



Harmony Baptist Association

# NEWS


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## HOW TO REACH US

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Sweet little Jesus boy,  
help us to remember who you really are.  
**"This is how God showed his love  
for us:  
God sent his one and only son into  
the world to give us life."  
1 John 4:9**

## Constitution Discussion

At the Annual Meeting on September 13, 2015 the Constitution was amended. Several articles were added that address marriage, sexuality, and facility usage. The Associational Leadership Team would like to make additional updates to the Constitution.

The proposed revisions were mailed or emailed to Executive Board members in early November. The next meeting to discuss the proposed change is:

Thursday, January 7, 2016                      7:00 pm                      Mission Office

We hope to see you then. Everyone is welcome.



## CALENDAR

### December

Nov 29-Dec 6

- Week of Prayer for International Missions -  
Lottie Moon Offering
- 7 Adult Bible Study & Music - 10:00 am  
Pastors Fellowship @ Best Western - noon  
Associational Coordinating Team - 1:30 pm
- 8 Maplewood Association - 7:00 pm
- 16 NEWS items due
- 22 Label NEWS
- 24-31 Christmas Holiday (Observed Holidays)  
Mission Office closed
- 25 Celebrating the Greatest Gift - Jesus Christ

**All meetings at Mission Office  
unless otherwise indicated**

### Looking Ahead in 2016



January 11—Executive Board Meeting  
January 27—Winter Bible Study Rally, TBA  
February 3, 10, 17, 24—Winter Bible Study  
Look for the schedule in upcoming newsletter.

### Birthdays

Corbett Martin.....December 10  
Pastor - Bethlehem  
Missionary Kid Noelle Inman.....December 10  
Bill Talley.....December 12  
Pastor - Green Ridge  
Efrain Baeza.....December 20  
Pastor - Primera Iglesia Hispana  
Missionary Kid Glory Inman.....December 22

### Mardi Gras Mission Trip

February 5-10, 2016

Personal one-on-one Witnessing, Prayer Walking, and handing out Gospel Tracts.

Begin praying and asking God if He wants you to be a part of this trip. Cost \$250 per person. Meals are on your own. (\$100 deposit due December 30) Call Jon Church for more information 660-829-0220.

## Receipts from our churches

Church	October 2015	YTD
Antioch .....	146.75	1655.87
Bethlehem .....	339.70	4144.01
Bethany .....	250.00	2500.00
Broadway .....	184.08	1722.12
Calvary .....	609.77	6603.69
Camp Branch .....	387.81	5177.60
East Sedalia .....	116.03	2125.52
Emmet Avenue .....	100.00	1000.00
FBC, Sedalia .....	1677.96	18793.34
Flat Creek .....	447.97	5992.85
Green Ridge .....	.00	750.00
Hopewell .....	383.21	4858.75
Houstonia, FBC .....	86.64	2564.67
Hughesville .....	122.40	422.40
Katy Park .....	.00	8264.09
Lamine .....	265.58	2750.08
LaMonte .....	288.08	706.21
Memorial .....	178.00	1153.00
Mt. Herman .....	.00	2250.00
New Hope .....	.00	3553.98
Olive Branch .....	79.93	1250.11
Primera Iglesia Hispana .....	.00	145.00
Providence .....	.00	450.00
Sedalia Harmony .....	.00	600.00
Smithton .....	75.00	750.00
Syracuse .....	.00	600.00
Vision .....	155.94	1917.49

**Checking - Beginning Balance - October 2015** \$ 12,471.86  
 Undesignated receipts.....\$ 5,894.85  
 Other receipts..... 181.90  
 Transfer from Reserve Fund ..... 2,651.00  
 Less Expenditures..... (12,024.74)  
 Ending Balance.....\$ 9,174.87

#### Reserve Fund - October 2015

Beginning Balance.....\$ 19,945.03  
 Interest earned......83  
 Transfer to General Fund (Taxes)..... (2,651.00)  
 Ending Balance.....\$ 17,294.86

