Baptist Beacon A newsletter of the Harrison Baptist Association An association of 17 praying Churches serving the Lord 904 N 12th St., Bethany, Missouri 64424 Office: 660-425-3889; Fax 660-425-7103 John's Cell:660-232-2174 Email: hba@grm.net Web page: harrisonbaptist.com December / January Vol. XXXVIII No. 3 **1uke 2:11** For there is born to you this day in the city of David a savior, who is Christ the lord. (NKJV) Lamentations 3 22-24 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his Mercy never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in Him."

WORD FROM DOM: It has been another great two months in your association. I Say it again: it's been such a privilege to serve you. It has been so fun to get to know the great people of Harrison Baptist Association in the surrounding community. We have fallen in love with this community and look forward to serving you for a long time to come. We see so much potential in the Harrison Baptist Association. We love the desire within our association to serve God and be used by God. But we also know that we live in a harsh, hard world. We have an enemy that is trying to discourage and bring down the Church, but as the word of God says the Gates of Hell shall not Prevail against it (Matthew 16:18). Let's go boldly out as the Church of Jesus Christ and proclaim the good news to the world. The good news of a savior. Who needs a savior? Those that are in need of rescuing, those who are in danger of losing their lives, those who are lost, those who are without direction and guidance. The Bible says like sheep we've all gone astray. Isaiah 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to our own ways; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all (KJV). In this season of Thanksgiving and of sharing, let's show our thanks to the Lord by living as the Lord's servants and show His love to a world who is in need.

As for my activities the last 2 months. I preached at 4 of our churches. I worshiped at 5 others. Attended the 5th Sunday sing, a deacons training meeting, 2 men's breakfasts, HBA Exec. board meeting, Board Meeting at BSU, pastors brown bag lunch, taught Disaster Relief training, took a team to Venice FL for Disaster Relief work, attended the Missouri Baptist State Convention, attended DOM Conference, attended camp committee meeting. I also did a wedding for my nephew, Two Baptism, Preach a 5 sermon revival at Ridgeway BC. Plus numerous day to day tasks and activities. Along with planning the Pastor and wife's Christmas dinner.

Remember our Web page: harrisonbaptist.com for up to date calendar and activities. If your church has a web page or facebook page we can add it to our web page.

Bring it back: If you are interested in Singing in the Harrison Baptist Association Choir. Let the office know.

DOM John Mohler

Word from Association Ministries: The second annual HBA Women's Fall Singspiration was held on Thursday, Oct. 13 at the Gilman City First Baptist Church with 47 women in attendance. The theme was "Pumpkin Obsessed and Jesus Blessed" and the evening's scripture was Deuteronomy 16:15b: For the Lord your God will bless you in all your harvest and in all the work of your hand, and your joy will be complete. Women had been encouraged to bring nonperishable food items to donate to the Harrison County Food Pantry. Two large boxes of food items were collected.

A meal, catered by Sweet Baby B's, was served at 5:30. Blank note cards, pens, and various embellishments were scattered down the center of the tables in the fellowship hall. After they were done eating, women were invited to decorate a card to take with them to give to someone, or else, write an encouraging note inside and leave the card behind to be delivered to a Bethany rest home resident. Many women participated in this activity.

Our Director of Missions' wife, Sheila Mohler, prayed for our evening as we began the program. Debbie Nalle (Immanuel Baptist Church) was the worship leader for the evening and much of the program consisted of singing worship songs. Also, included in the program was a testimony given by Jenny Skeens (Mt. Pleasant #2). The WMU Planning Group put on a skit to remind the women of the HBA about the 2023 Women of Worship retreat, which will take place at Immanuel Baptist Church on Friday, March 17. There was also a lively contest between 3 teams to put together a "live" scarecrow. The evening concluded with a drawing to give away door prizes and a closing prayer was given by Julie Kunce.

