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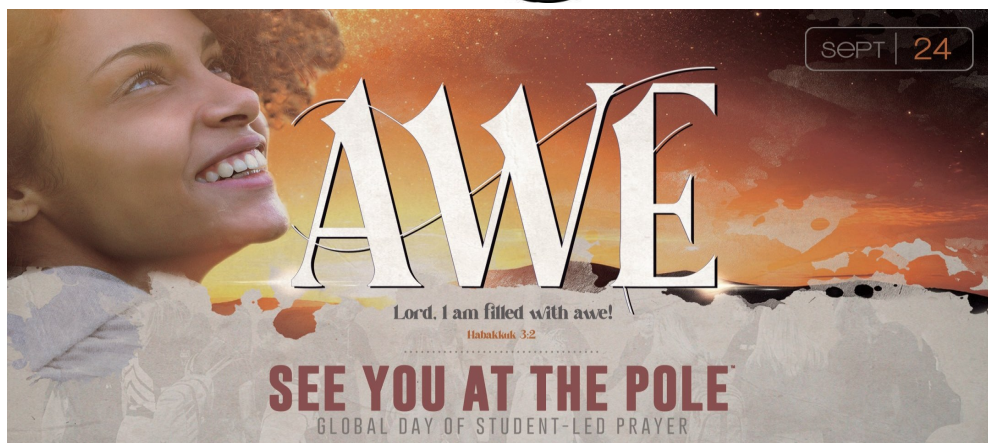
August 2025

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

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

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SEE YOU AT THE POLE 2025 WILL BE SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

This should be the motto of every follower of Jesus Christ. No matter how dark and hopeless a situation might seem, never stop praying!

Billy Graham



Robert's Ramblin's

We are in the wonderful summer time again. The hot weather has a way of taking its toll on us. There are many summer activities during this month and some succumb to the higher temps. We often hear of a fit athlete getting sick or fainting during an event outdoors. Senior adults have trouble breathing and other health problems. And for other people in poverty conditions, keeping cool can be a major problem. So, we must take extra precautions in order to make it through the hottest part of the year. The same can happen in our churches, as people seem to find other activities and stay away from worship services and other church events. Some even say 'it's just too hot to get out and go to church.' But as children of God and servants of Christ, we are told to stay with the program because of Jesus' sacrifice to us and His church. Here's the Word from Hebrews: "Therefore let's also, seeing we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, lay aside every weight (Summer excuses) and the sin (lack of commitment to the church) which so easily entangles us, and let's run with perseverance the race that is set before us," (Heb. 12:1, World English Bible) and stay faithful to every service at the church.

Persevere = patience = endurance.

Stay faithful, church members!

August 2025

Anniversary dates are Pastor anniversary with each respective church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Bethany BC Anniversary 8/23/1959	 Hopewell BC Anniversary 8/1/1867	 LaMonte BC Anniversary 3/29/1871	ACP's Due (Annual Church Profile)		1 Jason McClain, Olive Branch Anniversary Travis Battershell, Bethany Anniversary	2
3 Vanessa Chappell, LaMonte Birthday	4 Adult Bible Study 10am, @ Calvary BC	5	6	7 State Fair Ministry	8 State Fair Ministry	9 State Fair Ministry
10 State Fair Ministry	11 State Fair Ministry	12 State Fair Ministry	13 State Fair Ministry	14 State Fair Ministry	15 State Fair Ministry	16 State Fair Ministry
17 State Fair Ministry National Senior Day	18	19 Jonathan Wallenbeck, Calvary Anniversary	20	21 Pastor/Wives Dinner 6:30pm News Item Due	22 Rob Ayers, Camp Branch Birthday	23
24	25	26 Andrew Bryant, FBC Sedalia Birthday	27	28 Newsletter Mailed	29	30
31						

2025 Monthly Requirement	\$7,550.33
Church receipts for July	\$8,093.54
Net Budget difference	\$543.21

Adult Bible Study Meeting

Aug. 4, 2025, 10am
@Calvary BC
Dinner Meat provided
bring sides



UPCOMING Events

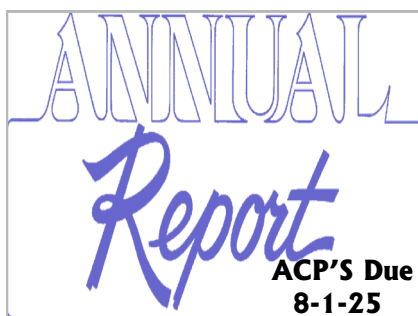
Sept. 1	Labor Day
Sept. 7	National Pastor Wives Day
Sept. 7-14	Missouri Baptist Missions –Rhuebin L. South Offering
Sept. 28	HBA Annual Meeting
Oct.	Pastor Appreciation Month

A Little Known Fact:

For years churches have been celebrating Pastor Wives Appreciation Month in March. But on the National calendar the Pastor Wives Appreciation Day is the first Sunday in September.

I want to thank all who took the time and effort to make the faith bracelets for the State Fair Ministry. We ran out of supplies fast. As of today we have received back over 4000 bracelets. I believe there are more still out there that has not been brought in yet.

Good news! We have received more supplies in and people can come and get some. This is a momentous task each year. You can be doing this activity while you are watching TV during the winter months as well. You can also make a party for this. The time is now to start planning for next year.



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2025 Offering for 2026 Missions

Statewide Goal: \$800,000

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Lessons from the road to Emmaus

"So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?' And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread." –Luke 24:28-35, ESV



I love this story and there are some lessons we can learn from this.

