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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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#### Robert's Ramblin's

## Harmony Baptist Association

# NEWS

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September 2020

**Harmony Baptist Association**

**Annual Meeting**

**September 27, 2020**

**1:30pm**

**@Bethany Baptist Church**



September is upon us again! And guess what? The Corona virus is still hangin' around! Our schedules are still upset and churches are doing their best to keep in touch with their people and keep faithful to worship and prayer and Bible study. I praise all your church leaders for seeking God's guidance during this time. Remember God's promise as you plan and do the business of the Gospel in your church: "In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path." (Prov. 3:6)

In Harmony Association, we are still planning the Annual Meeting at Bethany on Sept. 27. It is my decision to have the meeting only at 1:30pm without serving the meal. We must observe social distancing and wearing of masks and taking care of each other during the meeting. I will shorten the length of the meeting somewhat but will still have worship, praise and business, most of all honoring Christ and moving forward with Harmony Association. You are the called-out ones for the work before us. We must continue to be faithful and unwavering in the Gospel task in each of our churches and Harmony Association. I am praying for each of you daily and you can do the same for your members and the Association. "The Lord Almighty is with us, the God of Jacob is our fortress."

# September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 John Dumsday III Lamine Birthday	5
6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Pastor/Staff lunch, HBA Office	15 Efrain Baeza PIB Anniversary Act meeting, 9:00am	16	17 Project Parachute 5:00pm, HBA Office	18	19
20 Rhuebin L. South Offering, MO Baptist Missions	21	22	23 News item Due	24	25	26
27 HBA Annual Meeting, 1:30pm @Bethany	28	29	30 Label News			

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

<b>2020 Monthly Requirement</b>	<b>\$7,511.27</b>
<b>Church receipts for August</b>	<b>\$9,596.76</b>
<b>Net Budget difference</b>	<b>\$2,085.49</b>

## Upcoming Events

Oct 8	Winter Bible Study Planning, 7pm
Oct 24	Deacons Meeting 9-2 lunch included.
Nov 1	Daylight Savings Time ends
Nov 14	Leadership Conference @Calvary
Dec 1-8	Week of Prayer, Lottie Moon Offering

*Houstonia Baptist Church will be in  
revival Oct. 16-18, 2020 with Willie  
Harlow leading the charge.*

# revival

*Smithton Baptist Church will  
be in revival Oct. 16-18, 2020.  
Nolan Carrier, Evangelist.*



*Flat Creek Baptist Church  
Anniversary September 23, 1842*



*Syracuse Baptist Church  
Anniversary September 10, 1842*



*Primera Iglesia Bautista Church  
Anniversary September 2009*

Condolences to :  
Jon Church on the passing of his father,  
John Barrett on the passing of his mother,  
and  
Melody Smith on the passing of her father.

### PROJECT PARACHUTE

The next Project  
Parachute Meeting is  
Thursday, September 17, 2020  
@5:00pm



### Pastor/Staff Lunch

The next meeting is on  
September 14, @  
HBA Office



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September is the month for Missouri Missions Offering.  
Please give generously.



THEN THE PEOPLE REJOICED BECAUSE THEY  
HAD **GIVEN WILLINGLY,**  
FOR WITH A WHOLE HEART THEY HAD  
OFFERED FREELY TO THE LORD.

1 CHRONICLES 29:9



***A Word of Encouragement from Bill McDowell***

As a Marine we learned one never, ever surrenders, you have no idea what you can do when your back is up against the wall. As a Christian, I have promises from Gods word that He will always be with me. That no weapon formed against me, to do harm, can ever succeed. For God is my rock and shield.

So no matter what you are going through in life, there is always a ray of light, Hope is the ability to see what ever you are going through in a different way.

If you lay down and give up without a fight you can never know what you will have miss.

So, get up and start swinging, the devil is a liar and he will steal your life from you if you are not careful.

You can start by telling yourself that today I will not feel sorry for self, but I will rejoice in the fact I have this day to make a difference. I am too far along on this journey to turn back around. Every step we take maybe a struggle, but I would rather get to heaven burned out worn out and completely used up.



Election voting November 3rd

**Church Leadership Conference**

November 14, 2020 9am - 2pm

*Finding your place and fit in the local church. Through spiritual gifts and personality profiles you will discover where God could best use you in serving Christ. Our guest will be Dr. Jimmy Sheffield, former VP for Global Focus Ministries. Pastors please plan to be present and bring all of your leaders and potential leaders. For more information call Pastor Don Satterwhite 660-620-4939. Meeting will take place at Calvary Baptist Church.*

**Operation Christmas Child  
Free Box Giveaway & Parking Lot Rally**

**September 12, 2020**

**3:55 – 4:25 PM**

**New Hope Baptist Church  
664 E 16<sup>th</sup> St, Sedalia, MO**



- \* **Meet our new Area Coordinators and other Project Leaders from near-by churches**
- \* **Get free boxes and new ideas**

## “NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES”

**Bethany:** The saints at Bethany continued to work towards a more normal pattern of ministry. We are beginning to meet for Sunday School. Our ladies are meeting on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 for a video Bible study by Jen Wilkin ("Better" - Hebrews). Our congregation approved a search committee to identify candidates for an associate pastor. We will hold our annual Fall Bible Conference October 2-4 with speaker Dr. Brad Klassen, an instructor at The Master's Seminary. Pastor Bowen continues to preach through the Gospel of John on Sunday mornings.

**Bethlehem:** Greetings from Bethlehem Baptist. The summer this year has been quite different for us, as most of the churches. We are very thankful that we are able to go to church and have live services to praise our God. Our pastor Jason has given us some great sermons to help us through the crazy weeks. We must remember, prayers and talking to God will get you through anything. Have a blessed day, Our family at Bethlehem Baptist.