Susan Ward HBA WMU Director

Word from Churches:

Hello from Coffey Baptist Church,

Pastor Tim and I are very appreciative of our church family and always feeling appreciated ...the wonderful meal, kind words shared and cards were very thoughtful. Josh Silver filled in for Pastor Tim so he could attend Encounter. We were excited to be able to host the October singspiration at Coffey, it was very well attended and a wonderful time was had by all. Fall is a perfect time for hayrides, bonfires and pumpkin carving contests so we did just that. Add in Corn Hole, Christian music, marshmallow stuffing contests and a meaningful devotion by Pastor Tim for a great Fall celebration. Thank you to all who helped make it happen. We are busy filling shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child and also preparing for our Thanksgiving supper that will be held Wednesday Nov 16 this year.

Since the time has changed we are having Family Fellowship suppers for all followed by bible study for all ages every Wednesday at 6 pm.

December 10 will be our next Ignyte for youth which will be held at Pattonsburg Baptist Church. This is a great event for all ages. Josh and Hannah Silver and helpers have really worked hard to keep this ministry available. All churches are invited and we are open to holding this event at any church that is interested in investing in Kids. Rita and Wendy are also getting a theme ready for our Christmas Program which will be held Sunday December 18th.

God loves you, Jesus died for you and all who call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Pray for us as we do for you and God bless Wendy

Olive Baptist News. We have had a lovely fall and a great harvest. Our church celebrated by having a carry in dinner and a hay ride in October. We have sent a Samaritan purse an offering and have done a few boxes for their cause. We always adopt a family or more to provide dinner this time of year and will be doing a Thanksgiving Christmas plate for the shut-ins. November 20 we will be having a baptism and carrying in dinner. We rejoice in another soul saved. Hallelujah. Praying always Love Lesa Leeper.

Things happening in our Association: (may not be activities sponsored by tis Association)

Merry Christmas from Ignyte Worship!

We have so much to be grateful for since the last time we have talked. We have enjoyed a powerful night at Immanuel Baptist Church with so many wonderful people. We want to thank everyone that was able to speak and do demonstrations for the kiddos. These people are a blessing that words can't describe, and we are so blessed by their willingness to serve.

We are also SUPER thankful for the kids! ALL OF THEM are INCREDIBLE! God is continuing to work wonders through these amazing children!

We are excited to announce our upcoming event at FBC Pattonsburg on Saturday, December 10th at 6pm! It's definitely a special Ignyte as we celebrate the season of Christ's birth. WE LOVE CHRISTMAS and we can't wait to celebrate with everyone! We love the Lord and are very excited to see what He has for us at FBC PATTONSBURG!

Big thank you to everyone taking time out of the busy "Christmas time rush" to help out and be a part of Ignyte Worship!

We love you all and hope to see you soon.

2022-2023 KAAN Broadcast Schedule

12/4 David Stephenson FBC Pattonsburg

12/11 Isaac Worley Immanuel BC

12/18 John Mohler DOM

12/28 Isaac Worley Immanuel BC

1/1 Robert Skeens Mt. Pleasant #2

1/8 Isaac Worley Immanuel BC

1/15 JC Davis Mt. Pleasant #1

1/22 Isaac Worley Immanuel BC

1/29 John Mohler DOM

Mt. Pleasant #1. Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. To the churches of the Harrison Baptist Association. We pray for you always. We are preparing for ThanksGiving. We had a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner at the church with several visitors. We had new cabinets installed. Two new signs on CC Hwy were put up. And finishing up our new Sunday School building. Looking forward to Christ's Birthday. Pray for us as we seek God's will for us. Maynthe Lord Bless you, Thankful hearts. J.C. Davis

Greeting from Ridgeway Baptist,

We have had a very busy, very blessed November. We started off on the 6th with our fall revival with Bro. John Mohler. We had a carry-in dinner after church and then kicked off our Youth Group session that evening before the Revival service at 7:00. We had 6 teenagers in attendance and hope to get something started for our local teens. Revival went until Wed evening, with some good attendance, a great musical special from Barb Crawley (Cainsville Baptist,) and great messages from Bro. John. On the 13th, we boxed up 102 Operation Christmas Child boxes to be delivered to Pattonsburg. We have been having our Wed Bible studies at the nursing home in Gallatin, so one of our long time members can join us and that has been a tremendous blessing for all involved. Coming up in December, we will have our Candlelight Service on the 21st at 6:30 p.m. All are invited. We will be having worship service on Christmas morning at 10:45, but no evening service. Wishing everyone a blessed holiday season as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior.

