer Breakfast



**Saturday, September 7  
8:00 a.m.**

Rosie's Northtown Cafe  
Contact Doug Athon



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 6 elephants  
hidden in this newsletter?**

# Sunday School NEWS

I have always thought of September as the month of “back to”. Back to school, back to work after vacations, and back to regular Sunday School and church attendance.

HSBC will also be “back to” our regular Fall schedule in a few weeks. Back to Wednesday night meals and Bible study for adults, children, and youth. And back to women’s weekday Bible studies. Lots of opportunities to study God’s word and spend time with our church family.

I hope if you have not been in the habit of regular Sunday School attendance this summer that September will be your “back to” month. I can promise you that we have a class for you!

I will be looking for you in Sunday School!

*Pam Barnett*, Sunday School Director



Would you like to save your pop can tabs for the RONALD McDONALD HOUSE? There’s a collection bin in the foyer. Contact: Barbara Coy



The Personnel Committee is accepting applications for weekend custodian. The candidate will also need to be available to move walls and furniture during the weekdays.

Contact the Personnel Committee chairman, Michael Hartman or the church office.

Job descriptions for part-time Youth Minister & part-time Family Minister were approved at the last business meeting. The Search Committee is now accepting resumes for both positions through the church office.

Questions should be directed to Jonathan Walker, chair, Mike Brummit, Mike Hartman, Tim King, or Tabitha Cleaver.



# Nominating Committee

**Heads Up!** The Nominating Committee is contacting members to serve on committees and various positions for 2014. We know it is early to think about 2014, but we have several areas of ministry that need to be voted on in the November business meeting, which will be here before we know it.

If you would like to discuss serving in an area, please contact any member of the Nominating Committee:

- Lana Brown, Chair
- Ben Gockel
- Lisa King
- Don Riley
- Geraldine Rowland
- Vera Willis

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

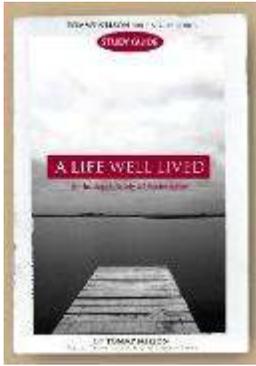
*<sup>36</sup>“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” <sup>37</sup>Jesus replied: “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ <sup>38</sup>This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup>And the second is like it: ‘Love your 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).*

# Wednesday Night Adult Studies and Prayer

## 6:30-7:30 pm



**Pastor's Co-ed Adult Bible Study:**  
*A Life Well Lived,*  
*an In-depth Study of Ecclesiastes*  
by Tommy Nelson

How do I make the most of my life? It's an important question we all struggle with. Even the wisest man who ever lived wondered as well. At the sunset of his life, he looked back and found that this question is answered only through discovering the answers to more questions. The answers he found are incredible. They are simple, yet profound and they are found in the book of Ecclesiastes.



**Men's Study Led by Kevin Martin**

**Women's Study Led by Lillie Mack**

*Gods at War* by Kyle Idleman

There are gods at war within each of us. They battle for the throne of our hearts, and much is at stake. This is why idolatry is the most discussed problem in the entire Bible. Behind every sin struggle is a false god that is winning the war in our lives. Don't give in to the myth that gods are only statues that people of other cultures or long ago worshiped. Pleasure, romance, sex, money, and power are just a few of the gods that vie for our allegiance in today's society. When the Lord God takes His rightful place on the throne of our hearts, we will have victory.



Suggested Reimbursement for Book and Workbook — \$5 each



## Full Wednesday Night Programming Resumes

### Wednesday, September 4

5:45 - 6:15 p.m.—Dinner  
Suggested Donation: \$3 per person  
or \$8 per family

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Bible Studies & Prayer / Youth /  
Children's Activities

