

HBA Calendar

August

3 Pastor Brown Bag Lunch HBA Office
8 75th Annual Meeting, Pattonsburg 9:15 am (Covered-dish Luncheon)
10 Pastor Wives Brown Bag Lunch with Sheila HBA Office
10-20 Missouri State Fair
12 Pastor and Wives dinner (Pastor and wives only) (Carry- in at the Office 6:pm)
17 Harrison Baptist Association State Fair Evangelism Tent
27 Family Mission Trip Report Immanuel BC 6:30 pm

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Baptist Beacon

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HARRISON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

THE 75th ANNUAL MEETING

THEME: "Upward, Inward, Outward"

2 Timothy 2: 1-2

August 8, 2023

First Baptist Church, Pattonsburg

DOM Word: This first year as your DOM has gone by so fast. We have been trying to build relationships with our Churches, our Community and our Neighbors. Sheila and I feel very blessed to be a part of this community of Churches. We are looking forward to continuing moving forward in building the kingdom of God. There are some exciting things on the horizon by God's leading. I Am looking forward to our 75th Annual Meeting August 8th at FBC Pattonsburg. I hope you can join us in this time of Celebrating of our past, our present, and our Future. Missions are an important part of our Future. What are Missions? According to Wikipedia "A Christian mission in an organized effort for the propagation of the Christian faith. Missions involve Sending individuals and groups across boundaries, most commonly geographical boundaries, to carry on evangelism or other activities, such as educational or hospital work." I say missions is and I took this from Disaster Relief "Transforming lives and communities with the gospel by bringing help, hope, and healing." I often share this verse with people In *Exodus 4:3 The LORD asked him, " what is that in your hand?" "A staff," he (Moses) replied.* No matter how old, how tired, how sick, or whatever else is our reason for stopping, God can and will use a willing person right where they are with the things they have in their lives. God took that dead stick and made it alive and useful for all of God's people, the Church. All because Moses was willing to let go and do as God said no even when it did not make sense or he did not know the outcome. *Matthew 28:19 Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.*" We need to be about missions in everything we do! We must ask the question, How is this building the kingdom of God by obeying Jesus' words?

As most of you know we had a storm come through at the end of June. As the Northwest Regional Coordinator for Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief. I was incharge of the Missouri Baptist response and clean up. This was the first time I have ever had a disaster in the town I lived in. We had 160 trees and cleaned up Jobs. This covered 4 towns. As of the time I am writing this we still have 4 jobs left and at this point are not taking anymore. God's people stepped up. We had volunteers from our sister church come out and help with a place to stay for the team, with food, water and drinks, along with volunteering their time. There is no way I can thank everyone who helped. So If you gave of your time, your resources Thanks so much. I want to say a special thanks

Association Happens: Ignyte Worship Pattonsburg

At FBC Pattonsburg 5:30 pm food and worship to follow Music - Games - Prizes - JESUS! 1 John 4:19 We love because he first loved us.

Hello all! It's that time of year again below is the [Wednesday](#) lunch/ [Monday](#) game night dinner schedule if you would like to serve or donate towards one please let me know! Also below is a list of items we could use for our fall swag bags, opening school events, or food pantry and then a list of other ways you can serve or give including our upcoming BSU [Sunday](#) fundraiser [July 30th](#)! We appreciate all you do to support us and look forward to all God has in store for this upcoming school year! Consider partnering with us!

Thank you,
Christina Boatright
BSU Campus Missionary/ Director
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Hello! from your potential HBA Youth Team!

We are so happy to be out serving the Lord in youth ministry! We are trying to get our associational youth more involved, as there hasn't been many activities outside of Church Camp for our local youth. And as we know, these kids growing up will be the future of the church.

[July 8th](#) we held an annual 3on3 basketball tournament at the Bethany High School gym which sparked a lot of interest in some local teens. There were kids there that hadn't been church involved for years, If ever! And they were able to hear the gospel shared by Nick Wilson! What a blessing!

We had a lot of associational youth pastors come out and help coach and referee as well as volunteers working the scoreboard. And let's not forget our awesome ladies Renee Terhune and Susan Ward running concessions to feed a crowd of hungry mouths!

The winning teams were the Wonderful Winston Jr. High team!

DOM Word continued: to Huffman's BBQ & Catering for the great Meal, to Sweet Baby B's Bakery and Gifts for all the Ice we could use and the breakfast, Hy Vee and Walmart stories that gave. Our local food pantry. We had so many people cook meals from our church and give. Again, I can't thank everyone enough. You know who you are. You are servants of our Lord. Putting hands and feet to the work of building the Kingdom. We also just finished Children's Camp. We have some things we need to work on for the Future, But overall it was a successful camp with 13 salvation and severe counseling sessions helping kids deal with life.

We have had several churches that have done VBS and a few more to go. Pray for our kids who are growing up in a tough world.

