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### Harmony Baptist Association News

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#### Office Hours Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:0 0 p.m. 12:00 - 12:30 pm (lunch)

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Something for Everyone!

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10am 11:30 -

- 🔷 Andrew Bryant
- > Lee Sisney
- Duane Duchesne

Times to be there:

10am – Choir formation/practice

11:30 - Lunch

1:00 – Registration & 3 sessions

5pm – Dinner Banquet

6pm - Concert

Date: November 16, 2024 Location: FBC, Sedalia Time: 10am-7pm Lunch & Dinner Provided Concert at 6pm

Robert's Ramblin's

Those of us who have accepted Christ as Savior and Lord have many reasons to be thankful. This month list the things God has done for you and tike time every day to thank Him. He tells us to have thankful hearts. Here are a few of my reasons:

- Thank God for answered prayer. So many times, I have wondered if God is listening to me,  $\Rightarrow$ then realize that much of my praying is asking for things I don't need. He always answers in His time and always take care of my needs, 'according to His riches in glory.'
- $\Rightarrow$ Thank God for others. Harmony would be utterly useless without so many great people carrying out the work of the Kingdom in their churches and joining together to do Harmony events and training sessions.
- Thank God for Jesus. He's the reason we have the promises of salvation, a home in heaven, and strength to live life to the fullest. How wonderful His love and sacrifice for us.
- Thank God for provisions. We are blessed to live in a place where we aren't likely to go hungry, live on the streets, and have transportation. Sometimes, though, my wants seem like needs when they really are not, just selfish desires. He always gives more than enough.

So, let's be grateful for everything we have and don't worry about the things we don't. Thanksgiving really ought to be 'Thanksliving.' Psalm 100:4-5: "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name."

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3</b> Daylight Savings Ends	4 Adult Bible Study, 10am @Calvary	5 Richard DeFord, Katy Park Birthday James Harrod, Flat Creek Anniversary	6	7	8	<b>9</b> John Barrett, Smithton Anniversary
10	11 Veteran's Day	12 Winter Bible Study Planning, 7pm	13	14 Project Parachute, 5pm	15	16 Music Conference 10am-7pm FBC, Sedalia
17	18	19	<b>20</b> News Item Due	21	22	23
24	<b>25</b> JoAnn Johnson, Mt. Olive Birthday	26	27 Newsletter Mailed	28 Thanksgiving Holiday	29	<b>30</b> Dan Hankins, Antioch Birthday

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2024 Monthly Requirement \$7,472.25 Church receipts for September \$5,812.48 Net Budget difference (\$1,659.77)



Dec 14 Dec 25 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Pastor/Wives Christmas Dinner Christmas





Adult Bible Study Meeting November 4, 2024; 10am @Calvary Baptist Church



Dates & Times New Hope Drop off site for Operation Christmas Child

Nov. 18-22, Monday -Friday: 8:30am-12:30pm

Nov. 23, Saturday: 10:00am-12:00pm Nov. 24, Sunday: 1:00pm-3:00pm Nov. 25, Monday: 8:30am-10:30am







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Colossians 1:12-14 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. <sup>13</sup> For He delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

#### "Give thanks to the Father of Redemption"

As we approach the holiday of Thanksgiving, we must see that the giving of thanks is an important element of missions and motivation to live and be involved in missions for the glory of God.

Thanksgiving becomes a motive for missions when we regularly "give thanks unto the Father." As we thank Him for His work in our lives so they may thank God for His saving work in their lives and give Him the glory and praise.

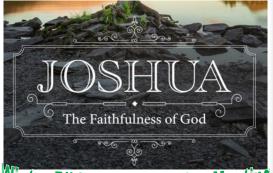
Also, Thanksgiving becomes a motive as we remember that God through Jesus has made us partakers of the inheritance; He gives to the saints who received His life and light through faith. Missions is shining the Light of God to the lost receiving the heavenly inheritance and be set apart in God through Jesus Christ.

Thirdly, as we are thankful for God's deliverance from the power of darkness and brings us into the Kingdom of Light we are to see this is the center of missions. We are to declare to a lost world the message of God's deliverance that they may experience God's saving light making them part of His Kingdom and work.

