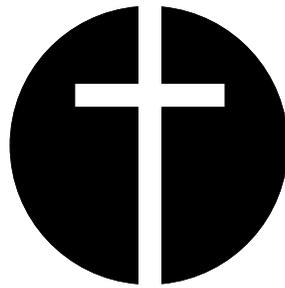




2016



Hamilton Street Baptist Church

INSIDE INFORMATION

- ✝ *The Sonshine Group*
- ✝ *8:30 am Music Minister*
- ✝ *Adair County Detention Center*
- ✝ *Nursing Home Ministry*
- ✝ *Youth Minister*
- ✝ *October Calendar*
- ✝ *Men's Breakfast*
- ✝ *College Ministry*
- ✝ *Pastor Search Committee*
- ✝ *Blast Off for Jesus Help*
- ✝ *October 23 Guest Speaker*
- ✝ *Church Council*
- ✝ *Men's Fellowship*
- ✝ *Blast Off for Jesus Follow Up*
- ✝ *BSU*
- ✝ *Mobile Food Pantry*
- ✝ *Operation Christmas Child*
- ✝ *Life Chain*
- ✝ *Pastor Appreciation*
- ✝ *Plan Now to Die Well*



I had a good two weeks in Mexico but I was glad to get back into the swing of things here in the U.S. and in Kirksville. While I was away I was very proud of the way things went at Hamilton Street. Some churches cannot function without input and direction from a senior pastor. And yet, Hamilton Street put together a wonderful Worship in the Park experience without any

help from me (other than showing up and preaching). This is a sign to me that this church can get things done without a heavy hand to guide them. While I was gone, people stepped up and restarted the Wednesday night meal service. I experienced my first Wednesday night meal after returning from Mexico and I enjoyed the fellowship very much (as well as the food!).

I am so thankful to return to a church that can carry on and serve the body and their community in such a capable way. It greatly relieves a pastor's mind that the body can step up and meet needs and serve without having a senior pastor around. It is one sign of a healthy church, one that I'm grateful to serve.

Your Brother,
Bill

Sunday October 16

Between services in lieu of Sunday Morning Small Group

Pastor Appreciation Carry-In Breakfast

Sausage, Biscuits and Gravy, beverages, and tableware provided. Please bring dishes large enough to serve 10.

If you would like to show your appreciation for the pastor in any way, please contact one of these Personnel Committee members: Mike Hartman, chair; Laura Brown, Tim King, Jessica Martin, Phil McIntosh





**THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 6. 6:30 PM**

**OCTOBER FEST
FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH**

The Sonshine Group is an interdenominational group of those 50 or older. They meet the first Thursday of each month at various participating churches.

Jim & Pam Barnett are HSBC's representatives.



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

Adair County Detention Center



Bible Study / Worship
Sunday • October 2 • 1:30 pm
Contact: Doug Athon
or the pastor

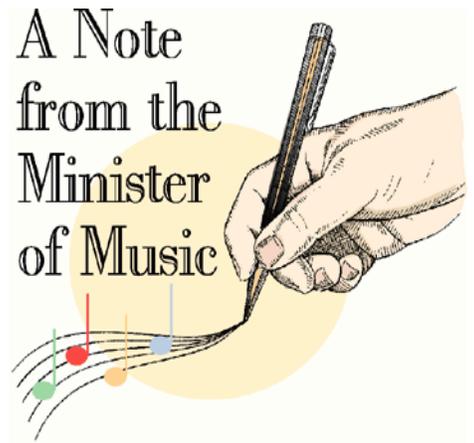
Once again, September is upon us. School and all its accompanying activities have started, the days are noticeably shorter, and we are left wondering where did the summer go.

As we fall back into the routines that we go through most of the year, consider making one activity more than just a routine habit to be crossed off your weekly to do lists each week – our worship of God and His Son Jesus.

Throughout the Scriptures God continually challenged His people to worship Him wholeheartedly and completely. We read in many passages in both Old and New Testaments where "going through the motions" type of worship was not only unacceptable to Him but was condemned and punished severely. Genesis 4:3-4 reads "In the course of time, Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. But Abel brought fat portions from some of the first born of his flock. The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering He did not look with favor." Bringing an offering to the Lord comes from the heart. Our worship is our offering to God. Cain's offering was not given wholeheartedly, while Abel's came from his heart.



