

**Bethany:** The saints at Bethany have called Pastor Travis Battershell as our Associate Pastor. Travis is a graduate of Midwestern Baptist Seminary (2020) and Auburn University (2012). He is married (Lexi) with one son and a second child expected in November. Travis has served as Campus Coordinator and Student Pastor at Connection Point Church in Lee's Summit (since 2018). He formerly served as Director of Student Ministries for Rehoboth Baptist Church in Kirksville. Travis' responsibilities will include sharing music leadership and preaching, and helping initiate new ministry initiatives. Travis will begin serving at Bethany in early August.

**Broadway:** Pastor Gray's sermons and our adult Sunday School study related to Great Commission/Worship are directing us to more meaningful evangelism. Members are still returning from the quarantine—THANKS AND PRAISE TO GOD. Hebrews 10:25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Sunday evening adult Bible Study group learns every week how much more we have to learn about The Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20). Our pianist's sister, also a church pianist, visited this month from New Orleans. We were blessed by her participation.

**Calvary:** The heat is on! It is cool here at Calvary Baptist! What a great month July has been. We have averaged over 100 for each Sunday. Praise the Lord! We sent 17 to Camp Inlow this year and what a wonderful time was had by all. Our Women's Ministry met at Marie Satterwhite's home with 19 ladies present for a wonderful brunch, Bible study and a great time of fellowship. August is upon us and we are praising God. Pastor Don, Calvary Baptist

**East Sedalia:** We presented Becky Palmer with a bouquet and a gift card upon her resignation as pianist in July. She and her husband, Gary are moving to Florida to reside. Fathers were honored with a gift and scripture card on Father's Day. Approximately 35 students, plus workers, attended Bible School July 22-25. Over \$400.00 was collected and given to Dina's Orphanage in Haiti. The last Mobile Food Bank Food Distribution was held at East Sedalia July 13, after serving for the past two years. Three youth from our church attended Bible Ridge Camp in Warsaw July 19-23. One young man was saved and then baptized at East on July 25. We are saddened that Bro. Tim Smith completed his ministry with East Sedalia on Sunday July 25. He and his wife, Melody, came to this decision so they could be more involved in providing the support that is needed within their family and be able to assist with the care of their aging parents. They will look for ministry opportunities in the future but in the meantime will be self supported through other work opportunities. We have been greatly blessed during their time with us. Due to this change, we are now praying for the person God has ready to take the pastoral leadership of our congregation. We covet your prayers also.

**Emmet Avenue:** We welcome our new pastor Rev. Dennis Vann, and his wife Donna, in serving with us and leading our church in the direction God will have us go. We are grateful to have had Pastor Gary Palmer as interim pastor the last 6 months and wish him the best in his move to Florida to be closer to his family. We had great food and fellowship at our last fellowship dinner on memorial day weekend. Also we had a new sidewalk poured and new parking lot on the north side of the church.

**FBC Sedalia:** First Baptist Sedalia had an exciting week recently. To kick off Vacation Bible School we gathered at Liberty Park pool for an evening of fun and God was gracious to give us wonderful weather! Our VBS was a success, and the name of Jesus was lifted high among our children and workers. Friday evening, we celebrated the conclusion of VBS by gathering for a family movie night. The next evening, we gathered for fun, food and fireworks to celebrate the 4th of July and the freedom we enjoy as citizens of this country. FBC is also celebrating the recent birth of Pastor Greever and family's second child. We are happy to announce the return of Sunday Night Theology on August 29th from 5:30-7:30PM. The topic will be Competent to Counsel: God's Commands for Biblical Counseling. All are welcome to attend!

**Flat Creek:** A good group gathered at Jobe's house for a 4th of July celebration with a cookout, music, and fireworks. It was enjoyable for all. VBS was held July 12-16. Even though a small number of children attended the week was a good experience for all with 100% attendance every day. Our mission project of canned goods for Open Door was open to the entire church and over one ton of canned goods was delivered there. We culminated the VBS with a swim party at Centennial Pool on Friday evening.

**Green Ridge:** Green Ridge Baptist Church: Summer has been a blessing for our growing church family. We hosted the city's 4th of July worship service in the park and our VBS week/Kick-Off events were a success. With 36 children and 32 workers in nightly attendance, we experienced great joy and a church-wide mini-revival. Currently, we have formed planning teams for upcoming ministry opportunities in the areas of youth, Sunday school, and outreach activities. Back-to-School Family Fun Day will be August 29 with lunch and outside games at the church. We'll also host a women's Lead-her-Ship evening on August 30 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm with Jamie Hoos where women leaders, pastor wives, and those interested in connecting will come for encouraging evening of training and networking. All are welcome. As we look ahead to the fall, we anticipate the Lord strengthening the bonds within our church and opening doors for us to go forth in reaching our community with the Gospel. Lastly, we ask that you please keep Pastor John and Linda in your prayers as they walk the journey of grief after losing their son, Jeff Hunt, on July 10th.

