

Dear, Brothers and Sisters,

We are at a critical time in our human history. You notice I did not say our country's history. In the book of Esther 4:14 If you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will come to the Jewish people from another place, but you and your father's family will be destroyed. Who knows, perhaps you have come to your royal position for such a time as this. If Amendment 3 passes in Missouri we are in trouble . No matter what you believe about abortion the Amendment is bad. Look at this things that WILL happen

If Amendment 3 (The Proposed Abortion Amendment) Passes

1. **Human trafficking will increase.** The amendment eliminates parental consent laws for minors to obtain an abortion which means that boyfriends and pimps can force a teenage mother to abort her child.
2. **There would be no medical standards required for abortions.** Requiring medical standards to be met would be seen as the government infringing on a "person's fundamental" right to an abortion. Also, that right "shall not be denied, interfered with, delayed or otherwise restricted...."
3. **Persons other than doctors could perform abortions.** There is no requirement for a medical doctors and the amendment itself only references "health care professional" which is a very broad term that could include LPNs, EMTs and Paramedics, even Dental Assistants and many other "health care professionals"!

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Esther 4:14 "If you keep silent at this time, liberation and deliverance will come to the Jewish people from another place, but you and your father's house will be destroyed. Who knows, perhaps you have come to your royal position for such a times as this."

Greetings Associational Youth!

On [August 24th](#), Coffey Baptist Church held a Back to School Bash event for all youth sponsored by Ignyte Worship. This event started with worship music, prayer, a devotion given by youth pastor of Gilman First Baptist, Zack Ward, and youth pastor of Coffey Baptist, Josh Silver. Door prizes were given out as well by Hannah Silver. The kids sang loud to the music, and at invitation most of the youth went to the altar to pray. After the indoor services, the kids were extremely excited to head outside to eat pizza, cotton candy, and popcorn. They also ran their hearts out on a bounce house, a blow up obstacle course, dunk tank (kids favorite), and a bubble machine all provided by Moxxie Mercantile of Winston. Many thanks to the adults that gave up their time for this event.

Looking forward to many more events and blessings to come!

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." 3 John 1:4

"But Jesus called them to him, saying, 'Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.'" Luke 18:16
Josh Silver

HBA Churches,

Just wanted to share a few updates with you. Walter Plant will be at our church in September to lead us in worship through music.

We are planning a church event in October at the gospel farm in Bethany. We are looking forward to the corn maze, plus all the other fun things to do there. We will have pizza for lunch and a devotional.

Our children and youth are going to Worlds of Fun in October. We are praying and planning for revival meetings in November. We are going through the Sermon on the Mount during [Sunday](#) morning worship.

God bless, we love you,
Brad Walker

The Women's Fall Singspiration will take place on Thursday, October 10th at Pattonsburg First Baptist Church in Pattonsburg, Missouri. Our theme for the evening is Great is Thy Faithfulness and the scripture is Lamentations 3: 23-24, "They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I hope in Him!" An Italian meal will be provided for attendees and will be served at 6:00 pm that evening. Following the meal we will be led in worship by Julie Kunce (Bethany First Baptist) and Lauren Young (Pattonsburg 1st Baptist) will share her testimony. Women are encouraged to bring canned soups and dry soup mixes which will be donated to the Harrison County Food Pantry. Door prizes will be given away during the evening. Please come as we share a meal, enjoy a time of fellowship, and sing praises to God. No prior registration is needed.

Susan Ward

Coffey Baptist Church

"The morning breeze carries His whispers of peace – breathe them in and find solace."

Our Vacation Bible School, July 29th to August 2nd, was an awesome week! We are still dancing to "The Wiggle Song" in our heads!! We had a total of around 50 for the week. The VBS program was held on Friday evening and followed up with dinner. Many seeds were planted and we are watching some of them grow! God is continuing to work even when VBS is over.

“Ignyte Worship”..... A “Back to School Bash” was hosted by Ignyte on August 24th here at the church. All the kids (and some adults too) enjoyed a Bounce House, a Bounce Obstacle course, a Dunk Tank, and even a Foam/Bubble Machine. Cotton Candy, Popcorn and Pizza were enjoyed by all that attended. We would like to thank Moxxie Mercantile, from Winston, for providing all the fun stuff!