Twin Pines
Tuesdays @ 9:30 am



So, as we begin another fall of increased activity – including our worship and Bible study events – let's do more than make it routine. Let's use them to encounter God in all His glory and majesty. See you in worship!

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



*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

Vital Signs

Year to Date (09/21/2016):

Budgeted Offering:	\$258,976.56
Received Offering:	\$228,410.14
Budget Expenses:	\$231,593.46

Bldg Fund Offering YTD: \$7,047.69

YTD Average Attendance:

8:30 a.m. Worship:	89
11:00 a.m. Worship:	129
Worship Total:	219
Sunday Morning Small Groups:	144

From the Youth Minister

As of this reading, we will have participated in the annual See You After The Pole event held the last Wednesday in Sept. See You After The Pole is intended to be a celebration of worship following See You At The Pole, where students across public school campuses are encouraged to pray for their friends, their schools, and their communities. The following excerpt is from the official See You At The Pole website (www.syatp.com):

"A small group of teenagers in Burleson, Texas, came together for a DiscipleNow weekend in early 1990. They came seeking God and little did they know how powerfully He was about to move. On Saturday night their hearts were penetrated like never before, when they became broken before God and burdened for their friends. Compelled to pray, they drove to three different schools that night. Not knowing exactly what to do, they went to the school flagpoles and prayed for their friends, schools, and leaders. Those students had no idea how God would use their obedience.

God used what He did among those teenagers and others who were holding similar prayer meetings at their schools to birth a vision in the hearts of youth leaders across Texas. The vision was that students throughout Texas would follow these examples and meet at their school flagpoles to pray simultaneously. The challenge was named See You at the Pole™ at a brainstorming session during a meeting of key youth leaders. The vision was shared with 20,000 students in June 1990 at Reunion Arena in Dallas, Texas.

Only God had envisioned how many students would step up to the challenge. At 7:00 a.m. on September 12, 1990, more than 45,000 teenagers met at school flagpoles in four different states to pray before the start of school. Reports came into toll-free number for days after the first event."

I graduated from high school in June of 1990 so I missed out on this event when I was a teenager. It is amazing though to think of the power of God displayed through the millions of students that have participated in this event over the last 26 years. May the name of our Lord continue to be raised up through prayer as we teach our own Youth to own their faith and to live it out in their daily lives. We know the persecutions they face on our

educational campuses, both elementary/secondary and college. We as adults need to be consistently in prayer for our Youth that God would embolden them to live for Him and positively impact their generation for eternity.

In Matthew 10, Jesus instructs His disciples before sending them out. In verses 32 and 33, He gives the following promise followed by a warning..."Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven." 26 years ago a small group of teens decided to acknowledge Jesus before men and a movement was started. What could God do through us if we decided to acknowledge Him before men??

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



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



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.

The Mission of HSBC
Honor God's Truth
Share the Gospel
Build Believers
Care for Others