Dwight Schell

Pastor - Ridgeway Baptist Church.

If you are look for some Christian TV try these apps: acts2.vhx.tv & FaithChannel.com



MONTHLY BLESSINGS

We have had a full few months! wonderful times of growth spiritually amongst our students. Every week they are challenged to reach out to those around them in different ways and they have risen to the occasion. We had a great turn out for our Fall costume party, and an even greater turn out for our annual Thanksgiving Lunchwe had about 60 students come and eat, giving the students that invited them the opportunity to share with those they have been investing in!

REMINDERS

We are in constant need of supplies for our food pantry as we have many students especially our international students that use it! Supplies we always need are: small baxes cereal laundry detergent pods Ramen tuna/canned chicken shelf stable milk mac n cheese microwaveable rice

SPRING SEMESTER

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We still have 2 open dates left for the spring semester Jan. 25(Wednesday lunch) and April 3 (Monday Night Dinner) if you or your church is interested please email me at chrstn_boatright@yahoo.com or call me at 660-635-0864

EVENTS

Dec.1 BSU Christmas Party

Dec. 5-9 Finals week



Grand Oaks News:

Greetings!

The purpose of this is to let you know we are changing our email addresses. Please send all correspondence to one of the following email accounts.

Grand Oaks - grandoakscamp@gmail.com Brad Fields - brad.gocamp@gmail.com Erin Fields - erin.gocamp@gmail.com

We appreciate your patience and the extra effort it takes at times with technology and updates.

I pray that you are well and staying warm. I also wish you a Happy Thanksgiving as the holiday season approaches. May you enjoy time with family and friends! Have a blessed day!

Brad Fields Manager Grand Oaks Baptist Assembly, Inc. 660-646-1906

Zion will be holding a Deacon Ordination Service for Dirk Schwartzkopf at 2pm, Dec.4. All ordained men of the HBA are invited to serve on the council.

KAAN Radio for Harrison Baptist program at 9:00 A.M. Every Sunday Morning

Help! Help! Help! Help!

We need help with our Childens and Youth camps. If you have a passion for the next generation we need you. We are in need of a Camp director. If you, or you know someone, that would be willing to help. Please contact our office. The sooner the better as we have begun working on 2023 camps.

Beacon News-Zion

We have had a busy couple of months with fall activities, preparations for Thanksgiving, Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes and of course, plans for celebrating our Savior's birth during the Christmas Season. Zion hosted the Men's Community Prayer Breakfast on Oct.1 with good attendance. Worship leader Janet Crouse led the congregational hymns, accompanied by pianist, Brandi Cook, Oct. 2. Children's church was led by Terry Francis and Mary Sue Francis. The pastor's sermon was entitled, "The Sheep and the Goats." based on Matt. 25:31-46. Are we doing what we are supposed to be doing--the work of the Lord? When we are outside the church walls, we should be taking Christ's light to the world around us. The Lifeline Praise Band led the congregational hymns during the worship service, Oct. 9. Jordon Crouse, Mary Sue Francis, Staci Willits, Terry and Cheyenne Francis sang another version of "Amazing Grace" as a special, accompanied by Lynne Vanderhyden on the piano. Bro. Rogers began a sermon series, entitled "Building on the Rock," based on Matt. 7:21-23. There is one basis of salvation--knowing Jesus and being known by Him. There has to be a connection to Him. Janet Crouse led the congregational hymns for the worship service. accompanied by pianist, Brandi Cook, Oct. 16. Pastor Rogers continued his sermon series, "Building on the Rock," with Scriptures from Matt. 7:24-29. Jesus is the rock and is to be our foundation. Storms will come and that's when we truly have to rely on God. We can't live our lives without God's instructions in the book. Oct. 23, the Praise Band led the congregational hymns and sang a special, "The Commission," for the worship service. Children's church was led by Barb Rogers and Mary Sue Francis. "The Cleansing," taken from Matt.8:1-4 was the topic of Pastor Roger's message. The lepers were often scorned and isolated by everyone. Some lost people feel this way today. The leper came to Jesus because he had no other hope. He asked for healing and he knew in his heart the Lord could heal him and make him clean.

