

Baptist Beacon

A newsletter of the Harrison Baptist Association
An association of 18 praying Churches serving the Lord

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74th Annual Meeting
Of the Harrison Baptist Association

THEME
"The Will of God"
1 Thessalonians 5:1-8

August 9th at Immanuel Baptist Church

DOM WORD:

I first want to say thanks for your kind welcoming, into this great association. We have found great love and kindness from everyone. I want to thank those who have going before me. As I put this Beacon together, we are still in moving mode. But we are getting closer to cleaning out our house of 30 years. We lean in disaster relief not to call people stuff junk. But I have a lot of junk to clean out. We have very much enjoyed getting to know you all. We so look forward to building the kingdom of God and Spreading the message of Jesus Christ. One of my prayers for Harrison Baptist association is Deuteronomy 6:3 Listen, Israel (Church), and be careful to follow them (the word of God), so that you may prosper and multiply greatly, because the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you a land flowing with milk and honey. 4 "Listen, Israel (church): The Lord our God, the LORD is one. 5 Love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and all your strength. 6 These words that I Am giving you today are to be in your heart. 7 Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." (make it a part of your life. Make it a part of your everyday and every way.) My pray is that the voice of God and the LOVE of Jesus Christ is heard and seen throughout this land. **Think about this:** Will you put yourself into the offering plate?

Important Dates :

- 8/9 Annual meeting
- 8/16 State Fair Tent 2-6 P.M.
- 9/5 *Labor Day*
- 9/11 *Grandparents Day*
- 9/12 HBA Calendar Meeting & Officers Banquet
- 9/15 Resound Summit 9 A.M.- 2 P.M.
- 9/23 Beacon News due in HBA office, 4 P.M.
- 9/27 Camp Committee HBA 6:30 P.M.
- 9/28 *See you at the pole Day*

KAAN Broadcast Schedule

- 8/7 Isaac Worley
- 8/14 David Stephenson
- 8/21 Isaac Worley
- 8/28 Robert Skeens
- 9/4 OPEN
- 9/11 Isaac Worley
- 9/18 Robert Skeens
- 9/25 Isaac Worley

If you record you Sunday sermons, And would like to be on the KAAN rotation of HBA pastors, Let us know. We would love to have more of our pastors be involved.

From our churches:

Mt. Pleasant #1 Baptist Church
(Cat Creek)
33751 352 nd Street
Gilman City, Missouri 64642 July 19, 2022

Things are really getting fixed up here at Cat Creek! We are getting new fellowship hall kitchen cabinets all around; we have a new building about to be finished for our storage/youth classroom this month; we have all new carpets in fellowship hall; new vinyl flooring in main kitchen and entry ways to go with the newly redone bathrooms with all new fixtures. Praise The Lord! With more to come!!

We have been blessed with 7 new members and several guests! Our New Pastor, (JC) James C. Davis has been a great blessing for all to enjoy as he brings God's word in his special teaching and ministering style.

We have our Bible study every Sunday morning starting at 10:00 am sharp with our main service at 11:00 am. We have a fellowship supper every Tuesday night starting at 6:00 pm with a Bible study following and all with great fellowship in the Lord's Word and presence. All that don't have a church or just want to come visit are welcome to come, join in, worshipping our Lord at any of the services and events!

We also have Walter Plant Ministries coming to bless with his Christian music on August 20 th at 7:00 pm. We look forward to having a great time in fellowship and listening to a very talented Christian man brings music to touch our souls. All are welcome to come join in and help us joyously Praise The Lord!

John 4:23-24 NKJV

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. [24] God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

Mt. Pleasant #1 Baptist Church
(Cat Creek)

Greetings from Immanuel Baptist Church!

As I am sure many of you can attest, this has been a very busy summer for our church! In the month of May, we kicked off two new sermon series for both our Sunday morning and evening services. For our morning services, we are currently walking through the book of Malachi, and for

the evening services, we have started a series titled, "Threads through Genesis", a series where we study various accounts in the Genesis narrative and examine how they reflect Christ in the New Testament. On Wednesday nights, Pastor Isaac has recently begun a series on the Formation of Bible Translations, which focuses on where our modern Bible translations come from, as well as how we can know for sure these English translations are faithful to the original Greek and Hebrew texts.

We are also excited to share that our church family has continued to grow! Since May, we have baptized four new believers, Justin, Bryndee, and Paisley Ray, as well as AJ Dennis. We added all four to our membership, as well as AJ's parents Chance and Mellisa Dennis. On top of new members, we are also excited to welcome twin baby boys to our church family, Hank & Heuser Meyerkorth (Parents-TJ & McKenzie Meyerkorth). We are so excited to continue to witness God's goodness in the lives of these new brothers and sisters in Christ!