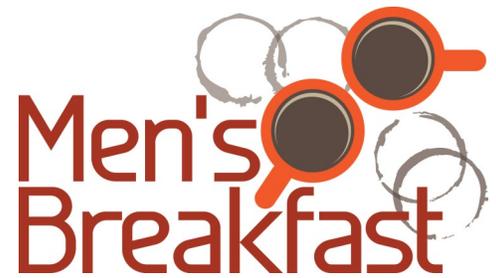
Please pick up your



UNCLAIMED DISHES from the kitchen

OCTOBER CALENDAR

October 1	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast, Rosie's Northtown Café
October 2	1:30 p.m.	Adair County Detention Center
	2:30 p.m.	Life Chain, Meet at Lincoln Square Shopping Center
October 3	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study, HSBC
	7:15 p.m.	Men's Fellowship
October 4	9:30 a.m.	Twin Pines
October 5	9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study, HSBC
	5:45 p.m.	Dinner
	6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Programming
October 10		Book of Reports Due
	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study, HSBC
October 11	9:30 a.m.	Twin Pines
	6:00 p.m.	Nominating Committee
October 12	9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study, HSBC
	5:45 p.m.	Dinner
	6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Programming
	7:30 p.m.	Church Council
October 16		Operation Christmas Child Emphasis Begins
	9:45 a.m.	Pastor Appreciation Carry-In Breakfast
	4:30 p.m.	Deacons
	6:00 p.m.	Business Meeting
October 17		Newsletter Items Due
	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study, HSBC
	7:15 p.m.	Men's Fellowship
October 18	9:30 a.m.	Twin Pines
October 19	9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study, HSBC
	5:45 p.m.	Dinner
	6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Programming
	7:30 p.m.	Finance Committee
October 22	11:00 a.m.	Mobile Food Pantry Distribution
October 23	2:30 p.m.	Twin Pines
October 24	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study, HSBC
	7:15 p.m.	Men's Fellowship
October 25	9:30 a.m.	Twin Pines
October 26	9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study, HSBC
	6:00 p.m.	Blast Off For Jesus, Fall Festival
October 31	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study, HSBC



Saturday, October 1
8:00 a.m.

Rosie's Northtown Cafe
Contact Dana Brown



College Student Small Group Leader
Stacy Tucker-Potter,
tucker_potter@yahoo.com
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 Bill at bvictor@mobaptist.org.

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

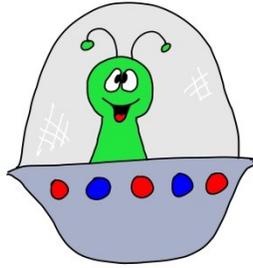
Although we had a great visit with the prospective candidate and felt strongly that his ministry philosophies would mesh well with our congregation, we have been unable to come to a mutually satisfactory arrangement for compensation. Therefore the candidate and the committee have decided it best for us to continue our search.

We have resubmitted our ad in The Pathway and through the SBC website. We await additional resumes to come in which means our next meeting will probably not be until at least mid-Oct. Please continue to pray for God to reveal the man He has chosen to be our next Senior Pastor.

Tony Keene (Chair)
Mike Brummit
Tabitha Cleaver
Bertha Crump
Elsie Rudd
Tanya Tatro
Jonathan Walker

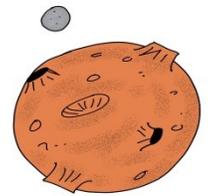
BLAST OFF FOR JESUS!

We need YOU to help!



- 1) We need people to lead games.
 - 2) We need people to bring cupcakes
 - 3) We need people to help decorate.
- Set up will be Sunday October 23 after 2nd service – BYOL (Bring your own lunch)
- 4) We need people to help with follow-up
- Follow up will occur Sunday October 30 after 2nd service – you will be delivering a photo of the child as well as some info about HSBC. You might be making only 2-3

visits. You will be trained on what to say that day – the visit will probably take 1-2 minutes max.



Our Goal: \$1,200.00
Our Giving: \$1,176.46

Sunday •
October 23 • 6 pm

Emily Marshall will speak about her recent mission trip to the Philippines with Operation Christmas Child. Light Refreshments will follow the evening service.

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

*(¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore 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).***



Church Council met recently and discussed the following:

Finance Committee Policy – This item is ready for the Personnel Committee to present at the next business meeting.

Worship in the Park – Plans were finalized regarding tent set up, music, etc. It was suggested to send a reminder email regarding parking, etc. Since Bill is out of the country until Saturday, a question was raised as to if we have a back-up plan in the event he runs into travel delays. The Deacons have instructed Kevin to have a sermon ready at any time Bill is unexpectedly unable to be present.

African Church – Discussion continued regarding allowing the African church to use our facility. They are willing to move their service time to 1 p.m. They know that they would have to vacate a few times per year. They are asking for storage space for their padded chairs.

It was noted that we would like to provide the facility to another congregation when it is not in use. God has graciously given it to us, and we are eager to share His provision with others. Our insurance would charge an additional \$32 per year, and it was agreed to pass this cost on. However, if we charge them a rental fee, we could be opening the church to possible misuses of the

facility with groups or individuals whose missions and values are not in line with our church's mission and values. It was agreed to not charge them a fee, but not discourage whatever offering, if any, they would like to give.

