

How great the subject of LOVE! We think of February as being the month to celebrate Valentines' Day, and flowers and hearts and all other lovely items that go with it. So I tried to make a list of things associated to the idea of love. And I found that the list grew ever longer as I contemplated the subject. I began to find scriptures that emphasized the idea and here's where my feeble brain went: God is love (1 Jn. 4:7-8), and because of God's love to us through Jesus, we should show love in these ways: 1. Love to be in church to worship (Ps. 27:4); 2. love for God's Word (Ps. 119:97); 3. love to live sacrificially (Lk. 14:33); 4. Love to give (2 Cor. 8:4-5); 5. Love other people (1 Jn. 4:21). And the list could go on for many verses and pages. Personally, I want to be known as a person of love. My life (and yours) should reflect the Godly love within us to the world. Love your husband and wife, children and the whole family. Love the church instead of complaining about it and show your love by supporting the work of the church. Love you neighbors and enemies and those who don't treat you right. Jesus did, and so should we!

February 2024

Anniversary dates are Pastor anniversary with each respective church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Camp Branch BC Anniversary 2/1877		1	2	3
4	5 HBA Executive Board Meeting, 7pm	6	7 Winter Bible Study; Lamine Light meal, 6:30pm Study, 7pm	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Winter Bible Study; Mt. Herman Light meal, 6:30pm Study, 7pm	15 Pastor/Wives Dinner, 6:30pm Project Parachute, 5pm Jon Church, Katy Park Anniversary Virgil Nunes, New Hope, Birthday	16	17
18	19 President's Day Sadie Greever, FBC Sedalia Birthday	20	21 Winter Bible Study; Mt. Olive Light meal, 6:30pm Study, 7pm News Deadline	22 Nick Gray, Broadway Anniversary	23 Love In Action, 6pm	24
25	26	27 Pam Cardwell, Emmet Avenue Birthday	28 Winter Bible Study; Camp Branch Light meal, 6:30pm Study, 7pm	29 Newsletter Mailed	Feb	Halle Tuary

2024 Monthly Requirement\$ 7,472.25Church receipts for January\$7,879.35Net Budget difference\$ 407.10





March 1&2	Worship in the Word Conference, FBC Sedalia
March 10	Daylight Savings Time
March 24	Palm Sunday
March 26	M&M Banquet, 6:30pm, New Hope
March 31	Easter
April 26-28	What is Biblical Manhood? Spring
•	Conference, FBC Sedalia
May 2	National Day of Prayer
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These locations will offer Lifeway curriculum only in a 9:00 am – Noon format.

Temple Baptist Church, Poplar Bluff - March 7th

Memorial Baptist Church, Columbia - March 16th

Fellowship Baptist Camp, Warsaw - March 23rd

First Baptist Church, Ozark - March 2

If you have questions about any of these events, please contact Christy Nance at 314 795-0676.



All this happened just in time for Ruth to work it in to the Newsletter. I want to give a huge shout out to the pastors and staff of Harmony churches. And many of our friends and members of Mt. Herman in particular. When Mary Lee passed away last Monday, I received a myriad of texts, calls and hugs from all of you, and the prevailing theme was, 'what can we do for you'. I and my family are so very grateful to our church leaders and members that have gathered around us in Christian love to help us through this loss. Godly accolades to all of you! Robert

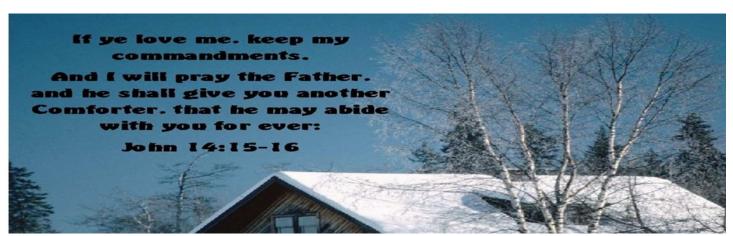
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February is the month of relationships and love. As we celebrate love, we as Christians are drawn to God who is love and we are to daily praise and thank Him for the greatest gift of love JESUS through whom we can have a personal faith relationship with Him.

True love expresses itself by living out that love through commitment, faithfulness, reverence, praise, and willing service. As Christinas we show our love for God by following and living according to His commandments, word, and will. Missions is from the heart of God. As we are doing and involved in carrying out the Great Commission, we share God with the lost and demonstrate our love toward God.

