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Lesson from The Coffee bean:

It starts with a seed in the Sun, shining on it. And when the rain falls, It takes about 3 to 5 years for crops to grow. Similar to a lost soul. In order to get them to Jesus, it takes an investment of time and sharing. You must invest in someone. With the care of the farmer, the beans are harvested at just the right time. Hand pick usually one time a year. A good picker averages approximately a hundred to 2 hundred pounds of coffee cherries a day, which will produce thirty to forty pounds of beans. Evangelism involves ongoing effort. The more we share, the more love we show of Jesus, the more time we give. There will be a crop produced. The fruit may not be in large quantities, maybe small numbers. It's not the number of prayers we get people to say, it's the change that matters. Once the cherries are picked, processing the cherries must start as soon as possible, so they don't spoil. The same with us as a new soul comes to the Lord. It is important to begin discipleship right away so that the enemy doesn't come and Snatch them away. So they can learn to be strong and effective in service to our lord. Coffee is processed in 1 of 2 ways. The dry method is the old method of processing coffee. The freshly picked cherries are simply spread out on a huge surface to dry in the sun. In order to prevent the cherries from spoiling, they are raked and turned throughout the day. We see that there is an investment of

time, energy and effort. The same is true when we are disciplined. When we are building a relationship and when we are showing Christ to others, it takes physical involvement. The cherries are covered at night to prevent them from getting wet. This process takes several weeks with each batch of coffee until the moisture content of the cherry's drops to 11%. just as our involvement with those who have accepted Jesus in their savior should continue. So that they can mature and become more like Christ and less like the world. So the things of the world will drop away. But their love for Christ will grow along with their obedience to Christ. So they look more like him than the world. The second method is called the wet method. The idea is, there is more than one way to prepare the beans. The same as bringing someone to Christ. There are lots of different kinds of evangelistic tools out there. The best result for one, Is getting personally involved with people by sharing your story, by hearing their story and telling His story. Next in coffee bean production is the milling process. The hulls are removed from the dry husk, grading and sorting for size and weight of the beans, and also reviewing the color and flaws and other imperfections. Beans are seized by passing through a series of screens. Testing is important. By testing, we increase our faith in God by testing, we increase our dependence upon God and what we see Is the sincerity of one's heart. It is never good to send somebody out who isn't ready for the responsibility or calling of God in their life. It takes time to prepare them to work with them and sort out their gifts, That God has given them! At this point they are ready to go out into the world where they will be heated by fire and tested. So their flavor and love come out for the person who they are sharing with. What about you, what kind of flavor are you giving off ? Remember it is what comes out of you that draws people to you or chases them off. May what comes out of you be the light of the Lord! The Love of the Lord! The forgiveness of the Lord!

John DOM

Association Happenings: The 2023 Women's Fall Singspiration was held at Immanuel Baptist Church on Thursday, October 12 with 40 women in attendance. Our focus scripture for the evening was Psalm 100:4 "Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name, " Following the meal, attendees had the opportunity to make an autumn leaf votive before they even left the fellowship hall. The program followed at 6:15 with Heidi Lynn, daughter of DOM John and Sheila Mohler, as our worship leader. In the sanctuary, Heidi led us in several worship songs through the evening. Marcie Cutsinger from Melbourne Baptist Church gave a powerful testimony of how God has helped her husband Corie, and herself through his serious health issue. Becci Shew had a fun game about can labels which was followed by a devotion titled "label cans not people" by Lori Puls. Women had been invited to bring a fall themed non perishable item for the Harrison County food pantry, including crackers, soups, chili, hot cocoa, apple cider mix, gloves, mittens. Several boxes of items were donated. Susan Ward HBA WMU Director

Isaiah 46:3 I will be the same until your old age, and I will bear you up when you turn gray. I have made you, and I will carry you; I will bear and save you.

Harrison Churches: Greetings from Immanuel Baptist! We pray that our sister churches are doing well and are thriving for the Kingdom! We have had an eventful Fall and are looking forward to many more events to wrap up the 2023 year! God really has been moving in a mighty way at our church! For preaching and teaching, on **Sunday** mornings, Pastor Isaac has been walking through the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew. We plan to stay in Matthew until next year.