We would like to invite their leadership to talk to us about unanswered questions we have. It was suggested we review the relationship at the end of an agreed upon length of time, such as 90 days.

Search Committees Report to a trio of Personnel Chair, Deacon Chair and senior staff (Pastor) – Bill recommended we have a team of leaders for our current and future search committees to report. Deacons, staff and Personnel had been contacted previously and the idea of search committees reporting to a team consisting of the Personnel Chair, Deacon Chair and senior staff (Pastor) was well received. It was mentioned that reporting to a team of leaders relieves and shares some of the burden. This approach would have been beneficial recently, as the help and support of the three would help guide the committee as well as the church. It was also mentioned that in addition to helping the committee, it would also protect the senior pastor if, as in the past, the pastor was the only consultant for a search committee.

It was agreed that we will begin using this approach immediately for

Summary of Church Council Agenda Items

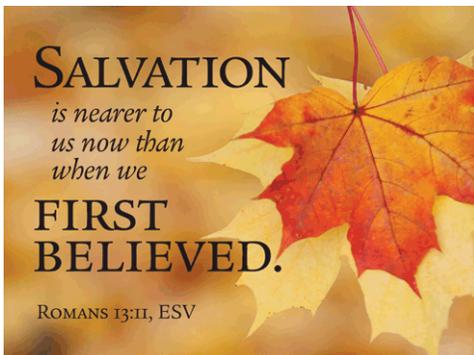


our current pastor search committee and any future search committees.

Security Concerns – It was decided to form a task force consisting of Wednesday Night Children's Director and Children's Church Co-Director, Tabitha Cleaver, Sunday Morning Small Group Director, Pam Barnett, Kevin Martin, Youth Minister, Tony Keene, and Building & Grounds Chair, David Lupton. The purpose would be to identify areas where improvements could be made to protect the children in our care.

Mobile Food Pantry Volunteers – It was noted that non-member / non-attender volunteers are not representing our church well. Some are not using appropriate language or tone, and they or other non-member/non-attender volunteers are giving us instructions. It has gotten to the point where our people

Church Council continued on next page



**You can now donate electronically:
Safe. Secure.
Easy. Quick.**

**Go to our website and click "Give" or Text:
606-268-1957**



Church Council, continued

are disengaging from volunteering.

It was recommended that we set a code of conduct / dress expectations and discuss this with the non-attender volunteers. There would be a three strikes and out policy with an initial verbal warning, followed by a written warning, and then the person would be disinited to participate. Empowering all of our members to talk to offenders and especially empowering Charles Porter to walk people out the door will be key. Prior to the start of the next distribution, we will set forth these protocols.

Nominating Committee Questions –

The Nominating Committee had received a question about term limits for committee members. It was recommended we look at implementing term limits of 3 years with an eye on mentoring less experienced committee members. In the example of a committee with 5 members and all agree to remain on the committee, we would ask the committee to choose to participate. Numbers from 1-3 would be placed in a hat, with each member drawing out a number that represents the years remaining they would be eligible to serve on that committee without taking at least a one-year break. This may take some vision casting, but would be a place to begin.

The second question from the Nominating Committee was if it was now their responsibility to find not only a Wednesday night cook, but also the helpers. In years past, the Hostess Committee and the Wednesday Night Kitchen Crew were two separate entities. However recently the two groups became co-mingled, and therefore burned out. (No pun intended.) We currently have no serving members on the Hostess Committee. It was agreed the Nominating Committee would find a Wednesday Night Meals Coordinator, but that person would be responsible for getting their own helpers.

2017 Nominating Committee –

Current members serving on the Nominating Committee will be asked to serve another year.

Project Homeless Connect –

Friday, October 7 – This is a consortium of sources that will be providing services such as health exams. The Missions Committee will provide granola bars for goody bags which will be given to the patrons of the event.

Life Chain Participation –

The Kirksville Right to Life chapter will be holding the annual Life Chain on Sunday, October 2 from 2:30 – 3:30 pm. It was decided to use bulletin announcements to let our members know they are welcome to participate on their own.

