

The Ministry Plan for Missouri Baptist Convention: Our role as a convention staff is to help local churches be faithful to their God-called missions. We carry out our servant role through seven initiatives:

- **Prayer.** Our statewide prayer ministry involves every Missouri Baptist and every MBC-affiliated church.
- **Evangelism.** We help our churches refocus and reprioritize their call to take the gospel to the lost.
- **Missions Mobilization.** We engage Missouri Baptists in missions at home and around the world.
- **Church Planting / Send Missouri.** Through our partnership with the North American Mission Board, we strive to help churches plant churches that will plant additional churches.
- **Church Renewal.** We seek to foster healthy pastors, healthy churches, and healthy associations through the Resound Network and Leader Care ministries.
- **Media & Communications.** We tell the story of what God is doing in Missouri Baptist life through print, web, social media, video, and other media.
- **Entity Relations.** We support, promote, and partner with the Missouri Baptist Children's Home, Baptist Homes & Healthcare Ministries, the Missouri Baptist Foundation, Hannibal-LaGrange University, Missouri Baptist University, and Southwest Baptist University.

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
John's Cell: 660-232-2174
Email: hba@grm.net
Web page: harrisonbaptist.com

Vol. XXXX April/May No. 5

Harrison Baptist Association: exists to help churches transform lives and communities with the gospel, (copied from the Missouri Baptist Convention) by working together We are better together. Thank you for your support.

Luke 24:5 Ask the question " why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive?" What a great question! Are you living like Jesus is alive, Are you living in victory, like he is dead? Remember "He is risen" live in the victory of our Lord.

**Churches News:
Coffey Baptist Church**

“Let the sunrise remind you of His resurrection power and the hope it brings to your life.”

Candlelight Service and Christmas Program

The young kids and youth presented our annual Christmas Eve Program followed by the Candlelight Service. Josh, Hannah and Wendy put a lot of work into this...and was soooo good. They presented a black light skit to the song, “What a Glorious Night”. Throughout the entire service it is illuminated by just candlelight! It was beautiful!

Valentine’s Day Thank you to Julie Cox! With her encouragement and direction, our church was able to collect an assortment of Valentine’s Day Cards. These cards were then lovingly distributed to all the residence at the Daviess County Nursing and Rehab.

Bible Drill Coffey young ones (4th thru 6th grade) have jumped into Bible Drill this year. They have been meeting on Sunday evenings at 6:00.

This year Wendy is excited to have 5 Bible Drillers. Zuko Burge, Layla Silver, Bailey Lewis and Charity and Uriah Sperry. Our church drill was March 18th. We had 65 parents, friends, grandparents & other family members join us as we watched these 5 “Drillers” present their knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, for the first time. We are so please that all 5 will be advancing to the Associational Drill March 29th at Gilman City. They have all worked so hard, giggled a lot and made new friends. To God be the glory....Wendy.

Youth Also, our Youth are meeting at 6:00 - 7:30 on Sunday evenings. **Any youth from any church are welcome to come!** The fellowship is great! This is an Ignyte Worship sponsored weekly event. They eat, play games and are watching the series “The Chosen”.

Super Bowl Sunday

Our youth traveled over to Gilman City FBC on Super Bowl Sunday and enjoyed watching the game, plus enjoyed the food and fellowship. Many thanks to Gilman FBC for hosting this event!

“Ignyte Worship”

If your church would like an evening of praise, fellowship and God’s Word...just contact Ignyte Worship! Josh and Hannah Silver would be thrilled to set up a date with your kids (adults are welcome too!). Just give them a call to set up your night to “set your youth on fire for the Lord!” Josh: (660) 605-3354 or Hannah: (660) 605-3219.

Children and Youth Camp(s)

Youth Camp is June 22-26 --- Children’s Camp is August 3-7

Our church took up the love offering for the NRG/HBA Camps. Also, the Camp Directors have indicated that they are still in need of camp help. From Cabin Leaders, Kitchen Staff, Electives, or Day Workers. Prayfully consider and join in a week of a true blessing. These kids need you! Please contact Bobbie Johnson for Children’s Camp and Josh Silver for Youth Camp: (660) 605 3354. Hannah and Josh, with Bobbie, prepared a booth, featuring the Camp(s), for the Mission Conference, on March 14th, in anticipation of these upcoming events.

Wednesday Evenings Our Wednesday Evening Bible Study starts at 6:00. (Please bring a covered dish). This is open for all ages. Please join us for food, fellowship and bible study. The adults are studying any passage of Scripture that you may need more "information, clarification, or just a closer examination of." Just let Pastor Tim know the Book and verse(s) in question. Who knows, someone else may have the same questions as you! Looking forward to seeing you there! We'll save you a seat!

