

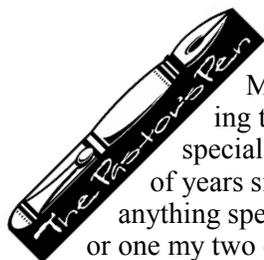


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Essential church for all the seasons of life

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May is the month we celebrate Mother's Day. As I was preparing to write this article, I got to thinking, what made Mother's Day special for me when I was growing up? Now I realize that it is a lot of years since I was a child at home, but honestly, I don't remember anything special that we did for Mother's Day. Now I am sure that either I or one my two other siblings or my dad attempted to do something special for my Mom. The truth is, they weren't special enough to me to have found any special place in my memory to reflect upon. Now, it is not like I don't have any memories of special things we did at different holidays. I can remember Easter Egg hunts in the backyard. I can remember helping my brother set up a large speaker on the roof of our house at Christmas time, so we could blast the neighborhood with our top Christmas selections. I imagine our neighbors also have "fond" memories of that as well. I just don't have any memories of anything special we did for Mother's Day.

It is too late for me to do anything special and memorable for my mother. If your mother is still alive, it is not too late for you. Fathers, you can help your children create some special Mother's Day memories by doing something special, maybe even an annual traditions for your wife and mother of your children. Grown children, you can still do something special to honor your mother and if you have children, you can plan out something special that your children can do to honor their grandmother.

May you create some traditions that in future years will enable you or your children to say, "That was really special, I will never forget it." May it also be something to cause your mother or grandmother to say, "That was really nice, I will never forget it."

Happy Mother's Day

Pastor Charles

pastorchas@sbcglobal.net

Baby Dedication
 Mother's Day, May 10th

If you would like to participate,
 please contact the church office.



The Bible studies are over for the winter session. We will now begin to prepare for the fall. If you have any suggestions regarding what you would like to study please let one of the committee members know and we will take your suggestions under consideration. We will also need a location to meet on Monday nights. If you are willing let us know that also.

The Ladies' Tea was a success. There were 75 to 80 in attendance of all ages. Our speaker was Breanne Hunt with Lifeline Pregnancy Help Clinic. She explained all the programs that Lifeline works on and the people that are helped through their agency.

We would like to give a very special thanks to those who helped the committee with the tea: Dee Matheny and Brenda Jones were especially helpful in preparing the food. Lisa King for helping decorate, making invitations and programs. John Kues, Kevin Martin, Tony and Andrew Keene, Mike Hartman, Greg Xander and Doug Marshall for serving the food and also staying to help with the clean up. Pastor Charles for working the sound equipment. Charles Porter for taking photos. Alyson and Anna Keene, Lily Martin and Emily Marshall for providing musical entertainment. I hope I haven't overlooked anyone. If I have please know it wasn't intentional and you are thanked.

If you have any suggestions or questions regarding the women's ministry committee please contact Sherry Bratton, April Keene, Jessica Martin, Vera Willis or Phyllis Hamilton.

Sherry Bratton,

Women's Ministry Committee Chair

Church Council recently met and discussed the following topics:

Viability of Christmas Experience – Church Council discussed if we have enough time to put The Journey to Bethlehem Christmas event together this year. Storage space for set design was also mentioned. Work on floor plan, set design, procurement, etc. will begin with a proposal to be submitted at June's Church Council meeting.

Nominating Committee – There is an open position on this committee. Assignments were made for candidates to be contacted.

Consideration of Change from Sunday School to Small Groups – A summer digital study about Transformational Church leadership will be available. It would be set up so we would not need to physically meet, but could share comments. A Leadership Retreat led by LifeWay consultant, Ken Lupton, will be planned. Fall programming would be the earliest time frame in which any new small groups would be started. Discussion continued as to the format of the small groups, adherence to Biblical study, etc. Pastor Charles indicated he plans to present a proposal with more information at June's Church Council meeting.

Easter Egg Hunt Review – It was noted a large number of children participated. The Kirksville Daily Express had nice color pictures of the event on the front page, as well as a video posted online. The larger community involvement and the perception of our church seems favorable. Thank you notes have been received, and several families expressed appreciation for the Easter pictures.

Inserting Constitution in Newsletter – Council members suggested we place copies in the foyer and post it on the church website.



