

**Passion Week** (also known as Holy Week) is the time from Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday (Resurrection Sunday). Also included within Passion Week are Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday, Spy Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Passion Week is so named because of the passion with which Jesus willingly went to the cross in order to pay for the sins of His people. Passion Week is described in Matthew chapters 21-27; Mark chapters 11-15; Luke chapters 19-23; and John chapters 12-19. Passion Week begins with the triumphal entry on Palm Sunday on the back of a colt as prophesied in Zechariah 9:9.

Passion Week contained several memorable events. Jesus cleansed the Temple for the second time (Luke 19:45-46), then disputed with the Pharisees regarding His authority. Then He gave His Olivet Discourse on the end times and taught many things, including the signs of His second coming. Jesus ate His Last Supper with His disciples in the upper room (Luke 22:7-38), then went to the garden of Gethsemane to pray as He waited for His hour to come. It was here that Jesus, having been betrayed by Judas, was arrested and taken to several sham trials before the chief priests, Pontius Pilate, and Herod (Luke 22:54-23:25).

Following the trials, Jesus was scourged at the hands of the Roman soldiers, then was forced to carry His own instrument of execution (the Cross) through the streets of Jerusalem along what is known as the Via Dolorosa (way of sorrows). Jesus was then crucified at Golgotha on the day before the Sabbath, was buried and remained in the tomb until Sunday, the day after the Sabbath, and then gloriously resurrected.

It is referred to as Passion Week because in that time, Jesus Christ truly revealed His passion for us in the suffering He willingly went through on our behalf. What should our attitude be during Passion Week? We should be passionate in our worship of Jesus and in our proclamation of His Gospel! As He suffered for us, so should we be willing to suffer for the cause of following Him and proclaiming the message of His death and resurrection. ~ Got Questions (gotquestions.org)

# Baptist Beacon

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Song Of Solomon 2:11 For now the winter is past; the rain has ended and gone away.  
12 The blossoms appear in the countryside. The time of singing has come, and the  
turtledove's cooing is heard in our land.

**There is One Truth:** It is the Word of GOD! If you hear and see things that are  
different to what you have been taught ALWAYS check it with the word of GOD. If  
the Word of GOD is true, there must not be any contradictions. If there appears to be,  
we must go to the word of God and find the truth. If you need help finding the truth I  
would love to sit and talk with you. DOM Rev. John

**Word from DOM:** It's hard to believe we are doing another Beacon. As we look forward to Spring and new life all around us. I know for some of you it was a tough winter physically, spiritually and emotionally. But you made it! I am looking forward to what God has planned for us. Resurrection Sunday is just a few weeks from now. Pray for your pastors and Church as this is one of the times the enemy likes to cause disruption in the church. Let's be like the man that gave the donkey to Jesus on Palm Sunday. When told that Jesus needed it he gave, without asking questions, without asking what Jesus was going to do with it, without asking how long Jesus would have it. He just gave! After the man gave it he got something more back. Whenever we give without question, we get so much more back. Let's not hold on to things Jesus can use for his glory. Also be praying about who you can bring to church with you. Be a blessing, Not a problem.

As far as DOM activities: I had the privilege to preach at 3 of our churches. Worshiping at 2. We attended 8 meetings and events. Made 1 hospital visit. Made several trips to the KAAN Radio station. Preached at Crestview. Made 9 pastor visits. Sent out and had many communications with our pastors. Was able to help work on 1 of our churches. We started pastor and Family dinners every other month. Along with our brown bag lunches once a month on the first Thursday. We just started having Pastor wife's brown bag lunches the second Thursday of the month. It has been such a blessing serving you all. Over my 30 plus years of ministry God has let us minister to family in different ways. If you know someone struggling, give them my number. I'm looking for a way to help raise up men in our communities and to train them as God calls to be our next generation of pastors. If you know of someone filling the call to ministry, I would love to get with them and help them on their way to fulfilling their call.

**We do have the next HBA Exec. board meeting April 3rd 7:00 pm at the HBA Office. It would be great to see everyone of our churches represented.**

**Association Happenings:**

**VBC Clinic:** Will be held at FBC Pattonsburg April 1st. 2023, 8:30 am donuts. Start time 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Every Church that attendees will get a Special gift.

**Camp Committee:** Is working Hard Youth Camp is moving right along We will be getting registration forms out soon. If you know someone that would like to help at either youth or children's camp in some capacity have them email or call the HBA office. We also need a lot of Staff. If you can help let us know.