Pastor Tim has been busy giving away books and Scripture trap tags near and far. To neighbors and fellow trappers. It's been so nice to hear from so many that have gotten them.

Sunday Worship During our Sunday morning worship services, Pastor Tim has been leading us through the book of "Revelation." Come see what the Disciple John will be revealing to us, through Tim's message(s), of this cryptic book and marvel at its magnificent imagery along the way. Sunday School starts at 10:30 and Church Services at 11:30. We have also been blessed with several new faces in the congregation and look forward to what God is going to do and is already doing at Coffey Baptist Church.

Gilman City FFA Chapter The Gilman City FFA Chapter (22 participants), with their advisor and some parents, joined us for our morning worship service on February 22nd. Pastries/Donuts and drinks were serviced prior to the service. Thank you to the Gilman City FFA Chapter for selecting Coffey Baptist Church and sharing in our fellowship and worship!

HBA Pickers: The "HBA Pickers" have gathered here at Coffey on March 2nd, in preparation for the next 5th Sunday Praise Sing.

Remember the "HBA Pickers" will be meeting the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00, here at Coffey. Roger will keep all the regular folks posted on any date/time changes. Again, if you are at all interested in joining the HBA "Pickers", please contact Roger for more information (660-334-0100). You are always welcome! There is room for all talents...singing, playing an instrument or just enjoying the camaraderie of Christian brothers and sisters.

WOW Retreat Wow is a perfect word to describe the evening of March 13th! A few ladies from Coffey attended this wonderful gathering! From the decorations, door prizes, food, music and the guest speaker(s)...WOW, WOW WOW! Those that pull this event together do such a fabulous job! We so appreciate all that they do for the ladies of Harrison Baptist Association (and beyond). We are already looking forward to the next one! Ohhh, remember...my number is 8!

Trusting His promises,
Cindy Barker

BSU Mission trip to Brazil: Brazil was great!! we saw God move We had, 153 gospel conversations, 223 testimony shared, 35 Gospel tracts passed out, 22 campus surveys done and most importantly at least 1 salvation and 5 five men committed to rehab! The trip was amazing. One of the participants shared the best mission trip ever. Thank you for your support to the **BSU** (Baptist Student Union Trenton MO) We could not have the opportunity to share Christ if it wasn't for all of your love prayers and financial support.

Christina Boatright

Beacon News HBA WMU

The 20th annual Harrison Baptist Association Women of Worship event was held on Friday, March 13, 2026 at Immanuel Baptist Church in Bethany, Missouri. A meal consisting of lasagna, garlic bread, salad, with eclair dessert and cookies was served at 6:00 pm in Immanuel's newly finished gymnasium/kitchen area. Following the meal, the 88 women attending WOW moved to the sanctuary where Debbie Nalle (Immanuel BC), led us in several worship songs. Next, Kim Crawford spoke about Circle of Freedom, which is a non-profit organization in Seymour, Iowa. The mission of Circle of Freedom is to lead women who are struggling with addiction, and other life controlling problems, to freedom in Jesus and help them reestablish their [lives](#). It includes jail ministry, mentoring, Biblical counseling, and a residential recovery program. The Circle of Freedom thrift shop provides a small percentage of the funds needed to operate the ministry. Women living at Circle of Freedom pay for the 11-15 month program. This also helps fund the organization.

For the fun and fellowship portion of the program led by Becci Shew and Lori Puls (Princeton New Hope BC), attendees moved back to the gym and played a special game of Music Bingo featuring Christian songs from various decades. Several Bingo winners received prizes. It was then back to the sanctuary for the remainder of the program. Kim Crawford spoke briefly again and introduced two women who had successfully completed the Circle of Freedom program. They each shared their testimony and answered questions. The 2026

Women of Worship concluded with one more worship song led by Debbie Nalle and then names were drawn out for door prizes. Sheila Mohler, the wife of DOM, John Mohler, offered the closing prayer. Thanks to Immanuel Baptist Church for allowing us to have WOW in their beautiful church. The newly completed gym/kitchen made this the perfect place to hold this event. Thanks also to Debbie Nalle for leading us in worship and to Tara Milligan for taking care of our sound/tech needs. The HBA WMU Event Planning group consists of: Becci Shew & Lori Puls: New Hope BC, Princeton, Sarah Williamson: Faith Bible Church, Trenton, Carolyn Shields: Trinity Christian Church, Decatur, Iowa
Debbie Bennett, Elizabeth Mohler, & Sheila Mohler: Immanuel BC
Sheri Joyce: Bethany FBC, Renee Terhune, Sheila Seager & Susan Ward: Gilman City FBC.
We host two women's events each year. One in October and one in March.

