

In the book Pastor Well, by Hershael York

“Are you being obedient to what God has shown you? God’s not going to show you more if you’re not being obedient to things that he has already shown you. I don’t have to pray about whether God wants me to be a good husband. I don’t have to pray about whether he wants me to be a man of prayer. I just need to do those things because he has already revealed those in the Bible. If I’m not doing the things that are clearly taught in his Word, he probably will not lead me to do something else. At the very least, my spiritual hearing is blocked, and I will be unable to hear and discern his will because I am not walking in the basic disciplines.”

“If you truly want to know God’s will so you can obediently follow him, there is a single indispensable prayer you must pray. You must simply and sincerely beg God the Holy Spirit to help you bring glory to Jesus Christ. When that becomes your deepest desire and your greatest prayer, incredible things will happen in your life.”

“The great task and ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, and to testify of him. So when you sincerely and desperately pray, “Holy Spirit, would you enable me to glorify Jesus?” That is when the Holy Spirit says, “Is that what you want? Because that is precisely what I want. That is my ministry. And if that’s what you want, then I will enable you to do it.”

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Matthew 25:23 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

33% of Christian has never invited someone to church
21% have only 2 times invited someone to church
20% have 3 or more times invited someone to church
19% have 1 time invited someone to church
7% have no Idea if they have invited someone to church

83% of people come to church because of an invite by a friend
9% because of the Pastor
Who should you invite! Whose Job should it be!

Melbourne for the fun, fellowship and food! **Remember the "Pickers" will be meeting the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30, here at Coffey.** 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! We have room for all talents...singing, playing an instrument or just enjoying the camaraderie of Christian brothers and sisters.

For Father's Day, each father was presented with a gift.

The HBA Mission Trip was at Immanuel Baptist in Bethany. We had the honor of 11 representing Coffey Baptist for the week. Be sure to read the Brotherhood Report for more information.

Our Bible Study for **all ages** has continued at 6:30 every Wednesday. Please join us for a blessed evening!

At the time of this Beacon, our church is preparing and getting geared up for our Vacation Bible School. It is July 29th to August 2nd. Can't wait for what God had planned for the week! Stay charged, stay encouraged and stay strong! Cindy Barker

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"When you begin to desire to glorify Jesus above all else, it is unthinkable that God, the Holy Spirit, will say no to that prayer. He will always help you glorify Jesus. He will never deny you the ability to glorify Christ. If you are living in that desire and dependence on him, the Holy Spirit will not let you make a wrong decision that leads you away from glorifying him. Make that your passion, and he promises to help you to fulfill his will. If you are a pastor, do it for the glory of Christ above all else, and that will help you pastor well."

Think about that!

Coffey Baptist Church: We here at Coffey have had to put on our "stampede strings", due to so many of the fast moving activities! "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.

For Youth Camp we had 4 attendees and at Children's Camp we were able to send 3 from our congregation and Tim was the "camp pastor" for Children's week. They all came back tired, but so happy and blessed that they were there.

Due to the busy schedules of everyone, our Sunday evening movie has been postponed several times. We have been watching "The Chosen" series and have completed Season 1. We are looking forward to picking up Season 2...and we now have Season 4 in hand! Ignyte is allowing us to use their 150 inch big screen! WOW! Everyone can see it! We even have snacks, drinks, coffee and popcorn! Just like the movie theaters! It starts at 6:00 if you would like to join us. We would love to have you.

Every 2nd Sunday of the month, we start our Sunday School hour with donuts, juice, muffins, etc. Yummy goodies to start the day right!

HBA "Pickers" presented 4 songs at the 5th Sunday Praise Sing held at Melbourne Baptist Church on June 30th. Wow, what an evening of wonderful music and song! Many thanks go out to

July is the time for all churches to pray for the freedoms we enjoy as citizens of the U.S.A. Our services this month focus on leadership, preserving our nation and the people that make decisions for us all. Continuous prayers that God be in front of all decisions affecting our country presently and into the future.

