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WE INVITE ALL HBA & NGR PASTORS TO
JOIN US AT GRAND OAKS CHURCH CAMP
AUGUST 6, 2026 @ 6:45PM IN THE
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Get ready, It's coming! Harrison Baptist Association annual meeting. Put it on your calendar now. You will not want to miss it August 8th @ Zion Baptist Church 9:00am. Everyone is welcome to come worship the Lord, By celebrating what He is doing in and through Harrison Baptist Association. It is a great time to fellowship and visit with brothers and sisters of other churches as we seek to advance the Gospel of Jesus Christ. 9:00 am to 12:30 pm Ending with a Carry in meal and fellowship time. Meat be provided. This is gonna be a great time hearing what the Lord has been doing. You will not want to miss it.

Greetings from First Baptist Pattonsburg,

We entered our summer season with praise and excitement, as we witnessed several more baptisms, bring our total to 11 thus far. We have been blessed with the opportunity to reconnect with several familiar faces, and get to know some new families as well.

Several kids and helpers had the opportunity to be apart of a great week at youth camp. We hosted another toddler [tuesday](#), and added a men's breakfast to our ministries. Both were well received. The jail ministry ladies continue to share weekly lessons, and were able to provide holiday treats to the inmates and staff. Our cookie ministry has remained faithful in delivering treats to the residents of the Daviess County care center and even had a couple of young ones ride along to help brighten their day. Our new adult Bible study started out strong and continues to grow.

We are just wrapping up an amazing week of VBS with an average of 60 kids in attendance and 35-45 youth and adult helpers. It is always such an amazing ministry. We are preparing to host a community baby shower on [July 25th](#) from 10am-noon. (A give away event for expecting and newer families)

We will be hosting a project leader workshop for Operation [Christmas](#) Child on [Aug 30th](#) from 3-5pm and we also will be receiving a 20 year award for serving as an Operation [Christmas](#) Child drop-off location at a later date.

We plan to wrap up summer with an ice cream social, and look forward to the return of team K.I.D in the fall.

God bless,
Sandy Booth

Greetings from Faith Bible Church hopes this finds everyone safe and cool during these hot days of summer.

The church has been busy over the last month. In May Trenton received several bad storms all together and the roof was damaged. It was replaced with money from the insurance by Ward roofing. They did a very nice job. The church is now busy considering how to use the rest of the money.

We enjoyed a barbecue in June. Bro. Steven has been preaching from the books of Acts about the beginnings of the church. We need to be in prayer for the HBA as the assnociational meeting comes up. Stay safe and enjoy the rest. Of Summer.

Wanda Gastineau

Melbourne Baptist Church

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

We are about to finish the names of God and learning more about His Character. We took a short break from this study and went through What does God expect from us? Humble Service, Loving Obedience, and Steadfast Faithfulness. What a way to live. Our country, cities and county would be far better off. What a difference that would make.

In August we are looking forward to getting back to our regular schedule.

God is Good. I'm excited about what He is doing and going to do.

Pastor Brian Rhodes

WMU: The next Harrison Baptist Association WMU women's event will be at 6:00 pm on Thursday, October 15, 2026. The planning is still in the works, but the Women's Fall Singspiration is tentatively planned to be held at the Bethany First Baptist Church. It will include a meal followed by a time of worship through song and testimony. All HBA churches will receive a Women's Fall Singspiration advertising poster mid September. If you have questions or if you'd like to volunteer to help the WMU group that evening, please contact Susan Ward (660-868-0684).

Birthdays:

August

9 Bailey & Zoe Williamson

14 Atticus Kunce

22 Tim Wllsom

September

10 Sheri Joyce

18 Wanda Gastineau

Greetings from FBC Winston,

Hope everyone has been enjoying the summer months. I thought I would share some of the things that have been going on at FBC Winston.

In May our church hosted the baccalaureate for the Winston High School graduates. Each year we are honored to recognize their accomplishments and celebrate the Lord together. We take the opportunity to give each graduate a new bible and emphasize its importance as God's divine Word.

We had two campers attend youth camp at Grand Oaks. They experienced a good and meaningful time as always. Each year the campers get to see old friends and meet new friends. We are grateful to all the volunteers who give their time to make camp wonderful.

Our church had a float in the annual parade at Winston. We used the opportunity to hand out water bottles and magnets with Scripture and church information on them. Also, we threw a lot of candy from the float.

Saturday, August 1st is our "Family Fun Night." We are going to have a meal and outdoor games at the church. We want to use this event to engage with our community. We are going through the community passing out flyers to inform everyone they are welcome.

