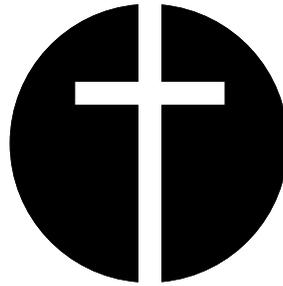


December

2015



Hamilton Street Baptist Church

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Christmas is a time to celebrate that God really is in charge. On that first Christmas, it seemed unlikely that God would be doing anything very spectacular in the near future. Israel was a puppet state of the Roman Empire. Ungodly men were serving as "kings" of Israel. The whole of the Jewish faith was increasingly becoming corrupt. There had been multiple "Messiahs" presented to Israel. They had all been put to death by the Roman government. There was political and social tension within the country. It looked like things were spinning out of control.

In the midst of that, an angel appears to a virgin. A baby is born in a backwater village. A young man later steps forth and calls disciples and announces that the kingdom of God is at hand. He is betrayed and put to death, but three days later rises again. A new movement of faith begins that will later be called Christianity. As it grows, it overpowers a pagan Roman Empire. Through the years it has moved through all the earth, touching and transforming millions of lives.

Imagine, it all began at a time when things seemed to spiral out of control. Kind of like today. Christmas is the reminder that God is continually at work, even in the apparent darkest of times. As He was at work then, He is still at work today. We may not always see it, but He is there. Christmas is a time to celebrate that God really is in charge.

Merry Christmas!

Pastor Charles & Jane
pastorchas@sbcglobal.net

2015 LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING*
 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS • NOV. 29 – DEC. 6



BECAUSE OF WHO HE IS

... AND **BECAUSE YOU GIVE**, IMB HELPS CHURCHES SEND MISSIONARIES TO THE BILLIONS **WHO HAVE YET TO HEAR.**

Our Church Goal: \$3,000



PRAY » GIVE » GO » SEND »





The Women's Ministry ladies would like to remind you that we have our first Great Christmas Giveaway coming up on Saturday, December 12th from 9am to 12pm in the HSBC multi-purpose room. This is a chance for us as churchgoers to reach outside our four walls to the community around us. We hope with the giveaway to encourage people who are not church goers or are in need to come and "shop" for gifts for family or themselves that they might not be able to afford otherwise.

So here's the next thing we want you to think about, What can you do in this? Well, to have a giveaway we will need items to be contributed. To find these items, take a look around your house and notice anything that might not have a use for you.

Next, check our lists of accepted items that are on the



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

lime green handouts in the foyer or small group rooms. Or check our church website. It's there, too. Once you find something that you can bring then make sure to take it to the church on our drop-off dates between Wednesday, December 9th and Friday, December 11th from 5:30 to 7:30pm.

What if you have no "things" to donate? You can still sign up to donate your time because we need YOU too! We will have a night for sorting the items on Friday, December 11th from 5pm to 9pm. In addition to that, we could use you for the day of the actual event on that Saturday.

So to recap, check the lists for donation ideas, search your home for stuff and consider showing up to help serve.

What if we have leftover items? They will be donated to Helping Hands Mission.

Also, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the lovely Jessica Austic either by phone (660-342-3580), email (jaustic@hotmail.com) or on Facebook (Jessica Austic).

Jessica Martin,
Women's Ministry Committee



Twin Pines

December 1, 8, & 29 at 9:30 am
December 15 at 2 pm
December 22—no service

Highland Crest

Sunday, December 13, 2 pm



What goes into the box is fun ... what comes out is eternal. 185 children will

receive the fun packed into the shoeboxes from our church. Please join me in praying that each of those 185 precious children and their families will experience an eternal impact from receiving their shoebox. Let's ask God to deliver each shoebox to just the right child and then to work miracles through the contents. Pray that each child will experience God's overwhelming love and that they will understand that Jesus Christ wants to be their Savior and Lord.

Because of your gifts, 185 precious children will receive a shoebox gift and learn about Jesus Christ! Thank you! To those who packed shoeboxes, to those who gave monetary gifts, to those who prayed, thank you! Thank you for your kindness and your generosity.

