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

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Robert's Ramblin's

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December 2022



May God bless you with the courage, energy, and strength to accomplish your dreams. May Jesus give you the ability to achieve your hopes and desires.

Christmas Holiday:

Harmony Baptist Associational Office is Closed December 26-30, 2022.

Could there be a better time for praising God in thanksgiving and praise? We just finished with Thanksgiving Day, with family gatherings and special services at church. All public offices closed in order to celebrate the blessings. And now, right into the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Shouldn't we just keep on giving thanks for everything God has done for us, including the gift of the Savior? The one Gift in all history that really makes a difference in our lives if we accept the reason He came. We sing 'Joy to the World' and we do have joy if we rest our faith in Him. We sing 'Emmanuel' and realize that He is very God dwelling amongst us. We sing 'Silent Night' and take time to be still and 'know that I am God'. We sing 'Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne' and know that Jesus came to earth as a baby, lived a completely human life, and sinlessly carried your sin and mine to the cross. In the season of merriment, celebrating, travelling and sharing food and togetherness, let us not forget to give thanks for the gift of salvation and the One who gave it. "She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name 'Jesus', because he will save his people from their sins." (Mt. 1:21)

December 2022

Anniversary dates are Pastor
anniversaries with each respective church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Travis Battershell Bethany Birthday
4 Week of Prayer For International Missions Lottie Moon Offering	5 Adult Bible Study Christmas Dinner	6	7	8	9	10 Pastors & Wives Christmas Dinner 6:30pm @Bethany
11	12	13	14 News Deadline	15	16 Natalie Bryant, FBC Sedalia Birthday	17
18	19	20 Efrain Baeza, PIB Birthday	21	22 Newsletter Mailed	23	24
25 Marc Knapp, New Hope Birthday 	26 HBA Office Closed	27 HBA Office Closed	28 HBA Office Closed	29 Ron Griffith, Memorial Birthday Bill Johnson, Mt. Olive Birthday HBA Office Closed	30 HBA Office Closed	31 

The Financial section can be found on the web site.
If you need a paper copy please call the office
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2022 Monthly Requirement	\$7,317.92
Church receipts for November	\$9,354.50
Net Budget difference	\$2,036.58



Dec. 10 Pastor/Wives Christmas Dinner
Dec. 11 Lottie Moon Offering
Dec. 25-Jan. 2 Christmas Break (Office Closed)



Adult Bible Study
Meeting will be on Dec. 5th
10:00am @ Calvary Baptist
Church.
Christmas dinner



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Have faith that the Lord will move mountains that are obstacles to your faith.

We may have faith in and claim His promises for our lives. Here is one way our Lord moves mountains when we put our faith in Him. Sometimes one of the most seemingly insurmountable obstacles is that of clinging fast to God. We tend to look to other things (people) to help solve our problems. Psalm 32:8 says, "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you." Sometimes we feel so alone and wish that someone would come along and take it all away. When that does not happen, we feel dejected and hopeless. There is no worst feeling than believing no one understands me or knows everything that is going on inside of me. Here is a news tip no one does fully know someone else; even spouses can be less the wiser to know what is going on. The best scenario is a guess. You are not alone. God knows you fully. He knit you together in your mother's womb. When we feel that we can no longer keep the faith, what should we do; we may turn our eyes to God. When we don't understand something about the Bible or God, the Lord will lead us toward Him. If we have faith that God will pull us through, He is faithful to lead us through this life and all of its snares into a full relationship with Him. Prayer is key. Reading the Bible is key (God's word) to you it breathes life into your shattered heart as only he can do.



FAITH

MOVES MOUNTAINS





*Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year*



Pastor's Christmas Dinner



Pastor's & Wives
Christmas dinner
December 10, 2022
6:30pm
Bethany Baptist Church



The Meaning Of Christmas

Far away in Bethlehem, a Baby Boy was born;
Born with neither riches nor with fame,
Yet Wise Men came from all around to
bring to Him their gifts,
And peace was felt by all who heard His name.

Angels watched Him as He slept,
and gently rocked His bed;
Their voices singing softly in His ear;
His Mother and His Father both gave thanks to God above
For the greatest gift of all, their Son, so dear

They knew His life upon this earth
would not be filled with wealth,
They also knew He would encounter strife;
But most of all, they knew that He would be a loving Child,
And teach the love of God throughout His life.

At Christmas, as we celebrate
this Birth of Jesus Christ,
Let's keep in mind the truth of Christmas Day;
For it's not the Christmas wrappings,
nor the gifts that lie within,
But our gift of love to others in every way...

"May the Christmas Season
bring only happiness and joy to
you and your family."



INTERNATIONAL
MISSION BOARD

BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY,
THE IMB WAS ABLE TO SUPPORT
3,650 MISSIONARIES IN 2021.



May your Christmas be relaxing and
stress-free so that you can recharge for
the new year.

Bethlehem: Happy fall from Bethlehem Baptist church. We are having a wonderful fall and so much to be thankful for. We have had five new members join our church and two weddings in our church family. We hosted a Fall festival and had a great turn out. We just finished with Operation Shoe box by filling 36 boxes. Each year we are increasing to bless those little children in other countries. We adopted two families this Thanksgiving that will receive a nice turkey dinner. Our men finished their bible study with great success. We are now working on our Christmas music. Very fun and exciting. Our church will also be in the parade this year for the first time. We wish all a blessed Thanksgiving!