**Bible Drill:** Association Bible Drill April 2nd. 2023 @ 1st BC Bethany

**Churches Resurrection Week Activities: FBC Pattonsburg April 6:** Maundy Thursday Service: 8:30 PM April 7: Good Friday Community Service 7:00 PM April 9: Breakfast 8:30 AM - Regular services to follow. Morning Bible Study: 9:30 AM Worship: 10:30 AM. **Immanuel BC (04/07)-** Good Friday Service (6:30 PM) -(04/09)- Easter Sunday (No PM Services)

**Association Resound event:** March 19th held at FBC Gilman City. Thanks for hosting. We had 6 pastors and severely Deacons there. Brandon Moore leads our State Convention Church Revitalization team. He came and shared with us. He gave us a lot of good information on how to start the process of revitalization. If your church would like to start that conversation. I would love to meet with your church. Just give me a call and we will set up a time to meet. If you were not able to attend I do have 3 copies of a book called "Reclaimed Church" by Bill Henard. I will give to the first 3 pastors that come get them or speak for them. I also have 5 books "Renew & Resound A 40 day Guide To Renewal) by The Resound Network. Again 1st comes first served.

### HBA Birthday & Anniversaries

April

4th Brad & Sherry Walker

5th Stephen Williamson

8th John Mohler

9th Carol Buntin

10th Bruce Williams

14th Cris Ward

19th Robert & Jenny Skeens

21st Reina Myers

23th Lydia Kunce

25th J.C. Davis

May

2nd Dwight & Lisa Schell

3rd Sarah Worley

5th Ron Smith

6th Wendy Wilson

12th Bridgette Kunce

12th Brad Walker

13th Lizzie Joyce

15th Casey & Sheri Joyce

21st Trent & Maddie Crawford

23rd Trent Crawford

26th Sherry Walker

### Calendar April

1st VBS Clinic FBC Pattonsburg Donuts 8:30 am Program 9 am-11 am

2nd Palm Sunday

2nd Association Bible Drill FBC Bethany

**3rd HBA Exec. BD. Mtg., HBA Office 7:00 pm**

4th Camp Committee Meeting 6:30 pm

6th **No Pastor Brown bag Lunch**

6th Men's Community Breakfast Immanuel BC

6th Grand Oaks Committee Meeting

7th Good Friday

9th Resurrection Sunday

13th **Pastor Wife's Brown Bag lunch** HBA Offices

14th-15th Disaster Relief Training FBC Clinton (Register online at:  
modr.org/dr-training)

15th Pastor Family Dinner Place TBD

15th State Bible Drill Ridgecrest BC Springfield, MO

30th 5th Sunday Sing Immanuel BC 6:30 pm

**Baptist Student Union:** Hello fellow supporters!

This has been a wonderful semester so far! We went to MBCOLLEGIATE conference at the end of last month with 5 students, while there I had one commit to be the BSU summer intern through the MBC summer missions program the lovely miss Zoe Williamson. If your church is in need of someone to serve at their VBS or camp please contact me asap as we fill slots quickly for the summer! We have had a few new students this semester join us and I'm excited to see God lead them closer to His heart. I know one for sure hasn't committed to Christ yet but for her to be present and coming to Bible Studies shows that God is working on her heart so please be in prayer for her! I recently got back from a mission trip to Panama which I hope to take students on in the future. But while I was gone my three student leaders stepped up to make sure all our events and Bible Studies happened without a hitch. Jordan and Sawyer each led a Bible Study and Hannah Gryder made sure everything was prepped and ready to go for every event! I'm so glad to see God using students to do His will on this campus! Be in prayer as we head towards summer! God has big plans and hopefully many missions opportunities for these college students! Upcoming we have our Passover Seder service and Easter egg hunt, our spring picnic, and our last Wednesday lunches and game nights! I have several graduating this spring be in prayer for them as they move onto new campuses! Thank you for all you do! The food pantry serves 10-20 students a week many of whom are international students that I have been sharing the gospel with! The game nights and Bible studies gives our churches the opportunity to connect with college students! Thank you for all your giving, we truly couldn't do this without you!

Thank you,  
Christina Boatright

### Church Spot Light:

On May 7th Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church NO. 1. Will be Celebrating 175th years. What an accomplishment. Though it is the 178th year. So let's take a look at their history and beginnings. In the year of 1845, Rev. William McCammon organized and established the Mt. Pleasant No. 1 Baptist Church of Harrison County.

J.Y. Criswell gave a track of loans to be used for the church and cemetery.

The first church building was constructed of logs and was located at the west side of the cemetery.

The congregation soon outgrew this building and in 1860 a larger building was erected. It was closed for 2 years during the war between the states when for safety reasons all public gatherings were banned.

This building was considered unsafe and was torn down in 1899.

In the same year a new building was erected by Pastor William McGown. It was located at the east side of the cemetery. The building was finished and dedicated in the Spring of 1900 with McGown preaching the dedication.