Greetings from Melbourne Baptist Church.

We at Melbourne are excited about what God is doing and going to do.

He is at work here and in our community. WE are looking forward to December where we can honor and worship our savior through His birth. WE will have special services most of the month of December.

Dec 4th Hanging of the Green

Dec 11th Chrismon Tree

Dec 25th Lordsupper

All this putting Christ the true meaning of Christmas back in Christmas. If you're not going anywhere, come join us.

Sunday:

Sunday School - 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Wednesday: 6:30 PM

Wednesday we have a short devotional and we pray.

Pastor

Brian Rhodes

Greetings from Immanuel Baptist Church! As we are quickly approaching the end of 2022, our church has remained busy being the hands and feet of God's ministry!

In the month of October, 16 of our congregants traveled to Faith Baptist Church in Carrolton, Illinois for a service trip. During this trip, our church helped the local pastor (Alan King) finish building his new home that would help accommodate his physical needs. The group worked on hanging sheetrock, electrical work, and other various tasks.

Along with having a service trip, our church has begun our Capital Campaign Fundraising for our new building project. This project will be expanding our church to the east, with new additions including a full fellowship area/gymnasium, multiple classrooms, a new youth room, a library, and a full utility kitchen. During these past few months, our church has done many things to help prepare our hearts for such an

The Lord touched him and not only healed him, but cleansed him. The lost today can receive that same cleansing if they will trust him to be their Lord and Savior, Janet Crouse led the congregational hymns with Brandi Cook on the piano for the morning worship, Oct. 30. Then, Janet shared the story of "How to be a Pumpkin." She told how when we carve a pumpkin, we clean out all the vucky stuff, just like Jesus cleans our hearts of sin. Then, we light the pumpkin inside, just like Jesus puts his light inside of us to share with others. She had the pumpkin lit throughout the service to remind us to let our light shine. Barb Rogers, Mary Sue Francis and Lisa McLain led the Children's church. Bro. Rogers' message title was "All Hallow E'en," based on Rom. 14:1-9. He asked the question, "How should we as Christians respond to this holiday? Historically, Halloween means Holy Eve. When you celebrate Halloween, try to make it an opportunity to bring glory to God. You might share tracts with your treats and a schedule of your church services, have Christian music playing when they come to the door, etc. Use it as an opportunity to reach out to your community. Dress up as Bible characters instead of secular ones and decorate pumpkins on your porch with crosses for a few ideas. A packing party for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes was held in the church basement at 2pm that afternoon. Zion hosted the monthly Men's Community Prayer Breakfast, Nov. 5. The Praise Band led the congregational hymns for worship and Pastor Rogers shared the morning message, Nov. 6. The monthly birthday/anniversary dinner was held following the morning worship. Nov. 13, Janet Crouse led the congregational hymns for worship with Brandi Cook at the piano. Children's church was led by Barb Rogers and Mary Sue Francis. The topic of the pastor's sermon was "Life Outside the Safe Zone," based on Num.13,1-3, 25-33. Despite election results, we still need to take a stand on issues that are contrary to Scriptural teachings and pray about all these divisive issues. We need to live by faith and trust God to lead us forward. The Christmas Shoeboxes were packed and collected with a total of 69 to be turned in at the collection site in Pattonsburg. Monday, Nov. 14, Bro. Richard and Barbara Rogers, Tamme Schwartzkopf, Lisa McLain, Terry Francis and Cheyenne Francis all attended the Stewardship of Children Program presented by a representative of Missouri Baptist Children's Home at FBC in Bethany, Nov. 20, our Praise Band led the congregational hymns for our worship service. Staci Willits shared some special Thanksgiving thoughts and Scriptures from Colossians. She also gave a very inspirational prayer to close her devotional time. Janet Crouse read a poem entitled, "The Thanksgiving Season." Pastor Rogers delivered a Thanks--Giving message from Num. 11:1-6, 10-23 and Prov. 27:19. How many of us spend more time complaining than being thankful? There are 3 significant results of complaining. I. Complaining Denies God's Sovereignty-lack of trust and dependence on God. II. Complaining Disrupts Christian Unity and III. Complaining Destroys Christian Testimony. Complaining is repulsive to the Lord. We need to be focused on being thankful instead of complaining. It is a choice we all need to make. Several from our church attended and participated in the Cainsville Community Thanksgiving Service, hosted by the Assembly of God Church, Nov. 22. Zion will be holding a Deacon Ordination Service for Dirk Schwartzkopf