Finally, as we thank God for Jesus' death on the cross that brings redemption and forgiveness we are reminded of the purpose of missions. We as Christians are called to reach out to the lost that they may receive forgiveness and be brought into right relationship with God because of Jesus' death on the cross for our sins and rose again to save and give abundant and eternal life.

Have a Happy and Blessed Thanks giving!

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Winter Bible Study Planning Meeting Nov. 12th, 7pm

Thanksgiving Prayer

O Gracious God, we give thanks for your overflowing generosity to us.

Thank you for the blessings of the food we eat and especially for this feast today.

Thank you for our home, family and friends, especially for the presence of those gathered here.

Thank you for our health,
our work and our play.
Please send help to those who are hungry,
alone, sick, and suffering

Open our hearts to your love. We ask your blessing through Christ your son. Amen.

war and violence.

#### About Voting---

Prepare your hearts for the upcoming election. Every believer must pray and seek God's wisdom before going to the booth. Here are some ideas:

- D Each vote makes a difference.
- D Voting is a privilege of our free nation.
- D Not voting is a form of voting.
- D Voting shows that we care who our leaders are.
- D Voting is a way to do something about public policy.
- D Voting has a biblical basis: the early Christians elected leaders by voting (Acts 14:23)
- D Voting is stewardship of the gifts we use to honor God. To waste a vote is to squander a gift (Matt. 5:13)

Christians, vote your conscience!!

## a Night of Hope

Uniting our Youth for God's Kingdom



### FREE CONCERT



Contact Virgil Nunes (573)645-0651 nunes4him@gmail.com FRI, NOV 8, 2024 DOORS OPEN @ 6:30 PM Concert starts @ 7 pm

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH 664 East 16th St, Sedalia MO 65301

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Due to some new directives from Birthright Headquarters in Canada, we have decided to close the Pettis County Birthright office in Sedalia. This was a very difficult decision since most of us have been with Birthright for many years. We are opening an independent, more faith-based God-centered organization in Sedalia called Loving Hearts Pregnancy Help Center. As before, we are pro-life and will not refer for birth control or abortion procedures or medications. We are supported by donations by individuals, churches, and organizations. Donations are tax deductible. We are staffed by volunteers. We are still at the same location at this time - 1810 W. 11th Street. We appreciate your prayers and financial

support. For questions, please call or text Jeanette at 660-281-1405. Jeanette Pahlow Director, Loving Hearts PHC.



Bethlehem: Blessed are all who fear the LORD, who walk in obedience to him. Psalm 128:1. This has been an amazing month for our little white church. The Fall Festival was on October 5th which was very successful. We had a Chili and Soup supper, with hayrides, music, and beautiful baskets to bid on. Everyone there had a wonderful time, and we were blessed. We then joined in the Right to Life prayer on October 6th. We met at El Espolon for a delicious lunch, and with other churches, we sat by 65 Highway and prayed for one hour. There were 30+ people in attendance. This is always an amazing experience because people all over the nation are praying at the same time. We have started our Youth group again with kind of a slow start, but get ready, there are going to be some new things happening. Hope to see all the youth join in our fun, and bring a friend. Our Choir has started rehearsing for the Christmas Cantata. This year we are doing Journey of Hope The Birth of The Savior. Everyone is invited to come a join in. We always have good fellowship in our choir practices, and everyone enjoys singing on Sunday Morning. There are new T-shirts, Sweatshirts, and Hoodies available with the following saying printed on the back, The enemy likes to hide wolves in sheep's clothing but that's alright. God hides Lions inside of lambs. Bethlehem Baptist Church will be printed on the front. Look for the order forms on the bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary. October is the month for Samaritans Purse, Operation Christmas Child. Last year our congregation put together 60+ shoe boxes which was a record for us. This year we are going for 150, and after the amazing talk from Sherry and her Husband plus Jason's wonderful sermon, the shoe boxes were flying out the door. I have no doubt that we will complete our goal. But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the LORD Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. Acts

