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# Baptist Beacon

A Newsletter of the Harrison Baptist Association

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1 Corinthians 10:31 So whatever you eat or drink, or whatever you do, Do it for the glory of God.

Acts 11:29 So the believers in Antioch decided to send relief to the brothers and sisters in Judea, everyone giving as much as they could.

**Women of Worship 2025** Was held Friday, March 14 at Immanuel Baptist Church in Bethany, Missouri with 49 in attendance. A soup buffet was served at 6:00 pm, followed by a program in the sanctuary. The scripture for the night was “Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. Isaiah 60:1. Debbie Nalle (Immanuel Baptist Church) led us in worship during the evening. She was accompanied on piano by Jeanna Stratten (IBC). Our speaker, Joseph, told the group about his family’s mission to share the gospel with refugees in northeast Kansas City, Missouri. His wife, Abbie, was ill and was not able to be there, but he brought his 6 year old daughter, Hazel with him. Joseph’s talk was very inspiring and convicting. The next session was titled, “Sharing the Gospel, No Matter Where You Are or What You Are Doing”. In this session 3 scenarios were presented showing how opportunities to share our faith may occur in our everyday lives. First, Shopping in WalMart was presented by Elizabeth Mohler (Bethany IBC) and Sheri Joyce (Bethany FB), Second, Chance meeting In a coffee shop was presented by Sarah Williamson (Faith Bible Church) and Bobbie Johnson (Gilman City FB). The setting for the third scenario was a basketball game. This was presented by Debbie Bennett (Immanuel) and Mary Brant (Gilman FB). Next in the program was a game, created by Lori Puls and Becci Shew (both from New Hope Princeton) that included all the women in attendance.

It involved identifying a key word belonging to particular scripture. Becci ended this time with a brief devotion stressing that if we are Christians, we are being a witness to those around us, either for the good or the bad. Door Prizes were given away to several people. We ended WOW 2025 by singing “Shine, Jesus, Shine”. Attendees had been given a small gift bag filled with a flashlight and glow in the dark items. The lights were turned down and Women were asked to light up the dark while we sang. Christina Boatright, the director of the North Central Missouri College Baptist Student Union in Trenton closed in prayer.

A big thank you to Immanuel Baptist Church for allowing us to once again use their beautiful church for our annual event and to our Director of Missions, John Mohler, for being our barista for the evening. John provided us with some delicious and slightly exotic coffee. Also, thank you to the members of the HBA WMU Event Planning group, which consists of Becci Shew and Lori Puls (New Hope Princeton), Sheri Joyce (Bethany FB), Sarah Williamson (Faith Bible Church), Debbie Bennett, Sheila Mohler, & Elizabeth Mohler (Immanuel Baptist Church), Carolyn Shields, and Renee Terhune (Gilman City FB).

Susan Ward, WMU Director for the HBA

### From our Churcher:

#### Greetings from Faith bible Church !

Thankful that winter will be soon over and spring will be bringing new life. We have been having around 25 most Sundays . Have been having around 8 in our Adult [Sunday](#) School . This winter we added a new feature to our [Christmas](#) celebration. We started an advent wreath which we followed through the month of December. We've also enjoyed helping with the BSU dinners on Wednesdays occasionally with the desserts and serving. We've also had a [Christmas](#) / [Thanksgiving](#) holiday dinner that was well attended in December of last year. Looking forward to celebrating Easter Season soon. Hope this finds all of our sister churches doing well.

Wanda Gastineau

#### Harrison Baptist activity:

Join us on that fateful night when Jesus gathered His disciples for their last supper with Him. Each of them had to wrestle with Jesus' disturbing words, "One of you will betray me". Based on Leonardo Da Vinci's painting, *The Last Supper*, that evening comes to life through the stories and songs of Jesus' followers.

Dates	Place	Performance Time
<a href="#">April 13</a> Palms <a href="#">Sunday</a>	First Baptist Church	106 Main St Ridgway Mo 4:00 pm
<a href="#">April 17</a> Maunday <a href="#">Thursday</a>	Assembly of God	Mercer MO 7:00 pm
<a href="#">April 18</a> Good <a href="#">Friday</a>	First Christian	Princeton 7:00 pm

### FBC Gilman City

Greetings to all of our cooperating churches!

There is so much to give God glory and praise for in the life of our church! We have been busy with all of our normal weekly activities, and we have seen fruit from much of it! We have enjoyed all of the opportunities to meet on Wednesdays for our "Kids For Christ" and youth ministry when the weather has not gotten in the way, and we will be wrapping that up for the school year on [April 30](#)! We will also be having a baptism [Sunday](#) soon for at least one individual who has made a profession of faith recently!

We finished a four week sermon series on reconciliation, focusing on coming together by the grace of God. We have now begun walking through the book of Romans together. [Sunday](#) evenings we are doing a study on the nuts and bolts of discipleship.