Tanya Tatro
Operation Christmas Child
Coordinator

Vital Signs

Year to Date (11/25/2015):

Budgeted Offering:	\$297,965.05
Received Offering:	\$299,816.75
Budget Expenses:	\$275,198.45

Bldg Fund Offering YTD: \$21,119.64

YTD Average Attendance:

8:30 a.m. Worship:	99
11:00 a.m. Worship:	127
Worship Total:	229
Sunday Morning Small Groups:	151



**ADAIR COUNTY
MOBILE FOOD
DISTRIBUTION**
Saturday,
December 5
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.

*Volunteer to help on our web site
under "Sign Up."*

The Mission of HSBC

Honor God's Truth

Share the Gospel

Build Believers

Care for Others

As I write this article, Thanksgiving is just around the corner and Christmas will be here before we know it. In Youth group recently we talked about thanksgiving as it relates to worship. Psalms 95:1-3 gives us a great picture of how to come before the awesome presence of our Lord... "Oh come; let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. For the Lord is the great God, and the great King above all gods." As we gather with friends and family for Thanksgiving, do we use the time to really come before God and thank Him for all that He is and for all that He has done for us? Christmas is when we celebrate Christ's birth...the Rock of our salvation! We should get excited about what God has done and continues to do.

Recently, we had the opportunity to take 23 youth and jr youth, along with 7 adults, to the Newsboys concert in Ottumwa. What an amazing time of worship! It was so exciting to see our kids get excited about singing to the Lord. Ryan Stevenson and Hawk Nelson also performed at the



concert and each of the groups used part of their time to encourage the audience to either begin a relationship with Christ or deepen their relationship with Christ. Newsboys, of course, played their hit song "God's Not Dead". As we talked about the concert later and that song in particular, it really brought the verses from Psalms 95 into focus for me. Our God is ALIVE and we can come into His presence. He IS the great God and no matter what is going on in this fallen world, He is surely alive and He is roaring on the inside of all of us who are believers.

As you approach the Christmas season, let the words of the Psalm speak to you in a real way. Are you excited about your faith? Are you excited for what God is doing in your midst? Are you living in such a way that would draw others to your Lord and Savior? God is ALIVE... worship like you really believe it!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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

If you would like to donate aluminum cans to the Youth, place them in Doug Athon's pickup bed on Sunday mornings, usually parked near the bus garage.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

December 1	9:30 a.m.	Twin Pines
December 2	5:45 p.m.	Dinner
	6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Programming
	7:30 p.m.	Nominating Committee
December 4	6:00 p.m.	Youth Activity
December 5	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast, Rosie's Northtown Café
	11:00 a.m.	Mobile Food Pantry Distribution
December 6	3:00 p.m.	Pastor Charles & Jane's Open House, 1712 E. McPherson
	6:00 p.m.	Carol Service @ The Jacksons'
December 7	7:15 p.m.	Men's Fellowship, 19436 Tamarack Trail
December 8	9:00 a.m.	Area Scene KIRX 1450 AM, 99.7 FM
	9:30 a.m.	Twin Pines
December 9		Last Full Wednesday Night Programming until January 20
	5:45 p.m.	Dinner
	6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Programming
December 12	9:00 a.m.	HSBC's Great Christmas Give Away
December 13	2:00 p.m.	Highland Crest
	6:00 p.m.	Senior Songsters
December 15	2:00 p.m.	Twin Pines
December 16	6:00 p.m.	Prayer
	6:30 p.m.	Adult Co-ed Bible Study / Youth
December 17		Newsletter Items Due
December 19		Dependables Christmas Party Luncheon
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Dress Rehearsal & Fellowship
December 20	8:30 a.m.	Choir Mini-Cantata
	11:00 a.m.	Contemporary Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Children & Youth Christmas Program
December 21	7:15 p.m.	Men's Fellowship, 19436 Tamarack Trail
December 23		Evening Activities are Dismissed
December 24		Christmas Eve, Office Closed
	5:00 p.m.	Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, more contemporary
	6:30 p.m.	Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, more traditional
December 25		Christmas Day, Office Closed
December 29	9:30 a.m.	Twin Pines
December 30		Evening Activities are Dismissed
December 31		New Year's Eve, Office Closed



Saturday, December 5

8:00 a.m.

