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Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
12:00 - 12:30 pm (lunch)

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Harmony Baptist Association

NEWS

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Robert's Ramblin's

The prayers for Harmony Association are going up! We are still trying to muddle through the current situation of virus, changing schedules, cancelations and postponements. Let me encourage you to pray daily for your church and leaders to know how to plan meetings and activities. Stay in the Word daily even though you may not be able to go to Sunday School or Bible study. Keep supporting your church by keeping in touch by phone or text, and sending your tithes to the church treasurer. For some, this crisis may be a test about what we really believe about the church. Will some people become "drop-outs" and never come back? Will some realize how great a privilege it is to be able to attend services? Will some realize how important it is to share our testimony with lost people and invite them to Jesus and church membership? What is God trying to teach you through this? Remember, God's not dead, our churches are not dead, and Harmony Association is not dead!!

June 2020

Sun

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	1	2 <i>Cynthia Gray Broadway Birthday</i>	3 <i>Bonnie Dumsday, Lamine Birthday</i>	4	5	6
7	8 <i>Pastor / Staff Lunch, noon @HBA Office</i>	9	10 <i>Don Satterwhite Calvary Anniversary</i>	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 <i>Project Parachute 1pm John Streit, Green Ridge Anniversary</i>	19	20
21	22 <i>Leadership Enlistment Team 7pm</i>	23 <i>Staff Recommendation Team 7pm</i>	24	25	26	27 <i>Ruth Hankins, Antioch Birthday</i>
28 <i>Dave Hague, Vision Birthday John Streit, Green Ridgen Birthday</i>	29	30				

The Financial section can be found on the web site.
If you need a paper copy please call the office
826-2070.

2020 Monthly Requirement	\$7,511.27
Church receipts for May	\$4,754.27
Net Budget difference	(\$2,757.00)



Bethlehem Baptist Church
Anniversary 6/7/1951

Upcoming Events

July 13	Executive Board Meeting, 7pm, @East Sedalia
Aug 1	ACP Reports due
Nov 14?	Leadership Conference

Deacon's Day
postponed till October 24th
@HBA Office. Planning is still in the
works.

First Baptist Church of Sedalia has a College Scholarship Fund that students in the Association can apply for. The applications are at the church office and anyone can apply through Oct 1, 2020.



Bible Study Fellowship

Adult Bible Study
Calvary Baptist
Church
10:00am

The next fellowship will be July 6, 2020
The Bible Study set for June 1st has been canceled.
Hopefully we can meet in July.



Smithton Baptist Church
Anniversary June 1865



Memorial Baptist Church
Anniversary June 1892

PROJECT PARACHUTE

The next Project Parachute Meeting is
Thursday, June 18th
1pm



Pastor/Staff Lunch

The next meeting is on
June 8th, @
HBA Office



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Leadership Lessons,

One thing we have learned from this pandemic is how to monitor and adjust. Pastors and church leaders have discovered that can do some things they never considered before. The church has been somewhat invisible with empty pews but more visible in some cases with their online presence. Let's take what we have learned in this season and continue to reach out to a world that so desperately needs the message of the gospel. Jesus Christ is our only hope.

We had planned for a special Leadership Seminary back in April that was postponed due to the pandemic. We are looking to put this back on the calendar, possibly on Saturday the 14th of November. Please pencil that in on your calendar. We will be bringing in Dr. Jimmy Sheffield and he will be teaching how we can discover our spiritual gifts and personality traits. This seminar has helped thousands of people find their place and their fit in the Body of Christ. Hope you will plan to join us. Stay tuned.

Leading in Love,

Pastor Don Satterwhite, Associational Leadership

Kid's Kamp has been canceled for 2020



The troubles of life can make us cranky and out of sorts, but we should never excuse these bouts of bad behavior, for they can wither the hearts of those we love and spread misery all around us. We have not fulfilled our duty to others until we have learned to be pleasant. There is a word for a virtue that corrects our unpleasantness—*gentleness*, a term that suggests a kind and gracious soul.

Gentleness is a willingness to accept limitations and ailments without taking out our aggravation on others. It shows gratitude for the smallest service rendered and tolerance for those who do not serve us well. It puts up with bothersome people—especially noisy, boisterous little people; for kindness to children is a crowning mark of a good and gentle person. It speaks softly in the face of provocation. It can be silent; for calm, unruffled silence is often the most eloquent response to unkind words.

One story that illustrates this concept of gentleness tells of a corporal at Valley Forge who was directing three men as they tried to lift a log into place. It was too heavy, but the corporal commanded again and again, "All right, men, one, two, three, lift!" A man in an overcoat came by and said to the corporal, "Why don't you help them?" The corporal pulled himself up to full height and replied, "Sir, I am a corporal." Without a word the man stepped over and with his help the log went easily into place. The man was George Washington.

Gentleness means to be ready to do whatever is good, to slander no one, to be peaceable (that is, not quarrelsome), to be considerate, and to show true humble gentleness toward everyone. It includes the idea of springing to the help of those in need yet keeping our own feelings under control.

Endeavor in the lights that you have been given to be that gentle person someone needs today. And if you can't see your way to do it ask the Lord to help. He knows all about being gentle and kind to others no matter if they deserve it or not.

Dr. Rob Ayers, Assistant Moderator

It's been an interesting time period, hasn't it? We have all made adjustments in our daily life to protect and help those around us. We are praying the end is in sight and we can get back to normal. Or, is "normal" good to get back to? Is God waking the church up to re-examine our priorities and everyday activities? No doubt in the changes you have had to make, you've noticed things we've taken for granted and now miss. Gathering of family and church family is sorely missed. Encouragement from our brothers and sisters is much better face to face than on the phone or video but we have adapted.

