

DOM Report: I first want to say thank you for all of your love and support. On July 1st, we celebrate our fourth year together as your Director of Missions. It has truly been a blessing to get to know each and every one of you, and I am incredibly excited to see what the future holds for the Harrison Baptist Association. I firmly believe that God has great plans for us.

I am thrilled to hear about all the baptisms we have celebrated across our association this past year. I look forward to seeing the final numbers as you complete your Annual Church Profile (ACP) reports, which will be distributed very soon. As we prepare for a new associational year, I am certain there will be changes moving forward as we continue building the Kingdom. In every decision and through every transition, we must always ask: *"How does this help churches transform lives and communities with the gospel by working together in unity and harmony?"* There is truly nothing more important than transforming lives with the gospel and worshiping together in unified harmony.

At our upcoming annual meeting, we will be voting on an updated Constitution, alongside revised policies, procedures, and job descriptions. Many on our executive board team have asked for clarity regarding our specific roles, while others have inquired about our guidelines for van usage. I have worked diligently to make these details clear, collaborating closely with current executive board members to ensure they are as accurate and practical as possible. We recognize that these policies will help guide our future as the board evolves.

Additionally, I continue to praise God that all of our churches have shepherds, and I pray that our congregations will follow the leaders God has called to them in unity and peace. I am deeply aware that we face an enemy who seeks to disrupt the harmony of our churches; therefore, we must fight hard to remain steadfast and true to the gospel. I have so much more to share with you, but those updates will come at a later time. Blessings, DOM, John Mohler

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Genesis 35:1 God said to Jacob, "Arise, go up to Bethel and dwell there. Make an altar there to the God who appeared to you when you fled from your brother Esau." 2 So Jacob said to his household and all who were with him, "Put away the foreign gods that are among you and purify yourself and change your garments. 3 Then let us arise and go up to Bethel, So that I may make there an altar to the God who answered me in the day of my distress and has been with me wherever I have gone."

78th Annual Meeting Harrison Baptist Association

August 8, 2026

Zion Baptist Church

9:00 am

Carry in meal 12:00pm

Come worship, fellowship, and see what the Lord is doing!

Church News:

Greetings from Winston,

Hope everyone has been enjoying Spring.

We were blessed to celebrate a baptism in April. We hosted the Winston High School Baccalaureate service. Johnny Brown shared the message, and music was provided by Lake Viking Church.

We are planning a men's breakfast at Trex Mart Travel Stop, June 6th 8am.

God bless, Brad Walker

Greetings from Mount Pleasant #1

We have been enjoying the spring with Easter, Mother's Day, and three of our church members celebrating graduation. We have started a new ministry in going over to Pearl's number two nursing home in Princeton. One Sunday a month and sharing the love of Jesus to the residents. We hope you have a happy Memorial Day honoring our vets. We're planning a hog roast in celebration of Father's Day.

JC Davis

Revelation 2:4-5 But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, Do the work you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lamp stand from its place, unless you repent.

Association Happenings:

Youth Camp Hello all! We are in need of some additional workers for church camp- cabin leaders and assistants male and female, kitchen workers, elective leaders, boys Bible Study, and day workers! If you know someone interested please contact me (Christina Boatright) and please apply by **June 5th**, must pass a background check, and attend Child safe training (**May 30** at NGRBA office)!

Thank you,
Christina Boatright
660-635-0864

PS, We are super excited about youth camp this year. I believe the Lord is going to do great things or youth camp forms for your youth by June 5th to the HBA office or before if you have them done. You can get your forms from our web page harrisonbaptist.com under the Ministry link. Unable to get them this way please contact the HBA office and we will make some available to you. DOM John Mohler

HBA Family Mission Trip: Will be at New Hope Baptist Church Princeton. As of now it is scheduled for July 12-18, 2026. But that might change, it is going to depend upon their builders. We should know in the next few days if that date will change. Reach out to the HBA if you are planning on participating this year. We are looking for a Brotherhood director who leads these for the association.

Coffey Baptist Church

“Start each day with a grateful heart and watch as God’s blessings overflow.”

Track Season, FFA and Athletic Awards Banquets, Spring Music Concerts, School Fun days...and working up to Senior Graduations. (Congratulations to all the HBA Graduates!) These last few months have been a flurry of activities and events. Now... SUMMER VACATION! Be safe and enjoy!