When it comes to summer activities, our calendar has continued to be filled up! In June, our Youth program took 3 teens to Grand Oaks Youth Camp. I (Youth Pastor Trent) believe it was an amazing week, with many teens growing in their love for Christ (please continue to be in prayer for these guys!). In just a few days (July 25th-29th), we will be going back to Grand Oaks, this time taking 3rd-6th grades. We hope and pray for another successful week! On top of camp, our church also hosted Vacation Bible School (June 26th-July 1st), the theme of which being "Spark Your Creativity". In total, we had roughly 35 kids, ranging from ages 3 to 12. All in all, it was a successful week!

We would ask that you continue to pray for each of our ministries, as we continue to grow in both wisdom and spirit. God has truly been faithful to our church! As such, we continue to pray for you all, and that He continues to bless each of your own ministries. Remember, we are all brothers and sisters, united in one common goal: To make Christ known to all. Many blessings.

Youth/Worship Pastor Trent Crawford

News from Faith Bible: As summer winds down we are happy to report that the AC hasn't quit us yet.

[Sunday](#) School continues to produce vibrant biblical conversations that almost always lead into the sermon. I've been challenged and invigorated by my extrabiblical readings and, therefore, continue preaching from the overflow. Recent sermon series themes all seem to flow from "love God, love neighbor," as well as how Jesus answered essential spiritual questions, and defusing our own pharisaical tendencies.

At the end of July we will have a lunch cookout of burgers and hotdogs...but we'll most likely dine inside. We're excited to be sending one of our youngest to her first week of church camp at Grand Oaks, and we plan to visit during [Wednesday](#) night worship to see how she's doing.

The church will also be helping NCMC campus missionary Christina Boatright make welcome gift bags for college students in the fall. We have also recently heard a report from this summer's BSU mission trip to Mexico.

In spite of the world around us, Christ is King, and we are being transformed by the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Shalom to our HBA brethren,
Stephen Williamson, pastor

Greetings in the Lord to my fellow sister churches in our Harrison County Baptist Association. I look forward to seeing you soon at our HBA Annual meeting coming up this month in August. I continue to pray for you regularly, especially that our pastors remain strong, firmly rooted in the truth, and resisting the wiles of Satan in these troubling days. I encourage you to keep up the fight and finish the race and until either, we go on to glory or the final trumpet is blown.

We are pressing on this year at First Baptist Church of Bethany. As I write we have just completed our Vacation Bible School with Spark Studios – Created, Designed, Empowered! We had approximately 52 children in attendance. This week, we are at Grand Oaks Baptist Assembly children's camp and have taken 8 students. The theme is about 'Freedom' we have in Jesus as our Lord. We also will be offering an additional ministry at the beginning of the School year known as Trail Life for young boys. It is essentially Boy Scouts done right. If you should be interested in joining us be sure to contact our church at (660) 425-8087. Please continue to pray for our children. It is my greatest hope to see a student rise in this young generation who leads them on to revival. Perhaps that child could be in one of our churches.

the name of Anderson Rogers recently went to Israel with his Christian campus ministry at Mizzou. He also gave a Recently we held several different events in the life of the church. First, we held our annual Independence Day outreach. We saw a significant increase in attendance since the year passed. It was refreshing to see especially since during the years of Covid we saw a decrease. Second, we have seen the younger youth generation embrace responsibility and take their place in the church. A young man by the name of Braden Spurling, studying to become a youth minister, has been given the opportunity to preach twice to our church family before going to Southwest Baptist University as a freshman. Another young man by presentation of his

Holy Land experience, to our church. Soon we also hope to have another man by the name of Scott Neth preach. It has been exciting to see several men feeling led to serve in ministry in the life of our church.

I want to encourage you to keep up the fight. Resist the devil and he will flee. May the Lord's Kingdom come on the Earth as it is in heaven.

To God Alone Be The Glory,

Pastor Ryan Kunce

Greetings HBA Churches,

FBC Winston is having VBS this week. It is exciting and fun to minister to our children. The sanctuary is completely remodeled now. The old paneling is down and replaced with sheet rock. The new look really brightened everything up. Plus, we have new carpet in the sanctuary. Several of us walked through Winston handing out flyers to invite people to church. It's a joy to knock on doors to let others know that we care. We are studying different encounters people had with Jesus in the gospels on [Wednesday](#) evenings.

God bless,

Brad Walker

We at Melbourne are excited about what God is doing. He is alive and well. Our VBS is August 8th-12th, 6pm-8:30 pm. Preschool to Teenagers Family Program Saturday [August 13th, 11am- 1pm](#).

Our [Wednesday](#) Prayer meetings are a unique time when we come together and pray. Our times are [Sunday](#) School 10:00AM [Sunday](#), Worship at 11:AM, [Wednesday](#) 6:30 PM. If you're not attending anywhere, come give us a visit.

Pastor
Brian Rhodes

Birthdays Continued:

9/27 Brittany Claypole 9/29 Larry Groves
9/28 Gary Hatten 9/29 Randy Mecca
9/28 Ryan Meek 9/30 Ramona Williams
9/29 Josie Hurt 9/30 Lane Fusto
9/30 James McQuinn

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, we are sorry. It is most likely because it is not on our list. Just let us know and we will add it. If there is someone that needs to come off the list again let us know.