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# **Hebrews 13:17**

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you. ESV

Matthew 9:37 Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. NKJV

**DOM WORD:** It has been a world wind the last couple months getting to know the people of Harrison Baptist Association. And also getting to know the heartbeat of the association. We have been very busy since our last report. We have preached at 4 churches. I have been at 10 of our 17 churches. Went to 4 special events that churches were hosting. I counseled 6 people that are not a part of our association. We have talked with and or visited all of our pastors and we have sent out several emails and text messages. We try to communicate on a weekly basis with our pastors. We started a brown bag lunch on the first Thursday of every month with our pastors. So they can come and fellowship with no agendas other than to spend time together encouraging each other. We also started a new web page which I would encourage you to take a look at harrisonbaptist.com. It is up to date with the association's activities and special events as they are sent to us. We have a calendar that we post everything on and it automatically posts it on our web page so every week you can look and see what activities are coming up or what meetings if you are to attend one of them. We also in the last two months worked at the Missouri State Fair sharing Christ, equipping and building up the Saints. We helped serve lunch to our teachers with First Baptist Church in Bethany. What a fun time as we got to know some of our teachers. I spoke at a Men's Conference in St Joseph Missouri. I also took a mission trip to St Louis serving Missouri Baptist disaster relief as the IC coordinator for their operations. Where we had 3 Salvation's. I had the privilege to speak at the ignite conference for the Youth. What a pleasure it was to worship God with this generation. Plus we took care of the day-to-day operations at the office. A good friend of mine and servant of the Lord passed away and so we made hospital visits to comfort the family and served at the visitation and performed the funeral. I also did a wedding. We also took 2 people with us to the disaster relief training and Holt Summit Missouri. There will be another training on October 7 &8. If you are interested in going please let us know. Please pray for the two churches in our association that are without pastors this time: New Hope Baptist Church in Princeton and also First Baptist Church of Cainsville. We believe that God is working through our association and continue to look for ways to join Him in what He is doing. We will continue to visit the churches that we have not attended and worship with vet. Also build relationships with our pastors and communities. If you have a special event please let it know as we would love to attend it. If we can. If we can help you please let us know. We also attended a resounding conference which is about church revitalization and we look forward to getting more information on this. I believe that this will be Vital Information to

help all of our churches move forward in the Great Commission that God would have for us. One of the questions I get asked often is are you all settled in. Not quite but closer everyday we still have a few things to do at the old house to get it ready to sell as we can work it into our schedule LOL. Thank you for giving me this privilege to serve you as your Director of Missions. I have coffee every day Monday-Friday, stop by and see us so we can get to know each other better. We are still collecting food for the food pantry @ the BSU in Trenton, if you would like to help drop it off at the offices. We are still working on putting together a Pulpit Supply list if you know anyone that would like to be on that list have them contact me. We have a lot of kids programs and VBS material that need to be cleaned out of the office. If you know someone that might want it, contact me VERY soon. John Mohler

October Is Pastor appreciation month: tell your pastor, not only that you appreciate him but be specific. Tell him what you appreciate about him. Maybe it was a specific sermon or specific word he said to you or a specific time he ministered in your life and your family's life. Something that he can hang onto when he is discouraged and when others are bombarding him with neglect words. Something he could remember back to, in those times when he was discouraged in ministry. Don't forget your pastor's family. They also sacrifice a lot for you many times in ways you don't even know. When your pastor is carrying a burden for the flock that you don't even see but his family can tell he is distracted. Give them some encouragement to let her know how much you appreciate them. Most will never know the time away from the home your Pastor spends to minister to you and others. You will never know how many holidays, how many vacations, how many moments with his family that are disrupted. Your pastor does it because he loves you because God called him to be your Shepherd. Maybe you could help your pastor and his wife to go out to dinner alone by babysitting and giving him a gift certificate. maybe you can allow his family to go out together by giving them a family gift certificate both are probably needed. Better yet maybe you could give him an extra day off. A day just fun and relaxing. Maybe your church can give him a weekend away by paying for the motel and other expenses. Be creative but show your pastor how much you love him and his family. If you need some Ideas just google it. One way to benefit your pastor and the church is give your pastor a paid sabbatical. A refreshed and renewed pastor will be a great blessing to you and your church. We have great Men of God pastoring our Churches. Thank you All.

