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Did you know? We find snow in the bible 24 times. It is not only on the ground but throughout the Old Testament of the word of God. Exodus 4:6, Numbers 12:10, 2 Kings 5:27 all as a skin problem. 2 Samuel 23:20 a snowy day. Job 6:16 what happens to rivers. Job 38:22 God talking to Job. Job 9:30, Job 37:6, Psalms 51:7 David asks to be clean as white as snow. Jeremiah 18:14, Psalms 68:14 Psalms 148:8 Weather executes His command. Psalms 147:16 God sends it. Proverbs 25:13 A trustworthy messenger is like Proverbs 31:21 The wife is not afraid, because of God's blessings. 1 Chronicles 11:22 Life goes on. Lamentations 4:7 they were. Isaiah 1:18 God will make us white as snow. Isaiah 55:10 Snow comes from heaven. Danial 7:9, Matthew 28:3, Mark 9:3 Jesus robe was as white as snow. Rev 1:14 Jesus' hair was as white as snow. Also Proverbs 26:1, Job 24:19, 2 Samuel 23:20,

Growth is Change.
Dying is Change

Most of the members of a dying church would rather see the church die than change. ~Thim Rainer

Let me help you become the church Jesus called you to be. John DOM

DOM Thoughts: As many of you know from our facebook page, I have been studying the book of Jeremiah. What a sad sad book. But not the only sad book in the bible many of the books of the Prophets are sad. But so many of God's people just don't pay attention to them. That is all so very sad. The thing we must remember as we are reading them and we should read them even if we don't understand them all. The more we read and study other parts of the bible it will open up our understanding. Back to the things we must remember as we read them. 1. God did not put them there to take up space. 2. He put them there because they are relevant to us. I have had pastors and people tell me over the years that certain scripture "is not for us it was for them." I just don't believe that. Why? 2 Timothy 3:16-17 says so, ¹⁶ *All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness,* ¹⁷ *so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.* 3. The people of God, the nation of Israel or the church of that day. 4. The books of the prophets for God are for his people, NOT the world. It is how his people are to live and worship Him. You probably already know that. But today we are God's people as Galatians 4:5 & Romans 8:15 tell us. 5. We must remember these books are for the people of God the Church. And if you are saved you are the Church. So that is why these books are so sad. Because the church is not living and acting the way God has asked us and commanded us to life. He is not saying this to the world ! Sinners will act like their master. But the Church should live like their master and obey Him. We should do it his way, not our way. You might say I really don't know His way? Read His word it will tell you. So the book of Jeremiah is about the church living like the world not like God. Take time to examine your heart today. 2 Chronicles 7:14 says "If my People." That is the church.

We said, we were going to focus this year on Re-aligning, Re-engaging, Reproducing Let's go to God and ask Him to show us each and everyone of us. What do we need to do? What do we need to change? Where do we need to engage?

"If you don't Love God's word, you can't love Him!"

John
DOM

Greetings from First Baptist at Pattonsburg!

Things have slowed down a lot from the busy **Christmas** season. The annual church Holiday Dinner was held on **December 3** after morning worship. Some of the Team Kids came to share a special that day. The church **Christmas** Program and Candle Lighting Service was held on **December 17**. On **December 31**, we observed the ordinance of the Lord's Supper.

We kicked off the New Year with a Birthday Dinner after worship on **January 7**. A Chili Cook-Off is scheduled for **February 18** after worship. The business meeting originally scheduled for **Wed., January 10** was rescheduled for the following **Wednesday, Jan. 17**. We are uncertain whether we will be able to have it then either. Unfortunately, **Sunday** worship on **January 14** was canceled due to the record low temperatures.

During December, Ryan Hughes, Josiah Young, and Gregg Hartley brought messages. On **January 7**, Matthew Heintz delivered the message.

As of **January 7**, \$1,205 has been collected for the Lottie Moon **Christmas** Offering. The offering will continue to be collected until the end of January.

Cookie Day, when treats are delivered to shut-ins and nursing home residents, was held on **December 11**. The cookie day for **January 8** was canceled, but hopefully the ministry will be held again on **February 12**. Thank you to those who participate in this ministry.

Youth Group will resume when the weather begins to cooperate. Team Kid is on a break until early spring. The last Team Kid meeting was **December 13**.

The next Second Harvest food distribution is scheduled for **February 26**.

Stay warm and be positive! Easter will be here before you know it!

Gregg Hartley and your fellow believers at Pattonsburg

From Our Churches: Salutations from Coffey!

If your church youth 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

HBA "Pickers" gathered for fun, finger food and fellowship on Monday, December 18th. This was a time where they just got together and played Christmas Songs. It was enjoyed by all that were there! 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.