Tim King -  
Kitchen & Meal  
Coordinator



Tabitha Cleaver -  
Children's Worker Coordinator

Tony Keene,  
Jonathan Walker  
& crew  
Youth

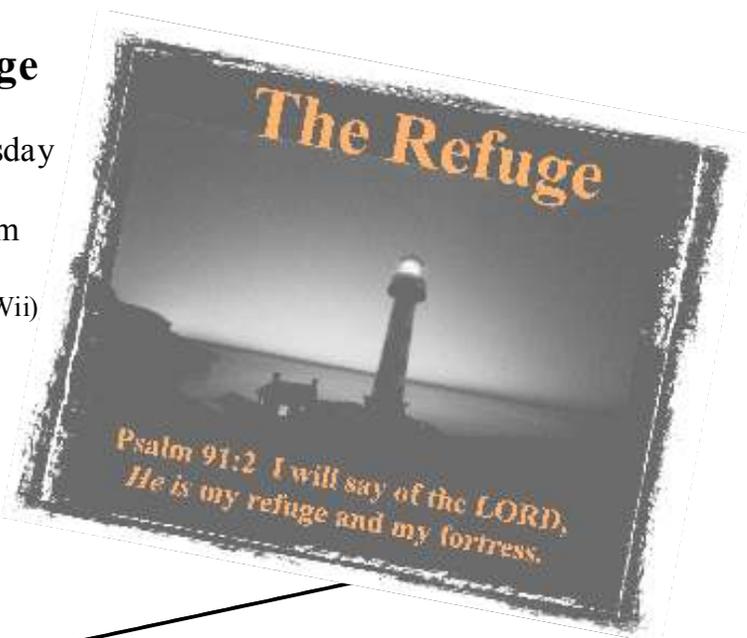
Plan now on making Wednesday nights at church part of your fall schedule.

## The Refuge

Youth Wednesday  
Nights  
6:30-7:30 pm

Video Games (Wii)

Bible Study



The Story is waiting.  
Jump in.

The Bible is not a collection of stories. It is one story, the story of God's plan to rescue His people from sin and death. It is the story of redemption, the gospel message of Jesus Christ. And it's our story, too.

The Gospel Project is a Bible study resource that invites Adults, Students, and Kids of all ages to dive deeply into God's story of redemption through Jesus Christ. In every lesson, participants are immersed in the gospel and learn how when the gospel works on them, they become a part of the story, too, the very hands and feet in God's gospel project.

<http://www.gospelproject.com/>

Children and Youth classes will be using this material on Wednesday nights.



## Kidz Konnection Wednesday Nights

Classes for Pre K to 5th Grade  
6:30-7:30 pm  
Games Bible Activities



Please  
pick up  
your



UNCLAIMED  
DISHES from the  
kitchen

If you would like to donate aluminum cans to the Youth, place them in Doug Athon's pick up bed on Sunday mornings. Doug drives a green Ford Ranger pickup.



# Summary of Church Council Agenda Items



Church Council recently discussed the following:

A presentation focusing on attendance/worship and finances was shown, giving historical trends and future projections.

*Building Update* – There are only two things to complete: the cross on the west side of the building and weather stripping on the inside hallway door.

*Preschool Space Revision* – There was discussion about locking or closing the hallway door between the Multipurpose building and the new Preschool area to provide more protection for the preschoolers meeting in the new space. It was agreed that it could be done by giving the congregation a few weeks' notice.

Church Council agreed to participate in a joint motion with the Building & Grounds Committee and the Security Task Force giving Building & Grounds committee permission to finalize plans and determine costs if the remaining preschool classes were to be moved to the office space, and the offices relocated to the existing and previous preschool space.

*Property Acquisition* – We are waiting on the surveyors work to be completed before this proceeds.

*Spiritual Family Tree Update* – The Deacons have contacted or have been encouraged to contact the contact people. Pastor Charles is sending a monthly newsletter to the contact people to encourage them in this ministry as well.

*Discipleship Team Update* – This group will try to meet this month, with a goal of project completion this fall.

*Child Security Task Force* – Information from the committee will be compiled and shared with the Building & Grounds Committee.

*TSU Activities Fair* – This event is held at the SUB on Truman's campus. We need to take our promotional materials and tablecloth, etc. Tabitha Cleaver offered to volunteer at this table. We will ask some of our college students if they would like to provide transportation to/from campus.

*Downtown New Student Welcome* – This event is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce of which we are now a member. Ben volunteered the Praise Band to play. We will ask permission for them to do so.

*TSU Homecoming Parade* – This year's theme is a beach theme, Catch the Wave. There is definite interest in participating. There is a desire for the entry to look good and professional, be kid friendly. For example, one suggestion is for children to ride their bicycles, etc.