**Broadway:** Since Sedalia Broadway Church "re-opened for business," the congregation is slowly returning, but they ARE returning. People from churches which still remain closed attend also. We offer prayers regularly that people will not be fooled into fear because we know that God has not given us a spirit of fear (2 Timothy 1:7). Check out our updated website with photos of obedience to GOD and GOVERNMENT. We provide face masks and face shields (these from local company Stone Laser Imaging). Sunday school classes continue in the LifeWay series on Hebrews. On Sunday evening, in the adult Bible study on Discipleship also from LifeWay, we will soon begin Book Three, Your Life as a Disciple (explore Bible reading, praying, relying on the Holy Spirit).

**Calvary:** Our Calvary family filled out a survey to work in areas of service they would like to serve in the coming year. Calvary's council will be selecting 3 members to serve the coming year to replace the members that have served their terms. A decision was made in the best interest of our Calvary family to postpone the Sunday evening service during this pandemic of the Coronavirus. We continue to worship in person each Sunday morning at 8am and 10am on line. Calvary's volunteers helped with Meals on Wheels this month. The Midweek prayer and Bible study with Pastor Don was virtual. We will open up for gathering as soon as the virus is safe to meet again. Calvary's Crew (youth) met every Wednesday night during the month of August. Our choir, with Michael Sproles, has been postponed until we can gather again. Our monthly men's breakfast, held on the first Saturday of the month, has been postponed. Pastor Don encouraged those that have the capability to watch the Bible Study lesson that Pastor Jonathan is teaching online every Tuesday at 10:00 am on our website, [calvarybaptistsedalia.org](http://calvarybaptistsedalia.org) Sunday School. He is doing a great job sharing the Word of God.

**East Sedalia:** We are proud of a bench made for the west alcove of the church. Two cornerstones from the old church were used for the base and boards placed on the top to make the bench complete. Adult Bible study is being held on campus every Wednesday morning at 11:00 A.M. In the Wednesday evening Bible Study on line we are now studying in the book of Acts that began on July 29. Rev. Tim Smith and Melody were on vacation in Alabama in July. We were saddened to hear of Melody's father's death, Glenn Jennings, while they were there. In Brother Tim's absence Rev. David Owens supplied on July 26 and Rev. Eddie Brown supplied on Aug. 2. The children and youth of the church graciously received packets in August delivered to their homes from their teachers and leaders. The August distribution of food served 190 persons. We are so thankful for those that are able to obtain the food that is so much needed, and for those faithful workers who see that it is prepared and placed in each person's car individually.

**FBC Sedalia:** On August 9 we called our new Senior Pastor, Jeremiah Greever and his wife Sadie and son Judah. His first Sunday with us will be October 4. Bittersweet news is that our Interim Pastor Greg Morrow's last Sunday with us will be September 20. Long-time church secretary, Twila Simons, resigned recently. We are accepting applications for a part-time church secretary, 25 hours per week. If interested, send a resume that includes work history, references, and cover letter to First Baptist Church, 200 E 6th St, Sedalia MO 65301, Attn: Kristee Lorenz, Personnel Committee Chair. MOPS and AWANAS open house are August 27, 6:00 pm.

**Katy Park:** Held a Back to School Bash at Centennial Park on August 2, where we collected school supplies to give to CASA and prayed over teachers and students; on August 29th we had our free God's Garage Sale for the community at our church.

**Lamine:** Since our return to church on May 31st our 10:30 Worship service has been focused on Prayer Pastor John lead us in a study of prayer based on biblical examples and then we join together in prayer, each praying if and when the spirit leads us. We delivered Staycation Bible School packets to the families with children in our neighbor. Our next planned event will be Treats and Eats in October, more to come on that later.

**Memorial:** We had a wonderful time with VBS. Had 13 children in attendance. They continue to amaze us with their knowledge. In August we had our 2nd Annual Ladies Tea put on by our GA girls who also received their badges for the year. We are planning more delivery bags for missions for the houses around the church.

**Mt. Olive:** The church is continuing to worship and have Sunday School, Mission organizations and Prayer meeting in the church building. Our attendance is holding steady. We are beginning to promote the Missouri Mission Offering. The Pastor Search committee is interviewing prospective pastors.

**New Hope:** New Hope will host an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Rally on Saturday, Sep 12th. This unprecedented event will be held on the parking lot from 4-4:30 pm and is a new opportunity for churches, community groups, and individuals to pick up free OCC official printed shoeboxes to fill with toys and gifts for children around the globe. Operation Christmas Child plans to collect shoebox gifts during National Collection Week, Nov 16-23, 2020. For more information, contact David Derden at 660-221-9547.

**Olive Branch:** Our September special guest speakers for Saturday Night Cross Connect this month includes: 5th Johnny Johnson, 12th Brent Butler, 19th Greg McDowell, 26th Sam Butler former graduate of The Embassy.

**Providence:** We took a food basket to one of our elderly shut-in families last month, for which they were very thankful. The Church voted in a recent Business meeting to set a goal of \$300 for State Missions. Due to the virus, we voted to do a one-day VBS to be held August 30. Our Pastor continued a yearly tradition by bringing a trunk load of watermelons for each family to take one after a Sunday service. We plan to distribute prayer guides September 13th to launch the Week of Prayer for the Missouri Missions Offering and work. Our Pastor recently preached a message titled "In a time of Confusion and Change." The message was given to challenge Christians to stand strong for their convictions in our culture today.

**Smithton:** Our church is in the process of re-roofing our building. If you feel led to be a part of this ministry by a donation we would appreciate your gift. Thank you for your help in blessing us. God Bless You!