1. Jesus meets us right where we are.

Jesus met those two disciples on their walk to Emmaus. He didn't meet them in any special place – it wasn't in the temple. He met them right where they were at and accepted them. He never scolded them for not recognizing it was Jesus. He listened, and walked with them every step of the way.

I wonder how often, Jesus is walking beside us, and we don't recognize or understand that He's there. We may think Jesus is nice, with all these stories we hear, but we may not believe He can really do what He says He's going to do.

2. Jesus comes by invitation.

While Jesus was walking with the two, it looked as if He was going to continue on. He wasn't going to impose on His friends and waited for an invitation. Jesus didn't force Himself into their home. He waited until they invited Him in, and then He became a crucial part of their lives. The same is true for us today. Jesus is never going to force Himself on us. He's not going to push His way through, bully us or strong-arm us into believing. It's true love. He wants an invitation into our homes and into our hearts and when that invitation happens – He opens our eyes to everything possible through Him, just He did that day.

Be encouraged. Hold onto hope. Jesus will meet you right where you are, wherever you are. He waits for your invitation, because He loves you.

Taken from Billy Graham Training Center at the Cove



To all Harmony Association church members:

The time has come for me to share some of Mary Lee's belongings with you. She has a large collection of costume jewelry containing some precious stones and gold and silver. Many of her clothes, sizes 3X & 4X are in excellent condition. There will be some of her glassware (blue and white) ceramic and dinnerware. So, I'm having an 'estate sale' of sorts to offer her things, as well as some other items, at garage sale prices. The Harmony Association Conference room is the place for this sale at 1950 Hwy TT. My family and I will be displaying and offering these items for sale on August 8th & 9th at the office, starting at 8am. We might even have a cup of coffee for you!

Thanks, Bro. Robert



Celebrating Cooperative Program's 100th Anniversary

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Men-Women-
Women w/Children &
Maternity housing

Broadway: At Broadway Baptist, our adult Sunday School class finished lessons from Paul's letters, a David Cook series. In August, we will begin a study of Psalms from Lifeway. One of Pastor Gray's sermons included Jesus' warning from Matthew 24-- "Watch out that no one deceives you. Many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many." Jesus spoke to His disciples about the End Times. Today, we need to be reminded of the prophesied deceptions. Satan is responsible for these deceptions which began in the Garden of Eden. Genesis 3:1 says, Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" John 8:44 gives Satan's true nature. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

East Sedalia: Two people were baptized into the fellowship of the church June 29. An all church luncheon was held after morning services. Yee Haw Family Stampede was held on July 9. It went well with a total of 60 in attendance. Many parents registered their children for Bible School. Yee Haw Bible School was held July 11-13, with an average of 31 children and 31 volunteers for 2 days. The Sunday morning program was well attended by the VBS children with a church wide luncheon held afterward. Visitation to E.W. Thompson was on July 13 and the patients were given beautiful cards made by Bible School students. Two of our young girls attended Bible Ridge Camp recently and one of our young boys attended Camp Sagrada.

Emmet Avenue: We have partnered with 2 other churches and participated in Vacation Bible School the last 2 weeks in July at Smithton Baptist Church. We enjoyed our 5th Sunday fellowship dinner the last week in June. We have appreciated all the pastors and others who have filled the pulpit while we are searching and praying for a bi-vocational pastor who will be a good fit for our small church.

Mt. Herman: July brought some happy days at Mt. Herman. We enjoyed good music and sweet fellowship in worship services and welcomed a few visitors. While I was away on July 13th, Kyle Walsh preached and was well-accepted by our people. Reportedly, he did a great job along with his wife and four little ones graced our service. Mt. Herman people gather each Wednesday evening for prayer and Bible study. At present, we are studying the book of Acts. On Aug. 3rd, we will celebrate Mt. Herman's anniversary during the morning and enjoy a meal afterwards. All former members and visitors are welcome to join with us.

New Hope: Starting August 3, New Hope will have a Prayer meeting at 6 pm on the first Sunday of the month. Prayers & Squares will meet at 6 pm on Monday, August 4 in the fellowship hall. Prayers & Squares is an interfaith outreach organization that combines the gift of prayer with the gift of a hand-tied quilt. As each knot is tied, a prayer is offered for a person in need – someone who has asked us to pray for them. The finished quilt goes to that person as a silent testimony to our belief in the power of prayer. These quilts truly can be called "comforters." Royal Ambassadors (RAs) & Girls in Action (GAs) will have a float in the Missouri State Fair Parade Thursday evening, August 7. Iron Men Men's Ministry will meet for breakfast, bible study & fellowship in the fellowship hall at 8:30 am Saturday, August 9. Women of the Word will meet in the fellowship hall for dinner & a continuation in the "One Another" series at 6 pm Tuesday, August 26. August 31 will be our 5th Sunday Fellowship carry-in dinner. We'll also observe the Lord's Supper in the service that morning. New Hope took kids on an Alaskan adventure in True North VBS July 14-18. We had a total of 83 students enrolled and 58 workers. Average attendance was 61 students and 49 staff. Overall attendance averaged 110 for the week.

Smithton: We celebrated our 160th Anniversary on June 22nd with 78 former and present members. Brother Ron Griffith, who grew up in Smithton Baptist Church, preached about Christ's return to a receptive congregation with one responding to the invitation to profess Christ as Savior and Lord. The group enjoyed a meal together and an afternoon service of old songs, memories, a DVD made by Jeff Page as his gift and lots of Christian love.