*Fall Festival* – David Cook and Ashley Hartman will chair this event to be held Wednesday, October 30 from 6 – 8 pm.

*Worship in the Park* – Plans were discussed.

*Christmas Outreach – One Starry Night... Journey to Bethlehem...* Pictures of a church in Chillicothe which has successfully done this activity were shown. Ideas flowed as well as incorporating ideas from a Macon church which has a similar event. It was agreed to purchase the material this year, form a steering committee when it arrives, and plan on presenting it in 2014. It was agreed, this outreach event might replace other music programs, etc.

*Lake Picnic & Baptism Evaluation* – Suggestions were made to ask members to volunteer their pontoon boats next year, to improve sound at the Beach, to provide a handout with words for the songs.

*ATSU New Student Welcome Evaluation* – It was reported this was received well. We gave away two cases of HSBC mugs.

*New Worship Considerations* – Pastor Charles presented information about the possible need for a fourth worship service based on attendance patterns and space considerations previously mentioned. For those reasons, he suggests a study group be formed to evaluate and examine our current worship and develop plans for another service as necessary.

*Wednesday Night Programming* – December 4 will be the last date for Wednesday Night Programming in 2013. In 2014, Wednesday Night Programming will begin January 15 and end April 23.

*Children's Church* – Pam Barnett has accepted this responsibility effective immediately after business meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>, through 2014.

*Youth* – The Youth will participate in See You at the Pole and See You after the Pole on September 25.

*Missions* – David Cook stated he has been in contact with members of Missions Service Corp for a possible Nebraska mission trip next year.

*Nursery* – Margie said all is well in the nursery with the exception of needing another rocker. It was recommended she place a request in the bulletin and newsletter for one to be donated. Gliders and rocking chairs with runners cannot be accepted due to safety issues.

*Women* – Girlfriend Gala planning is underway. A suggestion to offer story time for preschool children and reading practice for anyone who wants to read aloud or be read to will be explored.

*Personnel Committee* – Pastor Charles reported the Personnel Committee is separating Youth from Family in the job description, writing new job descriptions and will present them at Business Meeting for approval.

Evening services will be dismissed on September 15 for the Associational Annual Meeting.

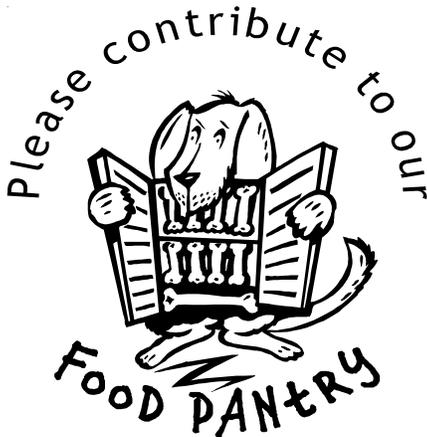


College Student Bible Study Teacher  
Stacy Tucker-Potter

**NEW STUDENT WELCOME,  
Thursday, September 5  
5—7 p.m., Downtown**  
Volunteers are needed  
to be at our table.

Please contact the church office  
if you can help.

We offer Associate Membership to college students who wish to be a part of our body without giving up their membership in their churches back home. If you are interested, contact Pastor Charles (pastorchas@sbcglobal.net).



These items are donated  
to the  
Christian Community Food Depot.



### Stockton Mission Trip 2013

On July 21, 20 of us loaded up our vehicles and drove to Stockton, MO to help out Joe and Cindy Roads at New Hope Baptist Church. The church has been in existence for 20 years. One time the church tried to have a VBS, and no one came. We had 11 kids at the VBS (4 which were from our group), which was really great! Pam Barnett and Wendy Kerby came up with a great theme of “Heroes”. The kids made a super hero costume while learning about some great heroes – David, Daniel and Jesus.

The last evening we had a Block Party at the local park. Many people came to enjoy the food and activities. We also had some music led by Ben Austic at the amphitheater. There was an apartment building complex behind the amphitheater, and many people came out on the balcony to hear the music. Several motorcyclists stopped on the side of the road and listened, too.

Remember to pray for the Rhoads as they follow up and as their church continues to reach out to the community.

Also, special thanks to those who donated money or food or who helped to load up the van. Thank you!