All women are invited to the second annual HBA Women's Fall Singspiration which will be at the Gilman City First Baptist Church on Thursday, October 13. The meal, which will be provided, will be served at 5:30 pm. Our theme for the night is "Pumpkin Obsessed and Jesus Blessed." Our scripture is 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. Following the meal we will be led in worship through music by Debbie Nalle, from Immanuel Baptist Church. Jenny Skeens, from Mt. Pleasant #2 Baptist Church, will give her testimony during the program. Women are invited to bring a nonperishable food item for the Harrison County Food Pantry. Submitted by Susan Ward, WMU Director



#### **CALENDAR**

10/3 HBA Exec. Bd. Mtg. BD. Mtg. Office, 7:00

10/6 Grand Oaks Exec. Bd. Mtg.

10/10 Columbus Day

10/13 Ladies Fall Singspiration

10/18 Camp Committee Meeting, 6:30

10/22 Ignyte 6:00 Immanual

10/24-25 MBC Annual Meeting

10/30 5th Sunday Sing TBA

11/6-9 Revival Ridgeway Baptist Church 6:00

11/11 Veterans Day

#### Calendar

11/14 Stewards Of Children - Learn more about Protecting Children 6:00pm FBC Bethany

11/14-21 Operation Christmas Child Collection Week FBC Pattonsburg

11/24 Thanksgiving Day

11/25 Beacon News due in HBA Office, 4:00

11/29 Camp Committee Meeting, 6:30

## KAAN Broadcast Schedule @ 9:00 A.M.

10/2 John Mohler

10/9 Isaac Worley

10/16 David Stephenson

10/23 Isaac Worley

10/30 John Mohler

11/6 Robert Skeens

11/13 Isaac Worley

11/20 JC Davis

11/27 Isaac Worley

#### We need more pastor to add to this list . Please Help I would be glad to share how.

If you record you Sunday sermons, And would like to be on the KAAN rotation of HBA pastors, Let us know. We would love to have more of our pastors be involved. If your church don't not have the capability to record, we have some hand held devices that you can have to make this Possible. My understanding is the way it is set-up, the association pays the \$40 for each Sunday episode and your church reimburses the association for the Sunday your church is on. If your church can not reimburses the association, don't let that stop you.

Psalm 107:37-38 37 They sow fields and planted Vineyards that yielded a fruitful Harvest. 38 He blessed them, and they multiplied greatly; He does not let their livestock stock decrease. (HCSB)

## Why Pastor why

As I see you standing there behind the pulpit reading from God's word I think back to all the wonderful, blessed sermons from you that I have heard. No, there's no secret, Why God brought you out. Oh! The many times your joy has made me Shout! You see, Pastor, there was a reason that God saved your soul. Because He knew that serving Him with all your heart Would be your life's goal. You, see Pastor, there was a reason that it was you That God chose. Not your good looks, perfect hair, and stylish clothes. No, Pastor, the reason that God reached down His hand and saved you Let there be no doubt! The Reason God chose you is because He knew How you would turn out! The reason, Pastor, that you mean so much to me Is that when I look at you It's Jesus that I see. For in your footsteps I so gratefully trod. Because I know that in following you I am following God

RICHARD, VINCENT, ROSE

We have been asked by a couple of our church about a sexeal Misconduct policy. The Missouri Baptist Children's Home put on a program called stewardship of children. We are going to host one of these November 14th at First Baptist Church in Bethany 6:00 p.m. it will last 2 hour. We previously had the "M" night scheduled for that day. The Missouri Baptist Children's Home will bring up a facilitator and all the material which is being paid for by grants giving the children's home. This will be a great program for all Sunday school workers or children's workers in your churches. All Pastor and leader. I know many of your churches have teachers in there who already take some of this kind of training. but this will be great for all Layman to help learn to recognize sexual abuse as well. Please make plans to attend this RSVPs at the office by October 30th.

