

**2015**



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*Essential church for all the seasons of life*



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The year has begun. What will the new year hold? For some it will be the best year ever. For some, it may be the worst. Either way, one thing that all will need is a close relationship with Christ. If it is the best of years, a close relationship with Christ will keep us grounded and help keep things in perspective. If it is the worst of years, we will need the grace, peace and guidance that comes only through Christ.

I pray your new year is the best ever. No matter what, as you stay close to Christ it will be the best year possible.

Praying the best for you and trusting in the sufficiency of God's grace always.

*Pastor Charles & Jane*  
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On behalf of all the staff, let me thank the entire church family for their generous support and gifts given through the Christmas season. You all are the best.



## Wednesday Evenings

January 14, 20, 28 & February 4

Dinner 5:45 - 6:15 pm

JBS: 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Classes for all ages  
Adults led by Pastor Charles.



The Cookie Swap in December 9 was a success! There were 18 in attendance. Some from both services attended and all ages. We had great food and really good fellowship. Thank you, Kathy, for being our hostess.

The winter Bible study for Monday nights will begin February 9, 2015. It will be a study by Angela Thomas. We are still in need of a leader and a location. If you can help with either of these please let one of the committee know.

The Wednesday night study is Missing Pieces by Jennifer Rothschild. April Keene is going to lead the class that will begin February 11, 2015.

Wednesday morning bible study will begin in March 4, 2015. The study is Seeking Him by Nancy Leigh DeMoss. Lillie Mack will lead the class.

Watch for sign-up sheets and more information after the first of the year.

The new date for the Ladies Tea is April 18, 2015. We had to change the original date due to a conflict with the food distribution date. More information to follow on this.

Contact me, April Keene, Phyllis Hamilton, Jessica Martin or Vera Willis with questions or ideas.

*Sherry Bratten*

Women's Ministry Committee Chair,



## Strength Training Fellowship Soup Fest!

**Sunday, January 25**

*After 2<sup>nd</sup> service*

*Bring soup, chili, sandwiches, crackers or dessert.*



Can't make it to church on Sunday, or would like to watch a service again? We are now streaming our morning worship services through livestream.com. For now you need to set up an account with them. Once that is done, then enter Hamilton Street Baptist in the search window. Click on the link and it will take you to our area. There you can watch

live services or previous services. If you click on the "Follow" tab, you will get updates by email every time we schedule a live service. That email will give you a link that will take you directly to the service. These services can be seen anywhere you have an internet connection.

Let us know how this new service blesses you or others.



Coming Soon .....

## A Night of Laughter

*"He will fill your mouth with laughter" – Job 8:21*



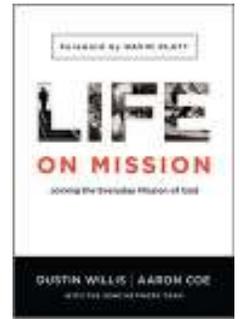
**Saturday**



**March 21 @ 6pm**

More details to follow

Looking for leader for *Life on Mission* 6 week study.



You may not be a pastor or a church planter, but you are called to be something. God has equipped you uniquely to use your gifts for His kingdom's sake. The question is, are you willing to live out your calling? This will be a "hands on" practical study. You will be asked to put the lessons into practice. Interested?



**"Check-in" every time you're here!**

<b>Vital Signs</b>	
<b>Year to Date (12/17/2014):</b>	
Budgeted Offering:	\$319,726.00
Received Offering:	\$296,934.60
Budget Expenses:	\$312,680.09
Bldg Fund Offering YTD:	\$44,685.43
<b>YTD Average Attendance:</b>	
8:30 a.m. Worship:	99
11:00 a.m. Worship:	127
Worship Total:	229
Sunday School:	142



This past year many of our church members “stretched” themselves and got out of their comfort zones to experience new worship or service activities. 1 Corinthians 13:11 says, “When I was like a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. But when I became a man, I put childish ways behind me.”

God is looking for us to grow in our walk with Him, whether that be attending a new Bible study, volunteering for a service project, singing in the choir, sharing our faith, or teaching a Sunday School class. He wants us to be open to any and all new ways to worship Him in this New Year.

Let’s all be open to God in 2015. It will be amazing to see how He “stretches” us.

See you in worship!

**Jim Barnett**, 8:30 am Music Minister

Sometimes God’s calling is hard to follow. He says He “knows the plans He has for us, to prosper us and not to harm us,” but he doesn’t always make the plan clear. However, Abraham somehow knew that the Lord had said, “Leave your country; your people and your father’s household and go to the land I will show you.” The Bible doesn’t say how Abraham knew. Did others around Abraham wonder how- and if- Abraham really knew? I would! The proof that God had indeed spoken would not be revealed until after the story was written. That, I believe, is the substance of faith.