Rosie's Northtown Cafe

Contact Doug Athon

**MEN'S
MINISTRY**

**Men's Fellowship
Are You Ready
For Some Football?**

NFL Monday Night Football

**Monday, December 7
and
Monday, December 21
7:15 pm**

Bring food to share.
Halftime devotion.
19436 Tamarack Trail

Christmas music is so special. If I heard it all year round, I might get sick of it, but there is something so special hearing songs during this time of year. One of the traditions we have at our house is to have an Advent wreath that we attempt to light 4-5 times each week and we sing some Christmas carols. If we don't teach our children these special songs, then they won't know them since they won't learn them at school.

That was hit home to me several years ago when I lived in KC. One SS teacher, Myrtle Faye, wanted to take the kids out caroling to shut-ins, and she asked me to drive the church van. Only 3 kids showed up, and they were Russian immigrants. Myrtle Faye asked them what Christmas songs they knew, and they knew only secular songs. I had to tell her that they don't sing the good ol' carols at school any more. She made copies of a few songs and taught them a few right then and there! This time of learning the songs of the faith by candle light is a special time for us.

I hope you have picked up your copy of the "Preparing for Christmas Devotions 2015". Once again, HSBCers have written some great devotions. This time the verses are



NOTES ON WORSHIP

David Cook, interim music

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familiar verses that we might hear anytime during the year, but they are written with how they can apply to us at Christmas. It's interesting that given a variety of people and different verses, there is something very common throughout the writings. If you particularly enjoyed a devotion, please let that person know. They put time and effort into their writing, and each one is very special.

In second service, we are also having some special skits before the lighting of the candle. We will be looking at some situations that people are going through, but how the hope, love, faith and peace of Christmas can become a reality. This will lead into our prayer time and I expect that this will be a very special part of our worship. A special thanks to those who are preparing something.

Then there's the **TOP 10 Favorite Songs** – at least for 2nd service! If you participate in the 11am service, then please take time to tell us your

favorite songs that we sing. I will be tallying them and then revealing them to you at the beginning of January. You can see all the songs listed on the opposite page. You can either circle the songs (only your favorite 10) and turn it in, or you can fill it out at the following site: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XFBZVHV> Be sure to have the titles handy. If you don't remember the title, then you can write down some the key phrases or words. You can do that on either the paper survey or on the on-line version. Please have the survey completed by Sunday December 20.

Have a blessed Christmas!



FOOD PANTRY

There's a container in the foyer for your donations.

Contributions are donated to the Christian Community Food Depot.

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).

The “Top Favorites” for 2015: *Circle your 10 top favorite songs that we sing at the 11am service, or go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XFBZVHV> Have the survey completed by December 20.*

10,000 Reasons	Enough	Lord, I Need You
Above All	Everlasting God	Mighty to Save
All Because of Jesus	Everyday	None But Jesus
All Creatures of Our God and King	Everything Glorious	Nothing But the Blood
All the Earth will Sing Your Praises	Forever	O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
Amazing Grace (My Chains are gone)	Give Us Clean Hands	O Worship the King
Amazing Love	God of this City	Our God
Arms Open Wide	God of Wonders	Revelation Song
Awesome is the Lord Most High	God’s Not Dead	Salvation is Here
At the Cross (Where Love Ran Red)	Happy Day	Shout for Joy
Be the Center	He Knows My Name	Soon
Be Thou My Vision	He Reigns	Soul on Fire!
Be unto Your name	Here is Our King	Step by Step
Beautiful One	Holiness	Take My Life
Beauty of the Lord	Holy is the Lord	The Heart of Worship
Before the Throne of God Above	Holy Spirit	The Power of Your Love
Better is One Day	How Deep the Father’s Love for us	The Stand
Blessed	How Great is our God	The Wonderful Cross
Blessed Assurance	Hosanna	This is Amazing Grace
Blessed Be Your Name	How He loves	Today is the Day
Break Every Chain	Hungry	Unchanging
Build Your Kingdom Here	I Am	We Are Hungry
Breathe	I Need Thee Every Hour	We Bow Down
Change My Heart O God	I Will Rise	We Fall Down
Come As You Are	In Christ Alone	White Flag
Come Just as You Are	In the Secret	You are Holy (Prince of Peace)
Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King	Indescribable	You are My Strength
Complete in Thee	Jesus Draw Me Close	Your Grace is Enough
Cornerstone	Lay Me Down	Your Love, Oh Lord
Days of Elijah	Lead Me to the Cross	You’re Worthy of My Praise
Desert Song	Let It Rise	
Did you Feel the Mountains Tremble	Lord Most High	
Draw Me Close To You	Lord of Lords	



Summary of Church Council Agenda Items



Church Council recently met and discussed the following items:

Business Meeting Protocol – Church Council will recommend the adoption of the Business Meeting Protocol at the next business meeting. These etiquette guidelines will help those bringing items to discuss at business meetings be clear and precise in dialogue as well as assist the congregation to be Christ honoring in questions and comments.