We invite you all to come visit and worship with us at our little church on the corner, Olive Baptist Church.

Melbourne Baptist Church: Hello from Melbourne. We're excited about what God is doing. God is alive and well. His presence is all around us if we are looking.

In August we are looking forward to hosting the Annual meeting. Followed by our Vacation Bible School: August 12th-16th 6PM – 8:30 PM

August 25th Bro Rob Phillips with the Missouri Baptist Convention Will join us to share about the cooperative program and What we as Mo Baptist are doing to Share the Gospel Around the Globe. If you're not going anywhere, come and join us.

Sundays:

Sunday School - 10:00 AM

Worship - 11:00 AM

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

Wednesday:

Wednesday 6:30 pm

Short Devotion and we
Youth Bible Drill

Olive Baptist Church Gallatin: Springtime for our church was a busy time for weddings and funerals for some of our church family. Our preacher, David Leeper, has traveled quite a ways to bless couples with marriage ceremonies and comfort families that have lost someone special in their lives. He goes when asked and brings much joy and comfort to the families along with his wife, Lesa. Many thanks from our members to them both for being there for all of us.

Mother's Day service honored our fantastic mother's loving words and each mother left with a geranium plant to enjoy at home. Fathers Day, men from the church went to their favorite store, Harbor Freight, to find the perfect gifts to show our love for our great Dads and their leadership at Olive.

Our prayer list seems to be growing with many needs. Our church believes in the power of prayer. Every time we meet, we have lots of requests, answered prayers and been able to take names off. Recently 13 names were removed by the grace of God. Our members are available to pray for anyone that has a need.

We have baptized several new members to the church including Rose Gatton at our river service on June 9th with a delicious picnic at the park afterward. Service that day was perfect with a message for our high school graduates. They received engraved Bibles presented to their families as they go off into the big world. Our river services are open to all on the 2nd Sunday of each month through the summertime at Wabash Crossing off Hwy 6 by MFA gas station in Gallatin. Please join us. We fellowship with everyone that is at the park on those days.

Brotherhood Report—Roger Barker

The 2024 Family Mission Trip was July 15-19. We had 60 people who gave of their time and talents to serve through the week at the Immanuel Baptist Church in Bethany, helping with the east addition of their church.

We were able to accomplish several tasks (with God's help) such as hanging, mudding, sanding, texturing and painting drywall, finishing the siding, blowing insulation, painting doors, and numerous other jobs. There was also lots of cleanup that had to be done.

Cindy and her helpers kept the kids busy with games and fun projects and Wendy Wilson taught them a bible story every day.

The breakfast crew from New Hope Princeton, furnished and served breakfast and snacks every day and the lunch lady's from McFall (and Margaret) served lunch every day. The Immanuel ladies came in and served the evening meal on Tuesday, and afterwards we moved to the sanctuary for a time of singing and fellowship.

Everyone worked so hard through the week and hopefully we can say "we did all we could ". Thank you to all who gave their time to serve.

It has been a pleasure to serve as the leader of this group. Thank you all so much.

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters....Colossians 3:23

**Roger Barker
Brotherhood Director**

Mount Pleasant #1 Greeting to the Churches of HBA. We, here at Mt. Pleasant #1 are so excited to share that our church family has got the room's finished. We now have a designated nursery and toddler area. With much help from our baptist men in the area. Who we are very thankful for. The ladies in our church, who were able to place the final touches this past weekend. In September we plan to have a dedication service to give God the Glory for all things He has done. JC Davis

Pattonsburg

Thank you for your prayers for us to find the pastor God had for us. Our prayers have been answered. On [June 9](#), 2024, Josiah Young, a member of First Baptist Pattonsburg, answered God's call to become our pastor. Josiah and his wife Lauren have been active in the church for several years with leading the youth group. They plan to continue that work also. I am sure they would appreciate your prayers as they begin this new role.

On Father's Day, the fathers in the congregation were recognized and given a candy bar. On [June 30](#), a fellowship dinner was held after services. The church will hold an Ice Cream Social at 7 p.m. on [August 11](#). On that day, we will also be bringing the services to the Daviess County Care Center at Gallatin.