HBA Pickers

The “HBA Pickers” have gathered here at Coffey on May 5th and are schedule to meet again on May 26th, in preparation for the next 5th Sunday Praise Sing. **Remember the “HBA Pickers” will be meeting the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00, here at Coffey.** Roger will keep all the regular folks posted on any date/time changes. 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! There is room for all talents...singing, playing an instrument or just enjoying the camaraderie of Christian brothers and sisters.

5th Sunday Praise Sing

The 5th Sunday Praise Sing has been scheduled for May 31st, here at Coffey Baptist Church. It starts at 6:30.

Looking forward to seeing you all and enjoying this evening of glorious praise to our Lord and Savior!

Bible Drill

We are so glad that all 4 kids (Zuko Burge, Layla Silver, Charity and Uriah Sperry) that participated in the Associational Bible Drill made it to the State Drill in Springfield. Our kids joined the kids from Gilman FBC and all rode together along with leaders Wendy and Sonja. It was a wonderful time of fellowship for all.

After swimming, pizza and a late night practice the kids drilled the next morning and all of our Coffey Drillers were State Winners. We then had lunch at Lamberts, thankfully all of our kids are good at catching and survived the hot rolls. We are so proud of all of the kids, their determination and especially the fact they know so much of God's word. A special thank you to the ones who gave so generously to support Zuko, Layla, Charity, Uriah, and Bailey. We really appreciate it. So looking forward to next year and praying for more kids to learn God's word in Bible Drill! ~Wendy

Sunday Worship

During our Sunday morning worship services, Pastor Tim has been leading us through the book of “Revelation.” Come see what the Disciple John will be revealing to us, through Tim’s message(s), of this cryptic book and marvel at its magnificent imagery along the way. Sunday School starts at 10:30 and Church Services at 11:30.

On March 22nd, we had 5 baptisms. We had a carry-in dinner, April 26th, in celebration of these baptisms and also for the success of our Bible Drillers! We have been blessed with several new faces in the congregation and look forward to what God is going to do and is already doing at Coffey Baptist Church. Thanks be to God!

Mother’s Day was celebrated with each mother receiving a flower in a cup, to plant, and candy.

Required Training

If you are interested in serving in Youth Camp or Children's Camp this year, you are required to attend child safety training.

Church Camp Steward of Children Training
May 30, 2026
8:00 – 12:00
North Grand River Association Office

Children and Youth Camp(s)

Youth Camp is June 22-26 --- Children's Camp is August 3-7

Youth Camp forms are due in the Association Office by no later than June 5th!

Forms received after June 5, 2026, will not be accepted.

They are still in need of camp help. From Cabin Leaders, Kitchen Staff, Electives, or Day Workers. Prayfully consider and join in a week of a true blessing. These kids need you!

Wednesday Evenings

Our Wednesday Evening Bible Study will now start at 6:30. No suppers will be served during school break. (We will resume this fall). This is open for all ages. The adults are studying any passage of Scripture that you may need more "information, clarification, or just a closer examination of." Just let Pastor Tim know the Book and verse(s) in question. Who knows, someone else may have the same questions as you! Looking forward to seeing you there! We'll save you a seat!

Trapper News

Pastor Tim, Roger, several men and kids attended Tom Alexander's Spring Trapping meeting. Scripture tags were shared along with lessons on skinning, fleshing, and stretching animal hides.

Pastor Tim also attended an event called "Beaverfest" in Iowa. He got to meet a lot of fellow trappers, hand out scripture tags, his book and share the gospel with many. His advice is go to the people you have something in common with, care about and share God's word.

VBS

Illumination Station
VBS 2026

"Shining a Light on Who Jesus Really Is"

Stay tuned! More information to follow....looking forward to this year's Vacation Bible School!

Waiting for the trumpet, Cindy Barker

New Hope Princeton,

We have had some exciting events taking place over the last couple months. from baptisms to voting on a new building project. We had a great attendance at church the past few weeks and are seeing a hunger from young couples with children who want to get back into church. We have several of these kids getting baptized soon. We're in the design process for our new kids ministry building. It'll be a multipurpose building with half basketball court, kitchen area, two bathrooms and a utility room. We are so excited to get that started. What's like June or July for concrete and the frame to go up.