Christmas Give Away – Details were discussed about this project scheduled for the morning of December 12. Donations of gently used items will be accepted. Those who are in need can pick out gifts and wrap them. Once your bag is full then your shopping is done. Helping Hands Mission will pick up anything left.

The Women's Ministry is coordinating this project which will be held in lieu of the Cookie Swap.

Financial Planning Course – Jonathan Walker has volunteered to teach a Dave Ramsey class to start mid-January. There will be a fee of \$100 per couple or person. It was agreed to offer such a course with the dates and times to be announced.

Calendar – Wednesday night activities will be dismissed December 30. Full Wednesday Night Programming will resume January 20 and run until April 20 or beyond if needed.

Serving Opportunities Booklet – The Nominating Committee's booklet was reviewed and discussed with suggestions for changes made. Once the document has been edited as recommended it will be ready for use.

Nominating Committee – It is Church Council's responsibility to fill the Nominating Committee, and this work was begun.

Facility Use Policy – Proposed Basic Policy began.

Membership: Rooted, Growing and Sharing – Discussion continued regarding membership requirements, expectations, and the process for becoming a member.

Senior Songsters

The Senior Songsters Choir will be in concert at Hamilton Street Baptist Church on Sunday, December 13, at 6:00 p.m. This is a choir for folks 50 years old and older who love to spend time praising the Lord in song, and is composed of people from various churches and denominations from the Northeast Missouri area.

They currently have about 30 members, with Jim Barnett as director. Their membership currently comprises several members of Hamilton Street Baptist Church, so please mark your calendar and don't miss this performance. Their Christmas cantata is entitled, "Joy! Unspeakable Joy!" written by Kenna Turner West and Dale Mathews. The cantata admonishes us to "repeat the sounding joy". More than just a line from one of our favorite carols, this message is ingrained in the heart of every believer. Since the very first Christmas, God's people have gone about the business of telling the Good News: our Savior has come! First, we receive the joy of His blessed birth and all it means to us, and then we tell it and retell it, over and over again.

The choir practices every Monday at 5:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church from March through mid-December, and they present a Summer and a Winter program each year. The group's busy performance schedule takes them to local nursing homes and churches throughout the area.

Senior Songsters are always looking to expand the group, so if you love to sing and would like more information about the group, please contact Jim Barnett.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED**
Thursday & Friday
December 3 & 4
and
Thursday & Friday
December 30 & January 1

The Real Meaning of Christmas

It's that time of year again. December has come and with it all the joys of Christmas. But what is the real meaning of Christmas? Is it the gifts under the tree, the lights in the windows, the cards in the mail, turkey dinners with family and friends, snow in the yard, stockings hanging in the living room, and shouts of "Merry Christmas" to those who pass us in the streets? Is this really Christmas?

For many people, Christmas is a time of sorrow. They don't have the extra money to buy presents for their children, family, and friends. Many are saddened at Christmastime when they think of their loved ones who will not be able to come home for various reasons.

Yet, Christmas can be a season of great joy. It is a time of God showing His great love for us. It can be a time of healing and renewed strength. You see, Christmas is when we celebrate the birth of the Christ child. God sent His Son, Jesus, into the world to be born. His birth brought great joy to the world. This was no ordinary baby. The prophets had told of His coming hundreds of years before.

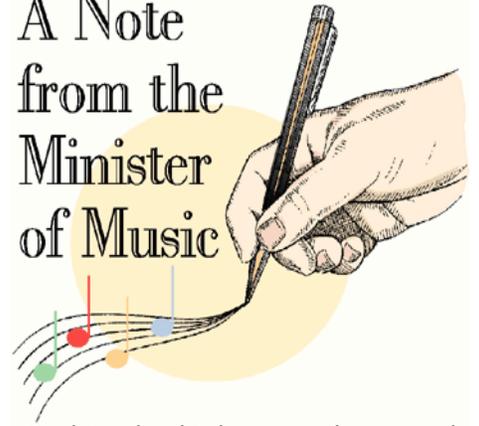
Luke 2: 4-19 says:

"So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to

A Note from the Minister of Music



God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart."