As it is with Abraham, so it is with you and with me. We follow the biblical callings to love God and one another, albeit imperfectly. Like Paul, we may follow the call to go, making disciples and baptizing in the name of the Father, Son and Spirit. The Bible clearly calls all believers to these things but it still leaves a lot of questions: Where do we go? How do we make disciples? How will we make our living? How do we know we’re doing it right? These are left for searching. These are left for faith. These are left to keep us daily dependent on God.

It is time for me to resign as your Contemporary Service Music Minister at Hamilton Street. How do I know that? I believe this is God’s calling through prayer and searching after God in faith.



In the past He has led me in similar fashion, His leading has never failed and so I am compelled to follow. The really good news is this: if God has a plan for me, then He has a plan for you as well. He will provide for Hamilton Street Baptist Church.

I want you to know, brothers and sisters, how encouraging you’ve been to me as I’ve filled this role. You’ve helped me to grow. You’ve treated me with God’s overwhelming grace and kindness. You didn’t let my faults hinder your worship.

I will still see you on Sunday mornings. I will still be in the praise team sometimes. Unless God calls my family on to a new place, I am not leaving Hamilton Street. I’ll see you next Sunday.

**Ben Austic**, 11am Music Minister



# JANUARY CALENDAR

January 1		New Year's Day, Office Closed
January 2		New Year's Holiday, Office Closed
January 3	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast, Rosie's Northtown Café
January 6	9:30 a.m.	Twin Pines
January 7	6:00 p.m.	Prayer
	6:30 p.m.	Co-ed Adult Bible Study / Youth
	7:30 p.m.	Nominating Committee
January 10	9:00 a.m.	Women's Ministry Committee, Sweet Expressions
January 11	9:45 a.m.	Love Languages for Families One-Session Class
	2:00 p.m.	Highland Crest
January 13	9:30 a.m.	Twin Pines
	6:00 p.m.	Church Outreach and Visitation
January 14	5:45 p.m.	Dinner
	6:30 p.m.	January Bible Study
	7:30 p.m.	Church Council
January 18	2:30 p.m.	Kirksville Manor Care
	6:00 p.m.	Business Meeting
January 20	9:30 a.m.	Twin Pines
January 21	5:45 p.m.	Dinner
	6:30 p.m.	January Bible Study
	7:30 p.m.	Church Council
January 22		Newsletter Items Due
January 24	11:00 a.m.	Mobile Food Pantry Distribution
January 25	12:00 p.m.	Strength Training Class Fellowship
January 27	9:30 a.m.	Twin Pines
	6:30 p.m.	Deacons
January 28	5:45 p.m.	Dinner
	6:30 p.m.	January Bible Study
	7:30 p.m.	Staff

## Men's Prayer Breakfast



**Saturday, January 3  
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 9 elephants hidden in this newsletter?**

Thank You *from* Our Staff

*The Staff of HSBC would like to thank you for your generosity. Personally, each of us was the recipient of a generous Christmas gift made possible through your donations.*

*We are also grateful for your weekly tithing and giving. Thank you so much!*

# **FAMILY MINISTRY**

*Making the faith intentional and relevant*



Have you ever been in a situation where there was misunderstanding and you wonder what happened? I've had several of those. On Memorial Day in seminary I was awakened by a Korean friend, who spoke broken English. He said "David, today, picnic. We go to lake. I want you to go with us." Half asleep, I answered, "Sure, when?" He replied "Seven." I thought it late for a picnic, but I agreed, hung up the phone and rolled over in bed. I suddenly jumped out of bed when I realized he meant seven AM and that it was 6:45! I ended up at the Lake of the Ozarks with a lot of Koreans! At the end of the day, he said "Is it ok if we take this guy back to college first?" Sure, I didn't care. What was I going to say? I didn't understand that the guy went to college in Springfield, MO! It was a very long day that I will never forget! If only I had asked a few more questions.....

Isn't that the way it can be in all relationships? How many times have there been conversations and you think you've communicated, only to find out that the message was misunderstood? The same can happen when we talk about expressing love. Love – it is so simple, isn't it? Yet how many relationships are broken up because the other doesn't feel loved? Gary Chapman wrote a book about "the Five Love Languages", where he describes that there are 5 main ways that people express love. We typically speak the

love language that speaks to us, but not everyone is wired the same way. When we don't understand what speaks to another person, we can become discouraged or not feel loved.

