

Harmony Baptist Association News

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Every day since January 22, the day Mary Lee passed away, has been a journey walking with God. Many of you have heard my story about the goodness of God from the day she died until this very moment. But first, I want to thank every church and every friend for the sympathy, condolences, and love showed to the Sisney family. Many beautiful florals and a lot of memorial contributions to both the church and the association are tremendously appreciated. But back to my story. That morning I came to ask her if she was ready for her bath and she responded with a yes. Then I offered her morning medications and that was a yes. As I gave the last pill, it simply rolled off her lips and she stopped breathing at that moment. No response when I talked to her and she was gone to be with Christ just as quietly as could be. The medics worked with her for a while, but there was no response. I sensed the presence of the Spirit walking me through those precious moments when I realized what had just happened. While the grief of losing her after 61 years of marriage was deep, the peace that God offered me is just as strong. I praise Him for keeping me and the family increasingly trusting in God for every step of this life and beyond.

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Anniversary dates are Pastor anniversary with each respective church

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Annie Armstrong Offering this Month					1 Worship in the Word Conference	2Worship in the Word Conference
3	4 Adult Bible Study, 10am, @Calvary BC James Harrod, Flat Creek Birthday	5 Jonathan WallenBeck, Calvary Birthday	6 Winter Bible Study, 6:30 Providence	7	8	9
10 Daylight Savings Time Begins	11	12	13	14	15 Kevin Anstine, East Sedalia Birthday	16
17	18 Kid's Camp meeting, 6pm @HBA Office	19	20	21 News Item Due	22	23
24 Lexi Battershell, Bethany Birthday Palm Sunday	25 Jon Church, Katy Park Birthday	26 м & М Banquet, 6:30pm	27	28 Newsletter Mailed	29 Good Friday	30
31 Easter Robert Sisney, Mt. Herman Birthday	Calvary BC Anniversary 3/14/1926	East Sedalia BC Anniversary 3/19/1875	New Hope BC Anniversary 3/3/1957	Green Ridge BC Anniversary 3/6/1884	Lamine BC Anniversary 3/18/1874	

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What is Biblical Manhood? A Call to Courage and Conviction

FRIDAY 5:30 Pre-Conference 6-7:30 Worship & Session 1

SATURDAY 9:00 Welcome & Worship 9:15 Session 2 10:30 Breakouts 11:30 Lunch 12:30 Session 3 1:30 Q&A (Conference concludes) 2:30 Interns & Local Pastors meet with Dr. Strachan

> SUNDAY 10:15 Worship Dr. Strachan Preaches



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EASTER MEANS CHRIST IS LORD

The angel at the tomb told the women, "He is not here: for He is risen" (v. 6). If Easter means anything, it means Jesus Christ is Lord. He has authority over life, death and salvation.

The Scriptures stress that Jesus actually rose from the dead. The apostle Paul declared this fact as the basis of his personal faith and listed as proof many eyewitnesses of Christ's resurrection (1 Cor. 15:5-8). The empty tomb convinced Jesus' disciples of His lordship, for He was "declared to be the Son of God with power, by the resurrection from the dead" (Rom. 1:4). If His body had remained in Joseph's family plot, another prophet would have passed this way, but no Savior.

The message of Easter is that Jesus is alive. Christ is our living Lord. He has the power to resurrect us from "death unto life" (John 5:24).

EASTER MEANS LIFE HAS MEANING

Through man's disobedience sin entered the world. A contagious germ contaminated human history. The real meaning and purpose of life was perverted. A second Adam was needed to transform this tragedy into triumph. The death and resurrection of Christ restored to fallen mankind the means to rediscover and fulfill life's purpose.

"The Christ event", writes William Hull, "began with life from an empty womb and ended with life from an empty tomb. Empty womb, empty tomb — what is this if not a description of the God who creates things that are, out of things that are not and who can make dead things come to life again."







CHURCH NEWS

Bethlehem: Praise the Lord in all things. January and February have been amazing months. Our monthly dinner in January was very good with so many in attendance we have added more tables to our fellowship hall. Our Valentines dinner was on February 16th, and even though the weather was snowy the attendance was good. We are planning an easter egg hunt on Palm Sunday, March 24th for the amazing youth of our church. After the Favored Women Events in Branson have been so successful in the past, the women of our church are going again this year. It will be the weekend of April 19. Vacation Bible School will happen again this year in July. There will be more updates as we progress with the preparations. In 2023 we added 22 new members to our congregation, and 11 people were baptized. And this year has started off very well with 2 new members. We praise the Lord for all He is doing in our church! May God Bless every one of our congregation, staff and the world in 2024.

Brodway: Our adult Sunday School class is finishing a study of Paul's journeys, his imprisonment in Rome, and his letters from prison. The study is from the Apologetics ministry Answers in Genesis. We welcomed five visitors this year. Our five military veterans received Quilts of Valor for their military service. We look forward to Resurrection Sunday and Good Friday Lord's Supper service.