Missions Committee – The Missions Committee inquired about scheduling a mission trip to Pastor Charles' church next summer. It was mentioned that it is probably too soon to schedule a mission trip to our former pastor's church. Other reactions included putting that location on hold as we see where our new pastor's mission vision might take us. There is support for taking that missions trip in 2 or 3 years.

Men's Fellowship

Are You Ready For Some Football?

NFL Monday Night Football

Monday, October 3
Monday, October 17
Monday, October 24
7:15 pm

Bring food to share.
Halftime devotion.



BLAST OFF FOR JESUS FOLLOW-UP

Sunday, October 30 after 2nd service

Again this year we will be taking photos of the children in their costumes. We need to deliver these photos to visitors. We will personally hand out pictures to members on Sunday. We can send the pictures to our guests in the mail, but it is very impersonal. On Sunday after church David Cook will give you training on what to do, and we will deliver the photos after lunch. If you have questions, please ask. THANKS!

YOU MATTER

September 2016

- * Why is there a hell vs reincarnation or a second chance?
- * What should motivate us?
- * How can I only trust one God, and is that ok if I trust other gods?
- * What is the right thing to do? What is the best we can do?
- * If God does care then why do so many disasters and atrocities claim innocent lives?
- * What matters the most to humans?

We have been on campus the last two weeks with a 2-3 question survey that students have filled out. The goal has been three things for us:

- to live a faithful life: so we are going to risk and go and be open in places that may not agree with what we believe, etc
- to be known for love: so we do not yell at people or berate them – but sit with candy and food and offer a smile and survey if they stop or come by and show interest in our sign
- and to be a voice of hope: this is the exciting and yet most fearful one – in that we really hope the surveys and just being loving will spark and allow for conversations that moment, and even later.

So on the end of our survey we ask if they have questions; so the comments above are what students in the past 14 days have shared. And then we ask if we can take them out for a soda or coffee in the next week or so. And over half leave their email, so we are following up now.

One student, who left his email, we got to meet last week on campus and have a conversation over an hour long about faith and hell and hope. It was a wonderful time hearing his journey and his pain and getting to work at making a disciple of this student who claims to be Jewish but yet really does not follow it. And it was wonderful because I brought

along 2 of our leadership students who were amazing in how they listened and how they shared words of the gospel and hope with this fellow student. So it was equally exciting to make disciples of the two followers we have been entrusted with from God on our leadership team of 12 students. The conversation was a moment for us to actually give him words of hope and love of why this life matters and why God had to come for us himself and die and be raised to life so we could actually come alive in love and live, not just exist.

I am so proud of our students who are followers of Christ. They are just allowing God to use them more than they did last week or last year. This week we have set times in the evening to visit with a Christian who just is asking about what God wants to do in their life and how should they be motivated to live; to a Hindi who doesn't really follow it so much but wants to know the meaning of life; to a girl who has no faith and wants to know if she can have our God and keep her other Gods. And we are still working on hearing back from the others we are messaging.

Please know how grateful and thankful we are to you all for the prayers and prayers and encouraging and gracious words you give to us!! It means more than you know! Thank you for loving us and filling us and making a place we can call home here among this church family, so we can be filled and healed by others who are just trying to walk with HIM and... be a voice of hope in the wilderness.

*And thank you to Andrew and Tony Keene and their "groupies" ha ha (Dana and Doug and Emily – and Andrews sisters and them all! We hosted an event on campus to bring the other Christian ministries together to worship together on a Saturday evening for HIM. It was wonderful to see students from other ministries working together and laughing together and singing words of life together that echoed and filled a part of the campus here at Truman. And the boys (Andrew and Tony) were a huge blessing in bringing a skill to our attempts to bring a dream and passion for Christ – to reality this past month!!! It was so meaningful and even led to another conversation with a girl who has a pastor as a dad but has walked away

from God and has hurt and is looking for love. We hope she will hear His voice in her heart again as we love her and listen and try to share words of hope.

Lastly, I wanted to give you an inside glimpse too; so below is an email I sent to our students this past week just to encourage them before our weekly leadership meeting; I hope it helps you experience what we are leaning into God for...for humanity to all know they matter...that love has a name – Jesus.