#### Mission Trip Fund - October 2015

Beginning Balance ..... \$ 1,146.17  
 Receipts......00  
 Less Expenditures......00  
 Ending Balance.....\$ 1,146.17

#### Designated Funds - October 2015

Beginning Balance.....\$ 10,508.57  
 Receipts..... 1,167.00  
 Less Expenditures..... ( 1,109.00)  
 Ending Balance.....\$ 10,566.57

2015 required monthly receipts..... \$ 8,288.00  
 September undesignated receipts..... \$ 5,894.85  
 Amount above to meet budget..... (\$2,393.15)



## “NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES”

**Bethany:** The saints at Bethany began November by witnessing two baptisms and sharing the Lord's Supper. The ladies concluded their Fall Bible Study. The Men's Morning Fellowship met on the 14th and the 28th. We collected items for the shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Our choir started practicing for our annual Christmas Eve service. Our deacons and their lovely wives met for a dinner fellowship on the 14th. We started work on our first-ever float entry for the Sedalia Christmas Parade. We gathered together for a Thanksgiving Dinner Fellowship on the 22nd. Pastor Bowen continued his exposition of Romans on Sunday mornings and we enjoyed a video series on “Meaningful Manhood” by Pastor Tony Evans on Sunday evenings. Calvin and Jill Inman were present in our morning service on the 29th. Calvin preached as we prepared for the annual Lottie Moon emphasis.

**Broadway:** We continue to be excited about our user-friendly website [broadwaybaptistsedalia.org](http://broadwaybaptistsedalia.org). We added a slideshow about our Trunk and Treat event, including the statement that we were not celebrating Halloween but providing an alternate opportunity. Fourteen adults were involved. We distributed about 200 bags of candy and tracts. Children's Church presented their study of the Armor of God including their "handmade" armor. OASIS group had a successful get acquainted event. During Advent, our lighted entryway will contain the Nativity Scene to witness to 50 Highway travelers. Beginning in January, Sunday evening service at 6:30 pm will be Christian videos: missionary lives, Biblical subjects, marriage and family matters, religions of the world. We have over 800 to choose from. Everyone is welcome. Watch [broadwaybaptistsedalia.org](http://broadwaybaptistsedalia.org) for schedule.

**Calvary:** We stood on street corners and held signs supporting adoption over abortion. We had an article in the Sedalia Democrat telling about our church remodeling. Pastor Don gave short messages to the residents in Fair View Nursing Home and Rest Haven Convalescent and Retirement Home. The Men's Breakfast and Forever Young group meetings had good attendance. We were saddened that George Cooper, a deacon, left his earthly home and entered his heavenly home. We had a Friendship Connection Day on the 15th. We held our annual Thanksgiving meal. Two Brownie and Girl Scout troops helped fill Operational Christmas Child shoe boxes. We had the “Hanging of the Green” on November 22. Our exercise classes met every Monday and Thursday in Fellowship Hall. We had a fifth Sunday sing. We baptized eight on November 8.

**East Sedalia:** In honor of Veteran's Day, Charlie Palmer gave his testimony of his service in World War II in the Sunday morning service. It was most interesting and informative. Veterans were recognized from all military branches. A goal of \$1500 was set for the Lottie Moon Offering. The church-wide Thanksgiving Fellowship Dinner, sponsored by the deacons, was held on November 18. A large crowd attended and enjoyed the bountiful meal prepared by the Social Committee. Rev. Jim Vest, Interim Pastor, was the speaker. One person is ready for baptism. The youth helped fill several Samaritan shoe boxes. All of the boxes were delivered to New Hope on November 22.

**FBC, Sedalia:** Two were baptized and nine joined by letter or statement in October and November. Our church-wide Thanksgiving Banquet was held on November 15. After the banquet, folks packed shoe boxes for the Operation Christmas Child project. The women's ministry hosted a “Holiday Hustle-Bustle Brunch” on November 21. We had our annual “Hanging of the Green” service on November 29, followed by a soup supper.

