



# Baptist Beacon

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*An association of 17 praying Churches serving the Lord*

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: **Spring Poem: Spring Garden**

: So when I looked at those flowers.I was looking at God. For they bloomed in His sun and grew in His  
: sod. And each lovely flower was a "voice from above." That whispered a message of kindness and  
: love. For I feel in my heart, and I know you do, too. That God speaks to us all through the kind things  
: we do. And when I looked at those flowers I couldn't help but feel. That they brought heaven nearer  
: and made God so real.

: ~ **Helen Steiner Rice**  
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| **For God So Loves You** |  
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**Word From DOM:** It's hard to believe we are doing this again. As I sit here typing and watching the weather and wondering, what to write! Do I start with what we did the last two months? Do I go, into some Ideas? Do I share our accomplishments ? How about we start with just giving God some Praise. I am excited as we have heard from many of our Churches that are looking into ministry and mission opportunities. In the first part of the book of Acts we read about a church that was excited to share the words and work of Jesus Christ. I wonder if we are excited to share no matter the coast? When we read in Acts 5:41 *Then they went out from the presence of the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to be dishonored on behalf of the Name*(CHSB). The church rejoiced when they were punished for their faith. We in the church today will not take a stand because we are afraid of what people will think or say. Church It is now time to stand up in the victory of the Lord Jesus. It is time to stand on the promises of God our Father! Luke 12:8-12 is a great read. Jesus said in verse 12 *"For the Holy Spirit will teach you at that very hour what you must say."*CHSB Also may 2 Peter 1:3-4 & Psalms 107:10-16 bring you hope and encouragement as you read and pray over.

**Ideas:** Spring Rotating Revival. Here is how it would work. Your Church will host one. Your Pastor or Someone he Appoints, would preach and your church would bring the music to another church. However many churches sign up would be how many nights we would go. If your church can't do the music, we should be able to find someone that can. I do have one church that has signed up, but would like a minimum of three or four more. Don't let your church size keep you from participating. For more info give me a call or stop by. I'm looking to hold these around the end of March.

**Bible Study:** this will be a 4 week study on "Christ in the workplace." Most Likely this will take place on a Saturday at the office. But Could be held elsewhere and on a different day. Let me know if you are interested.

**Pastors & Wives:** Your family is Important to us. If you are struggling with something please let us know.

**Open Dates:** Everyone keeps asking me how it is going. There is only one thing, I'm missing preaching. We have got to do a revival at Ridgeway and some preaching around. If you, Pastor need a break or a day away or just don't fill up to par some Sunday let's see what we can work out. Last minute is okay if the day is open. (continue)

#### **Association Happenings:**

**Bible Drill:** We have three Bible Drill teams this year in the Association. FBC Bethany led by Pat Barnett with 4 kids. FBC Gilman City led by Sonja Crump & Bobbie Roy with 9 kids. Melbourne BC, led by Lesa Petrov. Our only youth team with 2 participants. March 26 will be at FBC Bethany. The teams of Gilman City and FBC Bethany will compete against each other. Because Melbourne is a youth team they will compete against them self at Melbourne BC @

**Ordination:** We will be having at Melbourne BC Sunday February 12th 2:00 P.M. This will be a Deacons & Pastor Ordination. If you are an Ordained man, We would love to have you come serve on the ordination council . If not, we would love to see you come out in support of our Sister Church.

**Retirement:** Roger Barker retired from working 41 years at Daviess County PWSD#3 Congratulation

#### **BSU Trenton:**

We started back to classes just a couple of weeks ago! We were able to pick up 2 international students from the airport and the gospel was shared! Pray the truth penetrates their hearts as we continue to share and build relationships with them! Also our food pantry has been used quite a bit by several students so thank you to all who donate to that! Bible Studies started back up with a good response. We are going through the book of John this term!

