

# Harmony Baptist Association News

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Robert's Ramblin's

MISSOURI STATE FAIR AUG 7–17 SEDALIA • 2025



Here are ways you can participate in the State Fair Ministry:

- 1. People from around the state have been helping make salvation bracelets for the tent. You are welcome to help. We need 3,000 made.
- 2. If you have a church or a group willing to help please call and reserve you're spot today. Call Russ Slocum 660-473-5386.
- 3. Pray for people to visit the tent and will hear the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- 4. Pray for those who will be presenting their testimony.
- 5. Pray for protection.

\*\*Call the office for any questions you have. Robert 660-619-5429.

Travis Battershell is offering an evangelism training on Wednesday August 6, 2025, 6pm @Bethany Baptist Church. This should prepare those who wish to volunteer and share their faith with their church at the Baptist Tent at the fair.

I still believe the answer to many of our problems lies in the prayer life of believers and church members. Take these thoughts to mind as you read the newsletter this month. You may want to cut out this list and put in an obvious place and use Col. 1:3 for your motivation. "We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people."

- 1. Be thankful for your friends' faith and changed lives.
- 2. Ask God to help them know what He wants them to do.
- 3. Ask God to give them deep spiritual understanding.
- 4. Ask God to help them live for Him.
- 5. Ask God to give them strength and endurance.
- 6. Ask God to fill them with joy, strength, and thankfulness
- 7. Pray all these requests for yourself, too.

How many people in your life could be touched if you prayed this way?

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# July 2025

Anniversary dates are Pastor anniversary with each respective church

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue   | Wed | Thu                               | Fri   | Sat |
|--|--|---|-----|-----------------------------------|---|-----|
|  |  | 1   | 2   | 3                                 | 4   | 5   |
| 6  | Adult Bible<br>Study, 10am<br>@Calvary BC<br>Staff<br>Recommend<br>Team, 7pm | 8   | 9   | 10                                | 11  | 12  |
| <b>13</b> Preaching<br>Series<br>@Calvary, 5pm                                     | <b>14</b> Building & Grounds Team, 7pm                                       | <b>15</b> Bonnie Griffith, Memorial Birthday ACT, 9am | 16  | 17                                | 18 Bill Johnson, Mt. Olive Anniversary Peggy Barrett, Smithton Birthday | 19  |
| <b>20</b> Preaching<br>Series<br>@Antioch, 6pm                                     | 21   | <b>22</b> Katie Forshee, FBC Sedalia Birthday         | 23  | 24<br>News Item<br>Deadline       | 25  | 26  |
| 27 Preaching<br>Series<br>@Bethany, 6pm<br>Choir<br>Rehearsal, 6pm<br>@FBC Sedalia | 28   | 29  | 30  | <b>31</b><br>Newsletter<br>Mailed |   |     |

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2025 Monthly Requirement \$7,550.33 Church receipts for June \$4,275.68 Net Budget difference \$3,274.65



# \*Events

August 1 ACP'S Due

August 17 National Senior Day August 7-17 State Fair Ministry

Sept. 1 Labor Day Sept. 28 Annual Meeting

Oct 27-28 MO Baptist Convention

\*Call 660-827-0263 to arrange for your donation of school supplies such as the following:

Wish List - (most needed items marked with \*)

\*backpacks (especially for older students)

\*packages of wide-lined or college-ruled notebook paper

spiral notebooks (70 pg. wide-lined)

\*composition books yellow #2 pencils pink block erasers \*scissors (pointed)

\*red, black, or blue ink pens

\*plain two pocket folders (with and without brads)

\*markers (10-12 washable)

glue (4 oz.) glue sticks

\*black dry erase markers (low odor)

\*highlighters

\*3 ring notebooks - 1 inch

colored pencils index cards

\*packages of dividers with tabs

\*pencil pouches (3-hole for binders)

\* Support C.A.C.T.U.S. fundraisers. Check the  ${\color{red}News}$  and  ${\color{red}Events\_link}$  for more information.