Take care,
The BSU

From: Greg Xander
[mailto:greg.trumanbsu@gmail.com]
Sent: September 18, 2016 10:16 PM
Subject: thank you God for coming for us all

Hope you guys are doing well – getting some popcorn with that homework tonight...and Mt Dew! Ha ha Thanks everyone for another past week that was anything but normal. Christ on the mall – so just encouraging and filling for my family's hearts; conversations this past week with several Christians who are now atheist; with a Jew who just lives for the now (what a conversation with a few of you with me in that – so special); a Christian who wants to talk about what God has for us to do and what should motivate us; a girl who wants to talk about if she can keep her other gods and have God; a Hindi that really doesn't follow her faith and just wants to know the meaning of life; a girl who shared she doesn't have a soul or need God but then shares how hurt she has been by the church and how suicide was her way out but she couldn't get it done by herself and is still here now, and there are more. And conversations of heartbreak of a pastor who saw a 20+ yr old take their life last year and he grew up in their church and was the deacon's son; of a conversation with a fellow collegiate missionary about why we put things in between us and His love –

And so so so ...so much of these were because of your faithfulness to serve, to go, to share the burden, to be flexible and come to something, to step into a conversation and share hope...to shatter the silence – and to be a voice of hope.

There is an enemy...and there is a wilderness here...



It is amazing that so much so much of this happened because of a God who just is so slow in his patience with us all and that community here – is so vital!!!

Thank you guys again for being faithful...being known for love this past week...and for just being a voice of hope!

...and were only.. only... only getting started – to change a campus and lives... one incredible soul at a time, this semester.

“At that time Moses was born, **and he was no ordinary child.**” – Acts 7:20

It's a strange thing... I see it all the time. We have a sense of, “Well someone else was created by God to do something that matters. Someone else has been gifted by God to make a difference in the world”.

“You know yeah I can see it in him. I can see it in her but not me. There is nothing extraordinary in me.”



And what I want you to realize is that is if you don't allow God to expand your faith, if you don't allow God to expand your capacity to trust him, if you don't allow God to enter into your imagination and begin to dream new dreams and see new visions, if you don't allow God to expand

the borders of your experience and of your courage, your soul will rigidify...and you will feel as if there is nothing extraordinary about you.

But I want you to know when you were born, you were no ordinary child....because God created you in his image and likeness. So when you were born. You were no ordinary child because you are a reflection of the essence and nature of God.

Risk to create...and continue to become what you were always meant to be...a masterpiece...and an artist at work; creating a place where everyone is now “us” and love is known and hope is shared and life erupts in their souls because in his incredible way and mercy and love he chooses to work thru people...like you to help them to realize God has always been for them and has come and is here.

Pray tomorrow to not only ask God to move...but for “you”... to be “the moving”... God is waiting on...

See you all tomorrow evening!!!

Greg Nauder
Campus Missionary
greg.trumanbsu@gmail.com



ADAIR COUNTY MOBILE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

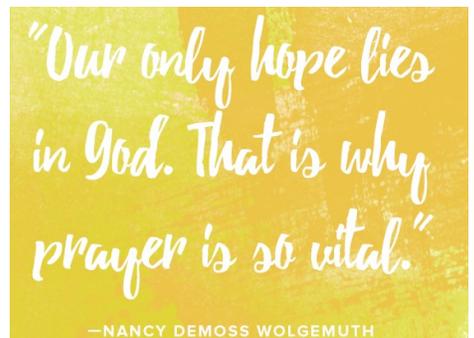
Saturday

October 22

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.





Hairclips. Pencils. A doll. A washcloth. A necklace. **Every item lovingly added to an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift has the potential to impact a child.** Our Operation Christmas Child emphasis resumes in mid-October! Here's a reminder of how to pack your shoebox:

- 1) **Shoebox** – Start with an average-size shoebox. (The red and green boxes will be available in the foyer in a few weeks!) Decide whether you will pack a box for a girl or a boy, and the age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. (Packing brochures with labels will be available soon.)
- 2) **“Wow” Toy** – Select a quality “wow” toy that will capture the child’s attention the instant he or she opens the box, such as a doll, a soccer ball with pump, a medium-sized toy truck, or a stuffed animal.
- 3) **Other Gifts** – Add other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies to fill the box completely. You could include cars, balls, jump ropes,

flashlights (with extra batteries), pencils, pens, markers, notebooks, toothbrushes, bar soap, washcloths, combs, socks, etc.