During **Sunday** nights, we have also been continuing our series in Proverbs, which has also been incredibly fruitful. On **Wednesday** nights we have seen a great abundance of students in both our Youth and Children's groups! This has translated well to **Sunday** mornings as we have been going strong with Children's Church, which we started just a few months ago! We are truly blessed to have so many young families attending our church at the moment, as well as the continual growth, both spiritually and numerically. All glory to God! Just this past week Pastor Isaac and three other congregants traveled to Senegal, Africa to establish a long-term plan for missions in the area. While there, they met with a local missionary from the IMB who is stationed there and went through the surrounding communities and witnessed to the locals. We are incredibly excited to announce the trip went well and that we plan to start sending others over in the upcoming years! Over the past few months we have hosted a plethora of events for our church. In October, we hosted the Voices of Zambia (A musical group from a college in Zambia, Africa) **October 1st**, which was such a blessing! On **October 8th**, we hosted our annual Worship in the Park event, which was well attended! On **October 15th**, we hosted an Ordination Service for our Youth/Worship Pastor Trent Crawford (the current writer of this particular Beacon Post)-we are so thankful for all who came out in support! On **October 31st**, we had our annual Fall Festival at the church. The event hosted a multitude of games, food and prizes! We had a wonderful turnout from both our church and the community! This event saw much fruit in return, which we are so thankful for! As for our upcoming events, I am sure that like many of you, there is much going on for the holiday season! **This Sunday (November 19th)** we will be hosting our **Thanksgiving Potluck** at 6:30 PM. I am unsure if this news will be spread by publication, however, we are looking forward to a great turnout! On **November 26th**, at 2:30 PM we will be ordaining four new deacons (Dylan Heitz, Austin Steele, Gene Gibson & Josh Smith) at Immanuel. We pray that all from our association will attend in support! On **December 10th** we will be hosting our Youth/Children's **Christmas** Program at 6:30! On **December 24th**, we will host our Candlelight Service At 6:30 PM. We are praying for a wonderful season, celebrating the birth of our savior! We continue in prayer to our surrounding churches without Pastors. May the Lord supplies that need quickly. As for our other sister churches, we wish you well! To God be the glory, great things He has done! - Trent Crawford Youth/Worship Pastor Immanuel Baptist Church

Melbourne Baptist Church

Hello from Melbourne. We're excited about what God is doing. In September we asked the Lord for a revival, and I believe He answered our request. As a follow up we're finishing up our Who's Your One Campaign. **November 19th** Will be an exciting day in our church. Where pastor Brian Rhodes will be ordained as Pastor. Corie Cutsinger and Michael Cotton as Deacons. All are welcome to attend. In December we are looking forward to doing the hanging of the green along with the Chrismon Tree. Keeping the true meaning of Christmas at the forefront. In January let's begin with a new comment to reach more for Christ. If you're not going anywhere, come and join us.

Sunday School - 10:00 AM
Wednesday 6:30 pm

Worship - 11:00 AM

Short Devotion and we pray.

At Melbourne we believe in the Power of prayer and prayers are being answered. Which is faith in action.

Pastor

Brian Rhodes

Ecclesiastes 7:10 Don't say, "Why were the former days better than these?" Since it is not wise of you to ask this.

Mt. Pleasant #1: Greeting to the churches of The

Harrison Baptist Association. We hear at Cat Creek, are doing well Looking forward to Thanksgiving. Nov 21 st. At 6 pm at the church we are having a carry-in dinner. Everyone is invited. We have been having good crowds and visitors. We are Preparing for CHristmas Jesus is the reason for the season. This time of year makes you think of Home and Loved ones from the past years. To God Be the Glory.

JC Davis

Our Anchor of Hope I held up a picture of people sleeping under pieces of cardboard in a dim alley. "What do they need?" I asked my sixth grade Sunday school class. "Food," someone said. "Money," said another. "A safe place," a boy said thoughtfully. Then one girl spoke up: "hope," " Hope is expecting good things to happen," she explained. I find it interesting that she talked about "Expecting" good things when, due to challenges, It can be easy not to expect good things in life. The Bible nevertheless, speaks of hope in a way that agrees with my students. If "faith is confident in what we hope for" (Hebrews 11:1) we who have faith In Jesus, can expect good things to happen. What is this ultimate good that believers in Christ Can have hope with confidence?- "the promise of entering his rest" (4:1). For believers, God's rest includes His peace, confidence of salvation, reliance on His strength, and assurance for a future heavenly home. The Guarantee of God and the salvation Jesus offers is why hope can be our anchor, holding us fast in times of need (6:18 - 20). The World needs hope, indeed: God's truth and certain assurance that throughout good and bad times, He'll have the final say and won't fail us. When we trust in Him, we know that He'll make all things right for us. In his time.