**Flat Creek:** Our pastor, Brother Bill, had hip surgery on November 2 and was sorely missed by the congregation. We are praying for a successful recovery. Rev. Ted Frances led us in worship on November 8 and 15 and will return on the 29th. Joe Perkins spoke on November 22 about constructing shade houses in Haiti. We served at the Community Cafe on November 6. 110 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes were filled and delivered to New Hope. On the evening of November 22 the IMB mission study on Indonesia was presented following a soup/sandwich meal.

**Houstonia:** Our revival was great with two saved on Saturday evening. The two were baptized November 12. A celebration followed to welcome them to God's family. One member had a brain tumor and surgery. God brought her through and all is well. We will participate in Houstonia's Christmas Parade on December 12 with a float. We will also handout Christmas bags to all the children. In December, we will deliver Fruit Baskets and cookies to the elderly in Houstonia.

**Hughesville:** On November 22, we had our Thanksgiving Dinner and “Hanging of the Green” Service.

**Katy Park:** Several ladies attended the “Fresh Grounded Faith” event at Second Baptist Church in Springfield, Missouri on November 6-7. On November 14, we hosted a music recital for Ryan Stone's students. The S.A.G.E. (Senior Adult Group Evangelists) sponsored a second “Parents' Night Out” on November 13. We held our annual Thanksgiving Dinner on November 22. We collected/packed shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

**Lamine:** On November 14, we filled shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. We collected cookies for Project Parachute for deployed soldiers' Christmas boxes on November 19. On November 22 we had our “Hanging of the Green” Service. We collected “soup” for the Otterville Food Bank for our Thanksgiving baskets. We will observe the Lord's Supper on December 27.

**Mt. Herman:** Our Thanksgiving dinner was after the morning service on November 22. We served a Thanksgiving meal at Community Café on November 25. During December we will use daily devotions written by Mt. Herman members.

**Providence:** A special thanks to the Thompson family and all those who helped to make our Fall Festival a great success on November 7. Around 30 people attended a hayride, bonfire and wiener roast. It was a great fellowship of believers and friends. PRAISE GOD FOR HIS BLESSINGS! Christmas play practices began on November 29 at 5:30 pm.

**Smithton:** We collected food and money for families for the holidays. We participated in Operational Christmas Child by filling shoe boxes.

### Pastors Fellowship

The Pastors Fellowship will meet on Monday, December 7,  
at noon at Best Western State Fair Inn.



## HARMONY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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but in *His* presence

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### Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

The Week of Prayer for International Missions is an opportunity for churches to come together in focused, specific prayer for the work of missionaries they send to proclaim the glory of God to the nations. It is also a time to reflect on giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions that supports them.

November 29-December 6, 2015 is the Week of Prayer. The offering goal for MBC is \$4 million. The national goal is \$175 million. We encourage you to pray about setting a challenging goal for your church.

You can order online (offering envelopes, poster, prayer guide bulletin inserts) at [www.mobaptist.org/wmu](http://www.mobaptist.org/wmu) or email [sparis@mobaptist.org](mailto:sparis@mobaptist.org) to place your order. Call Sharon Paris 1-800-736-6227, extension 324. For more information see website [www.imb.org/main/lottie-moon](http://www.imb.org/main/lottie-moon).

#### YOUR IMPACT THROUGH THE LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING



(The numbers above are taken from the 2014 Annual Statistical Report, a summary of Southern Baptist work overseas in 2013. For up-to-date statistics, go to [public.imb.org/globalresearch](http://public.imb.org/globalresearch).)