The last several years the church building has been going through some more changes and renovations. With current pastor JC Davis, The church continues to move forward.

The Church is located: located on CC Highway, 1 mile North of MM Highway and ¼ mile West in Harrison County

### HBA Churches: Greetings, HBA fam!

Not a whole lot of news from Trenton at this point, but **Faith Bible** is looking forward to our neighborhood Easter outreach, Good **Friday** evening service, and Resurrection **Sunday** worship preceded by fellowship breakfast.

Our BSU campus missionary, Christina Boatright reported on her recent trip to Panama. And we will soon hear from one of our former youths, Braxten Johnson, who just got back from a Spring Break mission trip to Detroit with his campus ministry at Missouri State University where he is a freshman. In the meantime, Zoe Williamson (PK!) will be working with Christina as a summer missionary. Maybe you'll see her at Grand Oaks!

In addition, we did have one come forward to join the church pending change of letter. It was an encouragement to the whole church family. On a personal note, it's a profound thing when an 80-year-old woman tells you, "You're my pastor now."

For something completely different: Brother Larry fixed some plumbing issues we've been having as he continues to take great care of the building for us.

Finally, Pastor and wife attended the Resound conference held at Gilman City FBC. We enjoyed the opportunity to meet with fellow HBA pastors and have conversations about revitalization. We are grateful for the association making that happen.

Have a great Easter everybody!

Shalom,  
Stephen Williamson, pastor

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

We, at **Mt. Pleasant #1** (Cat Greek) are in prayer for our Sister churches. We are praying for healing, and for the glory of Jesus to be manifesting your presents.

We are looking forward to Easter and on May 7th, 2023 2:30 p.m. We are going to Celebrate 178 years, as a church. We invite all of our Sister Churches to come and celebrate with us. This will be a special service, to God be the Glory for His faithfulness.

In His service Bro. JC Davis

**Greetings from Immanuel Baptist Church!** We are so excited to share all that is happening at our church!

On **Sunday** mornings, we have been continuing our study through the book of 1 John. As of this writing, we are in the final chapter of the letter and have plans of continuing our study of John's letters by working our way through 2 and 3 John. After we finish the letters of John, we plan on walking through the Gospel of Matthew. On **Sunday** Evenings, we finished up our study titled "Threads through Genesis" and are currently working our way through Proverbs, focusing on the wisdom of God.

In the month of March, we hosted the HBA Prayer Rally (**March 12th**). This was a wonderful night of music, preaching (led by Richard Rogers), and prayer. This was a well-attended event, with many coming from multiple churches around the area.

From **March 5th** to **March 11th**, we spent the week praying over our Annie Armstrong giving, with a goal of \$10,000 set. As of this writing, we are

excited to announce that in our second week of giving, we are up to \$4,670 (PTL)! We pray that God will use this time of giving and prayer to bless the missionaries currently on the mission field.

With Easter fast approaching, Immanuel has many events that we would love to spread the word about! Starting on **April 2nd**, we will have our Palm **Sunday** services, with a special guest missionary coming to speak both in the AM and PM services (regular Immanuel times-check our website/Facebook for more details). On **April 7th** we will have our "Good **Friday**" service, starting at 6:30. On Easter **Sunday (April 9th)**, we will be starting our day with a Sunrise Service at 8:30 AM, Breakfast/**Sunday** School at 9:00 AM, Easter Egg Hunt at 9:30 AM and Worship Service at 10:15 AM. We will not be having evening services that evening.

We continue to pray for the health and spiritual growth of all of the surrounding HBA churches. We pray that God will continue to use you all to advance the Gospel to the surrounding communities and to the ends of the earth!

Numbers 6:24-26- The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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Trent Crawford (Youth/Worship Pastor)

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### **Melbourne Baptist Church**

God is at work in Melbourne.

We can see His presence in His beautiful creation all around us. We sense His presence in our lives and witness His power not only in our lives but the lives around us. What a God we serve.

We are very proud of our Bible Drillers for meeting the requirements of our Church Bible Drill. They are very excited about the Associational Bible Drill coming up.

Easter is coming just like Jesus is coming. Are you ready when He returns?

Easter is the foundation of our faith. Without it, where would we be LOST. I am so thankful that He Jesus Came, Died, and Rose again. That keeps me going. We will be having breakfast that morning at 9: 00 AM, prepared by the men of the church.

As pastor I'm very excited to announce our Fall Revival September 24-27 with Brother Jim McNiel.

If you're not going anywhere, come join us. Our hours of worship are.

Sunday: Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM

Wednesday: 6:30 PM We have a short devotional, and we pray.