**New Hope:** This summer we had 59 workers and a total of 109 preschool through 6th grade kids enrolled in VBS! Average daily attendance was 80 kids and 52 workers, and by the end of the fun-filled week, ten children gave their hearts to Jesus. There were 162 in attendance for worship on VBS Family Day, with 110 staying for lunch.



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**Tuesday - Thursday**  
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 12:00 - 12:30 pm (lunch)

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Robert's Ramblin's

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**I Got the updated calendar for the Baptist Tent at Mo State Fair. We need people to fill these places: Saturday, Aug. 14, 10 am to 2 pm ( this is a very busy day at the Fair, 6-8 people); Sunday, Aug. 22, 10 am to 2 pm, 3-4 people ( you will need to skip worship service), 2 – 6 pm, 4-6 people. Thanks for your witness at the Fair!**

**Robert**

*The sign at the HBA Office is in place and looking good! Many thanks to the people from Harmony and Gill Signs for getting it rebuilt and functioning. It is a fitting tribute for a great Association of 26 churches doing Kingdom Work! We have much more to do for our Lord in the months ahead. The Executive Committee of the SBC's Vision Report is of extreme interest to all our churches and leaders. The report puts forth six actions we must consider. (1) Increase the number of full-time missionaries, (2) add new churches, (3) increase the total number of workers in the field, including pastors, ministers, missionaries, church planters, etc, (4) increase numbers of baptisms, especially in younger people under the age of 18, (5) increase Cooperative Program gifts to achieve these goals and maintain the work of mission boards, agencies and seminaries, (6) and prayerfully endeavor before God to eliminate sexual abuse and racial discrimination among churches. So let's bind ourselves together as churches of HBA and do what we can to implement these actions! You will be hearing more about this in the weeks ahead. Stay tuned!*

# August 2021

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 Jason McClain, Olive Branch Anniversary	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Building & Grounds Meeting 7:00pm	10	11	12 MO State Fair Ministry	13 MO State Fair Ministry	14 MO State Fair Ministry
15 MO State Fair Ministry	16 MO State Fair Ministry	17 MO State Fair Ministry	18 MO State Fair Ministry	19 MO State Fair Ministry Project Parachute 5:00pm	20 MO State Fair Ministry	21 Craig Bowen, Bethany Anniversary  MO State Fair Ministry
22 Rob Ayers, Camp Branch Birthday  MO State Fair Ministry	23	24 News Item Due	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 Label News				



Here is the HBA Kid's Kamp Group for 2021. A good looking group. Everyone was overjoyed to be there. You can go to the website [hbamo.org](http://hbamo.org) under Kid's Kamp and view more photos.



Look up. Don't give up  
Help is on the way!  
Sunday School & Small Group Training  
September 11 @ DeSoto, MO. Register  
at [mobaptist.org](http://mobaptist.org)

*Peace*  
I leave with you,  
My peace I give to you;  
not as the world gives  
do I give to you.  
Let not your heart  
be troubled,  
neither let it  
be afraid.  
John 14:27

**Congratulations!!** We have new pastors joining us. Rev. Bill Johnson is now the pastor at Mt. Olive. Rev. Travis Battershell as associate Pastor for Bethany. There will be more later. They are still in the working stages. Be in prayer for those churches that are looking for pastors.



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<b>2021 Monthly Requirement</b>	<b>\$7,447.97</b>
<b>Church receipts for July</b>	<b>\$7,123.53</b>
<b>Net Budget difference</b>	<b>(\$324.44)</b>

**Project Parachute:**  
Creating new landing fields. Come join us for exciting possibilities. Our next meeting is August 19th, 5:00pm



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept. 19 Lamine's Anniversary Celebration
- Sept. 26 HBA Annual Meeting



Adult Bible Study will hold their next meeting August 2nd, 10:00am @Calvary Baptist Church. Potluck dinner



LaMonte Baptist Church  
8-29-1871



Hopewell Baptist Church  
Anniversary 8-1-1867

**Mt. Olive Baptist Church**  
**Announcing a Deacon Ordination August 22nd at 2pm.**  
**Please make plans to attend.**



Bethany Baptist Church  
Anniversary 8-23-1959



Tell us how God has blessed your church.  
Don't forget to fill out you ACP'S. Deadline is August 1st.  
How healthy is your church?



# Annual Church Profile

**Information is the heartbeat of ministry.**  
**Without *you* we skip a beat.**



Please do it now! Your ACP (Annual Church Profile) is due August 1. save us time and anxiety by getting them in on time! I know you can do it, because you are such great church people!! Robert