exciting project.

In October, both Pastor Isaac and Pastor Trent led a sermon series covering various topics ranging from Planting a Seed for Tomorrow, Giving in Faith, and Giving With a Heart of Joy. In November we held a 24-hour prayer service at our church, where each hour for a 24-hour period we had someone in the church praying.

During this period, we have set a goal for our giving that we call our "victory goal", which was set at \$275,000. We are pleased to announce that as of this writing, our church has pledged \$289,792 to giving! Praise the Lord for what He is doing and what He WILL do!

Finally, with the Christmas season quickly approaching, we have a multitude of events that we are excited to announce! On December 11th at 6:30 PM we will have our Christmas Program, with a play titled, "Wild West Christmas", put on by our very own IBC Kids. On December 18th at 6:30 PM we will have our Annual Candlelight Service, and finally, on Christmas Day, we will have an abbreviated service that Sunday Morning, with things kicking off at 11:15 AM. We hope to see you at one of our events!

As always, we are praying for this association and the surrounding churches. We hope you all have a happy and healthy holiday season centered around celebrating the birth of our King! God Bless!

Trent Crawford (Youth/Worship Pastor)

at 2pm, Dec.4. All ordained men of the HBA are invited to serve on the council. We wish you all a blessed Christmas Season and a Happy New Year!

~Janice Crouse

Pattonsburg

"See You at the Pole" was held in September 28 at Pattonsburg School, and the church held the annual "Trunk or Treat" on October 31.

Brother David completed a sermon series preparing for a spiritual journey on October 2. He preached on the book of Jonah after that series, except for a sermon "This Do Ye" on October 16, when the church had the Lord's Supper.

Carlo Frianeza, a friend of Brother David from the Philippines, preached in the Sunday service on November 27, and Josiah Young, who with wife Lauren leads the youth group, preached on November 13.

The youth group will be holding an "Ignyte" worship meeting at the church on December 20.

The church took up donations for the Baptist Student Union at North Central Missouri College. November 14-21 was the week for Operation Christmas Child collections. The regional goal was 7,911 shoeboxes, and the total received as of the date of this news report is 8,114. The church had 1,118 boxes dropped off from other places, and 100 online boxes donated. The goal for Pattonsburg was 100 boxes, and 112 boxes were given. Thank you to God most of all, who put the desire in human hearts to help. Thanks also to Sandy Booth who coordinated the event, and all the people who helped man the collection center and load the boxes.

Second Harvest food distribution continues to be held each month. Several in the church help with this event. Women's Prayer Meeting is held weekly on Mondays at 1 p.m., and Youth Group on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Team Kid was not held the week of Thanksgiving, but has resumed and will be held until the Christmas holiday begins at school.