#### Here are some ways you can help!

- Become a monthly Partner
  - Sponsor a student for our upcoming Conference or on an upcoming mission trip.
  - Donate items to our Student pantry: Laundry detergent pods, ramen noodles, popcorn, rice cups, Mac n cheese cups, mini cereal boxes, travel or full size toiletries items, snacks, pudding cups etc.
- contact me if you have any questions! **(Continue)**

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**That He gave.....You**  
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**Greetings from Immanuel Baptist Church!** We hope that you had a blessed and joyful **Christmas** season with your family and friends! We most certainly remained busy during the month of December, with multiple events to celebrate the birth of our Savior.

In the month of December, we paused our series on 1 John and started a short advent series titled "Reason for the Season" which went through the first of the month until **Christmas** day. This series focused on why Jesus came to this world (to seek and save the lost), and how we as Christians can refocus our hearts during this busy season, back to Christ, the focal point of the **Christmas** season.

Along with this sermon series, Immanuel also hosted multiple events to celebrate the **Christmas** season. On the **Sunday** before **Christmas**, we hosted a Candlelight Service, then on **Christmas** morning, we hosted our regular **Sunday** service. Both events were well attended and brought much joy! During this month, we had plans to have our annual Children's Program, however, due to avid sickness throughout our church, we had to postpone until January (when the program was held, the kids and volunteers did a fantastic job!).

As we transition into 2023, our church has its focus on three specific areas in the ministry. (1) Kingdom Building (community outreach), (2) Missions, and (3) Discipleship.

First, for Kingdom Building, our primary focus will be serving the surrounding communities, whether that be picking up trash along the highways, serving the elderly in nursing homes, or shut-ins, or wherever else we can do to show the love of Christ to our community.

Secondly, for Missions, we are burdened with the thought that many in this world don't even know the name of Christ, let alone know about the salvation He provides. Romans 10 says, "How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? [15] And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!". With this passage in mind, we as a church want to better support our brothers and sisters in Christ who are currently on the mission field, spreading the Gospel to those who haven't yet heard it. We will be having various events in the upcoming year such as inviting missionaries to come to our church and speak about the work they are doing overseas. We hope that this will spark excitement and awareness for missions.

Lastly, for Discipleship, we want to see continued spiritual growth within our congregation, so to aid this, we will be implementing congregant-led small groups in various communities around the

Bethany, Eagleville, and Gilman City areas. These small groups will meet at various homes around these areas. We hope they will provide more fellowship opportunities across a wide array of age groups and backgrounds, furthering discipleship growth within our church.

We have recently started reciting parts of the "New City Catechism" (Gospel Coalition). These catechisms are recited weekly in question-and-answer format (Pastor reads the question, and the congregation reads the answer in unison), along with aiding scripture. If you are unfamiliar with catechisms, these question-and-answer-based theological statements are to be read aloud and repeated often. An example of a catechism is, "what is our only hope in life and death", to which the congregant would respond, "That we are not our own but belong, body and soul, both in life and death, to God and our Savior Jesus Christ". These catechisms break down big chunks of theology into bite-sized, memorable pieces, which we hope to find useful in equipping the saints for ministry.

We continually pray for you all and hope that this upcoming year will bring much joy, peace, and happiness to all of your churches! May God bless each of your ministries, and lead and guide each and every one of you!

Trent Crawford (Youth/Worship Pastor)

**His One and Only Son.**

**He Commanded you to *Matthew 22:37* He said to him, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."**

**Do you? Valentine's day is coming! Is The Lord Jesus Christ your first Love in this world? He should be. You should Love Him more than anything else. It's easy to say it But does our life show it, does our heart show it?**

## Pattonsburg

Happy New Year! At Pattonsburg, we closed out the year with a candle-lighting service on December 18 and worship on Christmas Day. Brother David preached on "Hope: The Basis of the Believer's Life" and "Chosen by God" (Mary) among other Christmas messages during December. Since the start of the new year, messages have been on the topic of Jesus' instructions at the Last Supper from the book of John, starting at the 13th chapter.