When Sasha and I were engaged, and we were filling out paper work for her to come to the States, she asked me to read a book called "The Five Love Languages". I was a bit skeptical, at first, as it sounds kind of mushy. Sasha said that several in her church in Pushkin, Russia, had read the book so they could understand how to better express love for one another. I was amazed at how practical it was and how down to earth that it really was. For example, one main way a person knows he or she is loved is by receiving a gift. That person tends to give gifts to others, but the people receiving that gift may not appreciate that gift. They maybe understand love more as spending quality time together. A gift giver may find it difficult to spend time together – it doesn't speak to them. If both people learn what speaks to the other person, they can then learn how to communicate that so the other person feels loved.

I try and identify that in my students at school. There is always the kid who wants to spend time talking – their gift is quality time and they need that one on one interaction to feel they are appreciated. Other kids will volunteer to do something, like sweep the floor or bathe the bearded dragon. Their love language is helps, and giving them that opportunity speaks to them. Another language is touch, which is a touchy subject (pun intended) at school. There are those kids that need a high five, and at first I stayed away from it. I can be a bit of a germophobe in winter time, but I discovered that for some kids, they needed that little contact to feel appreciated and that high five went a long way in the classroom. Other kids like giving gifts – it may just be a picture

that they have drawn, but that speaks amounts to them. Giving them a little hand drawn picture can go a long way. The other way us words of praise. There are some kids who just need that word of encouragement, and they will go a long ways in doing what needs to be done.

Tony and April Keene will be offering a one-time course on the love languages on January 11. While they are focusing mainly on the love languages and how they apply to a family, the principles are the same and can be applied to so many other areas, such as work. Understanding those languages not only can help not only strengthen our families, but our society as a whole. Find out more at <http://www.5lovelanguages.com/> . There is even a quiz that you can take to determine what your love language is!

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**The purpose of the  
family is to bring  
glory to God.**



***Twin Pines***

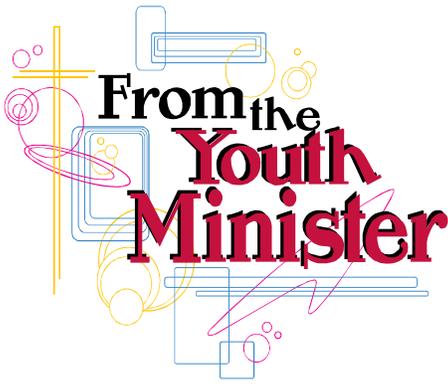
Every Tuesday at 9:30 am

***Highland Crest***

Sunday, January 11, 2 pm

***Kirksville Manor Care***

Sunday, January 18, 2:30 pm



2015...WOW!! I guess it is cliché to say “where have the years gone”, but I’ll say it anyway. Where have the years gone?? January 10<sup>th</sup>, 1990, I turned 18 and was entering the last semester of my senior year in high school. My high school years were amazing...friends, sports, academics, part-time job, and a great Youth group at church. Life was great!

Fast-forward 25 years. January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015, I will turn 43 and my 18-year-old son will be entering the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of his freshman year in college two days later. One of my daughters will be 16 (she was born on my 27<sup>th</sup> birthday) and my other daughter will soon turn 14. I have also been happily married for a little more than 20 years. WOW indeed! In Ecclesiastes, Solomon writes, “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven...”

As we turn the page on a new year, it gives me pause to think about the last 25 years. I have lost grandparents, a mother-in-law, two aunts, and friends, but

I have gained a wife, children, a niece and nephews, sister-in-laws, and new friends. I lost a long-term job that I loved, but have gained a new one that I see a better future in. I have moved from my hometown away from friends and family, but have gained a new home and new friendships and extended families who love us as their own. So much has changed...more than the 18 year old me could ever have dreamed.

As I teach the Youth, I remind them often that life is to be lived to the fullest in Christ because ultimately it is fleeting and temporary. We are to live the lives God has given us in such a way as to honor him and serve him. The Prophet Jeremiah reminds us in Jer. 29:11, “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future”.

As I plan for the Youth for 2015, I think back over the last 25 years of my own life, but I also pray for the next 25 years of their lives. What have they learned that will stay with them? What commitments have they made in following Christ that they will adhere to? How will they look back on the years of their lives? With joy? With contentment?

Let us recommit this year to make Christ the priority in our lives. Let us recommit to encourage our Youth to be faithful in living out their relationship with Christ. Let us recommit to being the

Christian examples we need to be to our children and our Youth. Think about the 18 year old you...what would you tell you if you had the chance? Our teens are listening now, what are we telling them??