Sorry for the disruption of canceling the Associational Choir rehearsal last month. There were some urgent family issues that came up. All the pastors in the Association gets an update when there is a change in scheduling. If you would like to get a notice of a scheduling change please let the office know.



Adult Bible Study Meeting
July 7, 2025, 10am
@Calvary BC



# August 1, 2025

Your ACP packets has just been sent out.

# 2025 Distribution of School Supplies

The 2025 Distribution of school supplies for Pettis County students will be held on August 4-5 behind Convention Hall in Liberty Park in Sedalia.

List of supplies for school kids.



# Attention all you Singers and Musicians let's *IOIN*

Harmony Baptist Associational Choir!!

Tentative Scheduled rehearsals & events.

July 27 – Choir Rehearsal, 6pm @FBC Sedalia

Sept. 27 – Choir Rehearsal, 6pm @FBC Sedalia

Sept. 28 – Choir Presentation at Annual Meeting, 1:15pm

@New Hope

Nov. 21-22 – Worship Conference, Choir presentation on Saturday @FBC Sedalia

Dec. 21- FBC Sedalia Christmas, 5-7:30pm, Choir presentation @FBC Sedalia

### HARMONY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people He has chosen as His own inheritance. (Psalm 33:11-12)

# America Turn to The Counsel of the LORD

This month we are celebrating the birth of our nation. In the past week we have seen protests, division, murder of government representatives, and many backlash. There is a great need for us to turn from our counsel and plans to the counsel and plans of God. As God's people we need to broadcast this message to our nation and to all people.

Our passage begins by stating that the LORD'S counsel stands forever. We as Christians and as a nation need to seek God's direction, leading, word, and will. God leads us into His truth and His will. God's counsel never changes. We can rely on and depend on God, who is always with us.

We are told that God's plans are of His heart. To be a blessed nation we must walk in and according to the plans of God. We must surrender ourselves to God who is unchanging and true and brings life and growth. God's plan is based on God's character which is to draw people into eternal relationship with Him bringing them His kingdom and involvement with His kingdom work, for His Glory. God plans reach out to all people for all time.

Let us open up God's blessing for our lives and nation by allowing God to be the Lord of our life and so doing calling our nation to the Lord God. Then we will be called His chosen people.

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| Date:    | Church:           | Preacher:        | Preacher:     |
|----------|-------------------|------------------|---------------|
| June 22  | FBC Sedalia (6pm) | Bill Lansing     | Asher Koebel  |
| June 29  | Bethany (6pm)     | Leon Moyer       | Kyle Walsh    |
| July 13  | Calvary (5pm)     | Kevin Fox        | Sri Sriramula |
| July 20  | Antioch (6pm)     | Robb Sansonnetti | Timothy Park  |
| July 27  | Bethany (6pm)     | Spencer Baker    | Wayne Lambdin |
| August 3 | Camp Branch (6pm) | Nathan Crow      | Jacob Hicks   |

Come out and support these wonderful men in beginning a new and glorious step in their life.



# The Mark Mathes Family

Southern Gospel Concert from 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Breakfast - Lunch from 8:00 a.m.

**Pre-view Auction Items** from 8:00-10:00 a.m.

**Ouilt/Craft Auction** from 10:00 a.m.

Homemade Cobblers, Pies & Ice Cream 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Woodworking & Craft Items on Sale 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Food & Beverages • Air Conditioned Facilities Children's Activities

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Summer's the season to play ball! Shanon Vaught is organizing a church co-ed softball league for the summer, so we're reaching out to all the churches in the Association and local communities, inviting anyone 16 and over to jump in. Even if your church doesn't have enough to make up a team, go ahead and sign up and we'll get you teamed up with others. Games will be at Centennial Park ballfields and there is a \$15 fee per person to cover field rental through Sedalia Parks & Rec. We'll let you know dates for the season when the schedule is finalized. Sign up at our website www.newhopesedalia.com or contact Shanon Vaught 660-233-1095.



