

DOM Report: Continue to be very busy and active. Preaching as much as God gives opportunity and then on the off weeks visiting our churches. We continue to have our Tuesday night Bible study at the HBA office. We do a carry in dinner at 6:30pm Bible study starts around 7pm ending around 8pm give or take 30 minutes. With 20-30 people attending. In the last two months we have attended 11 meetings. We have had many phone calls, text messages and emails with our pastors. I also had the privilege of counseling and helping pastors in other associations. We are excited about what God is doing at Harrison Baptist Association. But as is true in most cases when God is busy so is the enemy. I hope that you make it a daily habit to pray for the HBA churches and pastors, their families and church leaders. The cold weather has made it difficult for some of our churches.

Baptist Beacon

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Would you pray this with me over our churches and the HBA.

1 Chronicles 4:10 Jabez Called unto the God of Israel, saying, "oh that you would bless me and enlarge my border, and that your hand might be with me, will keep me from harm (evil) so that it might not bring me pain!" and God granted what he asked.

From our Churches:

Mt. Pleasant #1 Greetings brothers and sisters in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We here at Mount Pleasant #1 We would like to invite you to our carry-in dinner and movie night on February 16th. We will also be having a Deacon ordination April 19th. More information is coming.

JC Davis

Greetings and love from FBC Winston,

Hope this letter finds you well during the cold winter months. We are continually blessed with the love and grace of our Lord at Winston. Our children did a wonderful job sharing the [Christmas](#) message in December. There was a large attendance to watch them share about the birth of Jesus. We are having a really good bible study in the gospel of John on [Wednesday](#) evenings. I am looking forward to Easter and celebrating the resurrection of Christ.

God bless,
Brad Walker

Congratulations to New Hope Mc fall: They have hired new pastor Albert Wingfield. Albert and his wife Emma, they have 4 kids and a niece living with them in Albany Mo. It has been a long road to get to this point but we are excited to see what God is gonna do here at New Hope.

Greetings from Melbourne

God is good. As I watch the snow fall outside it reminds of the purity of Christ and His love for us on the Cross.

We are finishing up our series The Sermon on The Mount. What a great series that has been and the subjects covered.

On Wednesday our Bible Drillers are working hard and getting ready for the upcoming Drills.

On Wednesdays we will begin a study from Bill Faye.

How To Share Your Faith Without Fear.

I myself enjoy our Evening Prayer on Sunday Nights. There is nothing like hearing others genuinely talk to God our Father, Creator and Savior.

Pastor Brian

Ministry Goes On/ life goes on

Text: *Matthew 9:37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; 38 therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."*

Introduction:

One of the great temptations in ministry is to believe that the work of God rises and falls on people. We don't usually say that out loud, but we sometimes live like it. When a strong leader steps aside, when a faithful servant goes to heaven, or when a season ends, we wonder, What now?

Scripture answers that question clearly: ministry goes on. God uses people mightily, the mission belongs to Him. God is never surprised by transitions. He is never scrambling for a replacement. He has always worked through faithful servants—and He has always raised up the next one.

- *Psalm 33:11 "The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations."*

I. Ministry Goes On Because God Is the One at Work

- a. Ministry does not originate with human initiative—it begins with divine calling.

1 Corinthians 3:9 "For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building."

- b. Paul reminds the church that leaders are workers, not owners. Fields don't belong to the farmhands. Buildings

- a. don't belong to the contractors. The work belongs to God. *Colossians 3:23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, 24 since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.*

- That truth humbles us—but it also frees us.

1 Corinthians 3:7 "So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth."

- b. People plant. People water. People serve. But God alone brings the increase. And because God does not change, His work does not stop.

II. Ministry Goes On Through God-Ordained Succession

Scripture consistently shows us that God works through seasons and successions.

- a. Elijah and Elisha

Elijah's ministry was powerful, bold, and public. But it had an end. God took him home, and the mantle fell—not to the strongest man, but to the prepared one.

1 Kings 19:19-21

2 Kings 2:14 Then he took the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water, Saying, "where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" and when he struck the water, The water was parted to the one side and to the other, And Elisha went over.

- b. Elisha did not recreate Elijah's ministry. He continued it. Same God. Same mission. New servant.

- c. Moses and Joshua- Moses was irreplaceable—humanly speaking. Yet God was not finished.

Joshua 1:2 “Moses, my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel.”

- Notice what God does not say. He does not say, “The mission is over.” He says, “Now therefore arise.” Leadership changed. The call remained.