*Tony Keene*, Youth Minister  
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Our Goal: \$2,700

Our Giving (as of 12/14):  
**\$3,235.29!!!**

Thank you for supporting international missions!



**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.*



## PrayerMate

*Helping you to pray faithfully & widely*

Prayer is an amazing privilege, but it's also really hard work (the apostle Paul compares it to a wrestling match!) PrayerMate is a Christian prayer app that seeks to help you actually pray for all the people and causes you care about.

PrayerMate brings all your prayer points together. Whether it's your personal prayer points for friends and family, regular updates from some fantastic mission organizations, or the latest PDF prayer letter that just arrived in your inbox, PrayerMate puts it all together in one place and helps you get on and pray.

Available free on iOS and Android

- **INTUITIVE INDEX CARD INTERFACE**

PrayerMate helps you focus on praying, without any unnecessary distractions. Each prayer point shows up as an index card, and then you just swipe between them as you pray.

- **TAILORED JUST FOR YOU**

Set up your own personal categories and subjects, to help you pray for the people and causes that matter most to you. There are also a number of scheduling options – prayer requests can be made to appear on a certain date or day of the week, or you can just let PrayerMate pick topics for you.

- **SUBSCRIBE TO ONLINE CONTENT**

PrayerMate allows you to subscribe to online prayer diaries, with content from some fantastic organizations like London City Mission, Open Doors (providing news from the persecuted church around the world), Christians in Sport and many more. If your church or mission organization provides an iCal or RSS feed then you can request to be added to the gallery as well, or anyone can set up a new prayer diary at PrayerMate.net.

- **DOWNLOADABLE PRAYER GALLERY**

For extra inspiration, PrayerMate includes a gallery of downloadable prayers, including links to prayers in the Bible.

- **PHOTO AND PDF ATTACHMENTS**

Are you frustrated that you have an inbox full of prayer letters from mission partners that you read once and then never look at again? This is where PrayerMate really comes into its own. Attach PDF prayer letters to each subject, then each time you come to pray for them you can open them up and remind yourself of their prayer requests.

- **ADDRESS BOOK INTEGRATION**

Subjects can be entered manually or created in bulk directly from your address book contacts – no typing necessary! Once linked to your address book, you can start typing an email or text message to your friends as you pray for them with just a couple of taps.

- **IMPORT / EXPORT VIA DROPBOX**

Get your data in and out of PrayerMate via Dropbox. Backup your entire database, transfer it to another device, or import notes and PDF attachments from your desktop.

- **DAILY ALARM**

For a little extra help in praying regularly, PrayerMate can optionally be set to remind you to pray once per day.

- **PIN PROTECTION – IPHONE ONLY**

Since your prayer points are often sensitive in nature, PrayerMate lets you set a numeric PIN code for added privacy.

<http://www.geero.net/prayermate/>



## Love Languages and Your Family

Sunday

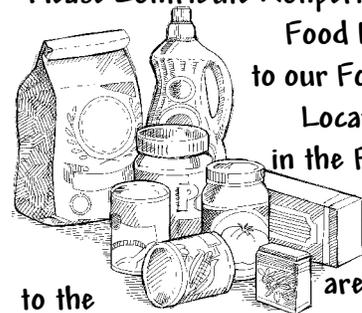
January 11 @ 9:45 am

Led by Tony & April Keene

*This is a one-time class*

*offered by the Family Ministry*

Please Contribute Nonperishable Food Items to our Food Box Located in the Foyer.



These items are donated to the Christian Community Food Depot.

### The Mission of HSBC

**H**onor God's Truth

**S**hare the Gospel

**B**uild Believers

**C**are for Others

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Charles Jackson - Pastor  
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 David Cook - Family Minister  
 Kay Shelby - Administrative Secretary

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**Return Service Requested**



**Adair County Mobile  
 Food Distribution**  
**Saturday, January 24**  
**11:00 am - ???**

Hamilton Street Baptist Church  
 802 W. Hamilton St., Kirkville, 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  
               6:00 p.m.    Worship  
 Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.    Prayer  
               6:30 p.m.    Bible Study / Youth

**L  king Forward**

February 5-6    Evangelism Conference  
 February 9    Monday Night Women's Bible Study Begins  
 February 14    Valentine's Day  
 February 28    Mobile Food Pantry Distribution  
  
 March 1    Adair County Detention Center  
 March 4    Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study  
 Begins  
 March 8    Daylight Saving Time Begins  
 March 15    Highland Crest  
 March 21    Easter Egg Hunt  
 March 21    A Night of Laughter  
 March 28    Mobile Food Pantry Distribution  
 March 29    Palm Sunday