Christmas Child Collection week is November 14-21st, 2022
We will be available from 2-4 pm Monday through Friday. Saturday 2-5pm,
Sunday 2-4 pm, and Monday Nov 21, from 7-9am. Drop off atFirst Baptist
Church Pattonsburg 13911 us hwy 69. No boxes will be accepted at our
drop-off location after 9 am on Nov 21. If anyone needs to schedule a different
drop-off time they may contact Sandy Booth @ 660-605-2593.
Any volunteers from any Church are welcome to join us during our collection
hours. Thank you

#### From our churches & Ministries:

MT Pleasant 2 Bob and Jenny took a week off to go see their daughter and son in law and their two yer old twins in Eugene, OR. Also a milestone Bob and Jenny have been at Mt Pleasant for thirty years this week. How much longer only the Lord knows.

Pastor Bob Skeens

Hello from Coffey,

It's been a newsletter or two since we've submitted news so here we go..the Lord has really been leading us to "Be a witness for him!" Pastor Tim has been on mission with the Missouri Trapper's as their chaplain..he and Simon Sperry went to Lawrence, Ks to the Fur Takers of America Meeting and passed out sets of trapping tags with scripture on them to all that will accept.. the verses on them are Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, and Romans 10:13..as these verses were instrumental in changing Tim's family. Tim and Wendy also headed to Lima, Ohio to the National Trappers Association for 3 days and both enjoyed witnessing and sharing more tags..and lastly Tim attended the Missouri Trapper's Association meeting in Friestatt, Mo to give a mink demo and preach on Sunday 9-18. Prairie Chapel and Coffey Baptist Church are a part of this mission by providing traps to hand out at the demos

and by helping make the sets of tags. Over 1,000 sets were handed out. Many testimonies have come from these efforts..Praise God.

Roger and Cindy Barker along with Josh and Hannah Silver and kiddos served along with many others from the HBA on the HBA Family Mission trip. We're so thankful for their call to serve.

Josh and Hannah have also felt God calling them to start a ministry for Kids called IGNYTE. So far we have held 4 events at Coffey Baptist, Lake Viking, Trenton Post bld., Gilman City FBC, and with the support of so many at Coffey and surrounding area it continues to grow. The next event is at Kirkley Chapel Sept. 24th and then at Immanuel Baptist. If your church is interested in having IGNYTE come to your church please contact Josh or Hannah Silver. This is a great event for all ages.

Reta George continues to teach the young Sunday school kiddos and Wendy the older. Kim Sperry, Josh and Hannah lead on Wednesday nights. Also Gary Holcomb is our morning Sunday school teacher and Pastor Tim on Wednesday night.

We continued our Wednesday night Kid's meal and Bible Study throughout summer and when the time changes for fall we'll start Family meals followed by Bible Study at 6:00.

We have had several attend Men's Encounter and Women's Ashes to Beauty. This weekend September 23- 24th we are having the men and boys camp out and trapping demos. October 29th is our Fall Family Celebration.

The HBA pickers meet at Coffey and if you're interested call Roger for a date and time.

Everyone is welcome.

Pray for God's leading in all we do and may God continue to bless our HBA family ~ in Christ

Wendy

#### Here is BSU news:

Hello All!