III. Ministry Goes On Through Faithful Investment

In the New Testament, Paul understood that ministry must outlive the minister.

- a. Paul did not cling to his position. He poured himself into others.

2 Timothy 2:2 “What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.”

- b. This is ministry multiplication.

Paul → Timothy → Faithful men → Others also

That is not accidental. That is intentional discipleship.

2 Timothy 4:7 “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”

- c. Paul finished his race knowing the gospel would continue without him—because he had invested in the next generation.

IV. Ministry Goes On Even When Faithful Servants Are Gone

Scripture never minimizes loss. It acknowledges grief. But it also anchors hope.

Psalm 116:15 “Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.”

- a. God honors faithful servants—but He does not end His work when they are called home.

Instead, He calls others forward.

1 Corinthians 15:58 “Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.”

- b. Every prayer offered, every mile traveled, every act of service matters. None of it is wasted. God builds on what faithful servants have done.

V. Our Responsibility: Pick Up the Mantle

- a. This truth brings comfort—but it also brings responsibility.

- We honor the past, but we do not live in it.
- We grieve loss, but we do not stop.
- We remember faithfulness,
- but we move forward in obedience.

Hebrews 12:1 “Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.”

- a. Not the race set before someone else—the race God has set before us.

Conclusion:

Ministry goes on:

- When leaders change
- When seasons shift. (John the Baptist only six months)
- When faithful servants are called home
- When new servants step forward

Because ministry does not belong to us.

Hebrews 13:8“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”

The same God who worked through Elijah works through Elisha. The same God who worked through Moses works through Joshua. The same God who worked through Paul works through Timothy. And the same God who worked through those before us is still working today.

So we remain faithful. We invest in others. We pick up the mantle.

And we trust the Lord—because ministry goes on.

We celebrate what we've had, but we don't stay where we were. We thank the Lord for what He's given us and move forward.

Psalm 78:70 He chose David his servant and took him from the sheep folds; 71 From following the nursing ewes he brought him to shepherd Jacob's people, Israel his inheritance.72 With an upright heart he shepherded them and guided them with his skillful hand.

John Mohler, Director of Missions

Calendar:

February :

6th Pastor Brown Bag
10-16 WMU Focus week
14 Valentine's Day
22 HBA/NGR Camp committee offering

March:

2nd VBS State Clinic Chillicothe Mo
6th Pastor Brown Bag
1-8 Annie Armstrong Easter offering
7 Darkness to training (camp workers)
7 Bible Drill March Immanuel 6pm
8 Daylight savings time
8 Immanuel's building dedication
13 WOW Retreat
14 Missions Conference (New event)
18 Bible Drill Coffey
22 Bible Drill Gilman FBC 2pm
22 Bible Drill Melburne 5pm
27 beacon news do in HBA Offices
29 Palm Sunday
29 Associational Bible Drill Gilman FBC 2pm
29 5th Sunday Sing

Birthday & Anniversaries

February 10 Levi Joyce, 13 Brian Rhodes, 14 Casey Joyce, 21 Ryan Kunce, 24 Lisa Schell, 28 Jenny Skeens.

March 10 Robert Skeens, 30 Dwight Schell, 31 Judah Worley

Average churchgoer earns low marks in discipleship

Average U.S. Protestant churchgoer

STATE OF DISCIPLESHIP REPORT CARD		
Total discipleship score:	68.1	D
Seeking God:	78.5	C
Obeying God and denying self:	75.1	C
Serving God and others:	73.1	C
Exercising faith:	71.6	C
Bible engagement:	69.8	D
Building relationships:	64.0	D
Living unashamed:	61.0	D
Sharing Christ:	54.8	F

Lifeway Research studied churchgoers' levels of discipleship by asking dozens of questions related to Christian doctrine and practice. Analysis of churchgoer research finds eight key characteristics that measure spiritual maturity. Churchgoers were given a score from 0-100 overall and for each of the eight characteristics.

Lifeway research
LifewayResearch.com

STATE of DISCIPLESHIP

Mission opportunity;

Christina Eve Boatright, The student union director (BSU).

Right now our main need at the BSU is for our students going to Brazil! We will be fundraising for that please consider helping students go share Jesus in São Paulo, Brazil 🇧🇷

Ways to give:

Venmo: @ncmcbsu

Check: BSU memo: Brazil

Cash

Come partake in our fundraisers Feb.2 and Feb.9 during the women's basketball games at Ketchem!