VBS is scheduled for August 2-5, 5-8pm. We want to thank all of the churches that let us use your decorations.

Looking ahead, we are having a men's breakfast on September 12th. Walter Plant will be at FBC Winston on September 13th. And for all those interested, we will have a Chiefs tailgate party after worship on September 27th and get together to watch the game.

God bless,

Brad Walker

August 8, 2026 Zion Baptist Church Saturday Session 9:15 Call to Order, Program Committee Report John Manville, Moderator Welcome & Prayer: DOM 9:25 Congregational Singing: Zion 9:30 Annual Message Richard Rogers 10:10 Roll Call of Messengers and Executive Board Report Clerk 10:15 Treasurer's Report Jeanna Stratton, Treasurer 10:20 Budget Finance Committee: Budget 10:25 Nominating Report: Bobby Johnson 10:30 Camp Report Bobby: Johnson 10:40 Financial Review: Report 10:45 Churches Praise Report: John Mohler 10:50 Business Session: Election of 2026-27 Officers 11:00 Business Session: 2026-27 Budget Vote 11:10 Business Session: Association constitution vote 11:25 Business Session: Procedure and policy manual vote	11:25 BSU Report: Christina Boatright 11:40 Remarks from: DOM John Mohler 12:00 Memorial Service —————Zion 12:05 Children's Baptist Home Report————Ben King 12:10 Closing Remarks/Announcements: DOM Closing Prayer 12:30 Covered-dish Luncheon End fellowship time Thank you to the Zion Baptist Church Cainsville for hosting the 78th Annual Meeting of the Harrison Baptist Association.
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DOM Report: It has been a busy summer, and the Lord has used us in many ways. Between preaching and church camps, it has been a wonderful season of serving Him.

We are especially excited about our upcoming annual meeting—first and foremost for the fellowship with one another, but also for the opportunity to serve the Lord through our business meeting as we prepare for the future of the Harrison Baptist Association. Our theme this year is **"Returning to Our First Love."**

As we reflect on that theme, I would ask us to consider Genesis 35:1–9, where God calls Jacob to return to Bethel—the place where he had his first encounter with Him. Take a moment to think about that: when did you first encounter God? For me, it was as a child during Vacation Bible School at a little church called Barney Community Church outside of Winterset, Iowa. That was the first time I heard that Jesus loved me. It was a time of innocence, and though I didn't fully realize it at the moment, it changed my life forever.

Jacob prepared to return to Bethel in three ways: he instructed his family to put away their idols, purify themselves, and change their clothes, recognizing that they were approaching a holy place. I wonder: when we enter into worship, how often do we truly recognize that?

As we gather for our annual meeting, things will look a bit different this year—the agenda and timing have been adjusted—but our core focus remains the same: serving the Lord and staying faithful throughout all generations.

I look forward to worshipping with you. Please prepare your

hearts and minds, and even if you are not a designated messenger, come and see what the Lord is doing! Also, a quick reminder that we will be having a carry-in meal, so please bring a dish to share and enjoy the fellowship with everyone.

John Mohler

Director of Missions

Calendar:

August

3-7 Children's Camp

7th No Pastor Lunch

8th 78th Annual Meeting

30th 5th Sunday Sing (place to be determined)

September

4th Pastor brown bag

7th Labor day (office closed)

14th Calendar meeting and officer's dinner 6:30 HBA Offices

25th Beacon News Due

26th Pray over churches



**GROUND BREAKING,
FUNDRAISER EVENT
FOR THE NEW
MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2026**

12:00PM

PULLED PORK LUNCH

**FREE WILL DONATION, ALL, MONEY WILL GO INTO
THE MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING FUND**

GRAND OAKS BAPTIST ASSEMBLY
9463 STATE HIGHWAY 190
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Why Is Prayer So Vital?

Prayer is vital because it is God's ordained way for believers to worship Him, depend on Him, grow in fellowship with Him, and participate in His work. Through prayer, we submit our hearts to God's will, receive His strength, find His peace, and intercede for others. Prayer does not change God's sovereign nature, but God has chosen to work through the prayers of His people. A faithful prayer life reflects trust, obedience, and a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

Key Scriptures: Matthew 6:9–13; Philippians 4:6–7; James 4:2; Ephesians 6:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Hebrews 4:16.

Take time to pray for sisters churches, Pray for our own attitudes and thoughts, Pray that God will reveal himself to the Church, pray that we will follow His ways and not our ways, Pray that as He shows us the air of our ways we will conform to His ways. Let's be known as praying churches, forgiving churches, loving churches.

Is it not there Jesus said they would know we are his disciples by our love for one another. John 13:34-35