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

Summary of Church Council Agenda Items



COUNCIL MEETING

TSU SAB Facility Use – A request to use the building for the Truman Student Activities Board spring retreat has been received. This would be an overnight retreat. One of our associate members is involved. Following discussion which included past experiences with student organizations using the building as a building rather than respecting it as a church, and considering there would be both men and women present overnight, the unanimous opinion was to decline this opportunity.

Last Call for Wfx Reach Conference – This conference for church leaders will be held in Chicago in late May. He asked those interested to contact the church office as soon as possible so we can get the early bird registration rate.

Sports Crusaders – This is an organization that holds Christian sports camps. They can do a soccer camp on June 8 – 12. Jonathan Walker was given authority to pursue this event.

Vital Signs

Year to Date (04/21/2015):

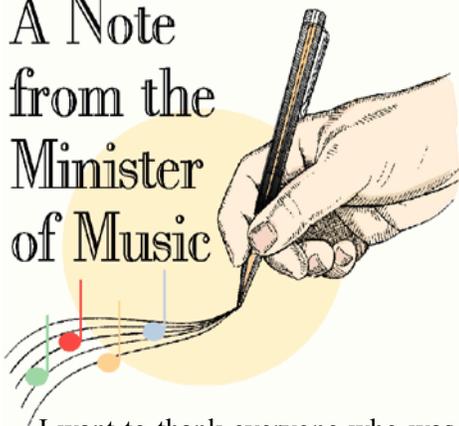
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| Budgeted Offering: | \$101,434.91 |
| Received Offering: | \$108,305.28 |
| Budget Expenses: | \$91,711.09 |

Bldg Fund Offering YTD: \$10,595.64

YTD Average Attendance:

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| 8:30 a.m. Worship: | 103 |
| 11:00 a.m. Worship: | 131 |
| Worship Total: | 238 |
| Sunday School: | 150 |

A Note from the Minister of Music



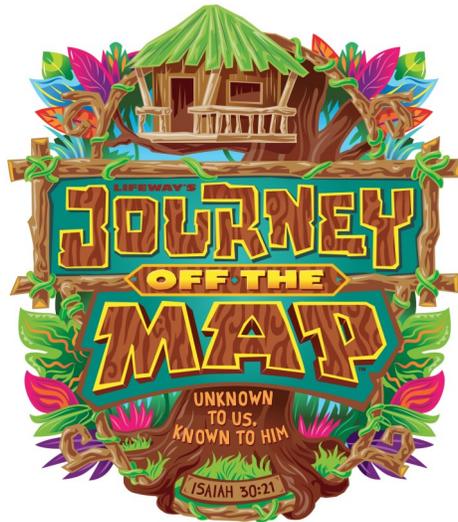
I want to thank everyone who was involved in the choir cantata on Easter Sunday. It was truly a worshipful service praising our risen Lord. It doesn't seem possible that we are getting so close to summer. The choir will not meet during the months of June and July but will continue to lead during worship.

I have heard many good comments about the special music presented by the Dysart family. What a Godly and talented family! It was great to spend some time after the service with them during supper. Also, thanks to the kitchen crew for providing the meal. It was delicious!

Pam and I were able to attend the Branson Jubilee this year. Such inspirational music was presented along with messages from Johnny Hunt and Governor Mike Huckabee. If you ever get the opportunity to attend one of these jubilees, please do so. You will be blessed.

See you in worship!

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



Vacation Bible School

Sunday—Thursday

July 26—30

To Volunteer:

Contact our VBS Director,
Lisa King

The Mission of HSBC

Honor God's Truth

Share the Gospel

Build Believers

Care for Others



Graduate Recognition Sunday

Sunday, May 3

11 am service

we will be recognizing all those graduating from 8th grade, high school, trade or technical school, undergraduate- and graduate level college & university. In order for us to prepare, we would like to know the names of all of our graduates. Please contact Tony Keene or the church office with graduates' names and information.



8th Grade / Middle School:

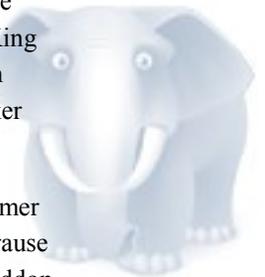
Seth Austic
Levi Blankenship
Charlie Fraser
Anna Keene
Christian King
Lily Martin
Noah Walker

Senior High:

Rachel Heimer
William Krause
Dorian Sneddon
T. J. Tingley

Undergraduate:

Josh Pearson
Columbia College, Business



College and Career, Rejuvenated & Strength Training Small Group Breakfast

May 31 @ 9 am

Bring a breakfast dish to share, and then we will have a combined SS together in the fellowship hall!