Again, if your church would like an evening of praise, fellowship and God’s Word...just contact Ignyte Worship! Josh and Hannah Silver would be thrilled to set up a date with your kids (adults are welcome too!). Just give them a call to set up your night to “set your youth on fire for the Lord!” Josh: (660) 605-3354 or Hannah: (660) 605-3219.

Since summer activities have slowed down (a smidge), we have been able to continue watching “The Chosen” series. We have begun Season 2! Several of us would love to “binge watch”, but we are trying our best to hold back! Ignyte is allowing us to use their 150 inch big screen! WOW! Everyone can see it! We even have snacks, drinks, coffee and popcorn! Just like the movie theaters! It starts at 6:00, each Sunday evening, if you would like to join us. We would love to have you. On every 2nd Sunday of the month, we have continued starting our Sunday School hour with donuts, juice, muffins, etc. And now, Breakfast Pizza has been added to the menu! Yummy goodies to start the day right!

Several enjoyed Walter Plant on the evening of August 23rd. And, we always get pleasure from Tony Jennings bringing his special piano music. The camaraderie between these two gentlemen is priceless! Brother Tim presented his testimony and sang a song that is dear to his heart. (Thank you Tim!) We always look forward to this annual occasion. Walter also joined the HBA “Pickers” on September 3rd for the evening and our Sunday morning worship service on August 25th.

HBA “Pickers” presented some special music at the HBA Annual meeting at Melbourne. Now they are working towards their next event with some new songs. **Remember the “Pickers” will be meeting the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30, here at Coffey.** *The next couple of months, there have been some conflict with schedules, so Roger will keep all the regular folks posted on any date 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.

Since school is in session, our Wednesday Bible Study has changed to 6:00, ***AND*** we bring a covered dish and enjoy food and fellowship together. The “food theme” changes weekly, so you will never get tired of something and are even surprised at some new dishes that someone brings to share. You know you have the best cooks at church! (I’ve got many great recipes, over the years, from “church potlucks”). We have a place saved for you! Please join us for a blessed evening!

Our church mourns the loss of church member Kenny Henderson. He traveled to his heavenly home on Wednesday, September 11th. Please lift this family up in prayer.

Keep lookin’ up!
Cindy Barker

4. Abortion could occur up to the time of delivery. Even though the amendment states the General Assembly “may enact laws that regulate the provision of abortion after fetal viability...” it does not require it. Furthermore, fetal viability is not defined. And further still, the remainder of that very same sentence says: under no circumstances shall the government deny, interfere with, or otherwise restrict an abortion that in the good faith judgment of a treating health care professional is needed to protect the life or physical or mental health of the pregnant person.” Remember, any health care professional can make a determination of a pregnant person’s mental health and use that as a basis for abortion and the government cannot deny, interfere with, or otherwise restrict.

5. Abortions could happen anywhere. Because the government cannot restrict or interfere with abortion access, local zoning laws would be useless for restricting abortion clinics to commercial areas. It may be possible for a “health care professional” to open a clinic in their home or apartment next to your own. When the lack of parental notification is considered as well, abortions could happen in the school nurse’s office or health clinic.

6. There can be no malpractice suits for botched abortions. Paragraph 5 of the proposed amendment states: No person shall be penalized, prosecuted, or otherwise subjected to adverse action based on their actual....outcomes.... So in the process of an abortion, if the “health care professional” does anything (actual, perceived or alleged) that causes infertility or even death, they are constitutionally protected from malpractice suits.

7. Violation of Free Speech and Religious Liberty. Pregnancy Help Centers may be forced to refer clients to providers of abortion, especially those who receive any type of government funding. (Alternatives to Abortion, for instance) This is a gross violation of conscience and would force their volunteers and employees to communicate things contrary to their beliefs.

8. Gender transitioning would also be a constitutional right. The terms “reproductive freedom” and “reproductive health care” are used throughout this proposed amendment. These terms are also used by the LGBTQ+ community when referring to puberty blockers and gender transition surgeries. Such evil practices would be conducted on minors . . . again, without parental consent or even notification!

We here at Mt. Pleasant #1 Baptist Church

Want to thank the Churches of Harrison Baptist Association for your prayers. Sept. 22 we are having an after church meal to say goodbye to Jess and Carol Cass. They are moving to Minnesota. Then on the 29th of Sept. fifth Sunday at 6pm a singporation and dedication of our baby and toddler rooms. Please come and share a special with us if you are able. Bro. JC Davis

Exciting Updates from Our Church Family!