In fact, God has used this time to reach out to people like never before. The online presence of the church has stepped up and excelled in the communication of the gospel to people that would not darken the doors of the church. Now it is up to us to help disciple those that have a taste of the gospel and bring them in to community of the church.

When things go back to "normal", it's my prayer that the church doesn't go back to normal or business as usual; but, I pray we would allow the Spirit to guide us to try new ways of reaching the world with the age-old gospel and to have a new passion to see God's kingdom truly come in our world. Please continue to pray for each local body of Christ to not lose heart during this time but to renew their calling. Please pray for each believer to strive to walk in holiness and righteousness through Christ in all that they do.

May God bless you in all you do.

Jon Church, Moderator, Harmony Baptist Association

As we journey through a global pandemic, social distancing, and the church away from the building, we are challenged to look afresh at our ministries and the original purpose we have been established. Let us remember our original mandate from Christ: *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."* Matthew 28:19-20. Even though our settings have changed, our mission is the same, "make disciples". This takes place through strong and healthy churches.

A healthy church is a community of Jesus followers with a shared vision and a thriving ministry that includes worship, discipleship, connection, and ministry evangelism. Each church will look different in its practices but the results are the same: to encounter God, encourage other believers and engage with the lost community around us. Whether you continue to worship online or begin to join together at the church campus, let us not forget that God continues to work behind the scenes in our current situation. May we have eyes to see His work among us and join Him in the discipleship making movement within our families, churches, and communities.

Blessings,

Tim Smith, Associational Church Health

“NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES”

Bethany: The saints at Bethany continued to encourage and pray for one another during the virus restrictions. Our deacons contacted the members of their Care Groups weekly. The pastor and deacons met weekly to serve the congregation more effectively. We currently plan to resume meeting (under the guidelines of the county) on Sunday, March 24 at 10:30 a.m.

Bethlehem: Social distancing is not fun, but we must have faith over fear, as the Bible tells us to do. In May we lost a very dear member of our church family, Pastor Corbett Martin. He was a wonderful pastor and friend to everyone he met. He will be missed terribly. During our distancing we are still trying to do community outreaches. We do community cafe and fill up the little pantries. We have taken this time to do some remodeling on our entry way. We were able through lots of prayers to purchase some adjoining property for the church. We have had three baptisms, two high school graduates and one college graduate this year. We are very proud of these people. God Bless and Stay safe.

Broadway: We observed the STAY HOME mandate from March 23 to May 9. Members kept in touch with calls and Facebook. Pastor Gray used the church's telephone calling system to encourage members to have their own Prayer Meeting on Wednesdays at 6:30, and members continued to place friends and family on the prayer list. Several used Pastor Gray's sermons at www.broadwaybaptistsedalia.org in their personal Sunday worship. Pastor used Numbers 6:24-26, Psalm 27:1, 2 Corinthians 4:8, Philippians 4:6, 2 Timothy 1:7 KJV, and 1 John 4:18 with Dr. Yeats (MBC) quote "God is aware of the virus, is allowing it, and knows when it will end" as further encouragement. He reminded us that many people want to promote fear, especially those who don't acknowledge our all-powerful, all-knowing God who is present everywhere. On our return May 10, we celebrated Mothers Day and Resurrection Day with The Lord's Supper. We purchased face shields described in the Sedalia newspaper and face masks from Staples for members and visitors.

Calvary: Online attendance has been outstanding over the pandemic and God's people have been faithful to God in their tithes and offerings. Calvary Baptist will begin in person worship services Sunday May 31st at 8:15 & 10:00 am. We must social distance so only 50 people may attend each service. Please call the church office to reserve your spot. The 10:00 am service on Sunday and Wednesday night Prayer Meeting will continue to Livestreamed on Facebook Live and You Tube.

East Sedalia: The leaders of the children/youth outreach took a caravan of cars and the church bus to visit the children and youth to point them to Jesus during their time of being out of school. Gifts included homemade cookies, candy, magazines, news letters, etc. The food distribution was held again in May and 200 people were served. On Mother's Day we met on the church lot to hear Pastor Tim's message from our cars. A potted plant was given to the youngest and the oldest mother present. Each mother present was given a wonderful devotional book "Woman of God Wonderfully Made." We are still able to hear the Sunday morning and Monday and Wednesday evening services through the web, face book or zoom. Beginning May 24th we will be back in the sanctuary for Sunday morning service with social distancing and other precautions taken that are necessary. No other activities in the church will be held at this time. The face book and on line services will continue for those not feeling comfortable to attend worship at the church on Sunday mornings.

Katy Park: We hosted an outside drive-in church for Mother's Day Sunday May 10th, and handed out roses to the mothers. We returned back to two Sunday morning services, 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., on Sunday May 17th. We resumed Wednesday night Bible study and youth activities at the church Wednesday May 27th, but we are holding off on children activities until further notice.

Mt Herman: We have not met inside the church for several weeks, we are staying together by prayer texts and phone calls. Bro. Sisney has been preaching to empty pews and You Tube to send to members. For the last weeks we have enjoyed "drive-in" worship with good attendance. Soon to be back inside, we hope!

Mt. Olive: We will return to a regular worship experience on June 7. It will be refreshing to worship and fellowship as a group again. We will also make plans for summer activities.



*Pray
diligently that we can reopen our churches soon*