Calvary: Fall is here and with-it God's amazing colors. We served hot dogs, chips and bottled water to everyone during the Parent/Teacher Conferences at Horace Mann. What a blessed time. Trunk-or-Treat is always a great time to show the community we care and always a lot of fun. We are continuing our weekly Bible Studies at the Nursing Homes each week. What a joy to see the patrons of these homes smile, enjoying the songs and devotions from our members. God has blessed us in so many ways and continues each and every day. Our AWANA program on Wednesday evenings is alive and well we are seeing new faces almost weekly. The children are learning about our amazing God and having fun. Youth also meet on Wednesday evenings. Pastor Jonathan will be teaching on Revelation on Wednesday evenings. Our Men's Breakfast is the first Saturday of each month at 8 am and our Women's Ministry meet the first Saturday of each month at 10 am. What a great year we have had thus far. As we Move Forward we are excited to see what God has planned for us in the next two months of 2024. As the end of the year draws closer, we are praising God and thanking Him for His blessings each and every day as we look for great blessings in 2025

East Sedalia: A potluck dinner was held on Sunday, September 29 following the morning church service. Fellowship and food was enjoyed by all present. The Real God Bible Study is held every Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m. Also, every Thursday morning a Bible Study is held at 10:00 a.m. Both studies are led by Rev. Randy Paxton. Our church gave homemade baked goods to the staff at Washington Elementary School, along with a card of appreciation, for all they do for the children in our community, on October 11th. Members honored Rev. Kevin Anstine with a monetary gift for Pastor Appreciation on Sunday October 27th.

Mt. Herman: We enjoyed the fellowship of eating together on Oct. 13 with a fish fry after morning worship. Lots of good food and laughter made everyone feel at home in Mt. Herman's great church family. On Oct. 20th, we welcomed to Routons who shared information and inspiration about the situation in Haiti. Thanksgiving dinner at the church will be on Nov. 24th. New Hope: November 4 will be a Day of Fasting & Prayer for the Election. The Worship Center will be open from 8:30 am to 7 pm. New Hope welcomes back popular rapper and songwriter Michael Lacoste, aka hip-hop artist DAMAC (Deeply Anointed Music About Christ) in a free concert Friday, Nov 8. This event is presented by New Hope's Impact Youth to unite the youth in our community for God's kingdom. Doors open at 6:30 and the concert will start at 7 pm. Our Men's Ministry will have their monthly breakfast and Bible study at 7 am Saturday, Nov 9 in the fellowship hall. We'll have an all-church Packing Party for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes at 6:30 pm Wednesday, Nov 13. And we'll again be a drop-off center for shoeboxes during National Collection Week, Nov 18 thru 25. Hours of collection will be 8:30-12:30 Mon-Friday, 10-noon Saturday, and 1-3 pm Sunday. Final collection hours will be 8:30-10:30 am Monday, Nov 25. Women's Ministry will meet for supper & Bible study at 6 pm Tuesday, Nov 19. Our carry-in Thanksgiving Banquet will follow the morning service on Sunday, Nov 24.

Olive Branch: The speakers for Saturday Night Cross Connect for November are as follows:

November 2-Patrick Covington

November 9-Seth Nevels of Mirror Jesus Ministries

November 16-Maurice Robinson of New Life

November 23 and 30-Still to be determined

Bible Study -5:30, Meal-6:30, Service -7:00

**Providence:** Providence Baptist Church and Lamine Baptist Church had a joint service on 10/20. A meal followed. After the meal, those in attendance shared ideas of activities and ministries that we can combine together to do.

The pastor is going door-to-door in the area around the church to meet people, pray, etc.

Smithton: We are working on planning a 160th Anniversary Celebration for 2025. If anyone have any memorabilia from the past of Smithton Baptist please contact us. Also, if you are a past member and have memories, you'd like to share please contact us. We'll keep everyone updated as we plan. We are doing tracts and treats on Halloween. On November 10th we will have our Holiday Dinner and celebrate Pastor John's 10th year of being our pastor; also, celebrate Veterans Day after morning service. Our WMU ladies are currently working on lap robes for Rest Haven. We're involved in Project Parachute. We are also doing Shoeboxes. If you have no church home, we welcome you to join us.