Calvary: Calvary Baptist Sedalia is alive and serving the Lord. We have had a great February with new people visiting weekly. What a blessing to see the Lord at work here at Calvary. We had our annual Valentines Banquet and the food was delicious and the entertainment lovely. We have been having a Thursday Bible Study entitled "Biblical Doctrine". Here we are at the end of the month with great plans for March and the months to follow. Our youth and leaders will be attending Young Christians Weekend in Branson in April. We pray for a time of learning, bonding, hearing Cristian speakers and listening to great Christian music. We are working on the plans for Vacation Bible School June 17- 21, 2024 5:45-8:15 pm, and excited to be presenting 'SHINE! Arise, Shine; for Thy Light Is Come' Isaiah 60:1

East Sedalia: The youth decorated valentines and donated to Project Parachute in January. A group from East Sedalia Baptist Church ministered to shut ins at E.W. Thompson on Feb. 11. Kids and youth enjoyed a Valentine Party on Feb. 14 at the church. A wonderful Praise and Worship service was enjoyed Wednesday evening, Feb. 21. A time of fellowship and lunch was held on Feb. 22 at Little Big Horn. We were so happy to welcome 5 people into our fellowship Sunday, Feb. 18.

Flat Creek: Well, if anyone is interested in joining us they would certainly be welcome. Wednesday night at seven we are studying prayer as we practice the art of listening to God as well as making our requests known to Him. Also, Sunday nights at six we have adult discipleship with lessons from Sunday School GED along with Faith Sprouts - our complete children's discipleship program (currently being written in house). Oh, our Easter event on Saturday March 30th from 10am to 2pm including games, a bounce house, egg drop, an easter bunny hunt, and who knows what else.

Hopewell: Hopewell is enjoying good Bible study and fellowship Wednesday evenings. Also: our monthly Saturday morning men's breakfast and Bible study is proving to be not only good food for the stomach, but food for the man of God to be salt and light in his sphere of influence. FYI - each event is open to anyone, not just us Hopewellians. Join us if you can. **Katy Park:** Celebrated a baptism on February 4th and welcomed a new member to our church family.

Missouri Baptist Children's Home came and spoke on Sunday the 11th sharing with us the need for continued support. We had 3 members of our church go to Mardi Gras February 8th through 13th on mission with a group of 11 from other churches in our area.

Mt. Herman: Attendance has been good despite recent surgeries and sickness in the Mt. Herman family. Mostly, I want to personally thank the prayer warriors that continually lift up those needing prayer. My family was a recipient of that prayer power when Mary Lee passed. And the church prepared a wonderful funeral dinner for all of us the day of her celebration. Mt. Herman is the greatest!

Mt Olive: We have begun construction on a new Fellowship Hall. It will be on ground level making it more easily accessible than our current basement Fellowship Hall. Mt. Olive will also be celebrating our 150th anniversary in October. We have formed a committee to plan this exciting event.

New Hope: Four church families hosted a Singles Progressive Dinner on February 10. Twenty people enjoyed appetizers with Bill & Pam Vance, soup & salad with Bill & JoReitta Watring, a brisket meal from Kehdes with Jacques & Marianne Duchone, and dessert & coffee with Pastor Marc & Annette Knapp. Redeemer's Praise trio from Timber Ridge Baptist Church of Marshfield MO blessed us with a concert on February 25th. The group of 80 who attended enjoyed ice cream and a variety of brownies following the concert. Adam Nevels and Tim Reimund were ordained as Deacons in a special evening service on February 25. Having been previously ordained, Virgil Nunes and Bill Vance were also installed as Deacons. Beryl McCoy was appointed Deacon Emeritus in the same service. For March New Hope will host a Ham 'n Bean Dinner and Bake Sale from 5-9 pm on Friday, March 1. To-go boxes can be ordered for \$8 each by calling the church at 660-826-6277. There will also be a drawing for a Fender guitar and accessories. Raffle tickets for the guitar drawing are available in the church office for \$5 for 2 or \$10 for 5 tickets. This is a fundraiser to benefit a family in the church who has been battling with cancer. We'll be showing "Same Kind of Different as Me" on Movie Night Friday, March 8 at 6 pm. Greg Kinnear stars as Ron Hall, who lost track of what matters most in life. It took an affair, a confession, a dream and an unlikely friendship with a homeless man named Denver to help him remember. From the outside, Ron's seemingly charmed life looked pretty perfect: He had a flourishing art business, a beautiful wife, two fine teen children, and an amazing 15,000 square foot house in Fort Worth, Texas. But appearances can be deceptive. Gritty with pain and betrayal and brutality, it also shines with an unexpected, life-changing love. The movie also stars Renee Zellweger & Djimon Hounsou. Passover Seder 6 pm Thursday, March 28. Good Friday Service 6 pm March 29. Easter Sunday: Sonrise Service at 7 am, followed by breakfast in the fellowship hall. Sunday School at 9:30 and worship at 10:40 with the Lord's Supper.

Olive Branch: The Speakers for Saturday Night Cross Connect for March are as follows:

March 2 -Still to be determined; March 9-Bob Busing; March 16-Still to be determined; March 23-No Cross Connect (Closed to support the Embassy Banquet)

March 30-Jeff Frontera

Bible Study -5:30, Meal-6:30, Service -7:30.