The school year has been a wonderful adventure so far. We served hundreds of students in the first few weeks of school. Through free meals, outdoor games, booths, free cookies, and more. Our first free dinner and game night brought about 30 young men and a few women, giving us opportunities to share, and build relationships with tons of athletes and on campus leaders, plus the entire international student group came to eat and play games with us! We have started our fall worship services and Bible Studies giving us wonderful groups of young men and women excited about learning about the word of God and sharing that with others. We even started our first ever small groups with student leaders deepening their understanding of scripture and giving them opportunity to help grow others closer to Jesus. We just got back from our fall retreat in Mt. Vernon where we spent time with 6 other college campus BSU's worshipping Jesus, digging deep into God's word, playing games, and deepening bonds. We laughed, we had deep conversations into the night, and everyone of my students came back refreshed ready to share Jesus with this campus. We had 6 of us total go and all fees were covered by generous donors and churches like many of you. Thank you for contributing to see these students rededicate their life to Jesus or grow deep in their relationship with Jesus. Lastly this month the students outreach will be to the baseball team, we will be making little gift bags filled with the baseball teams favorite goodies, a life book, and card in it praying for each one of them. Pray this outreach yields opportunities for many on the baseball team to come to Jesus! our free student pantry is at an all time high of being used by students to meet needs what this means is that we are in need of a few supplies to keep our free pantry stocked, here is a few things that we are desperately in need of-laundry detergent/tide pods, ramen noodles, rice, canned soups, canned tuna and chicken, individual cereal bowls, oatmeal, boxed milk, and popcorn!

Thank you, Christina Boatright

If you would like to help our BSU get a hold of me in the office I will put you in contact with Christina.

## Dear HBA Church Family,

We are blessed to have a new piano player at FBC Winston. Betty Edwards began playing during our worship celebration in August and continues to help us praise the Lord through song.

We have set aside October 9th to look at the History of FBC Winston. Our focus is to glorify God for His blessings and goodness. We have passed out surveys to church members to see what they particularly like about our church. Our goal is to improve on those things that keep us "gospel centered." October 16th will be focused on God's plans for the future of our church. We prayerfully seek His direction to be a shining light in our community and abroad. Hope you are having a wonderful day!

### God bless, Brad

Greetings from Mount Pleasant #1 to our sister churches. Had a wonderful time with Walter plant in a great time of fellowship and food afterward the concert. We are looking forward to the Missouri Baptist convention and we are praying and looking forward to hearing good things from our sister churches. JC. Davis

Greets from Melbourne Baptist Church. We at Melbourne are excited about what God is doing. He is very much alive and well. Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> We are having our annual hayride and hotdog roast. Every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month we have our Men's breakfast and prayer time at the church at 8:30 AM. The women meet at a member's home and enjoy a time of fellowship and Bible Study along with food. Nov 6<sup>th</sup> Will be our Thanksgiving Dinner at the church. Our regular services are as follows: Sunday Sunday School 10 AM, Worship 11AM, Wednesday 6:30 PM. I really enjoy our Wednesday services. There's a short devotion and we pray. It is a very special and unique time for those who attend. If you're not attending anywhere, come give us a visit. We would love to have you.

Pastor, Brian Rhodes

Greetings from Immanuel Baptist Church! As always, we hope this letter finds you doing well. It has been a very busy few months here at our church!

Earlier this month (September 9th and 10th) Immanuel hosted the first ever "Meaningful Marriage" Conference, an event that focused on helping both married couples and singles center their relationships around Christ. Along with three worship services, the conference also hosted multiple workshops ranging on a multitude of topics such as finances, romance, big decisions, and retirement. With roughly 65 people attending, ranging from multiple churches, we'd say God was most certainly faithful in bringing people for our inaugural conference!

It is also a joy to announce that we gained two new members of our church! Ruby and Kason King are siblings that have been attending our Youth program for some time, and felt led to give their lives to the Lord and follow through with a believers baptism! Praise the Lord! Additionally, we have had four attendees express interest in joining our church family. Such a joy that we are still growing, as always, all the glory to our God!