Psalm 73:26 My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is my strength of my heart, my portion forever.

New Hope Princeton:

Called a new Pastor Nick Wilson. Nick, his wife Rachel and 4 daughters Zaylee, Lottie, Posie, Sunny Kate have moved back to the Princeton area. Nov 12th was Nick's first official day as pastor. Welcome to the New Hope Family. The church is excited for what God is doing and going to do in the future.

Also on Nov 12th 2023. Becci Shew & Lori Puls members of New Hope Baptist church Princeton Mo. And also FCA leaders at Princeton High School. Wanted to offer to take the School kids to Judgment House. Judgment house is a drama of people faced with the choice of accepting Jesus as their Lord and savior or rejecting him and the consequences of both of those decisions. The drama is a real life situation where people face death and enter into glory with God or be sent away to hell. These dramas may include a plane crash or a car wreck. Or some other true life account. Not being able to find a judgment house being offered close to their location. Becca and Lori felt like God was telling them they should do a judgment house in their community. They started planning along with the FCA chapter. With only two weeks to pull it off they started calling for volunteers to help in the drama. With 40 volunteers from 9 different Churches and 4 Different denominations, the body of Christ came together along with the FCA chapter and shared the gospel in the reality of the choice and consequences. John Mohler Director Of Missions for Harrison Baptist Association played Jesus at the judgment seat, he said " You could truly see the kids thinking as they face the reality of their choice and the choice, to either choose Jesus as Lord and savior and God as their father or get the alternative.

We explained to them that there were no other options. And they had to make the decision of their own choice. Choose wisely". There were 70 adults and kids that came to see the drama unfold. Praise God there were 8 Decisions to follow Jesus praising God. This took place 11-12-2023 This would not have happened if not for New Hope Baptist church Princeton and everyone working together.

Submitted by DOM Harrison Baptist Association John Mohler

Coffey Baptist Church

Salutations from Coffey! Ignite Worship went to Albany Baptist Church on Saturday, November 1st. An evening of praise, fellowship, God's word, and food too, was enjoyed by all.

HBA "Pickers" have gathered for fun and fellowship on a couple of evenings. They performed 3 songs for the 5th Sunday Praise Sing on October 29th, at Ridgeway Baptist Church, and also brought the music at the Melbourne Baptist Church Revival. If you are at all interested in joining the HBA "Pickers", please contact Roger for more information (660-334-0100). You are always welcome! We have room for all talents...singing, playing an instrument or just enjoying the camaraderie of Christian brothers and sisters.

Everyone needs Jesus, even ol' trappers!

Pastor Tim attended the 12th Annual Minktoberfest on October 5 – 8th, in Punxsutawney, PA. Don Powell, "The Mink Trapping Professor"/Founder of MinkTrapping.com, commented upon meeting Tim, "We need you at Minktoberfest. We need a preacher." Over 300 trappers were there, including many trapping legends. Tim's special made "trap tags" were available to all those that went to this event. Over 60 attended the Sunday Morning Service. It is such a blessing that he can attend these trapping events, to share the gospel with fellow trappers, to see old friends and to make new ones. Ryan Hughes brought the morning message, in Tim's absence, on October 8th.

Remember, since school has officially started, so has our Wednesday evenings Fellowship Dinners and Bible Study. Great food and great fellowship starts at 6:30 with Bible Study afterwards. Please join us for a blessed evening!

Pastor Tim brought the messages for Lineville Church (Gary Lanning) Revival at the end of October. Isaac Whitman delivered the morning message in his absence.

Our Church family enjoyed a fabulous Thanksgiving Dinner together on November 19th. We are so thankful for our Christian brothers and sisters!

Operation Christmas Child boxes have been filled and delivered

Submitted by Cindy Barker

Thanksgiving and Christmas greetings from First Baptist Pattonsburg!

The jail ministry at Pattonsburg is on a temporary hold because of Covid infections there. We hope this ministry can soon return. Cookie Day, when cookies are delivered to shut-ins and people in area nursing homes, is usually on the [second Monday](#) each month. The last cookie day was on [November 13](#), and the next one will be [December 11](#). Thank you to those who are helping with both of these ministries.

