



# Harmony Baptist Association News

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## Office Hours

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Wed & Thurs 12:00 - 12:30 pm  
(lunch)

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## Adult Bible Study Meeting

Dec. 1, 2025, 10 am  
@Calvary BC

## Message from the Association Cooperation Committee

Hello Associated Churches!

The committee approved at the Annual Meeting in September is studying our cooperation and will bring recommendations to the Executive Board. We started this process with an online survey of pastors and church leaders and have done our best to get feedback from as many of our churches as we could. Overall, we had 16 survey responses and several phone calls getting feedback on our Association. We want to give you an update from some of the feedback.

Our committee is now working on recommendations from these results and from research about other associations. We plan on presenting these recommendations at the next Executive Board Meeting scheduled on Feb 2, 2026.

### Survey Results Summary:

- **Kids Camp** and possibly Youth Camp is our primary winner for cooperation. Improving communication, participation and overcoming parent concerns need to be addressed.
- **Improving communication** between churches using more effective newsletter format or distribution system. Could this be done via the association website? Could the newsletter be better distributed to church members directly?
- **Missions and Outreach** are another opportunity. Providing evangelism or outreach opportunities is a common request. This could be accomplished with the State Fairgrounds annual tent, shared mission trips, church planting, etc. On the outreach side, could there be joint efforts for website updates, and online presence which could be used? Our rural churches likely need the support to get a vision for marketing themselves online and how a website is one of the main ways to reach new visitors.
- **Pulpit Supply** and the Preaching Series can continue as training grounds for future pastors/preachers.
- **Better expectations of support and resources for churches who do not have a pastor.** There are difficulties with the autonomy of the local church here but some churches would like more support from the association when they are between pastors. Developing guidelines for what the association offers and does not offer during a pastoral vacancy would be clarified.
- Having a **DOM who is the primary preaching pastor in his local church** seems to be a barrier for him being able to connect with the other churches in the association.
- Working to communicate the **value of associational giving and participation**. As much as possible the local church members need access to knowledge of ministry opportunities and ministry relationships with associational staff.

In Him,

Travis Battershell, Chair, Bethany Baptist Church

Hillarie Bilbruck, Katy Park Baptist Church

Andrew Bryant, First Baptist Church

Marc Knapp, New Hope Baptist Church

Sandra Wise, First Baptist Church

# December 2025

Anniversary dates are Pastor anniversary with each respective church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Adult Bible Study, 10am @Calvary BC	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Travis Battershell, Bethany Birthday	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Lottie Moon Offering	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Pastor/ Wives Christmas Dinner, 6:30pm
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> News Item Du Natalie Bryant, FBC Sedalia Birthday	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Efrain Baeza, PIB Birthday
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Mission Office Closed	<b>25</b> Christmas Day Marc Knapp, New Hope Birthday Mission Office Closed	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Ron Griffith, Memorial Birthday  Bill Johnson, Mt. Olive Birthday	<b>30</b> Mission Office Closed	<b>31</b> Mission Office Closed	 Antioch BC Anniversary 12/1868	 Broadway BC Anniversary 12/7/1966	

**UPDATE**

Please update the email address for John Streit in the Book of Reports. His email should be John-

# MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

## Update from East Sedalia Baptist Church

The Men's Breakfast was held on Nov. 1st. It was a good time of fellowship and good food was enjoyed. Several guests were in attendance.

On Sunday Nov. 9, we ministered to a few patients at E.W. Thompson/Rehab.

A Thanksgiving Service was held on Wednesday evening, November 19, with a time of fellowship following.

Due to a special need we have begun collecting supplies for 60 bags to be given to the Cancer Center. This is 10 more bags than we donated last year. Bags are being made and donated by a member of our church.

On November 30 we begin Week of Prayer for International Missions.

Recent supply pastors have been Eddie Brown, Jeff Lloyd and Jeff Page.

## Happenings at Katy Park Baptist Church

We held our annual Thanksgiving Dinner on November 23rd. We also collected items for the Operation Christmas Child shoes box campaign. Our Children and Youth Bible study groups packed 81+ boxes on November 19th.

The Sisters in the Spirit Bible study continues to meet on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 am - 11:30 am. All ladies are welcome to join. We would love to see you there.

## Events at New Hope Baptist Church

Men's Ministry will meet Saturday, Dec 13 at 8:30 am for breakfast & Bible study.

Our annual Christmas Family Gathering will be held Sunday, Dec 14 at 6 pm. Bring finger foods to share and come dressed as your favorite Christmas movie character to win a prize!

Women of the Word will meet for dinner and a Christmas stocking exchange on Tuesday, Dec 16 at 6 pm. Ladies are asked to bring a stocking of goodies to gift, a dozen cookies for gift plates, finger foods and a dish for supper.

Mid-week activities will not be held on Wednesday, Dec 17 so that all may go Christmas caroling at 6 pm.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held at 6 pm.

All-Church Worship will meet at 6 pm on Wed, Dec 31. Mid-week activities will not be held that evening.