Why did He come? Why did God send His son to this sometimes cruel and hard world? He sent Jesus to us so that one day, He would grow up to become a very important part of history. His story is one of truth, love, and hope. It brought salvation to all of us.

Pam and I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a New Year full of God's blessings.

Jesus Is The Reason For The Season! Rejoice!

See you in worship!

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

Heaven
and Nature
Singing

Please
pick up
your



UNCLAIMED
DISHES from the
kitchen

Jubilee
TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN



SpringTime

THE OLD TIME GOSPEL SINGIN', LAUGHIN' & PREACHIN'

ARTISTS INCLUDE:

Ricky Skaggs
David Phelps
The McKameys
Karen Peck & New River
Squire Parsons
and last but not least
Dixie Melody Boys

SCHEDULED SPEAKERS:

Chonda Pierce
Johnny Hunt
Herb Reavis



The Conference fee is \$89 per person if you register by December 27.

There is a \$20 registration fee with a balance due after the first of the year. Lodging costs at The Brickhouse (same location as last year) are \$108 single or \$54 shared room and will be payable after the first of the year. Other incidentals will include \$15 for gas if riding the bus. Lunch & dinner are on your own.

You may pay your \$20 registration in the church office before Dec. 27



VOM Radio airs weekly with the testimonies of persecuted Christians and those involved in ministry to them. It's available on 30 broadcast stations around the United States, as well as online at www.VOMRadio.net and via podcast.

You can listen to confessed Bible Smuggler Patrick Klein share about landing in Tehran with 80 Farsi Bibles in his suitcase, and how he prays each time he lands in a country with more Bibles.

Or "Brother Harold," who has served more than a decade in a Muslim nation, talking about how we must love Muslims...even those who want to harm us. "Are we not called to love our enemies?" he asks.



Community happens in circles, not rows. There's a small group for everyone, regardless of age. Join a small group today.

Contact: Pam Barnett, Sunday Morning Small Groups Director



Looking for a family friendly streaming service? Dove Channel <http://www.dovechannel.com/> was developed in response to caring consumers, who want to make informed choices when selecting entertainment. New streaming technologies make it challenging to locate films that do not offend your sensitivities or violate your values.

Dove Channel provides a safe tool with hundreds of movies and TV Series. As a member, you can take advantage of the Customization Tool which gives you complete control by selecting the type of entertainment that fits your tastes and personal preferences.

DAVE RAMSEY'S

FINANCIAL *Peace* UNIVERSITY

The average family pays off
\$5,300 in debt and saves \$2,700
within the first 90 days!

Financial Peace University is coming to Hamilton Street Baptist Church starting January 5th. Tuesday evenings from 6:30 - 80pm. We all need a plan for our money. *Financial Peace University* (FPU) is that plan! It teaches God's ways of handling money. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more! FPU classes meet for around an hour and a half each week for nine weeks.

Every day I teach about 50 high school students about how to manage their money when they get an income. It is difficult for them to grasp as their adolescent minds don't think past "what's for lunch." I often skip the debt lesson because they don't have any yet. I have always thought this would be great lesson for many of their parents because it is powerful stuff which can change lives. In the public school system, I can only teach how it can change their lives financially, but in my heart I know how it can change their spiritual lives as well.

Registration fees are about \$100 per couple or individual which pays for materials.

You must register and prepay at:
<http://goo.gl/8W4HiK>.

Consider giving the course as a gift to each other or a family member for Christmas.

Here are some testimonies from FPU grads.

Deedee's Story

My husband (56) & I (54) at the time took a class from Manny at Vineyard Church in Chico, CA last November/December (2014).... It was the best program and class we'd ever taken, our only regret was not to have found this program 20 years ago.... Needless to say we paid off \$25,000 of debt the first 6 month on the program; we are prepared for Murphy and look forward to paying off the rest of our debt! We have just enrolled in the same class again just to prepare for baby steps 3, 4, 5 & 6 which we hope to be able to reach next year when we should be done with baby step 2!!! I shared it with my boss and we signed the business up under the Leadership program for a year, I've enrolled my daughter and her husband in June and they are

seeing great results and are just now getting into baby step 2 with gazelle intensity... I just signed up my boss and his wife to start in September, and now I'm working on my Son and his wife... we sit back and let them see what we are doing and they start following... Thank you Manny, FPU and Dave Ramsey

Another Story

We had been married for about 2 years and constantly were so frustrated when doing the budget. We made such good money for college graduates and had great jobs but how did we continue to live paycheck to paycheck? We thought about doing only cash but just could not see a way to do that. Then our old cars and college debt... We just felt stuck and hopeless.