We are thrilled to share some wonderful updates about the vibrant activities and developments happening within our church community!

Multipurpose Building Progress The construction of our new multipurpose building is moving forward beautifully! The framing is complete, and the siding has been installed. We're now eagerly anticipating the completion of the foyer area, as well as the internal electrical, plumbing, insulation, and sheetrock work. This space will greatly enhance our church's ability to serve our community and host various activities.

Kingdom Kids Flourishing Our Kingdom Kids children's ministry is thriving, with about 35 enthusiastic children attending each week! They are actively learning and memorizing approximately 15-20 Bible verses each year, fostering a deep understanding of God's Word. We are so grateful for our dedicated volunteers who make this ministry possible.

Revamping Our Children's Area In exciting news, the children's area in the basement has undergone demolition, making way for new and improved facilities. We are currently awaiting plumbing, electrical work, framing, and w flooring installation. We can't wait to see this space come to life!

Youth Ministry in Action Our youth ministry is buzzing with energy, welcoming around 20-30 students who are diving into

people grow in their faith and leadership skills together.

Adult Bible Study For our adults, we invite you to join our ongoing Bible study on the book of Philippians. This study offers a wonderful opportunity to deepen your understanding of Paul's teachings through his suffering and how that applies to our lives [today](#). If you are free on Wednesdays you're more than welcome to come and be a part of this enriching experience!

New Parking Lot Development We are excited to announce that a new church parking lot will soon be developed on the south lawn of the church. This much-needed addition will improve accessibility and enhance our church's welcoming atmosphere.

Partnership with Life Options Lastly, we are overjoyed to partner with Life Options through both prayer and financial support. Having a pregnancy resource center in Bethany will be a tremendous asset in our efforts to uphold the sanctity of life. Together, we can make a significant impact in our community. I encourage our sister churches to investigate this ministry and prayerfully consider joining hands with them as well.

We are grateful for each of you and for the continued blessings God is pouring into our association. Let's keep praying for God to powerfully move over all of Harrison, the concept of team ministry. It's inspiring to see our young County!

In Christ's love, Ryan Kunce

First Baptist Pattonsburg News

On [August 10](#), a special "Community Baby Shower" was held, in cooperation with the St. Joseph Pregnancy Resource Center. This included gently-used items for babies such as clothes, maternity clothes, toys, and baby equipment, as well as new items including diapers, wipes, and bottles, among other items. Sandy Booth and Dana McDaniel coordinated the event. The shower got off to a slow start, but picked up quickly, and the event was so successful that another shower will probably be planned for next year.

The church held an ice cream social on [August 11](#). The turnout was great and there was plenty of shade in the front yard where it was held. On that day, First Baptist also led the worship service at Daviess County Care Center in Gallatin.

The jail ministry is on Mondays. Cookie day, when cookies are delivered to shut-ins and people in area nursing homes, is usually the [second Monday](#) of each month, so cookies were delivered on [August 12](#) and [September 9](#). Future cookie days will be on [October 14](#) and [November 11](#).

Second Harvest food distribution has changed to the [second Wednesday](#) of odd-numbered months. The last distribution was on [September 11](#), and the next one will be on [November 13](#). The planning committee met on [August 4](#) to plan upcoming events for the church. The next planning meeting will be on [November 3](#). The regular monthly business meetings at FBC Pattonsburg are on the [second Wednesday](#) each month, so the next meetings will be on [October 9](#) and [November 13](#).

Youth group started meeting again on [August 21](#). The youth meet on [Wednesday](#) nights at 6 p.m., led by Josiah and Lauren

Young. Stephanie Mason cooks for the youth with help from other church members. Attendance at [Sunday](#) School has been coming up, with 44 attending on [August 11](#) and 55 on [August 18](#).

An ordination service for Pattonsburg's new pastor, Josiah Matthew Young, will be held on [Sunday, September 22](#), at 2 p.m., with a reception following the service.