Vacation Bible School was held [July 14-18](#) and concluded with the family night program on [July 19](#).

There were 99 children and workers in attendance. This year's theme was "Breaker Rock Beach". The children learned that God's truth is the unchanging rock that we can build our lives on. The offering at VBS goes to the Baptist Children's Home. Thank you to director Alyssa Lambert and to all of the workers who helped during the week. A special shout-out to Sandy Booth and the kitchen help, who kept the VBS helpers supplied with food as well as providing snacks for the kids.

Jail ministry is held on Mondays. Thank you to those who are making this possible. Youth Group and Team Kid will start up again in the fall. By the way, remember that "See You at the Pole" this year will be on [September 25](#). This time of prayer is always held on the [fourth Wednesday of September](#) nation-wide.

Cookie day, when cookies are delivered to shut-ins and people in area nursing homes, was held on [June 10](#) and [July 8](#). Cookie day is usually the [second Monday](#) of each month, so [August 12](#) and [September 9](#) are upcoming dates. Thank you to those who help with this ministry. Pattonsburg will hold the nursing home services at Daviess County Care Center on [August 11](#).

Second Harvest Food Distribution has been changed to the [second Wednesday](#) of odd numbered months at Pattonsburg.

This means that the program distributed food on [July 10](#) and will next come here on [September 11](#).

A special "Community Baby Shower" will be held at FBC Pattonsburg on [August 10](#), in cooperation with the St. Joseph Pregnancy Resource Center. This will include gently-used items for babies such as clothes, maternity clothes, toys, and baby equipment, as well as new items including diapers, wipes, and bottles, among other items. Sandy Booth and Dana McDaniel are coordinating the event.

The church held its regular monthly business meetings on [June 12](#) and [July 10](#). The annual business meeting for FBC Pattonsburg was held after the regular monthly meeting on [July 10](#). Business meetings are usually held on the [second Wednesday](#) of each month at 7 p.m. The next planning meeting to organize upcoming activities at the church will be on [August 4](#) at 5 p.m. Youth Camp and Children's Camp at Grand Oaks have finished up, with several from Pattonsburg in attendance.

It's hot now, but fall is on the way! God promised the changing seasons to Noah (Genesis 8:22), and as we learned in VBS, God's truth doesn't change.

Gregg Hartley and your fellow believers at First Baptist Pattonsburg

Birthday & Anniversaries

August

- 9 Bailey Williamson
- 9 Zoe Williamson
- 14 Atticus Kunce
- 19 Lottie Wilson
- 22 Tim Willson
- 29 Cindy Barker

September

- 10 Sheri Joyce
- 18 Wanda Gastineau
- 23 Christine Ward

59% of the world's population has little to no access to the gospel. The best way we make Jesus known among the nations? Together.

August

- 1 Pastor Brown Bag
- 10 76th Annual Meeting, Melbourne
- 22 camp debrief meeting

September

- 2 Labor day
- 5 Pastor Brown Bag lunch
- 9 HBA Calendar Meeting and Officers dinner 6:30 pm @ HBA Offices
- 19 WMU Equip Grand Oaks
- 20 **Beacon News due in !**
- 25 See you at the Pole Day

DOM Report: I did 5 outside ministry events. 10 HBA Meetings, 31 conversations with pastor, Attended 7 churches, Lead 4 bible study, counseled 4 people, Many conversation & emails, Children's camp, 2096 miles

Take Control

When you're consistently trying to honor the Lord, you will be more joyful than when you are in the flesh. You can't control everything, but you must control what you can, and that's your time, your heart, your thoughts, and your behavior. You can't control the world around you, but you can control those things. You can control whether you're looking at pornography, how you speak to your wife and your children, whether or not you are in the Word of God. You cannot expect to be in control of your emotions and your demeanor until you've taken control of those things. When other things beyond your control happen and assault you, you can still experience a sense of peace and joy in the storm because what's in the center will hold firm. You must have a centered life and an intimate relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Pastor Well, by Hershael York

I am looking forward to worship and fellowship with you all at our annual Meeting. I will be addressing the Association and sharing a vision for the next year. We would love to have you stop by. We start at 9:15 am. I will share my heart at around 9:30 am. Even if you are not a messenger, Come. Carry-in dinner at or around 12 Please bring something to go along with meat.