Operation Christmas Child boxes have been filled and delivered. We were so happy to send 24 shoe boxes! Each box was sent off with a load of fun inside, prayers surrounding them and brimming with love.

"Christmas Hallelujah"

On December 24th our church held our annual Candlelight Service AND took pleasure in seeing the presentation of the Church Christmas Program. The kids and youth presented a "Shadow Production" to the song "Christmas Hallelujah". It was absolutely amazing! This was determined as one of the best yet! I just wish you all could have seen it! This special evening was concluded with refreshments being served. Can't wait to see what next year's program will be! This will be a tough one to beat!

Remember, since school has officially started, so has our Wednesday evenings Fellowship Dinners and Bible Study. Great food and great fellowship starts at 6:30 with Bible Study afterwards. Please join us for a blessed evening!

As the wind blows and snow flies...or when the temperature drops...Keep Jesus close to your heart. Just knowing His love for you will keep you warm indeed!

Greetings from Immanuel Baptist Church!

As always, we are praying for our sister churches as they continue pressing forward in the ministry. Exciting things have been happening around Immanuel the past few months (and if you have driven by anytime recently, you'd understand why!).

In November, we began the groundwork and concrete for our new addition (East of our current building). In case you have not yet heard, Immanuel will be adding on a full-sized gymnasium, utility kitchen, multiple classrooms/offices, new bathrooms with showers, a library, and a new youth room! Our current plans are to have teams from around the state come at the beginning of June to begin working on the building and Lord willing, we will be finished with the new addition in the Spring of 2025! Please continue to pray for this project and for the safety of all who will be working on the building. I might also add that we could always use the help, so please get in contact with our church if you'd be interested in coming sometime later this year!

As for the current teaching schedules around the church, Pastor Isaac is back in Matthew during the AM Services, preaching through the Sermon on the Mount. On **Sunday** Evenings, he has been walking through Proverbs, and on **Wednesday** Nights, the adult group has been doing a secondary study on what was taught on **Sunday** morning. The Immanuel Youth recently started a series titled "Misquoted", which walks through Bible Verses that are commonly taken out of context, and the IBC Kids group has been going through the Book of John, looking at foundational principles within the text that can help them grow in their faith.

With 2024 ahead of us, Immanuel has a plethora of events happening that we would love to share with the association! On **January 27th**, we will be taking a group to Life Options Green Hills (Trenton) for a work day! Our current plan is to leave the church via the bus at 8 AM and come back around noon. If you are interested, please feel free to reach out to us! We'd love to have you tag along!

On **Saturday, February 17th**, we will be hosting our annual Valentine's Day Banquet at the church. There will be a free meal, games, and a short devotional at the event. Again, if interested please be sure to reach out to our church! From **March 8th-10th**, our Youth will be attending D-Now at FBC Trenton. If you have any youth interested in

going, we will be taking a group from Immanuel! For more details, please be sure to reach out to our Youth Pastor Trent Crawford. Finally, from March 15th-16th, Immanuel and Blue Ridge churches will be partnering up to host the "Meaningful Marriage" Conference. This event will host a plethora of breakout groups, worship and sermons all centered around building up a Christ-centered marriage! We highly encourage all churches in the surrounding areas to consider attending! For more information, please visit our website at www.bethanyibc.com.

Finally, we would like to extend an invitation to the surrounding communities regarding our Life Groups that we are launching on **Tuesday, January 23rd**! We will be having these groups in both Bethany & Eagleville locations each **Tuesday** at 6:30 PM! The Bethany location will be hosted by John & Sheila Mohler (HBA Office) and the Eagleville location will be hosted by Randy & Marion Mecca (24705 E. State HWY N, Eagleville, MO). These groups will meet weekly until the end of April.

Blessings to you all! May God continue to work specifically in each one of your churches!

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Mt. Pleasant #2 Like many of our older churches it is hard to keep warm during these cold months. Looking forward to warmer weather. Pastor Robert says He has been thinking over Psalms 42. "We all know what it is like to desire a refreshing word from God and Scripture. May God be with you all my brothers in Christ Jesus."

Every Christian is either a missionary or an imposter. ~Charles Spurgeon

Mount Pleasant #1 Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, To our sister, churches and Harrison Baptist association. We at Mount Pleasant # 1 had a great Christmas and New Year's. We're looking forward to February. Pastor JC is going to the leadership conference in Springfield, Illinois. Also, the pastor conference in Sedalia, Missouri Sunday February 19th - 20th 2024 at lifeway church in Sedalia. He hopes to see others from the HBA there. JC has a question for us. Have you ever wondered why geese fly in a V formation ? Scientists at Cal tech did a study with their computers and a flight simulator to discover the answer: flocks of geese form this pattern because it is the easiest way to fly. The wind reduces the drag on each of the other geese. In the V they can travel 70% farther than alone. The lead bird pulls along the ones that are behind. Like the geese, we are all created by God to work together. Serve together, encourage together and support each other. Let's do it the God's way.