Nick Wilson

Greetings from Faith Bible,

I hope this finds everyone doing well and enjoying the start of summer. We enjoyed a good service on Easter with a breakfast before the service. It was well attended. We've recently been given an Organ which has been a good addition to our music dept. Looking forward to exploring different options with different instruments with it. We've also been doing some spring cleaning type things with the church and working a little bit on the basement and the outside of the church. With help from a sister church. Also looking forward to a carry-in barbecue in June. Hope everyone has been safe from the storms we had recently and not a lot of damage. May you all be blessed as we go into the next few months.

Wanda Gastineau

Melbourne Baptist Church

As I think about the rains we've had, and I look at some of the water. Are we full of God and His blessings or are we standing in the shallows?

We are excited about what God is doing here at Melbourne Baptist Church.

We are going through The Names of God. I am enjoying learning more about God and His Character through His different names.

The church is excited and very supportive of our Bible Driller going to Nationals in the Speakers Tournament.

We have been blessed to share God's Love in other ways. God is Good.

Pastor Brian Rhodes

Over the past several months, the Lord has continued to work steadily at First Baptist Church of Bethany, and we are thankful for the many ways we have seen growth, faithfulness, and gospel-centered ministry taking place within our church family and community. Much of our recent focus has centered around discipleship, the next generation, and strengthening fellowship within the church body.

This spring was especially encouraging as our Kingdom Kids ministry wrapped up another strong year of Scripture memory and discipleship. During Family Night and Kingdom Kids Sunday, our children publicly recited Scripture and sang truths from God's Word before the congregation. Several students completed major memory milestones, including two boys who recited all 72 memory verses from the past four years completely from memory. Watching children hide Scripture in their hearts continues to be one of the greatest encouragements within our church.

We have also been thankful for continued participation in Girls of Grace and Adventure Troop 202. Through Bible study, practical skill development, campouts, fishing outings, service projects, and mentorship, young people are being challenged to grow spiritually and personally. A recent Adventure Troop fishing event brought out over thirty boys, while family fellowship events have continued strengthening relationships across generations.

Our church has also continued emphasizing community outreach and fellowship opportunities. This spring included events such as Kite Day, Community Men's Breakfasts, Grief Share gatherings for widows and widowers, Mercy Rides transportation ministry, Community Compassion offerings, and preparations for Summer Snacks in the Park, which is now underway serving children and families throughout the summer. We have also begun opening our gym for community walking

hours as another opportunity for connection and ministry.

As summer begins, we are preparing for youth camp, children's camp, Vacation Bible School, and several outreach opportunities designed to strengthen families and point people toward Christ. We are especially thankful for the many volunteers who faithfully serve week after week behind the scenes. In a rural church setting, many of the most important ministry moments are quiet and unseen, but they matter deeply and are shaping lives for years to come.

We are also grateful for the partnership we share with our sister churches throughout the Harrison Baptist Association. Events such as the HBA Prayer Rally and 5th Sunday Sing continue reminding us that we are laboring together for the gospel across Harrison County.

Please pray for our church as we continue investing in the next generation, strengthening families, and proclaiming Christ within our community. We are thankful for each pastor and church throughout the HBA and grateful to serve alongside you in the work God has called us to do.

– Ryan Kunce

ACP Reports are needed by July 12th, 2026. So we can have all the correct information at the annual meeting.

HBA Calendar:

June

5 Pastor Brown bag Lunch
5-6 Resound Festival
6 Family Mission Trip Meeting 9:00 am HBA Office
7-10 Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting Orlando FL
21 Father's Day
22-26 Youth camp

July

No brown Bag lunch
4 Independence Day office closed
6 HBA Exec. Bd. Mgt. HBA Office 7 pm
12 Family mission trip (This may get moved) Contact HBA office for more info.
24 Beacon News due in HBA Office
26 BSU Sunday (We asked churches to take a love offering)

August

3-7 Children's camp
No Pastor Brown bag do to children's
8 78th HBA Annual Meeting, Zion BC 9 am (everyone is welcome)
30 5th Sunday sing