*David Cook, Missions Committee Chair*



So where are we going next? We are looking at going to Nebraska. We have made contact with the coordinators who are in charge of enlisting teams to come to Nebraska. A survey done by LifeWay Christian Resources using US Census Bureau Data identified the following: 75% of Nebraskans are without Jesus.

In September they will send a letter to their pastors for the needs, and that list will become available to us sometime in mid to late October. Once we get that information we will hold a mission meeting for those who might be interested and make a decision on where we want to go.

If you are interested, let me know and I will be sure to pass along any information that I get. I hope that we can have a place and dates set by November. While we don't know where or when at this time, start praying about if you should participate.

Also, start saving now for the trip then. When it becomes a priority, then God will provide.

*David Cook, Missions Committee Chair*

**SYATP DAY SEPT 25, 2013**  
**SEE YOU AT THE POLE™**  
GLOBAL WEEK OF STUDENT PRAYER SEPT 22 - 28  
WWW.SYATP.COM // 817.HIS.PLAN  



Mrs. Stilwell lived at the edge of my universe. Her house was the nearest one to mine, but it was a half-mile uphill on a rock road and my six-year-old legs could barely pedal a one-speed Ross that far. If I did go to her house, I usually just used her driveway as a place to turn around and coast back down the hill. But for a few days each summer, I'd go there for Kool-Aid and cookies and Vacation Bible school.

My family didn't really do church. I remember going steadily for a while, but Dad never went. Eventually, Mom got tired of taking us three kids by herself and then youth bowling leagues opened on Sunday mornings, so we quit going. Our family respected the traditions of Christianity. When we did think of Jesus, we thought well of him. But we didn't think he was God. And the church? That was a place for hypocrites and religious fanatics.

I remember Dad talking about evangelists coming to the house to convert him. Honestly, Dad is a good man and so was his dad, but both neither was a church member. All my patriarchs are honest, hard-working and genuinely kind people. Dad has four brothers and each one is a role-model. Consequently, Dad wasn't ever going to give any hypocrite-preacher the satisfaction of bowing and admitting he was a sinner in need of anything that preacher had to offer. And I loved my dad. So that's how I was, too.

That's why Vacation Bible school at Mrs. Stilwell's house caught me by surprise. Only a precious few kids came. But there were several teachers and they taught us just the same. They taught me about God and His holiness. They

told us that God created us to love us and for us to love Him. I learned that the first man (Adam) and woman (Eve) sinned and so have we and that is why we're separated from God. I remember the easel with the cartoon Jesus holding out nail-scarred hands. He had a heavenly glow and He offered us a way back to God. And He was loving. And kind. And gracious. And I sort-of believed it.

But that didn't last. There were lots of weeds to choke out such a weak little crop. School taught me that I wasn't made for a purpose; I was to make my own purpose. Science proved that God didn't exist; but if He did, He didn't matter. I walked away from God for a long time. I came to resent the way that I was pressured to believe in the gospel back at Mrs. Stilwell's Vacation Bible School. Just like Dad and Grandpa, I was a good man. God was irrelevant at best. What business did they have teaching me about God? I'd have been angry with Mrs. Stilwell if I hadn't pitied her for believing such nonsense.

When I was nineteen, I came back to God. I was broken and lonely. I believed in Jesus, was baptized and joined a church. God became my rock and He blessed me with a wife, two boys and a voice with which to sing. He led me through some difficult times that I'd have never made it through without Him. I would be utterly and hopelessly lost without God. If you ever doubt God's existence and His interest in your life, I'd love to tell you some stories of His Divine intervention that could remove all doubt. But do you know that I still didn't appreciate Mrs. Stilwell or those Vacation Bible School teachers? I truly thought that they pushed me to make a decision that I didn't understand, one that I couldn't understand. A decision that I had no business making at such a young age. I thought if people like her had been less pushy, maybe my dad would have believed. I guess I blamed her for my dad's unbelief. For 30 years. Until last week.