Hello from New Hope Princeton.

This is my first time writing anything for the beacon so bear with me. Things are going well at New Hope as me and my girls are getting settled in. We love our new church family. They've encouraged us greatly as they are putting up with a new Pastor.

We have had a few things going on at our church, one of those was a Judgement House. Several area youth came and I believe 7 or 8 decisions were made to follow Jesus! Praise God! Thanks to Becci Shew and Lori Puls for working hard and getting everything lined up for that event to be a success. They did a great job. The church surprised Rachel, the girls, and I by providing a whole bunch of food, as a pastor appreciation and gift in December. It was a blessing. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and have a happy new year!

Be a light in 2024, Pastor Nick.

A frozen hello from Ridgeway Baptist. I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas and were able to enjoy it with family and friends. We had our Candlelight Service on Dec 22nd with good attendance and some special music by the Bell quartet. We exceeded our goal for the Lottie Moon offering, so that was a great blessing. We continue to have a great Wednesday night Bible Study. Right now we are in 1 John and Randall leads us in some great discussions. Everyone is welcome and we even have a meal beforehand, so if you don't have a Wednesday night service, we would love to have visitors. We did cancel church on the 14th due to the frigid weather, but hopefully that doesn't happen too often. Not much to report this time, but just think – 60 days until spring!! Until next time, Dwight.

Job 38:30 The waters become hard like stone, and the face of the deep is frozen. ESV

Job 37:10 By the breath of God Ice is given, and the broad waters are frozen. ESV

DOM Report:

Visited 8 church
Attended 2 special events
5 mission / Outreach Projects (last 3 months)
1 trip to pray over all HBA Churches
2 Pastor training
5 bible Study
4 Radio programs
2 men's breakfast Ministerial alliance (spoke at 1)
2 church outreaches
1 Baptism
1 Funeral
Pastor & Wives dinner
1 serves at Crestview
2 deacon meeting
2 Ordinations serves

I have enjoyed preaching at the HBA Church and getting to know our churches better.

We still have 4 churches without pastors. Keep them in your prayers . FBC Cainsville, FBC Gilman City, New Hope McFall, FBC Pattonsburg

Melbourne Baptist Church

Hello from Melbourne. We're excited about what God is doing.

A New Year is always exciting. Seeing what God has in store. We can plan our calendar, but God has the last say.

Here are some things we are looking forward to:

1-20-24 Wild game dinner and Chili Cook off 6 PM Tim Wilson Speaking All are encouraged to come

1-21-24 Ben King From the MBCH will be here to tell about there Ministry

Looking Ahead:

Our youth Bible Drill is going well.

March 24th Our Church Bible Drill for our Youth will be at 5 PM

April 7th 2 PM @ FBC Bethany will be the Associational Bible Drill Youth will follow the children

April 28th 4 PM We will be hosting a speaker from Creation Ministries. Telling the truth about creation from Genesis and truths from the Bible not the Falsehoods being taught in our world. We Encourage all to come young and old alike.

This January let's begin with a new comment to reach more for Christ.

HBA Calendar

February

1st Pastor Brown Bag Lunch
10th Pastor & Family Carry-in dinner HBA Office 6:00 pm
12-18 WMU Week
14th Valentine day
19th President's day
25th Layman's day

March

7th Pastor Brown Bag Lunch
3rd-10th Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
4th, State VBS clinic Chillicothe 9am-2:30 pm Multi-Curriculum
10th Daylight savings time
10th Prayer Rally (Time & Place)
19-20 DOM Spring Conference
22nd WOW Retreat 6:00 pm Immanuel BC
22nd Beacon News due in
24th Palm Sunday
31st Easter Sunday
No 5th Sunday

If you're not going anywhere, come and join us.

Sundays:

Wednesday:

Sunday School - 10:00 AM

Wednesday 6:30 pm

Worship - 11:00 AM Short Devotion and we pray.

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

Pastor

Brian Rhodes

Coffey



Coffey



Four very important elements in every church. If we are missing any of these in our Church, We are not a healthy church!

If we are not leading people to, Come & See, Follow Him, Abide in Him, Go & Tell. If we have ministers in our church that are not doing these things ,we need to stop doing them and Start doing things Jesus way! DOM John

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