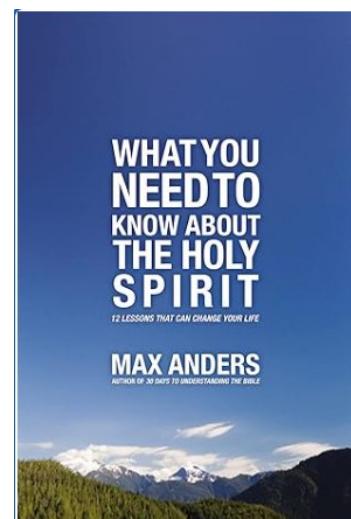
## Book Review

Are you looking for a new book to read to help you in your walk with God? Consider the following series of books by Max Anders. These books cover a list of topics we as believers need to understand.

The What You Need To Know series covers subjects like The Holy Spirit, The Bible, God, Jesus, Spiritual Growth, The Church, and Defending your Faith. These are easy to read and understand books.

Max Anders has written over 25 books including the best-selling book *30 Days to Understanding the Bible*, He is also the creator and general editor of the 32-volume *Holman Bible Commentary*.

Reviewed by Bev Lloyd  
Katy Park Baptist Church



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### Who is Lottie Moon?

On July 7, 1873, Charlotte “Lottie” Moon was appointed as a missionary to China. With a bold spirit and a heart full of love for the Lord, she dedicated her life to sharing the gospel with the people of China – faithfully serving until her passing on December 24, 1912.

Lottie’s life was marked by deep compassion, courageous obedience, and tireless commitment to God’s call. Her sacrificial life demonstrated the impact one person can have when fully surrendered to Christ. She inspired many others to consider their role in missions.

Through her heartfelt letters home, Lottie encouraged churches to support missions through their prayers and giving. Those efforts led to the creation of the **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® for International Missions**, which continues today – supporting missionaries around the world as they share the hope of Christ.

Lottie’s story reminds us that faithful service to God can make an eternal impact. **You can make an eternal impact too, following Lottie’s example – by praying fervently for missionaries around the world and giving sacrificially to help take the gospel to the nations.**

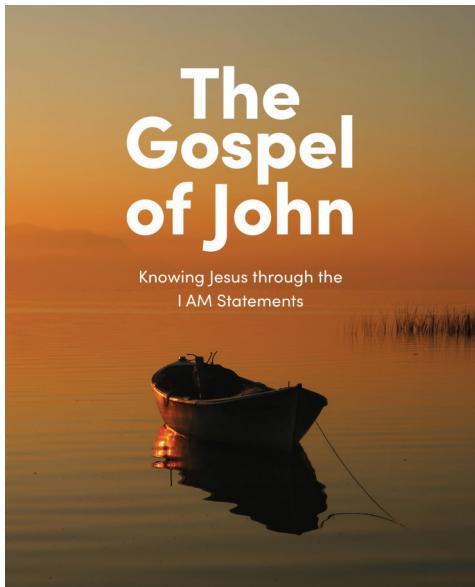


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2025 Monthly Requirement	\$ 7,550.33
Church receipts for November	1,861.57
Net Budget difference	\$ (5,688.66)

## Winter Bible Study 2026



### Change Happens

Change is an inevitable aspect of life we encounter in various forms—whether it be in the weather, the world around us, or within our personal lives and families.

This past month, our association experienced three significant changes. Robert Sisney, Director of Ministry (DOM) retired, our highly capable association administrative assistant retired, and we hired a new office manager.

We are pleased to announce that Beverly (Bev) Lloyd has joined us as the new association office manager. Bev and her husband, Jeff, relocated to Sedalia in May to be nearer to their daughter and her family. Jeff served as a bi-vocational minister at Grubville Baptist Church in Jefferson County, Missouri, for 16 years. With over 25 years of office experience, Bev will undoubtedly be a valuable asset to our association. She can be reached at 660-851-1269. Office hours are listed on page 1.



### UPCOMING Events

Dec. 1-8 Week of Prayer for International Missions Lottie Moon Offering  
 Dec 24– Jan 5 Christmas Holiday, Office Closed

### Robert's Ramblin's

Thank you for everything you do for our Lord! Many churches and families took time to give thanks for God's generosity during Thanksgiving. Churches met together for celebrations of thanks dinners and special services. True to who we are in Christ, we are always grateful for Him for gifts of love. As we enter the Christmas season, let's take time and effort to give back to God for His kingdom works. Give Him time by attending every service your church offers during December. Some churches will follow advent themes during the weeks before Christmas. Special Christmas programs will happen in many of our congregations, always pointing to the birth of our Savior. Another way to give gifts to God is through Southern Baptist's Lottie Moon Mission Offering. Spend lots of time in prayer for the missionaries here at home and around the world. Your gifts of money and prayers will help spread the gospel to a world in need of salvation.

### Open Opportunities

There are many open opportunities within our association. Please prayerfully consider these. If interested contact the association office by email, [hbaoffice@iland.net](mailto:hbaoffice@iland.net).

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*Merry Christmas from Harmony Baptist Association*