Being Christians we had faith that the Lord would provide. So we decided to watch what we spent and try harder. Then the car transmission went out. We did not think it was right to add a car loan of 30k to our 30k student debt so we fixed it for \$2k. Discouraged, defeated, and desperate for a better way, we enrolled in FPU at our church. Thank the LORD!!!

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Jonathan Walker



Dear Church Member:

It is once again the time of year when our church gives our staff a love offering from their church family. This is just a reminder that the personnel committee is asking for those who wish to give to bring their offering to one of the personnel committee members so that the staff can be presented with the gift on a Sunday morning in December.

The staff members are as follows: Pastor Charles; Administrative Secretary Kay Shelby; Music Ministers Jim Barnett and David Cook; Youth Minister, Tony Keene; Custodian Bud Dilly, and Assistant Administrative Secretary, Linda Brummit.

Please give your love offering to one of the following personnel committee members as late as Sunday, December 13th or you may bring it to the church anytime marked "Attention Personnel." Thank you for your gift and may you have a blessed holiday season.

In Christ,

Your Personnel Committee:

Michael Hartman (Chair),
Laura Brown, Mike Brummit,
Jessica Martin, and Phil McIntosh



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



Christmas devotions have been printed out and are in the foyer. The devotions are also available online on our website, www.hamiltonstreet.org. What makes it really interesting is that they have been written by members of Hamilton Street Baptist Church. People from both services have written devotions, and our some of youth and children have illustrated it.

Thank you to those who contributed and have made *Preparing Our Hearts for Christmas* possible.



*College Student Small Group Leader
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.



Have you started writing all your Christmas cards? It can be a daunting task! Lottie Moon is here to help! The Lottie Moon Christmas Post Office soon will be set up in the foyer to receive your Christmas cards to your church family.

Here's how it works. You bring your Christmas cards for our church family and put them in the mailbox. Then everyone checks the box each Sunday and collects their mail. Whatever postage you would have spent to mail the cards via the United State Post Office, please donate that amount to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for International Missions.

So, it's very easy and the money goes to a very good cause. Everyone loves to get mail, especially Christmas cards, so let's all get busy addressing those cards! Lottie Moon offering envelopes are in the pews and by the mailbox.

Merry Christmas from Lottie Moon!

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HOLIDAY

Schedule

Sunday ✦ December 6

3 PM—6 PM Pastor & Jane Jackson's Open House
6 PM Carol Service at the Jackson's

Saturday ✦ December 12

9 AM—NOON HSBC's Great Christmas Give Away

Sunday ✦ December 13

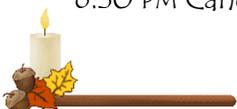
6 PM Senior Songsters

Sunday ✦ December 20

8:30 AM Choir Cantata
6 PM Children's Christmas Program

Thursday ✦ December 24

5 PM Candlelight Christmas Eve Service—
More Contemporary
6:30 PM Candlelight Christmas Eve Service—
More Traditional



SERVICE TIMES

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:45 a.m. Small Groups
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
6:00 p.m. Worship

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING (ENDS DECEMBER 9):

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DECEMBER 16 & 23:

6:00 p.m. Prayer
6:30 p.m. Adult Co-ed Bible Study / Youth

Looking Forward

- January 1 New Year's Day, Office Closed
- January 2 Men's Breakfast
Mobile Food Pantry Distribution
- January 5 Financial Peace University Begins
- January 10 Kirksville Manor Care
- January 20 Full Wednesday Night Programming Resumes
- January 23 Mobile Food Pantry Distribution
- February 6 Men's Breakfast
- February 7 The Big Football Game
- February 14 Valentine's Day
- February 21 FFA will be our guests at 11 am
- February 27 Mobile Food Pantry Distribution