The Youth group and Team Kids are in full swing on Wednesdays, but Team Kid is on hold until next semester.

[This Sunday, November 19](#), will be the dedication service that ends the week of collection for "Operation [Christmas Child](#)". Thank you to those who helped by bringing boxes or items to pack boxes, and to those who waited for collections from the area.

The church participated in "See You at the Pole" on [September 27](#).

The church Holiday Dinner will be held on [December 3](#) after services. We plan to hear a special from the Team Kids during worship time that day. The Church Christmas program and candle lighting service will be at 7 p.m. on [December 17](#). The church birthday dinner will be on [Sunday, January 7, 2024](#), with a weather make-up date of [January 14](#).

A chili cookoff is tentatively scheduled for [February 18](#). More details later!

Have a joyous [Thanksgiving](#) and [Christmas!](#) See you in the New Year!

Gregg Hartley and your fellow believers at FBC Pattonsburg

Hello from Ridgeway Baptist. We have had a busy few weeks lately. We had our Fall Revival October 22nd thru the 25th, with Ron Ratliff on Sunday, Casey Joyce Monday and Tuesday and Brad Walker finished up on Wednesday. We had wonderful messages for each service and excellent attendance for all 5 services. On November 8th, at our Bible Study, we packed 102 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child and on the 10th we hosted a Veterans' Luncheon with 23 guests in attendance. Our sewing ladies made and gave away 3 beautiful lap quilts to the veterans. We are still trying to get our Youth Group off the ground and will continue meeting on the 1st and 3rd Sunday at 4:30. Our Annual Candlelight Service will be the 22nd of December at 6:30. May you all have a blessed and thankful Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Season.

Dwight Schell

Pastor – Ridgeway Baptist.

BSU

Hello all! I have a few lunch dates still open for this spring semester- if your church is interested in serving please let me know!

Spring 2024 dates:

Jan.24-

Feb.21-

[March 20](#)- Melbourne

[April 24](#)-

Thank You!

Christina Boatright
BSU Director

“Christ became a man for you; be a man for Christ.” ~ Charles Spurgeon

Calendar

Decembar
2 Pastor and Wives Christmas dinner Zion
BC 6:30 pm
3-10 Lottie Moon Emphasis Week

January 2024

1 New Year's day
4 Brown Bag Lunch Pastors HBA Offices
8 HBA Exec. Bd Mgt. HBA Offices 6:30 pm
10 Camp Committee Meeting 6:30 pm
15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
19 Beacon News Due in the HBA Offices
21 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

Birthday & Anniversaries

Dec
1st Richard Rogers
24th Sunny Kate Wilson
27th Margaret Smith
30th Macayla Rhodes

January

6th Isaac & Sarah Worley
24th Ron & Margaret Smith
31 Logan Joyce

Luke 2:8 *In the same region, shepherds were staying out in the fields and keeping watch at night over their flock. 9 Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Don't be afraid, for look, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people: 11 Today a Savior, who is Messiah the Lord, was born for you in the city of David. 12 This will be the sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in cloth and lying in a feeding trough." 13 Suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: 14 Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to people He favors! 15 When the angels had left them and returned to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go straight to Bethlehem and see what has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." 16 They hurried off and found both Mary and Joseph, and the baby who was lying in the feeding*

DOM Activity For Oct & Nov

Preached at 7 times
Worship at 1 church
Ordinations of 8 at 2 different Churches
2 men in the gospel ministry 6 men as Deacons.
5th Sunday Sing
Meeting for the HBA 2
Mission events or Activities 5
Church Counseling 1
State convention & DOM Conference
Training and teaching 3
Bible Studies 7
Radio broadcasts 2
Funeral 1
Baptism 1
Delivered Shoe Boxes
Many Communications with Pastors and churches
Pastor Brown Bag lunch
Pastor visits 16
Drove 2,403 miles HBA & Ministry Businesses.

trough. 17 After seeing them, they reported the message they were told about this child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary was treasuring up all these things in her heart and meditating on them. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had seen and heard, just as they had been told.

Luke 2:7 Then she gave birth to her firstborn Son, and she wrapped Him snugly in cloth and laid Him in a feeding trough—because there was no room for them at the lodging place.