Breakfast

MAY CALENDAR

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| May 2 | 8:00 a.m. | Men's Breakfast, Rosie's Northtown Café |
| May 3 | | Youth Sunday Graduate Recognition Sunday |
| | 2:00 p.m. | Highland Crest |
| May 5 | 9:30 a.m. | Twin Pines |
| May 6 | 9:00 a.m. | Women's Bible Study, HSBC |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Prayer |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Adult Co-Ed Bible Study / Youth |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Nominating Committee |
| May 7 | | National Day of Prayer |
| May 10 | | Mother's Day Parent / Baby Dedication |
| | 1:30 p.m. | Adair County Detention Center Book of Reports Submissions Due |
| May 11 | | |
| May 12 | 9:30 a.m. | Twin Pines |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Church Outreach and Visitation |
| May 13 | 9:00 a.m. | Women's Bible Study, HSBC |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Prayer |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Adult Co-Ed Bible Study / Youth |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Church Council |
| May 17 | 8:30 & 11 a.m. | Lord's Supper Charles & Jane Jackson 40 th Anniversary Open House |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Business Meeting Newsletter Items Due |
| May 18 | | |
| May 19 | 9:30 a.m. | Twin Pines |
| May 20 | 9:00 a.m. | Women's Bible Study, HSBC |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Prayer |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Adult Co-Ed Bible Study / Youth |
| May 23 | 11:00 a.m. | Mobile Food Pantry Distribution |
| May 24 | 2:30 p.m. | Twin Pines |
| May 25 | | Memorial Day, Office Closed |
| May 26 | 9:30 a.m. | Twin Pines |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Deacons |
| May 27 | 6:00 p.m. | Prayer |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Adult Co-Ed Bible Study / Youth |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Staff |
| May 31 | 9:00 a.m. | Up & Coming, Strength Training, Rejuvenated Combined Class Breakfast and Study |



Saturday, May 2

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 12 elephants
hidden in this newsletter?**



Slices of Summer Special News



2015 is the summer to consider
how to become a...

How are we doing? The church, that is. And how are we doing it? Congregations have long measured success by "bodies, budget, and buildings"--a certain record of attendance, the offering plate, and square footage. But the scorecard can't stop there. When it does, the deeper emphasis on accountability, discipleship, and spiritual maturity is lost. Ignoring those details, we see fewer lives transformed, Christian influence wanes, and churches thin out--a situation that is all too familiar across North America today.

It is time to take heart and rework the scorecard.

According to Ed Stetzer and Thom S. Rainer, the authors of *Transformational Church*, "Too often we've highlighted the negative realities of the declining American church but missed the opportunity to magnify the God of hope and transformation."

Based on the most comprehensive study of its kind, including a survey of more than 7,000 churches and hundreds of on-site interviews with pastors, *Transformational Church* takes us to the thriving congregations where truly changing lives is the norm.

Stetzer and Rainer clearly confirm the importance of disciple making for all through active biblical engagement and prayerful dependence on God alongside of ever-increasing, intentional participation in mission and ministry activities. As the church engages these issues, the world will see the change:

- * More people following Christ
- * More believers growing in their faith
- * More churches making an impact on their communities

The transformation starts now.



Church Survey

As part of the Transformational Church process, we will be conducting an all church survey. This will help us to see how we as a church are doing.

The results will help us make plans to become a truly transformational church.

Our goal is 50% participation of all active attendees at church.

The survey will be made available in June and will be available in print and online.



Is there a biblical model for a transformational church?

Of all the New Testament churches, the one that made the most impact in the lives of its members, the community around it and the world was the church at Antioch. Seminary president Jeff Iorg looks back at the New Testament church in Antioch to find a biblical model of what healthy “transformational” churches look like today. Areas

of study and discussion will include the church’s need to emphasize the empowering of the Holy Spirit, advancing the gospel, changing lives, maintaining doctrinal integrity, resolving conflicts, strong leadership and sacrificial living.

Our summer Wednesday night study beginning May 27 will be “Building Antioch.” It will run for approximately six weeks. It is based on the book, “The Case for Antioch” by Jeff Iorg. The study book will be available through the church office. Digital copies will also be available for electronic readers.

A special encouragement to all church members and leaders to participate in this study. If summer activities or travel keep you away from the Wednesday night study, the material will also be available as an online study. The format will be similar to the Transformational Church Study that will only be made available online.