Birthday & Anniversary

December January

27 Margaret Smith 30 Macayla Rhodes 6 Isaac & Sarah Worley 18 Ronda Stephenson 24 Ron & Margaret Smith 31 Logan Joyce

Let us know if we forgot any.

It's about the cross song by the Bell Brothers

it's not just about the manger, where the baby lay, it's not all about the angel who sang for him that day. It's not all about the Shepherds, Or the bright and shining star, it's not all about the wise men who traveled afar

It's about the cross, it's about my sin, it's about how Jesus came to be born once, So that we could be born again.

It's about the stone, That was rolled away, So that you and I could have real life someday, it's about the cross

It's not about the good things in our lives I've done, it's not all about the treasures, Or the trophies that I've won

It's not about the righteousness, That I've found within, It's about His Precious Blood, That saved me from my sin

It's about the cross, It's about my sin, It's about how Jesus came to be born once, So that I could be born again

It's about the stone, That was rolled away, So that you and I could have real life someday, It's about the cross

The beginning of the story, Is wonderful and great, But it's the ending that can save you, And that's why we celebrate

It's about the cross, It's about my sin, It's about how Jesus came to be born once, So we could be born again

It's about God's love, Nailed to a tree, It's about how every drop of blood, That flows from Him when it should have been me

It's about the stone, That was rolled away, So that you and I could have real life someday, So that you and I could have real life someday

It's about the cross, (It's about the cross), (It's about the cross), It's about the cross, It's about the cross

The cookie ministry delivers cookies to shut-ins and residents of area nursing homes. Cookies were delivered on October 10 and December 12. Thanksgiving trays were delivered on November 21.

The jail ministry has been given permission by the staff there to resume the Bible studies there.

The annual church holiday dinner was held on December 4. The Christmas candlelight service will be held on December 18. Christmas Day worship will be at the regular time. Time for Sunday School that day has not yet been decided.

Have a blessed Christmas!

Gregg Hartley and your fellow believers at First Baptist Pattonsburg Greetings HBA Churches,

FBC Winston, Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas! We are celebrating the birth of Christ with a carry in dinner after church on Dec. 4th. Our focus in December is, we need far more than being reminded that "It tis the season." We need the gospel to be real in our hearts. Winston packed and delivered 64 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. We appreciate FBC Pattonsburg for being our drop off site. Thank you! A few families from Winston attended the Judgment House at FBC Cameron in October. Sherry and I are excited about sharing a devotion every morning with the staff at Liberty public school district transportation dept. I drive a bus and Sherry drives a van for the school district. We read Scripture, share a few insights and pray over the students we transport. I never imagined in my wildest dreams that God would allow us to share His truths and hope at work like we are. He is so good!

God bless,

Brad

Happy New Year

It's just about another year!

So many people say, I hope this year is better than last year!

If we focus on what we want, We will be setting ourselves up to be disappointed!

The way to have the best year of our lives is to do it His way!

Yes, God's way! How?

- 1) LOVE: Deuteronomy 6:5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength
- 2) GO: Mark 16:15 Then He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation.
- 3) WITNESS: 1 John 2:6 the one who says he abides in Him (Jesus) ought himself to walk in the same manner as He (Jesus) walked.
- 4) LOVE: John 3:16 "For God loved the world in this way. He gave His One and Only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but will have eternal life.

 John Mohler

December Calendar:

- 4-11 Lottie Moon Emphasis week
- 4 Deacon Ordination Zion BC 2:00 p.m.
- 5 Pastor & Wives Christmas Dinner 6:30 p.m. FBC Pattonsburg 25 Christmas

January Calendar

- 1 New Year's Day
- 2 HBA Exec. Bd. Mgt. HBA Office 7:00 pm
- 5 Pastors Brown bag Lunch office
- 5 Camp Committee Meeting 6:30
- 17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 20 Beacon News due in HBA Office, 4:00
- 22 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- 29 5th Sunday Sing, TBA

For up today Calendar Information goto www.harisonbaptist.com