With the summer wrapping up, we finished the season with a "Worship at the Park" service at Memorial Park in Bethany. The event was well attended, with an ice cream social following the service. We are now directing our attention to the coming months, with many holiday events planned. We don't see any signs of slowing down our community outreach anytime soon!

Please continue to pray for us as we continue to be a lighthouse to the city of Bethany, as well as the surrounding areas. Pray for boldness and zeal to share the gospel with great excitement! We look forward to seeing how God will move in the coming months.

May God bless each of your ministries. Hebrews 12:1-2 Trent Crawford (Youth/Worship Pastor)

Greetings in the Lord to my fellow sister churches in the HBA!

Since the beginning of the school year, things have certainly sped up at First Baptist Church of Bethany. There has been a huge emphasis this year on children's ministries. We have a 4-H group that meets once a month on Monday nights, our Kingdom Kids ministry meets on Wednesday nights, our Trail Life ministry for boys meets on Thursday nights, and our Bible Drill is going on early Sunday mornings before Sunday School begins.

New to the lineup is our Kingdom Kids ministry which replaces our old AWANA program. This program focuses on theologically sound and biblically crafted lessons, scripture memorization, games, and worship songs to help children grow in the Lord. Also new to the lineup is our Trail Life which is a church-based, Christ-centered, boy-focused scouting group that provides an environment where boys thrive. The program is delivered in a structured outdoor environment where boys from Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade engage real-world challenges as they develop outdoor skills, character, and leadership skills. You can find out more at troopmo202.com. Think of it as Boy Scouts as it should have been. The motto for the boys is "Walk Worthy". You can have your son and grandson "Join the Trail" by reaching out to us at 660-425-8087, dad and granddad are especially welcome to join us with their child. Supper is provided on Wednesday night for Kingdom Kids at 6:15 PM and it is also provided for Trail Life on Thursday nights at 6:15 PM. Other wonderful events that took place last month was that our Women's Missionary Union organized a school supply outreach and they were able to provide over 102 children with all their necessary supplies. It was wonderful to see the Lord shine through the life of First Baptist Church ladies at Bethany. We are also taking a group of volunteers through CPR and AED training at the hospital. This is also the month we have been taking up a collection for the Missouri Missions Offering. Looking ahead we are planning for "See You At The Pole" at the South Harrison elementary, middle, and high school on September 28th. We are also encouraging the

children to bring their Bible to school on October 6<sup>th</sup> for the national "Bring Your Bible To School Day." Additionally, during the month of October we are collecting Christmas Shoeboxes for the Samaritans Purse. We are also planning our churchwide Harvest Party on Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. I know our FBC ladies are also excited and looking forward to seeing many of their Harrison Baptist female friends at the Women's Fall Conference: Singspiration on October 13<sup>th</sup>. This year the location was moved to First Baptist Church of Gilman City.

It is my prayer that God is using your pastor, Sunday School leaders, Bible Study leaders, and church directors in a powerful way. We are certainly having challenging days but it is not hopeless. God often acts miraculously in the struggle. Remember not to lose heart, Jesus is the greatest purpose we can live for.

Soli Deo Gloria, Pastor Ryan Kunce FBC Bethany

# **Brotherhood Report**

Since I have missed the deadline for the Beacon News the last couple times, I thought it would be good to update those who had not heard about the Mission Trip in July.

This year's Family Mission Trip took place at Laramie Wyoming July 9-15, 2022. There were 27 adults and 11 kids. Our host Church was the Trinity Baptist Church where some stayed in the church, some in motels, and some in campers. The work site was about a mile away from the church at the Collegiate Ministry House that was across the street from the University of Wyoming. This is an older house that needed lots of maintenance and care. While we were there, we cut out lots of old overgrown hedge bushes and did lots of yard work, removed two chimneys, trimmed trees, repaired and painted trim outside, repaired and painted the front porch floor, removed old furnace and tore out plaster and lath, hung sheetrock, repaired and painted most of the interior, repaired electrical and plumbing, and lots of other projects too numerous to mention.