Let one of us know if you'd like to join our group! We'd love to have you! Susan Ward

Luke 19 Think about these things 1. Jesus walked ahead of his disciples. 2. Sent two disciples to get a donkey that had never been ridden. 3. Jesus knew what was going to happen before it happened and told his disciples what to do. 4. It went just as Jesus said. 5. The owner of the Colt gave to Jesus without questions. 6. All he needed to know was the Lord needed. 7. The disciples went ahead praising the Lord for what he had done. 8. Jesus wept because of disbelief

Greetings from Faith Bible. Hope this finds everyone doing well. We had our annual Christmas/Thanksgiving dinner Dec. 14th which was well attended. In January we had a small carry-in shower for a new baby in our church. We also redecorated a room to be used for a children's ss/nursery and in the later part of February Kallihan Ray Critten was welcomed to our congregation.

We also had a special day set aside for Essie Williamson and Gradee Rains to celebrate their marriage. It included a shower.

We are now looking forward to celebrating the death and the resurrection of our Lord. Hope everyone is able to reflect on the death and resurrection of our Lord over the next two weeks especially and may it be blessed.

Wanda Gastineau

Greetings from Melbourne Baptist Church: As I look outside and watch things begin to come to life. I ask myself if my heart coming to life for Christ am I looking for opportunities to share. God is good, we are excited about what God is doing. On Sunday mornings we are going through the Names of God. On Wednesdays we have our Bible Drillers and a New Study on The Book of Mark. I'm excited about this, it is a great follow up to our Share Your Faith Without Fear study. Sunday Nights is one of my favorites Evening Prayer. We have a short devotion and we pray. Nothing like hearing people genuinely lifting their hearts to God.

April 12th 6 PM We are looking forward to hosting the **Prayer Rally**. Don't miss out on the Power of Prayer.

Pastor Brian Rhodes

Greetings from First Baptist Pattonsburg!

On [February 8](#), the church held the annual chili cookoff fellowship dinner. TeamKid resumed for the second semester on [February 11](#). [March 9](#) was the regular "cookie day" when the ladies who do this ministry distribute cookies to shut-ins and nursing home residents. On [March 25](#), some church members assisted with food distribution from Second Harvest at Pattonsburg.

Lots of events have been planned for the Easter season. On Maundy [Thursday \(April 2\)](#), the church will hold a candlelight communion, and the community Good [Friday](#) service will be held on [April 3](#). On Resurrection morning ([April 5](#)), the church will hold a carry-in fellowship breakfast, and there will be an egg hunt after the morning worship service.

On [April 14](#) from 9 to 11 a.m., there will be a "Toddler [Tuesday](#)" fellowship for toddlers and moms. The Pattonsburg High School Baccalaureate Service will be held at the church on [April 26](#). Mothers will be recognized on Mother's Day ([May 10](#)), which is also the date of Pattonsburg High School's graduation exercises. We will kick off summer on [May 17](#) with a kite day fellowship at the city park following morning worship.

Have a blessed Easter season!

Your fellow believers at Pattonsburg

Associational Bible Drill NEWS

First THANK YOU to everyone who helped to make this day possible. I have learned it takes an army to accomplish an HBA Bible drill and Speaker's Tournament, and a special thanks to FBC, Gilman City for hosting it. We have 8 children advancing to State for the Children's drill, 4 from Coffey Baptist, and 4 from Gilman. We have one high school student and one for the Speaker's tournament also advancing to state. State competitions are [April 11](#) in Springfield, MO. Please continue to keep the children, high school youth, parents, and leaders all in prayer as they prepare for the State drills.

Lesa

HBA Birthday / Anniversaries

April

4 Brad & Sherry Walker, 5 Stephen Williamson, 8 John Mohler, 9 Carol Buntin, 14 Chris Ward, 19 Robert & Jenny Skeens, 23 Lydia Kunce, 25 JC Davis

May

2 Dwight & Lisa Schell, 3 Sarah Worley, 5 Ron Smith, 6 Wendy Wilson, 12 Bridgette Kunce, 12 Brad Walker, 13 Lizzie Joyce, 15 Julie Kunce, 15 Casey & Sheri Joyce, 26 Sherry Walker

Calendar:

April

2 Grand Oaks [Exec. Bd.](#) Mtg 10:00 am

3 Pastors Brown Bag Lunch 12:00 pm

5 Easter

6 **HBA Exec. Bd. Mtg. HBA Offices 7:00pm**

11 State Bible drill Ridgecrest BC Springfield MO

12 HBA Prayer rally Melbourne Baptist Church 6:00 pm

23 Pastor and wives dinner Sponsored by MBC

May

1 Pastor's brown bag lunch

7 National Day of Prayer

4 HBA Meeting night: financial, nominating, annual Meeting planning Committee

10 Mother's Day

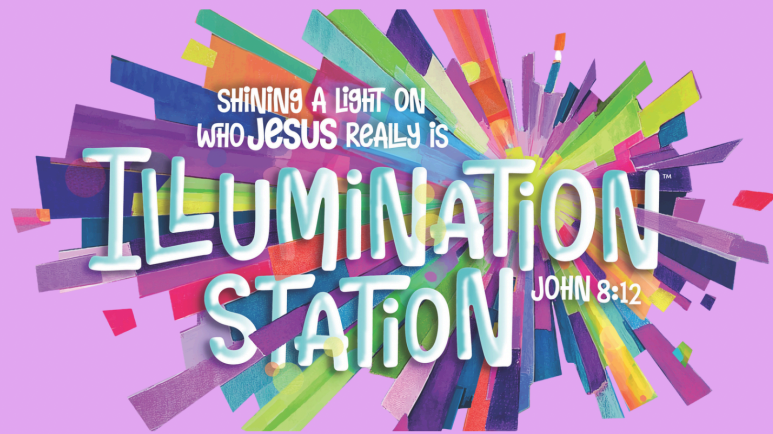
16 pray over HBA churches

22 Beacon News do in HBA Offices

25 Memorial Day offices closed

30 Darkness to light training for camp

31 5th Sunday sing TBD



HBA

VBS OPEN HOUSE

APRIL 25, 2026

HBA OFFICE 9AM-12PM

WALK THROUGH, SEE THE MATERIAL,
TASTE A SNACK, BE INSPIRED

DOM Report:

9 church visited, taught church bible study, preaching
18 meetings & events attended
1 Funeral
6 Bible Studies at HBA Offices
3 trainings taught

"As your Director of Mission (DOM), I am honored to serve you and work alongside you in building the kingdom of Jesus Christ. I want to thank you all for your faithfulness and your support of the Harrison Baptist Association. Together, we can accomplish the Great Commission.

I am so excited to hear about what is happening in our churches throughout the association; God is doing some great and mighty work. Almost every time I speak with a pastor, I hear about a new baptism or another powerful movement of God. I believe He has a great plan for our future as we work toward our goals together.

Your executive board has been working hard on several joint efforts to advance missions, evangelism, and the kingdom. I look forward to sharing these developments with you in the very near future. **In the meantime, please make plans to join us for our Annual Meeting on August 8th at Zion Baptist Church.**

Please continue to pray for our association, our churches, and each of our pastors as they navigate their unique situations and circumstances."

John Mohler
DOM

Why share your church updates with the association

- **To encourage one another**

Hearing what God is doing in other churches strengthens and reminds us that he is at work everywhere— Just in our own congregation.

- **To celebrate God's faithfulness**

Every testimony— big or small— is evidence of God's goodness. Sharing allows the whole association to rejoice together.

- **To remind us we are not alone**

Ministry can feel isolation at times, these updates help us see that we are laboring side by side in the same mission.

- **To speak fresh visions and ideas**

what God is doing in one church may inspire another— whether it's outreach, discipleship, or creative ministry approaches.

- **To strengthen Unity Across Churches**

When we know each other's stories, we grow in connection, support, and shared purpose as the body of Christ.

- **To call others to prayer**

Praises and needs alike invite the association to pray more specifically and faithfully for one another.

- **To build a culture of testimony**

Sharing what God has done keeps our focus on Him and cultivates gratitude instead of discouragement.

- **To pass a long hope**

Reading your update may be in a hard season— your story could be exactly what they need to keep going.

- **To multiply kingdom impact**

Learn from each other and work together, The reach of the Gospel grows far beyond what anyone church could do alone.

So tell the story:

What have you witnessed God doing in your midst these past few weeks? Share it— so that others may be encouraged. We don't fight alone.

We love to hear testimonies of what God is doing. May call us cell or Text @ 660-232-2174. Just remember to give us your name. We may not have you on our phone.

Office phone 660-425-3889 or email @ hba@grm.net
Harrison Baptist Association john speaking Bye Set it down here why don't you take this to Johnny might like this to fill and so yeah so it's no why share your church update with the association so it says to encourage one another to celebrate God's fullness thankfulness to remind us we are not alone to speak fresh visions and ideas strength and unity across the group callers to prayer to build up culture to pass along hope multiply kingdom impact sounds good to me I spread it out so it filled up two pages Now I gotta go redo it so it can get the printed version

--	--