Transformation and the Local Church

Incredibly Biblical Idea #1: Transformation. This is what happens when God gets hold of the life of an everyday person. He transforms them with the gospel. Every thought and action begins to change. Values and attitudes change. And people notice. They change from living for self to dying to self. Soon, life focuses solely on the mission of Christ.

Incredibly Biblical Idea #2: The Local Church. We believe in the church because of her Lord. It is the gathering of transformed people to hear the gospel, worship, and then scatter to participate in God's mission. The church is God's chosen instrument to spread the gospel. It is His people engaged in His mission to carry His message into their culture and every culture. The local church is not an antiquated idea but a necessity in our day.





Nursing Home

Twin Pines

Every Tuesday at 9:30 am

Kirksville Manor Care

Sunday, April 5, 2:30 pm

NOTES ON WORSHIP

David Cook,
interim music
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On Saturday April 11, I was driving to Chillicothe. Christian music from the radio and then from a CD filled the car and uplifted my spirit. The most important thing about worship is that we see God for Who He is and that helps us trust Him even more. We need that at all times of our lives, but I knew I especially needed that on this day as I was going to Chillicothe to meet with my parents and siblings to talk about funeral plans for my dad.

Back in January my dad's cancer returned. He had been cancer free for about 2 1/2 years – a year more than most people with his type of cancer. He began chemo treatments, but in March was admitted to the hospital on the verge of renal failure.

A few weeks later the doctors told him that they were stopping the chemo as there wasn't anything else they could do. He came home knowing that he would be dying soon. He wanted to make plans when we could all come together and while he was still coherent, hoping we wouldn't need the plans anytime soon. Such talk is not easy, and having a time of worship in the car

helped give me strength that only God could give.

After the talk, I went to the other room and played on the piano for about 1 hour. I played many of the good ol' hymns. It's interesting how the words take on a different meaning when one is terminally ill. Still, it is those songs of faith that encourage us in those times of difficulty. My sister told me that while I was playing they could see him become more restful. The music helped my dad for a moment take his mind off his illness and focus on God, who is our Sustainer.

Sometimes when situations in our life are the most hectic, it can be difficult to find time to worship God. Yet, in those darkest moments when we find that time, it helps us so much to draw close to God. Corporate worship on Sundays is so very important, but we should never forget those moments of private worship. In some ways it is even more convenient this day and age. Radio stations, CD's, downloads, etc make music readily available. Our services can be "Live Streamed" and we can watch from the convenience of our homes. The key to it all is taking the time, so we can get the correct focus and live our lives as He would desire. Find that time to spend with God and to know Him.

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

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

and the Great Commission

(¹³Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁵Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and 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)

From the Youth Minister

May is upon us. Seems like yesterday that it was 10 degrees outside with snow on the ground in early February. Spring is the favorite season of the year for a lot of people. It is a time of renewal and a time of hope. Flowers are blooming, grass is turning green, and the leaves are returning to the trees.

Another rite of passage for this time of year is graduation. Graduates looking forward to the next phase of their lives; hopeful for a future of prosperity. I graduated from High School in 1990. A new decade had begun and it was a time of great excitement and anticipation. Work, college, relationships...so much going on, so many decisions. 25 years have passed and as I work with the Youth of HSBC, I still see the same excitement and anticipation from our graduates; whether Middle School or High School.

We talk a lot about what it means to be a follower of Christ in today's environment. The pressures of being a Youth today are not so far off from previous generations. While the names and faces of the pressures may have changed, the root of all the trouble has always come down to one basic issue...SIN.

We live in a fallen world so we should not be surprised that sin continues to dominate. Our Youth face a different world than the one I entered as a graduate in 1990. We had no Internet, no social media, no texting...even our video games were pretty benign by today's standards. As I teach the Youth, I always try to keep in mind that the pressures we faced in "our day" and the ones faced by today's Youth have a common solution. The solution has been and always will be a life lived trusting in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and living our lives according to His will.

May our graduates and all of our Youth always remember that Christ is the solution for all of the pressures they face. Jeremiah 29:11 tells us... "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."

God bless our graduates and all of our Youth.

Tony Keene, Youth Minister
 tony.keene@sbcglobal.net



Thou Shall Read Facebook?

by Karen Kramer

The glaring headline shouted the obvious: **Facebook is Read More Than the Bible.**

With Facebook's 757 million daily users there is no question many Christians are included in that number.