The cooks did an awesome job preparing and serving all the meals back at the church. Spending a week with folks like this is such a blessing. Even when the work is hard and dirty, we feel like we were the ones who were blessed.

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. James 1:22

## Roger Barker, Brotherhood Director

Pattonsburg,

The summer went by so quickly! We had our Vacation Bible School with the "Spark Studios" theme from July 10-15. Attendance was good (50+ kids and over 30 workers) and the children had a fun time exploring the theme "Created in Christ / Designed for God's Purpose". The VBS offering of \$429.96 went to the Missouri Baptist Children's Home, and there were three salvations.

Bible School was followed by "Fun SON Time" at the Pattonsburg City Park on Friday, July 22 with Bible stories, crafts, games, snacks and fun. Rhonda Stephenson and Lauren Young organized and held the event for preschool through 4th graders.

Pastor David Stephenson helped with Grand Oaks Children's Camp. He has paused the series on Revelation to preach some messages on spiritual awakening and deep change, and what is necessary to have these take place.

On a sad note, Addie Lou Crone, daughter of Rick and Cindy Crone, passed away on July 27. Addie loved her church and church family and will be missed by the entire congregation. Her funeral services were held at the church on August 4. Please continue to pray for her family.

Brayson Knight was baptized during the morning worship on August 21, and youth leader Josiah Young brought the message. All youth and their parents enjoyed a pizza dinner following the service.

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 is set to resume on October 5.

Trunk or Treat is scheduled for October 31, and Operation Christmas Child Collection Week will be November 14-21. Soon Thanksgiving and Christmas will be here again. The annual church holiday dinner is usually held on the first Sunday in December. Have a wonderful autumn!

Gregg Hartley and your fellow believers at First Baptist Pattonsburg

Greetings from Mt. Moriah Baptist Church,

The Lord has truly blessed us with a busy summer, and so many opportunities to serve. VBS was well attended with 22 children and that many workers. Five young men from a college in Minnesota, former students of our worship leader, Hugh Givens, who is a retired music teacher, blessed us with special music one Sunday. There is a spirit of Revival in our midst. We had three come for baptism and a couple weeks later we baptized one more a celebration of life service was held for Alice Rhea, 98 years of age she lived a life of Faith very faithful to her God, church, family, and community. plans are being made for 1) family Fall Festival on October 16th at 4 p.m. 2) Christmas party December 4th at 4 p.m. 3) Valentine's party February 12th at 4 p.m. 4) Easter party April 2nd at 4 p.m.. Praising God for all the blessings and looking forward to what is yet to Come. Giving God glory Pastor Vic Buntin

Olive had their 150th celebration with over 100 people attending. We had a power point presentation with church history and the surrounding area. Downstairs we had tables of historic interest, a quilt with names of members from the 100th celebration, reception of cake and meat tray. Olive is very grateful to all who attended. The members did a wonderful job getting the church ready. Rev. David and Lesa

Hello all from IGNYTE WORSHIP!