Easter will be sure to be a busy time for many of our churches as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior! We will have a Good [Friday](#) Service at 6:00pm on the 18th, a community Easter Egg Hunt on the 19th, and a breakfast on Easter [Sunday](#) before church at 8:00am. We are excited to reach out to our community and love on them with the love of Christ!

I hope you all know how thankful we are for you all. Our sister churches in our association hold a special place in our hearts. Every [Sunday](#) evening at prayer meetings, we close out our time praying for the lost, and praying for one of the churches in the HBA, rotating through the list. Know that you are loved by God, prayed for by others, and doing a good work for the Kingdom of God.

In Christ,  
Trevor Darr

**Director Of Missions:** What does a director of missions do? This is a question I get asked a lot. Several years ago this pamphlet was put out explaining that very question.

**What does an associational director of missions do?**

What does a director of missions do? One thing is certain: it is hard for a Director of Missions to do anything if there are many conflicting ideas about what he is supposed to do. This track can help churches and associational leaders- As a matter of fact, All Southern Baptists- develop command understanding about what associational directors of missions do.

To understand better what associational directors of missions do, we will look at the dimensions and responsibility of the role and at a way of custom- fitting the role to your association. First, Let's look at some values contributed by director of missions.

**Values of director of missions**

Many values could be mentioned, but the following stand out.

- **The director of missions is the key to an association reaching its potential.**
- **The director of missions is concerned for the total life of specific churches over an extended period of time.**
- **The director of missions supports, encourages and challenges pastors.**

- **Director of missions puts a “face” on the denomination for churches and on the churches for the denomination.**
- **The three- dimensional role of director of missions**

The role is to lead the association to fulfill its mission more faithfully, effectively and efficiently.

~J.C. Bradley Pun

**DOM report:** I want to thank all of our churches that have allowed me the opportunity to come and speak. I love sharing the word of God. We have still been doing our Tuesday night Bible study and God has been blessing that. Everyone is welcome to come join us. We usually eat around 6: 30 pm and our study around 7 or so. It usually is a great time of fellowship and laughter along with great food. We still have two churches that do not have pastors, So we ask you to keep them up in prayer being FBC Cainsville and New Hope Mcfall. As I sit down to write this, I am preparing to lead a team to Rolla MO to help in the tornado clean up. I'm sure you are aware of the tornadoes that ravaged Missouri a week ago. We have seven sites set up in Missouri Doing recovery work, Pray for our workers. The door has also opened to allow me to go into one of our local factories and share the gospel. Pray for open doors and open hearts. God is moving among Harrison Baptist Association churches. Keep praying, to keep serving, keep loving People. Pray for John DOM

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Ephesians 5:8

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Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a  
right spirit within Me! Psalms 51:10

# REVIVAL

"I Came to Cast Fire on the Earth, and would that it were already Kindled!"  
Luke 12:49

**APRIL 12-13<sup>th</sup> with Bro. Guy Thomas**

Sat. Fish Fry 4:30 pm, Revival at 6:00 pm

Sun. Bible Study 10:00 am

Worship Service  
11:00 am

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**Hello from New Hope Princeton,**

We've been gaining ground and growing as a church. Spiritually and in numbers. A wise man once told me if numbers make you happy they'll also make you upset. So we're focused more on growing spiritually. But we are always glad to see new faces.

We've had several men's and women's breakfasts. and everyone is welcome. Women's breakfast is the first Saturday of every month at 8:00 AM and Men's breakfast is every second Saturday of every month at 7:30 AM. We will be going to the Ronald McDonald house in KC to serve lunch to the families who are going through different sicknesses and hurting. Thanks to Becci Shew and Lori Puls, for getting that set up for us. We are starting a monthly mission to serve different families in our community and are excited about that. Until next time keep bringing The Light!  
Nick Wilson.

**Melbourne Baptist Church** God is alive and well we are excited at Melbourne to see what He is doing all around us. This past Sunday we had three Baptisms. God is alive and at work but so is the devil, let us be diligent. On Wednesday's we are continuing our Creation Study of the Genesis account of Creation. By God's grace and favor along with a lot of hard work and dedication from adults and youth alike. One of our youths made it to State Bible Drill. I commend all involved in our Associational Bible Drill. Adults, children, and youth. It takes an army and all out dedication. Thank you all. We're excited to host the Annual Prayer Rally this year. The Theme is Prayer Changes things. (James 5:16) How is your prayer life? I hope you made it out to hear testimony and what God laid on our speaker's hearts.