4) **Prayer** – Most importantly, PRAY for the child who will receive your gift. You may also include a personal note and/or photo of yourself or your family.

5) **\$7 Donation** – Donate \$7 for shipping costs (if possible), and drop off your shoebox gift in the foyer by Sunday, November 13.

I am so thankful for everyone in our church family who generously contributes to this incredible ministry. If you haven't participated in the past, please pray about how God wants you to be involved. Each shoebox gift is a powerful tool for evangelism and discipleship not just for the child who receives the box but also for the family and friends of that child.

This year, we will have a **PACKING PARTY** on **Sunday, November 6** following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Bring a “Wow” gift and come to the packing party to fill a shoebox. Pizza will be provided by the Missions Committee.

There are many ways to be involved in this ministry: packing shoeboxes, donating items for the Packing Party,

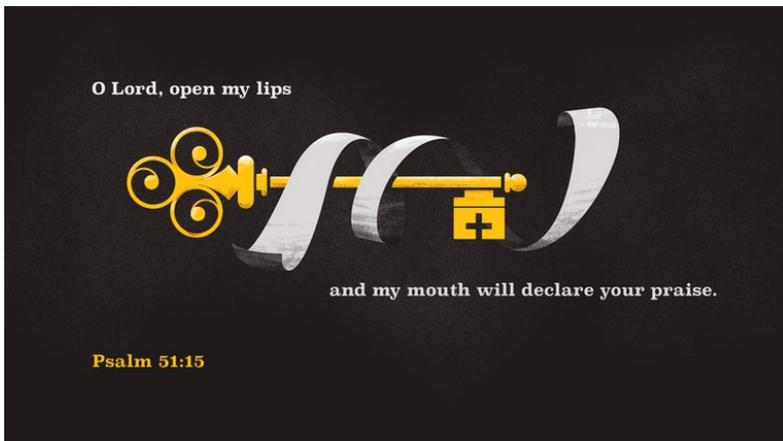
donating money to help cover shipping costs, and/or praying for the children who will receive the boxes. If you would like to donate a shoebox but would like someone else to pack it for you, we have a team of experienced packers who would love to help! For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Tanya Tatro.



LIFE CHAIN

Sunday, October 2nd,
2:30 – 3:30 pm

Baltimore Street
between Illinois and LaHarpe
Signs are provided.
Meet at Lincoln Square Shopping Center



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

Contributions are donated to the Christian Community Food Depot.

Plan Now to Die Well

By John Piper

If you don't have a better plan for how you are going to die, someone will probably just turn on the television.

As a minister of the word of God, I have always thought that part of my calling is to help people die well. That would include Paul's aim that Christ be magnified in his body by death ([Philippians 1:20](#)). I thought of every Sunday's sermon as part of this preparation for death. And I hoped every visit to the bedside of the dying would be faith-strengthening, hope-giving, Bible-saturated, gospel-centered and Christ-exalting.

Which is why I groaned at the hospital to find the television glittering in the darkness of the approach of death. This felt utterly incongruous. Bizarre.

One of the most godly women I have ever known was dying. She was full of the Spirit and prayer. On one of my visits to the hospital in her last days, she pleaded with me to pray for her quick death, and shared with me the nightmares she was having of "half-naked women dancing around my bed." I wondered if there was a connection with the television that the staff turned on.

Perhaps not. But surely we can all agree, there is a better way to prepare our souls to "face our Judge and Maker unafraid." Part of the plan for dying well is to have friends who share your vision of how to live and die for the glory of Christ. Most of us, in the last days and hours of our death, will be mentally and physically too weak to set the agenda. Better set it now.

Old or young, directly or indirectly, let it be known that you want—and need—a Bible-saturated, gospel-centered death. I'm thinking of the kind of death that John Knox chose.