Broadway: At Broadway Baptist, the congregation enjoyed a Holiday meal between Thanksgiving and Christmas. The next Adult Sunday School material is a 3-part course from LIFEWAY "Bible for Life": James, How to Build Your Life on God's Word, and Three Reasons for Giving Thanks. We observe the four Sundays in Advent with Scripture readings and lighting candles on the Advent Wreath to celebrate Christ's First Coming and His Return. Candles represent HOPE, the assurance of eternal life forever with the Lord for those who have accepted Christ as their Savior; JOY, a reminder that Jesus gives us the joy of salvation in our hearts when we accept Him as our Savior, and we look forward to joy in Heaven; LOVE recognizes the love God gives us and we return to Him beginning with our acceptance of His Son as our Savior; and PEACE that Christ brings to our hearts and minds when we accept Him as our Savior. As we wait for the Prince of Peace to return, we will be witnesses for Christ, the Light of the world. Our Advent services also include display of the Jesse Tree, 28 wood ornaments which recall Messianic prophecies connecting the Advent Season with God's faithfulness across 4,000 years of history.

Calvary: What a fantastic November. What are you thankful for? We are so blessed here at Calvary. What a way to celebrate besides having two baptisms the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Praise the Lord. Our annual Thanksgiving dinner was delicious. Now we look forward to December. Our Men's Breakfast is December 3rd. Women's Ministry will be meeting December 3rd also. Christmas Cantata will be December 11th, Pastor Satterwhite's retirement celebration will be December 18th, all are welcome, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service December 24th at 5pm, and a special Christmas Morning service December 25th. Busy, busy, but praising God for His blessings here at Calvary.

East Sedalia: Trunk or Treat with games on Halloween was a great time of fellowship with approximately 300 guests in attendance with 19 workers. An abundance of candy was given out, along with information about our services and activities, gospel tract and Christian Harvest coloring book. On the first and second Wednesdays of the month the kids and youth made Thanksgiving cards for the residents of E.W. Thompson Nursing Home. They were given out to residents on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 13, by four members and three youth of our church and knew that our church was thinking of them. Several youth and leaders attended the Night of Hope Concert at New Hope Baptist Church on Nov. 11. Donations of homemade cookies were given to Project Parachute for Christmas Boxes. Our All Church Thanksgiving Dinner, sponsored by the deacons, was held on Nov. 17. A bountiful meal was served by the social committee and a wonderful time of fellowship was held. Samaritan Purse Christmas Child boxes were delivered to New Hope on Nov. 20.

Emmet Avenue: We will deeply miss one of our faithful church members due to her death. We will be delivering Christmas baskets to our shut-ins. Our holiday meal is planned for Dec. 11 after our morning worship service. Dec. 24 we will have a candlelight service Christmas eve with cookies and hot cocoa following. Our Christmas program will be Dec. 25 during our morning worship service. We hope everyone has a Blessed and Merry Christmas!

Flat Creek: We enjoyed having Bob Burton as our guest speaker during the Mission Conference. Afterward we had a time to eat and visit with Bob and his wife, Dana. The community was invited for a time of fellowship with Children's Activities, hot dogs/chips/cookies and ice cream. It was a time for adults to meet and fellowship together. 85 boxes were packed and delivered for the Christmas Child Shoebox collection, Our mission project for November and December is to take food to the Open Door to assist those in need in Pettis County. After 4 weeks we have taken 1,435 cans of food there.

Katy Park: We collected/packed boxes for Operation Christmas Child on November 16; We had our church Thanksgiving Dinner at the Shriner's Hall November 20.

Mt. Herman: November was a happy time for thanking the Lord for goodness to us. Each Sunday worship was a theme on thanksgiving. On Nov. 20, we enjoyed a carry-in dinner after the morning worship and began the Christmas season on Nov. 27. Our Christmas Program will be Sunday, Dec. 18 and we will have Christmas worship on Dec. 25 at 10 am. (No Sunday School)

Mt. Olive: Recent weeks have been busy at Mt. Olive. The pastor's wife, Joanne Johnson, is a new Sunday school teacher for children grades K-6. On October 16, we had a bonfire at the church. The next Sunday, October 23, we heard from a missionary to the Baptist Children's Home. Mt. Olive hosted the 5th Sunday sing with 3 other churches, Sunday evening on October 30. And the Building Committee began meeting to look at building a new Fellowship Hall. December promises to be busy as we prepare for the holiday activities

New Hope: 25 churches and numerous individuals dropped off 2,424 shoeboxes at New Hope during Operation Christmas Child Collection Week Nov 14-21, breaking our all-time high by nearly 300 shoeboxes. The new drop off location at First Christian Church collected 329 shoeboxes. Christmas Eve Candlelight service at 6 pm. Theme is Unwrapping the Gift; Experiencing the warmth of His Love. Christmas Day - 9:30 breakfast and fellowship followed by 10:40 worship.

Olive Branch: Our speakers for Saturday Night Cross Connect for December are as follows:

December 3-Pastor Nelson Vargas from Chicago Illinois, December 10-Gene Mankini

December 17-Anna Snow, Antioch Fellowship December 24- No service, Cross Connect will be partnering with Antioch Fellowship on New Years Eve (31st) for a worship service and talent show.