Pattonsburg continued: Elanor Best, longtime member of First Baptist Church, Pattonsburg, passed away [Thursday, June 8, 2023](#). Elanor was known for artwork and her murals. She painted the backdrop for the baptistry at the new church. She and her husband Morris began the Franklin Graham Ministry and Operation [Christmas Child](#) at Pattonsburg. She taught young adults [Sunday](#) school for many years and then Adult Women's [Sunday](#) school. She enjoyed teaching and then helping in Vacation Bible School.

In the fall of 1990, she felt a call to start a women's prison ministry at the Daviess-Dekalb Regional Jail in Pattonsburg.

Elanor will be greatly missed by her church family and many friends in the area.

Mt Pleasant # 2

We had some international quests a few Sundays ago. My nephew and his Indonesian wife and child were with us for a few days. Then a week later they returned with my brother, Sherman. He is pastor of Acre Lake Baptist church in N.E. PA Jenny, my son Jonathan and I took a [Sunday](#) off and drove out to Eastern Kentucky for a reunion of long lost cousins. Green county is where Skeens is a common name. Had a great time.

Pastor Bob Skeens

Association Happens continued: And the Great Gilman team which was pieced together with Bristol Sheetz of Winston! Awesome turnout from the Pattonsburg Youth as well... Thanks to Lauren and Josiah Young for getting them excited and involved!

Special thanks to Zack Ward, Andrew and Felicia Terhune, Joshua Silver, and John Molher for organizing this event and we hope to have many more as it was a great opportunity to share about our Lord and Savior, JESUS!!!

Mark 10:16

And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.

From Our Churches:Pattonsburg

We would appreciate your continued prayers for the pulpit committee as they search for a new pastor, and for the church in general while we wait for God's choice. Church members Josiah Young and Gregg Hartley have preached, as well as Dean VanEvery and Micah Powell from the seminary. Former pastor Chase Roberts preached twice, and Nick Wilson and HBA Mission Director John Mohler also have delivered the Word. On Father's Day, the fathers in the congregation were recognized and given a candy bar. On [June 25](#), a "Celebrate Family" fellowship dinner was held after services. The church will hold an Ice Cream Social at 7 p.m. on [August 13](#).

Vacation Bible School was held [July 9-13](#) and concluded with the family night program on [July 14](#). There were 66 children enrolled and average attendance was 64. The children learned about Peter's life following Jesus and the "Twists and Turns" that he experienced and that we can expect as we follow Him. The offering at VBS goes to the Baptist Children's Home, and this year totalled \$519.05! Thank you to director Alyssa Lambert and to all of the 30 workers who helped during the week. A special shout-out

Melbourne Baptist Church

Hello from Melbourne. We are excited about what God is doing. I'm glad God is alive and well.

We've seen recently what happens with a little rain and what a difference it can make. What would happen if it rained Jesus a little more, what difference that would make.

I'm excited about sharing Christ with others bringing new life into those around us.

We are looking forward to our: VBS Aug 14th-18th.

Fall Revival September 24-27, With BRO Jim McNiel.

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

Sundays:

Sunday School - 10:00 AM

Worship - 11:00 AM

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

Pastor

Brian Rhodes

Wednesday:

Wednesday 6:30 pm

Short Devotion and we pray.

to Sandy Booth and the kitchen help, who kept the VBS helpers supplied with food as well as providing snacks for the kids.

The women's prayer group met on [June 15](#). Jail ministry has started again on Tuesdays. Thank you to those who are making this possible. Youth Group will start up again in the fall.

Cookie day, when cookies are delivered to shut-ins and people in area nursing homes, was held on [June 12](#) and [July 10](#). Cookie day is usually the [second Monday](#) of each month, so [August 14](#) and [September 11](#) are upcoming dates. Thank you to those who help with this ministry. Pattonsburg will hold the nursing home services at Daviess County Care Center on [August 13](#).

Second Harvest Food Distribution has been irregular during the summer, but we hope it will soon be back on a regular schedule.

The church held its regular monthly business meetings on [June 14](#) and [July 19](#). The annual business meeting for FBC Pattonsburg was held after the regular monthly meeting on [July 19](#). Business meetings are usually held on the [second Wednesday](#) of each month at 7 p.m. The next planning meeting to organize upcoming activities at the church will be on [August 6](#) at 5 p.m.

The HBA Annual Meeting will be held at Pattonsburg on [August 8](#).

Youth Camp and Children's Camp at Grand Oaks have finished up, with several from Pattonsburg in attendance.

School will be here before you know it!

Gregg Hartley and your fellow believers at First Baptist Pattonsburg

Hello from Ridgeway Baptist. It's hard to believe summer is half over. We have had several visitors over the summer and have also had several members gone off and on due to vacations and other obligations. Our Sunday evening study has been a Ray Vander Laan series called Israel's Mission. We had our VBS from July 9th thru the 14th with an average of 22 kids from Pre-K to 6th grade. We had 10 teen volunteers and 13 adults that stuck it out the whole week. Our theme was the Miracles of Jesus with a different miracle each night. Our memory verse was Luke 1:37. We ended on Friday night with all of the parents there and shared the greatest miracle of all, the death and resurrection of Christ. WE had one decision made for Jesus, and a lot of seeds were planted. Our ladies are sewing every week and welcome any visitors. Men's Breakfast will be August 5th.
Dwight Schell – Pastor

Coffey continued We do have another wonderful family that is expecting a new little one. More details will follow in the upcoming Beacon News. Stay tuned!