TeamKid, the church's after-school program for children, ended the first semester with a Christmas party on December 14, and will resume at a later date.

The women's prayer group has been meeting on Mondays at 1 p.m., and the youth group meets at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Cookie day, when cookies are delivered to shut-ins and people in area nursing homes, was held on December 12 and January 9. Future cookie days are February 13 and March 13. Thank you to those who help with this ministry.

Second Harvest Food Distribution will be held on February 23 and March 23.

The church held its regular monthly business meetings on December 14 and January 11.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will continue through the end of January. The church goal is \$4,000. As of January 15, \$1,550 has been collected.

Gregg Hartley and your fellow believers at First Baptist Pattonsburg

## Association Happenings: (Continued)

**The Camp Committee** is working hard. But if you fill God, calling you to this Ministry. Please let us know.

**WMU:** The Next WMU Women's event for the HBA will be the Women of Worship Retreat. It will take place on Friday, March 17, 2023 at Immanuel Baptist Church in Bethany, Missouri. Our scripture will be Proverbs 31:26- She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. We will serve a baked potato bar that evening. The program will include a session on Forgiveness led by Sarah Williamson (Faith Bible Church), and music with Julie Kunce (Bethany First Baptist Church) as our worship leader. A second session is still in the planning stage, but it will involve a panel of women who will share their wisdom with us. As usual, there is no cost to attend the Women of Worship Retreat. The meal will be served at 6:00 pm. and the program will conclude at 9:00. Door prizes will be given away during the evening. Each HBA church will receive a WOW advertising poster in mid February.

## Word From DOM: (Continued)

**Open Dates:** If we can help you with a men's event or Retreat, a Revival, or any other event just get a hold of me

**Activities:** I attended 10 meetings. Held the Pastor's Wives Christmas dinner. Did 1 funeral. Preached at 1 church and spoke at Deacon ordination. Attended a Christmas eve service. Sent many emails and text messages. Drove about 1,141 miles. Visited 7 Churches in some Capacity.  
John

*Show a true Heart of Love this Valentine's, Show and share the Heart of Jesus!*

## Churches News:

**Greetings from Coffey Baptist church.** I'm not sure the last time I submitted beacon news so hopefully I'm not repeating myself. In December we had a wonderful "Old fashion" [Christmas](#) program about giving with Wendy and helpers having the kids do a skit from an antique book Cindy Barker found..all the kids were angels and it was so sweet. Roger led the kids singing with his guitar and Josh and Hannah helped with the sound. Pastor Tim led our traditional [Christmas Eve](#) Service that was well attended and enjoyed by all. Lottie Moon was collected and sent.

We have had good attendance in both [Sunday](#) School and Worship. We have held an Ignite event at Pattonsburg and have another scheduled for Winston. This is a sweet ministry for kids of all ages. Josh and Hannah Silver would love to be called to your church to share this ministry.

We have a new roof on the church and are very thankful for this blessing. We have several heading to Ashes to Beauty in February and can't wait to hear their testimonies. Our [Wednesday](#) night family supper followed by Bible study at 6 pm is going well and we always have delicious food.

We have had the HBA Band practice at our church and can't wait for our next [5th Sunday](#) sing at Melbourne. We are planning for Valentine's and Pastor Tim's messages have been from the book of Luke. Also the kids and Wendy are trying to read through the Bible in a year.

Pastor Tim will be speaking at a wild game supper in March at Fulton. Pray for us as we pray for you and remember God wants to hear from you, so turn your troubles over to him.

In Christ~ Wendy

## Greetings from Melbourne Baptist Church

We are excited to see how God is at work in Melbourne and our community. We are very excited to see how God is working through our youth. Thru Bible Drill. Very thankful for the adults who are helping them. Both are working very hard and learning a lot. This is a great program. Many of these kids can put us to shame with their knowledge of the Bible. Let's remember unless we use it and apply it. What good is the, knowledge. We are held accountable for the knowledge we have.