Finally, Jesus tells us as believers that He asks the Father to give us another Comforter, the Holy Spirit to stand with us, equip, and work in and through us to live out His Kingdom work. Also, God gives us this spirit that He may be present with us in constant fellowship and grow in relationship with Him.



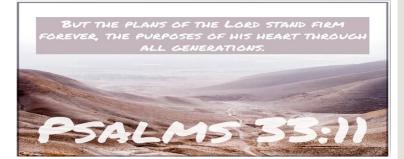
First Baptist Church of Houstonia has called Rev. Chris Brown as their pastor. His first Sunday was 12/14/23. His family includes wife Whitney and 3 children Colton, Wendy and Ben.

#README

M&M Banquet is coming soon. March 26, 2024. It will be held at New Hope, 6:30pm. Plan now to attend. Gather your people and mission information to share.



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Worship in the Word Conference

March 1st-2nd

FREE

PLEASE REGISTER AT stumblingsaints.com/wwc First Baptist Church of Sedalia

200 E 6th St, Sedalia, MO 65301



Helping men to be saved, healed, restored, set free, and releasing them to be the men God made them to be.



We are: A faith-based men's residential recovery program based in Sedalia.

Who we help: Men who need hope and need help: the broken, homeless, men coming out of addiction, or out of jail or DOC.

What we do:

We help men to develop their personal relationship with Christ and through that relationship to be healed, restored, set free and empowered to become who they were created to be in Christ in every arena of life: home, work, and community.

How can you help?

We are looking for people and organizations to partner with us in seeing men restored. A couple ways you can help are by providing financial and other resources to support the ministry or by being a volunteer.



Please contact us find out more about how you can partner with us or to refer someone for help.

Jason McClain, Executive Director 322 W. 7th St., Sedalia, MO 65301 660-851-0112

Email us: <u>admin@the-embassy.org</u> www.the-embassy.org What is Biblical Manhood? A call to Courage and Conviction. Spring Conference coming April 26-28. @FBC Sedalia. More info to come. Lets bring your A - Game!!

CHURCH NEWS

Calvary: What a wonderful, blessed January 2024 we have had. Started off the year with Baby Dedications on January 7th. Sunday, January 21st we baptized two people into our congregation and are planning a baptism for two young men on January 28th. Praise be to God Almighty. With 2024 starting out with multiple blessing what does God have in store for the rest of 2024. We lift our praise to Him and look forward to a wonderful blessed year. Thursdays, in February, we will be holding Disciple Training classes for any one who would like to come. Also in February we will be having our annual Valentine's Banquet. We are to planning for Vacation Bible School. It will be here before we know it. Go to CBCSedalia.org or call the church office for more details.

East Sedalia: After the Wonderful Christmas Eve Service everyone was given a favor of a packet of M&M's with the M and M Christmas Story on a card attached. Last year when we filled bags for cancer patients, we agreed we wanted to do it again this year if possible. We have already met our goal of bringing enough Aquaphor, Light Weight Blankets/ Throws, Slipper Socks and Lip Balm to fill 48 bags when we get the bags a little later this year. This month we are donating much needed items to the Embassy by bringing things to fill the Blessing Barrel. The Embassy is a nonprofit, faith based men's residential recovery program in Sedalia. We are thankful for the many visitors that are attending East Sedalia Baptist Church. **Katy Park:** Katy Park celebrated Christ's birth with a great Christmas Eve service led by Richard DeFord. We reached our church goal for Lottie Moon offering. We will be having the Embassy House come and speak at our morning service on January 21st. Katy Park has gathered a team of member volunteers to assist with the staffing of the warming shelter. **Mt. Herman:** We rejoiced when a lady joined our church and a good servant rededicated his life. God is moving in our church! We dismissed a service because of the cold and snow, but the prayers keep going regardless. We nearly tripled our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal.

Olive Branch: The Speakers for Saturday Night Cross Connect for February are as follows: February 3-Samuel Butler from New Life

February 10-Gene Mankini February 17- Jeffrey Frontera February 24-Donnie Hayworth Bible Study -5:30, Meal - 6:30, & Service -7:30



Katy Park Baptist Church is looking for a part-time, paid, children's directory to manage our children's Wednesday night program, work with our Sunday School teachers in recruitment, curriculum Implementation, and activities such as VBS. You can call the office at 660-826-7497 to get an application.