In the meantime, enjoy your summer! Stay safe. But most of all, don't forget to stop and enjoy the smell of freshly mown hay, or listen to the laughter of kids playing...the taste of fresh tomatoes from the garden...the feel of the cool evening breeze after a hot day...ahhhhhh, God really is good!

Submitted by Cindy Barker

Mount Pleasant #1 We the churches of the HBA Wish you all well. We are sending a missionary all the way to the Philippines. We ask for your prayers for her. We are having Walter Plant back with us on Aug. 12th 6 pm. Everyone is welcome to join us to hear the "Blind man messenger from God" We are doing great thanks for all your prayers. Praying that we will see you at the HBA Annual meeting.

JC Davis

Coffey Baptist Church

Goodness, where has the time gone. Summer is just about over and school is just on the horizon! Many are trying to squeeze in their final family vacation before school starts.

In June, for Father's Day, all Dads were recognized and honored with a gift.

Nick & Esther Whitaker's newest addition, (Baby #4) has arrived! We were thrilled to finally meet their baby GIRL! Stevie Grace-Irene arrived [June 15th](#). She weighed 10 lbs. 3 oz. and was 20 inches long. Everyone is doing well and Stevie is a perfect doll! Babies are just one of God's greatest gifts. This little lady is so, so precious.

HBA "Pickers" gathered at the church for fun, fellowship and food once again on [June 6th](#). They are preparing for the 5th [Sunday](#) Praise Sing on [July 30th](#), at Gilman City Baptist Church. If you are at all interested in joining the HBA "Pickers", please contact Roger for more information. You are always welcome! We have room for all talents...singing, playing an instrument or just enjoying the camaraderie of Christian brothers and sisters.

As of this writing, 2 youngsters have departed for a week at Children's Church Camp. We can't wait to hear about the fun week that they had with other Christian friends!

Vacation Bible School, "Twists & Turns", has been scheduled for [August 1st](#) through [August 4th](#). The times are 6:00-8:00 and for ages Pre-K to Pre-teen. The Director, teachers, helpers, etc. are starting to prepare for this very important event with the kids.

A HBA Family Mission Trip planning meeting was held at the Association Office on [June 8th](#). Several attended to gather more information on this trip. Then, Joel Hunter, Tim & Wendy, along with Roger & Cindy Barker, traveled to Fort Smith, Montana [July 8th](#) to [July 14th](#). You will have to check out the Brotherhood Report for all the details on this annual happening.

Hello, and greeting from Immanuel Baptist Church! We hope that our sister churches are doing well. Here is all that has been happening at our church these past few months!

On [Sunday](#) mornings, Pastor Isaac has been walking through a verse by verse study on the Book of Matthew. During [Sunday](#) evenings, he has been continuing his series on "Wisdom in the Proverbs".

As for events, Immanuel has remained very busy! In the month of June, we sent five youth to Grand Oaks Camp, with one dedicating their life to the Lord! Though small in numbers, it was without a doubt a great week of camp!

In the month of July, we hosted our annual VBS program, with this year's theme being "The Romans Road". We had well over 20 kiddos join in on the fun, and overall, it was a very successful week!

Just this past week ([July 17th-21st](#)) we took a bus load of kids to Grand Oaks for Kids Camp, which was also very successful!

As mentioned in previous beacons, our current goal for this year as a church is to focus primarily on Missions work, as well as Discipleship within our local congregation. We are excited to announce that starting next year (Summer 2024), we will start sending small teams to Southwest Africa in hope to establish strong connections with the people in that area and to share the love of Christ! There will be more information on this in upcoming Beacons.

As for discipleship, we are just now closing out our trial run of Life Groups, which has also been very successful! We will be continuing these groups this coming fall.

Thank you all for your continued prayers! We will continue lifting you all up as we work together to advance the Kingdom of Christ!

Howdy from Faith Bible!

Can't believe that summer is almost over. We went through a 6-part series called "Camping with Moses" from the book of Exodus. Have had several visitors and guests to our services through the summer. One of them snored!

We most recently assisted in Zoe Williamson's Summer Missions Project: a neighborhood block party on [July 21st](#). It was our best-attended event of the past 8 years, headlined by the remnants of Wild Donkey Wild and a good ol' fashioned pie eating contest. It was a wonderful evening of fellowship in Jesus's name, attended by all ages of members, neighbors, and friends from other HBA churches.

Next up, we'll get ready to help Christina Boatright welcome students to NCMC on behalf of the Baptist Student Union. We're also beginning to collect school supplies for the [Christmas](#) shoeboxes.

Shalom,
Stephen Williamson, pastor