If you haven't heard of us, we are a

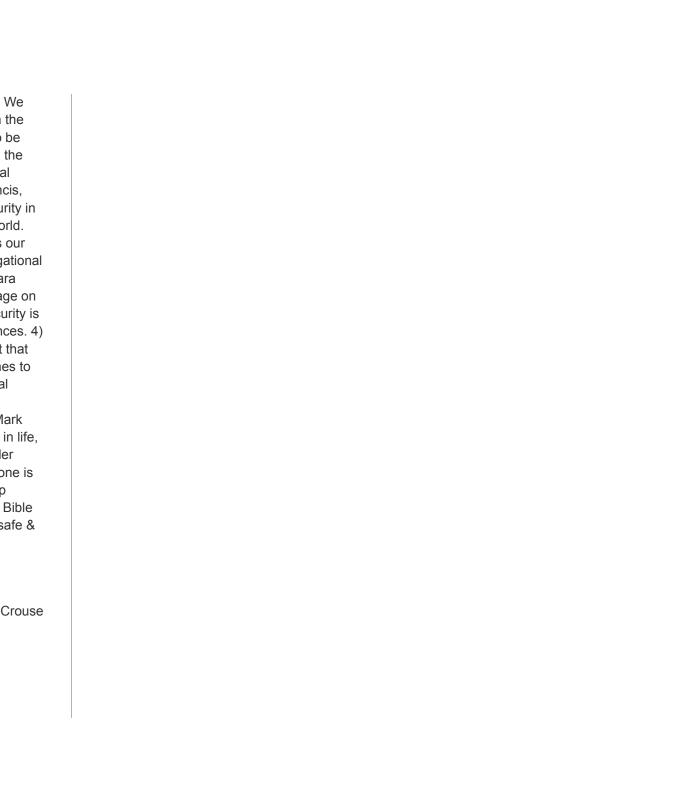
sort-of-organized youth organization.

Our objective is completely JESUS. The shedding of his precious blood on a rugged old cross, the grave, and how he burst out of it defeating the monster known as death. We can't let these kids (the future of the church) walk around in a dark world with no hope. So Ignyte Worship travels, anywhere we are asked. The Lord always show up, bringing his hope, Grace, and mercy every time. He loves us so much. We want Jesus to "Ignyte" the fire, and wake us up! We started working the ministry flying by the seat of our pants. just completely winging it. But we realize, we are never alone, we were completely hanging on to our Lord Jesus as he takes us places we never thought we would be. We are youth centered but we also need adults at these events. Either to hear the gospel, or to pray with these kids, and alot of them just want someone to talk to... If you remember school days, it was a challenge. And it's worse now than we had it. The devil is absolutely ravaging our schools and these poor little children are struggling tremendously. So please join us sometime whether in worship or in prayer. Because let's face it, it's a dark world out there, and "this little light of mine" has never had more meaning! Ezekiel 35:5 says: This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. Just as God brought life to dead bones, he can bring life to spiritually dead people. COME TO LIFE!

It's hard to believe fall is here already, but there is a definite crispness in the air and the leaves are starting to spin to the ground. Lots of football games, campfires, and harvest festivals in the area let us know for sure autumn has arrived! Zion hosted the Men's Community Prayer Breakfast on Aug. 6. The congregation viewed a video, Aug. 7, created from the activities during our Hay-day VBS, July 24-26. It was very interest-ing and entertaining at the same time. The children were then dismissed for Children's church with Cheyenne Francis and the other leaders. Pastor Rogers brought the morning message entitled, Imitation Imitators, based on Eph. 5:1-10. As God's children, we should be imitators of God's truth so that we are set apart from the world. Jubilee weekend, Aug. 13, kicked off with our own Lifeline Band, followed by Brad Prater from Rural Dale Baptist Church in Trenton and Jeremy Pope of Kearney, MO. They all presented a variety of Southern Gospel, Traditional hymns and Contemporary music that afternoon, which was enjoyed by all. Keaton Halley from Creation Ministries International in Atlanta, GA gave a 2-session presentation on the Biblical view of Creation which was very educational and interesting. The first session was a general overview of Creation. That was followed by the Saturday evening Pork & Beef BBQ and Session 2: Dinosaurs & Fossils, Amazing Evidence of Creation. The Lifeland Band closed out the evening with a few more songs. Around 80 were in attendance on Saturday. Jubilee Sunday Worship was led by Tom and Kathy Veatch of Trenton and Lifeline Band sang a special, "Lord, I'm Coming Home". Bro. Rogers gave the sermon entitled, Worship in Spirit and Truth, taken from Luke 7:36-50. Worship is more than just going to church, it is determined by the attitude of our hearts. Our focus has to be on Him, not us, to experience true worship. A bountiful carry-in dinner was enjoyed by all following the worship service to close out our 2022 Jubilee Weekend. Approximately 60 were in attendance. Several men attended Men's Encounter at Encounter Cove, Aug. 19-21. The Cainsville Post continues to meet at Zion each Monday evening at 6:20pm with everyone welcome. Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday was Aug. 21. School teachers, staff and students were invited to come and bring their backpacks for the service. Cheyenne Francis prayed a special prayer for the teachers and students in individual groups. All the teachers and students present received a special gift to begin the new school year. Pastor Rogers gave the message, "Train Them Up," based on Matt.18:1-7 Training of children begins in the home and is furthered in school. We need to set a good example for our children. Each child needs to know they are loved. It is imperative that we train them in the church and the knowledge of the Lord. Our Lifeline Praise Band led the congregation in worship hymns and shared some special music on Aug. 28. They are planning to do this a couple Sundays a month. The children went with their leaders for Children's Church. Bro. Rogers delivered the sermon, entitled "The Plan," based