Bethlehem: Now learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branches bud and its leaves begin to sprout, you know that summer is near. Matthew 24:32 † Our Little White Church is growing. From June of 2024 to June of 2025 we have had 11 new members join our church. Praise the LORD! † The Potluck was on the 1st of June, and it was very good. We had pulled pork, and the sides were as usual scrumptious!. † The meetings for Vacation Bible School have started. The theme this year is called Solid Rock, and is an ocean theme. Along with learning about the LORD, there will be Horseback riding, music, water fun, dinner and so much more. We want to thank everyone who works on VBS, everyone works so very hard and gives so much of their time. Especially to Courtney Wiedermann her leadership is amazing. Last year was so very successful, and this year is already going strong. It is from July 20-24. † We are again going to the Christian Concert at the State this year. Josiah Queen (Can't Steel My Joy, The Prodigal) and Claire Leslie (Light up, Passenger seat) will be performing on Wednesday August 13 at 7:30 pm. Courtney and Tracy need to know if you want to attend. † QUILTERS GET READY! We will be starting a quilting club at Bethlehem very soon. Everyone from beginners to experienced quilters are invited. As soon as we gather some more information, we will set a day and time. Please come and join us as we use our talents to honor the LORD. We are still having adult Bible Study on Tuesdays from 5:30 to 6:30, and Wednesdays from 5:15 to 6:15. Right now we are studying Max Lucado's Life Lessons from the book of Hebrews. It is going strong in the summer months. We will take off the week of Vacation Bible School. This study should end the second full week of August. We will let you know what the next study will be, and when it will start. † Then the righteous will shine like the sun in their Father's Kingdom. Any one with ears to hear should listen and understand! Matthew 13:43 Calvary: Wow! Here it is the end of June, where have the first six months of 2025 gone? We had a fantastic Vacation Bible School this year with 91 enrolled, with over 100 in attendance for Family night on Friday. Of course the race car was a big hit. What a great time of learning, crafts, recreation, music and snack was had each night. There was a little friendly competition in attendance between the Adult and youngest class. Adults won one night, but the Littles won the other four. VBS is over but, we are not idle. We are serving and praising God each and every day for what the Lord has done, is doing and will do. We are making plans for our 100th Anniversary which will be March 14-15, 2026. We will be celebrating the

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East Sedalia: There was a good crowd at the men's breakfast at the church on May 31. Everyone enjoyed a very delicious breakfast and great fellowship. We ministered to patients at E.W. Thompson on June 8. Eight children attended Baptist Camp in June. In addition there was one older girl that went as a helper in the kitchen. On Father's Day each man present was given a wooden key chain with a scripture verse on it. Yee Yaw Weekend VBS will be held July 11-12-13.

Mt. Herman: Our average attendance has held up well, and we have welcomed visitors to our services. Wednesday evenings are spent in prayer and studying the book of Acts. Father's Day was a good worship with gifts to all the men in our service. Our church was blessed to have 2 of our kids attend Kids Camp this month. We will celebrate Independence Day on the last Sunday in June. Mt. Herman is a praying church and we intend to continue to pray daily for specific needs of church members, friends in the association, and sister churches. We believe in the power of prayer.

**New Hope**: New Hope will take kids on the ultimate Alaskan adventure in True North VBS July 14-18. VBS will be held from 9-noon M-F for kids who just finished K-6th grades. The following Sunday, July 20, will be VBS Family Day, with highlights from the week in the worship service, followed by lunch outside. On Wednesday, July 30, all ages will meet in the Worship Center for All Church Worship at 6 pm.

Olive Branch: The speakers for Saturday Night Cross Connect for July are as follows: July 5-Jeff Lockington of Kingdom Life
July 12-No Cross Connect to support Praise A Palooza
July 19-Gene Mankini
July 26 - TBD
Bible Study -5:30
Meal 6:30
Service 7:00