And indeed, those Christians could be spending more time on Facebook than in their Bibles. The latest study by the Barna Group indicated that only 26% of Americans are reading their Bibles four or more times a week. With the ministry opportunities on Facebook perhaps some Christians get their daily dose of spiritual sustenance from their Facebook newsfeeds.

Yet, God's Word contains the power source for strength, and the spiritual food for Christian growth.

We are becoming more socially connected, but we're spiritually bankrupt when it comes to knowing God's Word and living it out in our lives.

While Facebook will be an opportunity to share God's truth, it shouldn't replace time spent in the Bible and having quiet time away from social media to really listen to His still, small voice. Is it any wonder that we seem to be disconnected in our spiritual lives when we've made a far stronger connection in our social media lives?



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.



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

EVERY CHRISTIAN'S 2ND MOST IMPORTANT BOOK by Garrett Kell

This month, we conclude the article about the Church Directory by Garrett Kell:

2. This helps pastors better shepherd the flock Jesus entrusts to them.

Hebrews 13:17 “Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account...”

As pastors we need to know whose souls Jesus expects us to be watching over and preparing to give an account for. Church membership helps make this clear, but a church directory helps make it practically clear.

As a pastor, there are few things that help me feel the weight of the Hebrews 13:17 responsibility like spending time praying through the pages of our church's membership directory. As I do this, I see the eyes of those who have said “I am following Jesus by obeying and submitting to your leadership.” If that isn't weighty to you as a pastor, then I'm not sure what is.

3. It keeps homebound members on your mind, though they may be out of sight.

James 1:27 “pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and father is to visit orphans and widows in their distress.”

Members who are no longer able

to worship with us are marked as “homebound” in our directory. We encourage families and non-married members to write them letters or go by and visit them. The Lord has used this to help us keep these sometimes forgotten members close to our hearts. I'm not sure of a better tool to help keep these members on our mind like a well-used directory.

4. It helps homebound members continue to invest in the spiritual health of the church.

For many members who can no longer come together with the church for worship, prayer has become their primary ministry. By ensuring that they get updated copies of the picture directory, we remind them that they are not forgotten and that they are still playing a vital role in the life and health of the church. By having pictures and names in a booklet they can look at each day, it can help those whose memories may be fading to be reminded of their brothers and sisters in Christ.

5. It helps alert church members to people who may be in danger.

James 5:19-20 “My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.”

We'd like to think that our church

is the kind of tight knit community where everyone knows who's showing up regularly, and even more importantly, how one another's souls are doing. But the fact is, some people get overlooked.

If however your church and elders are regularly praying through the directory, the probability dramatically increases of someone saying, “have you seen _____ in a while?” And, over time, as God develops a culture of members knowing (and caring) that they have responsibility for each other, members will take initiative to reach out to people they haven't seen in a while.

I know of several people who had been absent from church and wandering in sin, but when a praying member noticed they hadn't seen them in a while, they reached out and God used them to help that fellow member begin walking with the Lord again. May God make us a people who are always alert to those who may be wandering into danger—and also make us a people who are intentional to pray for one another.

There are few other practical resources that help every member in your church love one another by praying for each other. So if you've got a directory, start using it.

Garrett Kell is Lead Pastor of Del Ray Baptist Church in Alexandria, VA and blogs at garrettkell.com where this post originally appeared. You can follow him on Twitter @pastorjgkell.



*College Student Bible Study Teacher
Stacy Tucker-Potter,
find her on Facebook, or stop by her
office in McClain Hall 205 on the
Truman campus.*

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.

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 David Cook - Interim 11 am Music Minister
 Tony Keene - Youth Minister
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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 Adult Study

Looking Forward

• June 6 Men's Breakfast
 • June 1 – 5 Youth Camp, Grand Oaks
 • June 15 – 19 Super Summer, Hannibal
 • June 21 Father's Day
 Kirkville Manor Care
 • June 20 – 26 HSBC Mission Trip, Holt, MO
 • June 28 Highland Crest
 Lake Picnic & Baptism @ The Point
 • July 3 Office Closed
 • July 4 Independence Day
 Men's Breakfast
 • July 5 Adair County Detention Center
 • July 10 – 11 Intro to Camping, Grades 1-3, Grand Oaks
 • July 20 – 24 Children's Camp, Grand Oaks
 • July 26 – 30 Vacation Bible School