John Mohler, DOM

Our Immanuel Baptist Church family has had a very busy few months with much excitement as well as much heartache. We have had multiple teams travel in from all over the country (over twenty states represented) to assist in our building project. One of these groups was our very own HBA mission team. For this team (and every other team that contributed) we are filled with unspeakable gratitude. Thank you for your hard work and selfless service you demonstrated! The last few months have not been without difficulty, though. In the last two months, we have grieved the passing of both Suzanne Hatten and Megan Caley. The loss of these two women has weighed heavily on our church family. Please join us in praying for Gary Hatten as well as the entire Caley family. We have also had to say goodbye to Pastor Trent Crawford, as he has moved on to begin campus ministry at NWMSU. We are currently in search of his replacement and praying for his success in his new ventures.

We were excited to dedicate four infants to the Lord on Mother's Day as well as baptize a young lady in June. Pastor Isaac has also led multiple men through a training course on writing and delivering sermons. The men are now preparing sermons and delivering them to one another so as to receive helpful critiques as they work at this skill. The desire behind this was spurred on by Paul's words in 2 Timothy 2:1 You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus,² and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. The past few months have brought good and bad, delight and sadness, reason for celebration and reason for mourning. In all of it, we are reminded that God is always with us and, even more, He has a good plan for everything that comes our way. To God be the glory!

Greetings in the Lord from FBC Bethany,

I hope and pray your summer has been filled with joy and the presence of our savior, Jesus Christ. First Baptist has had quite a few things happen since we last wrote. Some of these things I will mention here are Life Options, our Children's ministry, and development with our soon coming new facilities and updated old children's wing.

First, I wish to introduce and invite you to join alongside the ministry of Life Options who will be opening a new clinic in the Bethany area before the end of the year. If you have a desire to fight for the sanctity of life, encourage women to deny abortion and protect their babies in the womb, then you will love this ministry that is coming. This is near and dear to my heart, as well as to the heartbeat of Southern Baptists globally. Life Options offers free health screenings and counseling to pregnant women. They also have ministries that help with parenting, adoptions, and even young fathers. I would like to invite you and your church to attend the Life Options Community Meeting held in Bethany at 'The Venue' on Sunday September 15th at 6:30 p.m. Let us unite to help this new clinic in Bethany.

Second, our Children's ministry has been hard at work this summer. We began the season by first taking the children to the Kansas City Zoo. After that we held our Vacation Bible School Breaker Rock beach with about 54 children in attendance. Then, 1st Baptist decided to run its own Summer Camp at Eagle Rock Camp in Southern Missouri. We broke a record in attendance since my being here with taking about 40 people in total with 13 being adult volunteers. It was incredible to see our leaders build relationships with our students, give their testimonies to the kids, and invite them to church. We have also picked up additional students and even a family on

Sunday morning through our Summer Snack program offered at the park. Our Trail Life ministry has also been filled with fun for the boys with camping, marksmanship, first aid, canoeing, fishing, and more all throughout the summer. We're excited to announce First Baptist is opening its first chapter for the girls this fall and it is called American Heritage Girls.

Finally, if you have stopped by recently, you may have noticed First Baptist is under construction! We have 2 work projects going on simultaneously. Our first project is the building of a new Family Life Center. This area will include a 3/5 court gym, a recreation room for our youth, bathrooms, a kitchen, storage, and upstairs worship room for the youth ministry. The other project we are working on is the update of the Children's Facility wing. We are doing demolition of the walls and will be totally reconstructing the floor layout. Our old fellowship hall will also be receiving new flooring, so we are saying goodbye to our old