We are grateful to be hosting the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Sing on January 29<sup>th</sup>.

We are very excited to announce our [Pastor and Deacon Ordination Service February 12<sup>th</sup> at 2: PM.](#) With refreshments to follow. All are invited to attend. Particularly the ordained men.

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

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

Wednesday: 6:30 PM

We have short devotional, and we pray.

Pastor: Brian Rhodes

*Matthew 9:37 Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few." Don't be one of the few! Go to someone that does not expect it! Someone that needs the LOVE of JESUS in their life! Give them some of Jesus Love!*

## Greetings HBA From Cat Creek:

We at Mt.Pleasant #1, are excited to announce that in May we will be celebrating our 178th anniversary.We are making plans. More information is coming.

J.C Davis

## Calendar

### February

2 Pastors brown bag lunch  
9 Camp Committee meeting Gilman City  
11 Pastors and Family carry-in Dinner 6:30 pm (replaces Pastors Valentine Banquet. That will be in October)  
12 Ordination Melbourne 2:00 pm ( everyone is welcome & All Ordaneded men needed)  
13-18 WMU Focus week  
14 *Valentine's day*  
20 *President's Day*

### March

2 Pastors brown bag lunch  
5-12 Annie Armstrong, Easter Offering  
6 State VBS Clinic,  
17 WOW Retreat, TBA  
12 *Daylight Savings time*  
12 Prayer Rally (time & Place)  
21-22 DOM Spring Conference  
24 Beacon News due in HBA Office, 4:00  
26 HBA Children's Bible Drill 1st BC Bethany & Gilman City

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## Hello from FBC Winston.

We had a [Christmas](#) dinner after worship on [December 4th](#). Our youth had a [Christmas](#) program on December [18th](#). Plus, we made fruit baskets to hand out in the community. Our youth had a skating night in Cameron. Ignite was [January 21st](#).  
God bless,

Brad

## HBA fam!

As of this writing we at Faith Bible await a team of fixers and doers from Gilman City FBC to arrive on a [Saturday \(tomorrow, Jan. 21st\)](#) to make some big repairs around our humble house of worship. We give thanks to God for people giving up their free time to help us out. We're looking forward to the work and the fellowship. Plus, we'd like to keep the building in working order for a few more years.

In the meantime, we continue to worship and serve in the ways we can, supporting our local BSU campus missionary, Christine Boatright, and an international missionary to Zambia, Tayler Myers.

We also continue to have wonderful [Sunday](#) School discussions every week that never fail to somehow perfectly align with the morning message. God is so cool like that!

...and the furnace kinda sorta keeps on trucking!

If you're in the Trenton area on a [Sunday](#) morning looking for a welcoming bunch of people to praise Jesus with, come on by.

Shalom,

Stephen Williamson, pastor

**HBA Birthday & Anniversaries**

**February**

- 10 Levi Joyce
- 13 Julie Pugsley
- 13 Brian Rhodes
- 14 Casey Joyce
- 21 Ryan Kunce
- 24 Lisa Schell

**March**

- 10 Robert Skeens
- 24 Maddie Crawford
- 30 Dwight Schell
- 31 Judah Worley

**Psalm 73:26**  
*My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength<sup>of</sup> of my heart, my portion forever.*

**Prayer Request:** **Pray** for our Pastor and their wives and don't forget their families. **Pray** that God will open doors. **Pray** that God will increase our territory. **Pray** for our camp committee. **Pray** for our Country, State, world. **Pray** for our Churches. **Pray** for YOUR mission **Pray** 2 Thessalonians 3:1 Over it all.

*2 Thessalonians 3:1-2 In addition, brothers and sisters, pray for us that the word of the LORD may spread rapidly and be honored, Just as it was with you. 2 And that we may be delivered from wicked and evil people, for not all have faith. (CSB)*



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