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# Harmony Baptist Association NEWS

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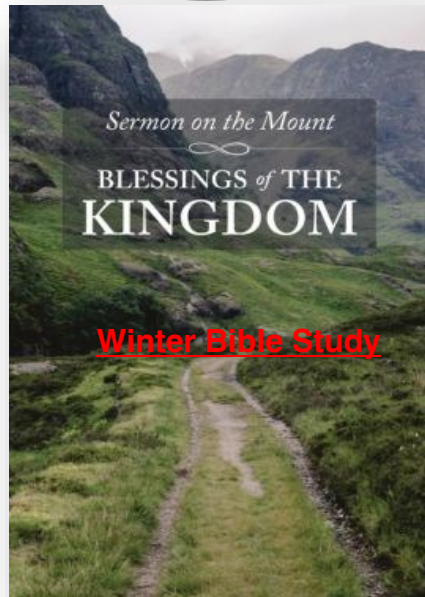


### Robert's Ramblin's

A television commercial I viewed recently had this observation: "I should have----but," and "I could have ----but." I suppose we all have ways of putting things off until we lose the opportunity or it costs us more in the long run. I wonder how many of us will go into the new year thinking and saying things like, "I could have given more money to the church so the church could do more, or I could have treated my brothers and sisters in Christ more gently, or I could have invited someone to come to church with me, or I could have told a lost person about Jesus, or I could have stopped finding fault with my pastor." "Could have, should have." Maybe that's one reason why many churches are on the decline and some have closed their doors. We church members just keep using the same old excuses over and over: "I'll do it tomorrow," or "I don't have time," or "let the preacher do it, that's what we pay him for."

So, I challenge church members, deacons, and pastors to look and the new year with renewed determination to use our days and hours and minutes wisely in order to bring the church to a position of productive worship, growth, and teaching that pleases God. Ephesians 4:22-24 "You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitudes of your minds, and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness."

## Winter Bible Study



January 2024

Winter Bible Study all churches will come together in one church for each meeting.

- Jan. 31 Smithton Baptist Church  
Leader - Tony Chapman
- Feb. 7 Lamine Baptist Church  
Leader - Bill Johnson
- Feb. 14 Mt. Herman Baptist Church  
Leader - John Dumsday
- Feb. 21 Mt. Olive Baptist Church  
Leader - John Barrett
- Feb. 28 Camp Branch Baptist Church  
Leader - Robert Sisney
- March 6 Providence Baptist Church  
Leader - Rob Ayers

Schedule: 6:30 pm light meal - Study 7-8 pm  
Please enjoy the meetings together.

February 5, 2024, 7pm  
@ Harmony Baptist  
Association  
Office

Executive Board Meeting

# ▶ January 2024

Anniversary dates are Pastor anniversary with each respective church



**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

	<b>1</b> Ryan Stone, Katy Park, Anniversary Larry Chappell, LaMonte Anniv. Jason Kindle, Bethlehem, Anniv. Andrew Forshee, FBC, Sedalia, Anniv.	<b>2</b> Richard DeFord, Katy Park Anniversary	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
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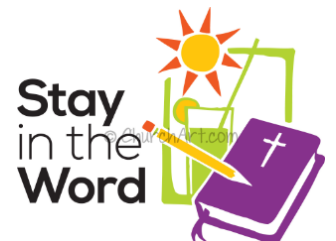
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Martin Luther King Day Building & Grounds, 7pm	<b>16</b> ACT Meeting , 9am	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Project Parachute, 5pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
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<b>21</b> Sanctity of Human Life	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> News Item Deadline	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
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<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Nick Gray, Broadway Birthday	<b>31</b> Newsletter Mailed
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Emmet Avenue BC Anniversary 1/3/1960



2024 Monthly Requirement \$7,472.25  
Church receipts for December  
Net Budget difference



# UPCOMING Events



- Jan. 31-March 6 Winter Bible Study
- Feb. 5 HBA Executive Board Meeting, 7pm.
- March 26 M&M Banquet
- March 29 Good Friday
- March 31 Easter

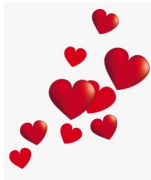
Project Parachute will send out valentine cards to soldiers overseas. Please provide cards to the office by Jan 16, 2024; so we can mail them out.



Adult Bible Study Meeting  
Cancelled during winter



Flat Creek has welcomed a new pastor.  
Rev. James Harrod  
Wife - Heather and 8 kids  
Elisha  
Anna  
Josiah  
Lydia  
Avery  
Andrea  
Felicity  
Phoebe  
Blessings to you all!




HBA Pastors/Wives Christmas Dinner. It was a Lovely



M&M Banquet is coming soon. March 26, 2024  
Plan now to attend.  
Gather your people and mission information to share.

Plan for 2024:  
"Rejoice always.  
Pray continually"  
1Thes.5:16-17



  
**January focus in on Christian Discipleship.**  
**January 31st starts Winter Bible Study and ends on March 6th.**

East Sedalia News: We are taking part in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. There will be no Sunday School on December 24th. Christmas Eve Service will be held at 10:00 A.M. At the Christmas Parade approximately 1300 candy canes were given out by 10 adults and 3 youth from the church. At the completion of their service project for the church, 30 youth and adults went to Power Up Arcade to celebrate. A great time was had by all attending.

Great times at Mt. Herman! Even with some sickness in our members, we have had steady attendance. December was highlighted with a Christmas program on December 17, and a single 1-hour service at 10 am on Christmas Eve. The theme was 'cradle to the cross' with the Lord's Supper being served at the close of the service. Happy New Year and a productive new year in all our churches!

Olive Branch News: Speakers for Saturday Night Cross Connect for January will be:  
January 7- Jason McClain, January 14-Johnathan Muslin from Antioch Fellowship  
January 21&28 -Still to be determined  
Bible Study-5:30, Meal - 6:30, Service -7:30

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### **OPPORTUNITIES NOT RESOLUTIONS!**

With the New Year many people make changes in their life, start new habits, etc....

Within days or weeks many of these resolutions are broken. This year, to live a missionary's lifestyle we must look for and take advantage of the opportunities God gives us to take the gospel to our communities and the world.

In the gospel of John, Jesus tells us that we are first to live a life of readiness and preparedness to carry out the opportunities that God opens up to us. Secondly, Jesus tells us that we are to be aware of and open to the opportunities that He has set before us so we may faithfully respond and carry out the work for God's Kingdom and glory. Finally, Jesus tells us that the opportunities are plenteous and available to those who submit to Go and allow Him to work in and through us.

Let us be ready to be God's people of missions by fulfilling the opportunities He gives us.

Penned by John Barrett