Knox's "First Anchor"

It was November 24, 1572. Knox was 57 or 58 years old. (The year of

his birth is uncertain.) He was dying of bronchial pneumonia. Jane Dawson's new biography describes his final days.

His wife, Margaret was ever nearby, when not caring for their three daughters and two sons. Richard Bannatyne, Knox's faithful secretary and friend, was never far from the bedside.

Around five o'clock in the evening, he called for his wife. Earlier he had asked for the reading of Isaiah 53 with the sweetest gospel words:

He was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ([Isaiah 53:5–6](#))

He also had asked for 1 Corinthians 15 to be read with its detailed description of the relationship between Christ's resurrection and his own.

But finally, he asked his wife to read his beloved "first anchor": John 17. Thirty years earlier, when Knox was coming to the Reformed faith out of Roman Catholicism, this was the chapter that brought him peace. He said, this is where "I cast my first anchor." Here he saw the roots of election and Christ's commitment to keep those whom the Father had given him.

"I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word... I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours... Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me... I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you

keep them from the evil one... Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth." ([John 17:6, 9, 11, 15, 17](#))

Margaret read his anchor chapter. Knox said, "Is not that a comfortable chapter?" Death came about six hours later.

Thinking he was still sleeping, his family and friends conducted their usual evening prayers after 10 p.m. When asked by Dr. Preston if he had heard the psalm-singing and prayers, Knox replied, "I wald to God that ye and all men hard thame as I have hard thame [I would to God that you and all men heard them as I have heard them]; and I praise God of that heavenlie sound." About 11 p.m., Robert Campbell sitting on a stool by the bed, heard Knox give a long sigh and sob and say, "Now it is done." When asked by Bannatyne to give the signal to show that he remembered Christ's promises, Knox raised his hand for the last time and "sleipit away without any pain." Knox's battle had ended. ([Knox](#), 310)

Yes, and the war had been waged to the end with the word of God. It was a Bible-saturated death. This is what he asked for, and this is what his wife and friends gave him.

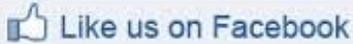
Ready for Heaven

Singing and speaking the word of God—this is what I hope to hear if my death comes slowly. If you have never loved the reading of the word of God and the singing of gospel truth, ponder deeply Knox's words, "I praise God of that heavenlie sound."

Nothing will be more discordant in that final hour than the television. And nothing sweeter than the "heavenlie sound" of friends singing and reading the word of God. Full of the gospel, full of Christ, full of hope. Plan for this.

John Piper is the Pastor for Preaching at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota. John is the author of more than 30 books and more than 25 years of his preaching and teaching is available free at [DesiringGod.org](#). © Desiring God.

Hamilton Street Baptist Church
802 W. Hamilton
Kirksville, MO 63501
665-4633 hsbcb@sbcbglobal.net
<http://www.hamiltonstreet.org/>



Bill Victor - Interim Pastor
Jim Barnett - 8:30 am Music Minister
Tony Keene - Youth Minister
Kay Shelby - Administrative Secretary

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Kirksville, MO
PERMIT NO. 145

Return Service Requested

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:45 a.m. Small Groups
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
5:00 p.m. Choir
6:00 p.m. Worship

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING BEGINS

5:45 p.m. Dinner
6:30 p.m. Adult & Youth Bible Studies

BLAST OFF FOR JESUS!

Fall Festival at
Hamilton Street Baptist Church
Wednesday, October 26, 2016
6-7:30 pm

CAKE WALK!
CANDY! GAMES!



802 W Hamilton Street (660) 665-4633

This is designed for children age 2 - 5th Grade
Come in costume or come as you are



Looking Forward

November 6 Budget Adoption
Highland Crest
November 12 Mobile Food Pantry Distribution
November 23 Evening Services Dismissed
November 24 Thanksgiving, Office Closed
November 25 Thanksgiving Holiday, Office Closed
December 1 Senior Songsters
December 4 Adair County Detention Center
December 10 Mobile Food Pantry Distribution
December 11 Kirksville Manor Care
Children's Program
December 24 Candlelight Christmas Eve Services
December 31 THBA Youth Lock-In