Last week, Mrs. Stilwell passed away. She's home in Glory, I have no doubt. When she died, there was a card

in her Bible from when her grandson and I invited Jesus into our hearts when we were six years old at her Vacation Bible School. I didn't know the card existed. Honestly, I don't remember committing my life to Jesus. But she did. And God did. She never forgot and neither did He. She carried it around for most of my life. It was because of her faithfulness and love that I knew Jesus then, and I'm convinced that Mrs. Stilwell is the biggest reason I know Him today. How many times did she pray for me? She is, at the very least, the first reason that I ever experienced God's grace and she's the one I'm indebted to for showing me the One to Whom I owe everything. How many good things would I have missed if not for her?

Thank you, Mary Louise Stilwell. I'm sorry that I didn't say it sooner. I'm sorry for blaming you for anyone's unbelief. Thank you for all you did. The Kingdom is larger because of your faithfulness. I will use your story to encourage as many people as I can.

**Ben Austic**, 11am Music Minister  
 benaustic@sbcglobal.net



**Twin Pines**

Every Tuesday at 9:30 am

**Twin Pines**

Sunday, September 1, at 2:30 pm

# Overflow

“Overflow” is the theme of this year’s Missouri Missions Offering. It is taken from 2 Cor. 9:12, “For the ministry of this service is... overflowing in many acts of thanksgiving to God.”

Missouri Baptists are living testimonies of God’s overflowing goodness. His goodness is seen in the faces of our families. We take inventory of our freedoms and His goodness is evident. His goodness overflows when we see the people who are impacted by our financial support of the four key project ministries of our state missions offering: Sharing Christ’s Love, Sending Missionaries, Starting Churches, and Strengthening Churches.

There are powerful, impacting Missouri missions projects that are dependent on our church’s faithful giving to the Rheubin L. South Missouri Missions Offering. In 2012, the state offering exceeded its goal for the first time in more than a decade. Because of your generous giving, Missouri Baptists were able to provide more ministries that are reaching more people in 2013. This year we have set the bar even higher.

Please join in reaching many Missourians with the Gospel through your “Overflow” giving to MMO during September. May the Lord bless you as you continue to serve Him.



Volunteers are needed the 3rd Sunday each month for the nursery during the 8:30 & 11 am services and the 4th Sunday each month for the 8:30 am service.  
Contact: Margie Kues or the church office.



The choir is gearing up again for the fall and Christmas season. We would love for you to join us in worshipping God through song. Choir Rehearsal is Sunday afternoons at 5 pm.

However, Choir will not practice Sunday, September 1, Labor Day Weekend or Sunday, September 8.

Contact: Jim Barnett, musicjim@sbcglobal.net, for information about the Sanctuary Choir.



## Finance Committee

It’s already time to begin budget preparation for 2014. The Finance Committee intends to follow the following timeline for the preparation and presentation of the 2014 HSBC Budget:

**Sept. 22:** Budget requests due in Finance Committee mailbox by 7 p.m.

**Oct. 20:** Budget presentation and discussion during regular business meeting.

**Nov. 10:** Vote without discussion in special-called business meetings in morning services.

The Committee wants to present a budget to the church that is in line with overall goals, has a proper balance of fiscal responsibility and faith, and which reflects good stewardship.

Let us take this opportunity to remind you that we hope to have at least ten pictures from each area of ministry. Please submit photos Sept. 22 with your budget requests. You may also email them to the church, [hsbc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hsbc@sbcglobal.net).

We plan to use the pictures to show the church body how our tithes and offerings are being invested in people’s lives.

If you have questions, please contact any Finance Committee member:

Tim King, Finance Committee Chair, Joni Crouse, John Kues, Allen Noel, Kay Shelby

### WMU Cookbooks

Planning your family’s back to school lunches or Labor Day cookout? WMU Cookbooks are available for \$5.  
Contact: Pam Barnett



### Product Labels

Would you like to help missions just by saving labels? A full list of products is in the foyer. There’s a box in the foyer to drop them in. Thank you!  
Contact: Julia Owings

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Come Back.  
**Sunday, September 15.**

### 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
	6:00 p.m.	Worship
Wednesday:	5:45 p.m.	Dinner
	6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Programming

### Looking Forward

October 8	Associational WMU Meeting, HSBC
October 13	Kirksville Manor Care
October 24	MBC Stewardship Workshop, HSBC
October 30	Fall Festival, HSBC
November 3	Daylight Saving Time Ends
November 28	Thanksgiving Day, Office Closed
November 29	Thanksgiving Holiday, Office Closed