on Jeremiah 29:8-14. Faith is a journey and God knows the plans he has for our lives. We need to focus on the ability we have to make a difference by leaning on and trusting in the Lord. Ask the question: Are we busy with our own things or the things God wants us to be doing? Zion hosted the Men's Community Prayer Breakfast, Sept. 3. Brian Finney led the devotion and prayer time. Sept. 4, worship leader, Janet Crouse, led the congregational hymns, accompanied by pianist, Brandi Cook, Children's church was led by Terry Francis, Barb Rogers and Patty O'Neal. Pastor Rogers brought the message on "Finding Security in an Unstable World," from Psalm 46:1-11. People want hope and security in today's world. We draw our strength from something different than the people of the world do. God is our refuge and strength and our hope is in Jesus Christ. The Praise Band led the congregational hymns and sang a special, "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," Sept. 11. Terry Francis, Barbara Guernsey and Barb Rogers led in Children's church. Bro. Rogers continued his message on Hope and Security. 1) Our security is in God, not in the things of this world. 2) Our security is in our faith, not in our safety. 3) Our security is in eternity not in the present circumstances. 4) Our security is in the fact that even though life is dangerous, life is good. We can trust that God is always with us. Because God wins, we win! Some of our women attended Ashes to Beauty Weekend at Encounter Cove, Sept. 16-18. Janet Crouse led the congregational hymns with Brandi Cook at the piano, Sept. 18. Children's church was led by Tamme Schwartzkopf, Barb Rogers and Mary Sue Francis. Moments of Decision, based on Mark 10:17-31 was the topic of Pastor Roger's message. We have many decisions to make in life, but we must take up our cross and follow Christ to have eternal life. The rich young ruler wasn't willing to give up his possessions on earth to have treasures in heaven. Everyone is welcome to attend our regular weekly services with Sunday School at 10am & Worship service at 11am. Cainsville Post meets Monday evenings at 6:20pm and Fellowship & Bible Study are on Thursday evenings with carry-in meal at 6 and Bible Study at 7. Have a safe & happy Autumn season!

~Janice Crouse





## Birthdays & Anniversary:

10/4 Sheila Mohler
10/14 Sarah Williamson
10/15 Creste Baker
10/18 Essie Williamson
11/2 Kirk Pugsley
11/8 Bruce & Ramona Williams
11/9 Gene & Linda Ishmael
11/16 Annette Rhodes
11/20 Tim & Wendy Wilson
11/23 Hannah Gryder
11/23 Gene Ishmael
11/30 Kirk & Julie Pugsley

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, we are sorry. It is most likely because it is not on my list. Just let me know and I will add it. If there is someone that needs to come off the list again let us know.

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**News:** Starting with the January/ February 2023 Beacon, We will be handing out less copies to our churches. We WILL be putting it on our web page harrisonbaptist.com and we can email you a copy if you would like. Just email me at <a href="https://hba@grm.net">hba@grm.net</a> and say "I want to be added to the Beacon to the email list".