The church plans to have a booth at the Pattonsburg Car Show ([October 6](#)) and an entry in the Pattonsburg Homecoming Parade on October 4. The [Wednesday](#) after-school program, TeamKID, will start on [Wednesday, September 25](#). "See You at the Pole" will be held at Pattonsburg School on that same day. On [October 10](#), we will host the HBA Women's "Singspiration". "Trunk or Treat" will be held at the church on [October 31](#). "Operation [Christmas Child](#)" Collection Week will be [November 18-25](#). Kristy Smith from Operation [Christmas Child](#) was a guest speaker on [September 8](#). She talked about the distribution of the shoeboxes in Ecuador.

The church Holiday Dinner will be held after worship service on December 8, and the [Christmas](#) program and candlelight service on [December 15](#). More information in the next Beacon! Enjoy the autumn! The holidays will be here very quickly! Gregg Hartley and your fellow believers at FBC Pattonsburg

Melbourne Baptist Church

Hello from Melbourne. We're excited about what God is doing. God is alive and well. His presence is all around us if we are looking. From His creation to what He is doing in our church. We have been blessed with several visitors in the last few months. It's been great to see and hear more little ones in The Lord's service. As we fall toward fall let us fall toward Jesus and less of ourselves. In August we had one of our best Vacation Bible Schools since I've been here. In October on Wednesday nights we started a Bible Study on the Genesis account of Creation. Our church has been praying for some time about a church planter to pray for. October 9th we are having one come to share with us. Please pray for us as we seek God's will in this.

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

Sundays:

Sunday School - 10:00 AM

Worship - 11:00 AM

account of Creation and we pray.

Wednesday:

Wednesday 6:30 pm

Bible Study on the Genesis

Youth Bible Drill

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

Pastor

Brian Rhodes

Greetings from New Hope Princeton.

I missed the last Beacon, so I'll try to do some catching up on this one.

Over the summer we had a few opportunities to serve. Becci Shew and Lori Puls stepped up and volunteered to cook breakfast for the HBA mission trip where I got to tag along and help where I was needed. David Prichard, Linda Moore and Mary Callen also helped serve there as well. It was a blast and we hope to get to do it again.

We also had a one day VBS that was very well attended. The theme was Facing Your Giants. The kids got to look at the life of David. Not just the story of Goliath that we all know very well but they looked at the whole story of David. Becci Shew put that together as well and she did a great job.

We had a baptism for a young man named Carson in our church as he gave his life to the Lord! One of many I pray.

We get to provide a meal for the BSU at NCMC in October and I would encourage our Churches to look into helping Christina out any way you can as she has a huge job and not many resources. We've also been collecting food for the food pantry the BSU has on campus at NCMC.

We are starting to add some new music to our time of worship and that's been a blessing.

Keep being a light! God bless you all.
Pastor Nick, New Hope Princeton.

Calendar

October

3 No Brown bag
3 Grand Oak's board meeting
7 HBA exec Bd. Mtg., HBA Offices 7:00pm
10 The Women's Singspiration FBC Pattonsburg 6:00 pm
19 Pastor Appreciation Dinner 6:30 pm HBA Offices
21-23 MBC Annual Meeting

November

3 Daylight Saving time
7 Pastors Brown Bag
18-25 Operation Christmas Child Collection Week
22 Beacon News due in HBA Offices
28 Thanksgiving Day

Birthday

October

4 Sheila Mohler
14 Sarah Williamson
20 Nick & Rachel Wilson

Novembar

16 Annette Rhodes
20 Tim & Wendy Wilson
23 Hannah Gryder

DOM Report: It has been a fun couple months. We had a great turn out at the Annual meeting. It was a great time of praising God, Worshipping God and praying to seek God's face.

Harrison Baptist Association Purpose *"is to promote unity and harmony among the HBA churches, and to devise and recommend measures as are designed to strengthen the church and advance the Kingdom of Christ throughout the world."*

Our theme came from 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 Living for and seeking God in all our lives. In everything we do and say and every place we go. But also taking a look at our churches and seeing if we are doing what Jesus commanded us to do as He left this world. Matthew 28:19-20 Jesus's last words before he ascended to heaven he tells the church **4 things**

- 1 GO Make disciples he never says to stop he never says to wait.
- 2 as a result he says make disciples mean students of the teacher
- 3 baptizing them,
- 4 The fourth thing in verse 20 Jesus says "teaching them.

This is the command from Jesus to the church as His church if we're going to be obedient to the father we must be doing these things! If we're doing anything in the church other than these things we're not obeying the father! We should also look at ourselves.

Dom Rev. John