Pastor

Brian Rhodes

### **May Calendar**

2nd HBA Meeting Night: Financial, Nomination, Annual Meeting Planning

4th Pastor Brown Bag Lunch

4th National Day Of Prayer

7th Mt. Pleasant #1 is Celebrating 175th years

11th Pastor Wife's Brown Bag Lunch

14th Mother's Day

19th Beacon News due in HBA Office, 4:00 pm

28th HBA Evangelism Day (time & Place )

29th Memorial Day

### **Hello from Ridgeway Baptist,**

I think, like everyone, we are looking forward to some warmer weather to go along with our longer days. We have had a great winter, with not a lot of sickness, and no closures due to weather. We finished up a Sunday evening study with Dr. David Jeremiah videos, and have started a study by The Genesis Academy, equipping us to debate the creation vs evolution discussion. We have also started getting more participation in our Sunday evening Youth Group. We now have 7-8 coming every 1st and 3rd Sunday for fellowship and study. (And games and snacks of course). We will be starting our Easter Service with a breakfast at 8:30 followed by Sunday School at 9:30 and worship starting at 10:45. There will be no evening service on Easter. We will be scheduling a spring cleanup day as soon as the weather permits. April 15th, we will be having "Spring Fling", a time of fellowship, supper, (of course) and some games for the adults and kids. We wish you all a very blessed holiday as we celebrate our Risen Savior.

Matthew 28:6 He is not here. For He has been resurrected, just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay.

**Bible Drill** Is in full swing. We have 2 churches doing children's drills FBC Bethany & FBC Gilman City. 4 moved on from Bethany FBC, and 6 out of 7 from Gilman City FBC moved on. Next they have an Association drill. April 2nd @ FBC Bethany 5pm. We had 1 Youth driller from Melbourne BC. Macayla Rhodes She passed both the Church drill and the Association Drill. The driller that passed the Association Drill will go to State drill in Springfield April 15th.

**First Baptist Church of Bethany** is going strong this spring and I hope you are well. It's nice to see the attendance increase back to where we were pre-covid. I hear these days all the churches are seeing an increase. This is a good sign of people desiring to see revival in our county and in the nation. I continue to pray for every one of our churches in Harrison County. May we be exceedingly rich in the faith with love for our Lord and our neighbors.

As a pastor I praise God for the legacy of preachers and ministers who have come out of our church. 2 particular young men I am thankful for is Braden Spurling and Matthew Heintz. We have had the joy of discipling these young men since their early childhood. Both young men have had the chance to sit with our pastors for training and are considering a vocation in ministry. Both are also in university. If you would, please join us in praying for them. We're excited over the next 2 months to have these young men return from college to teach our men's breakfast devotions.

This year we will have our Easter Service at 10:30am on Easter. We will also have our special easter worship program held the week before on Palm Sunday. The FBC Bethany choir will lead along with children heralding in Christ with palm branches. I'm also excited to announce we will be having our Easter Trail scavenger hunt once more. The Easter trail provides a fun way for individuals and families to experience an Easter activity together from the comfort of their vehicle. A route mapped out for you will take you past different locations where objects, relating to the Easter story, are randomly placed for you to find. Free handouts containing a map, a list of Easter hunt items, and scripture references can be found at the first location in a stand: 1522 Hillcrest Dr., Bethany MO 64424 You may also access this information digitally. Digitally you may listen to the Bible being read, follow the map, and find the items listed at each stop. Simply go to [www.fcbethany.org](http://www.fcbethany.org) and select the Easter Trail picture. It will navigate you to the digital resources. The Easter Trail is active from April 6-9.

We will also be having the Wildlife Supper return this year as well. Join us on Saturday night, April 1st at 6:00pm. Enter a free drawing for your chance to win outdoors men & women prizes. You may also enter into a friendly wildlife dish competition. To enter your dish, it must contain one wildlife ingredient. One ingredient must be caught, hunted, or garden grown (spices count). Throughout the years our cooks have presented us with many dishes containing ingredients like: duck, elk, squirrel, deer, crawdad, frog legs, bison, rabbit, catfish, trout, gator and more. Pastor Tim Wilson will be our guest speaker.

Soon our Kingdom Kids will have its final night followed by a family night. The kids will have a chance to share all that they have learned with their mother and fathers. It will be a fun night and the gospel will be shared. Please pray for these unchurched families with us. Our desire is to see them in church growing as a family together on Sundays.

We are also excited about our Bible Drill students. Soon the kids will have a chance to demonstrate their memorization skills in the word of God. By the time you receive this letter our students will have already completed their first church Bible drill.

May God bless you mightily in the Lord. Would you join me in praying for the lost in our community? May God send us out as faithful laborers amongst the harvest.

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| We only had 6 of our 17 churches report any news. We would love to hear |  
| what is happening at our other Church so we can rejoice with you and pray |  
| for you. DOM John |  
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