Pastor Brian Rhodes

**April Calendar**

3rd No Brown Bag Lunch  
3 Grand Oaks Exec. Bd. Mtg  
7 HBA Exec.Bd. Mtg., HBA Office 7:00 pm  
12 VBS Clinic, HBA Office 9-11  
13 Palm Sunday  
20 Easter  
25-27 MBC New Minister Retreat

**May**

1 Pastor Brown Bag Lunch  
1 National Day Of Prayer  
5 HBA Meeting Night: Financial, Nomination Annual Meeting  
Planning Committees  
11 Mother's Day  
17 Pray Over HBA Churches 8 AM HBA Offices  
23 Beacon News Due In HBA Offices  
26 Memorial Day  
27-31 Youth Camp

## Update from First Baptist Church of Bethany

*Submitted by Pastor Ryan Kunce*

Greetings, brothers and sisters in Christ!

God continues to move here at First Baptist Church of Bethany, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to share a snapshot of His work with our Harrison Baptist family.

Over the past two months, we've been blessed with a vibrant and encouraging season of ministry. We launched a verse-by-verse sermon series through the Gospel of Matthew in early February, and God has been using His Word to draw our hearts to Christ, challenge our obedience, and remind us of our mission to make disciples. It's been refreshing to watch our church family respond with excitement for the Word.

On [Wednesday](#) nights, our Table Talk Bible study began a new series in 1 Peter titled *Holiness in a Hostile World*. We're wrestling with how to live set-apart lives in a culture that increasingly opposes biblical truth. The conversations have been honest, rich, and Spirit-led.

Our youth had a powerful time of discipleship during the D-NOW weekend retreat, hosted by FBC Trenton at the end of February. The theme, *Alive and Free*, stirred hearts and sparked conversations among our teens about what it really means to live a life transformed by faith.

We've also seen continued growth and investment in our women's ministry. The *You Are Loved* ladies' event in February brought women from our church and community together for encouragement, worship, and the security system (including new cameras and door-access

and a timely reminder of Christ's enduring love. In March, several of our ladies attended the *Women of Worship Retreat* at Immanuel Baptist Church, where they were deeply encouraged through testimonies, music, and teaching focused on missions among refugees. The *Heritage of Hymns* Community Wide Easter choir launches its rehearsals this month. I hope it will unite voices from our church and the community as we prepare for a special Palm [Sunday](#) Cantata and community Good [Friday](#) service. Our choir director (my wife Julie!) has been joyfully teaching the history and theology behind the hymns, and we're already sensing God's blessing on the effort. Meanwhile, our weekly ministries continue strong:

- Kingdom Kids and Youth gather each [Wednesday](#) evening for food, games, worship, and biblical teaching.
- Ladies Bible Study meets on [Tuesday](#) mornings for fellowship and spiritual growth.
- Trail Life and American Heritage Girls have had great participation this semester, including a recent Trail Life campout.
- Our men's ministry met for breakfast in February and again in March, men spanning all generations from the church. Scott Neth lead the devotionals and it was a real encouragement to all who attended. God is also blessing our efforts in the area of facilities. Construction on both our Multipurpose Building and Children's Ministry Wing is moving steadily toward completion. Sheetrock, HVAC, and flooring are in place, new kitchen appliances are installed, and our upgraded

controls) is almost complete. These improvements are not just about aesthetics but they're about making space to minister more effectively to families and guests for years to come.

Finally, we look forward to seeing our HBA sister churches gather at the Prayer Rally on [March 23rd](#) at Melbourne Baptist Church. It will be a joy to join with you all in prayer for revival, unity, and gospel impact in Harrison County and beyond.

Please continue to pray for us as we press on in the work. We're praying for you too. I believe that as we each remain faithful in our fields, the Lord of the harvest will bring fruit in His perfect time.

With joy and hope,  
Pastor Ryan Kunce  
First Baptist Church of Bethany

### **Hello from Coffey Baptist Church,**

It's so good to be back together on [Wednesday](#) nights. We had to postpone our Valentine's Day Supper and then cancel because of unfavorable weather, but now we're back to having Family Supper followed by Bible Study for all ages. [March 19th](#) we'll have a fun "bring anything green" meal to get us back in the [Wednesday](#) night fellowship.

Pastor Tim has been teaching the book of Psalms on [Wednesday](#) nights and will finish in April. "Kids Outdoorz" from Overland Park Baptist Church came to Roger and Cindy Barker's farm for a trapping clinic as part of their learning program. 30 men and boys got to see demonstrations on trapping mink, coyote and raccoon by Pastor Tim and Roger. After the clinic Pastor Tim shared a message with all in attendance. It was a great time for the group and we hope to see them again. The Pickers met [March 4th](#) and will meet again [March 28th](#) to practice. The next Praise Sing will be at Winston Baptist Church on [March 30th](#). They will also lead worship at Cat Creeks Revival [April 12th](#). Pastor Tim will be sharing at Bethany First Baptist Churches Wildlife supper [April 5th](#) as well. Youth Camp is coming up soon with Our Josh and Hannah Silver as directors. There is still news for cooks and other positions. Please sign Up and help where you feel led. We're so thankful to get to serve a wonderful Savior alongside all of you.

Wendy



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