**Sedalia Christian Outreach presents**

**Francesca Battistelli  
Christmas Tour  
with special guest, Shawn Groves**

**Sunday, December 20  
6:00 p.m.**

**Smith Cotton Jr. High  
312 E Broadway, Sedalia, MO**

**Balcony Seating \$20 (Door \$25)  
Floor Seating \$25 (Door \$35)  
(Includes admissions & Meet & Greet  
Session will follow the show)**

**Tickets on sale at First United Methodist  
Church, Sedalia and at [www.itickets.com](http://www.itickets.com)**

**For more info call 660-826-2993 or visit  
[www.sedaliachristianoutreach.org](http://www.sedaliachristianoutreach.org)**

## **Adult Bible Study and Music**

Monday, December 7, is our next Adult Bible Study and Music at Calvary Baptist Church, 1015 W. 16th, from 10:00 to 11:30 am.

Bill McDowell (Memorial) will lead the Bible Study. Ben Sparks (Katy Park) will lead the music. Rose Sipes (Emmet Avenue) will play the piano.

There will be a Carry-In Luncheon: chicken strips, bread, drink, and table service will be provided. Attendees are asked to bring a salad, a vegetable dish or a dessert to feed six people.

Invite a friend to attend with you.

### **Announcement**

The Bible Study and Music are cancelled for the months of January and February 2016. It will resume on March 7, 2016.

## **Challenge Project Lighthouse!**



God gives us neighbors and our neighbors matter to God. Most Americans don't know the names of their 3 closest neighbors, but God does and their needs are on His heart. If lost people matter to God, shouldn't they matter to us? What can you do to reach your neighbor? Pray! Neighbors welcome prayer. As you get to know those around you. Let them know that you would like to pray for their family. Ask if they have any specific needs that God could intervene. Don't take this lightly. Prayer is powerful as our God is

powerful. Understand that prayer releases God's grace and power in the lives of our neighbors. Pray-ers tend to become "carers" and "carers" tend to become "sharers." When you began praying, God will give you the heart to care and share in the lives of the people right around you. During this season of gift giving, give the gift of intercession (praying for others needs).

You may still go to the evangelism tab on the HBA website and sign up your home to be a lighthouse in your community.

Serving Christ together,  
Jon Church, Evangelism Leader, (826-7497)



## **Project Parachute**

Veterans' Thank You Celebration was held November 14 at North 65 Café with free pie and coffee. Fifty-four veterans were honored. A cherry pie decorated like a flag and plaque were given away as door prizes.

On November 19, 57 Christmas boxes were packed and mailed with "O Holy Night" as a theme. Thanks to all who donated over 100 dozen cookies, Annette Cornine and Providence church for homemade manager scenes, stars, and volunteers who packed.

Merry Christmas and looking forward to 2016.

Lonnie DeVorss

# REJOICE... *for our Saviour is born!*

## CHURCH-WIDE CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

### Church and Event

**BETHANY:** Sedalia Christmas Parade

Christmas Hymn Sing

Christmas Eve Service

**BETHLEHEM:** Christmas Program

**BROADWAY:** Decorating the church for Christmas

Annual Holiday Meal

Christmas Program and Service

Candlelight Service

**CALVARY:** Visit to Fair View Nursing Home

Cantata

Visit to Rest Haven Nursing Home

Caroling followed by "Birthday Party for Jesus"

with cake and ice cream

Candlelight Service

**EAST SEDALIA:** Sing-Along Christmas music and Scripture with youth and Praise Team.

Christmas Eve Service

**FBC, SEDALIA:** "Hanging of the Green" Service

followed by a Soup Supper

Youth Dessert Theatre

Choir Christmas Music Presentation

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

**FLAT CREEK:** Emphasis on Lottie Moon offering

and Week of Prayer for missionaries

"Hanging of the Green" Service

Holiday Carry-In Meal and fellowship

Christmas Program followed by fellowship

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

**HOPEWELL:** Caroling

Supper followed by Christmas Program

**HUGHESVILLE:** Christmas Program-Bell Choir led

by Kim Schlomer

**LAMINE:** Christmas Program

Christmas Eve Service

**MEMORIAL:** Children's Christmas Play

Christmas Dinner

**MT HERMAN:** Gary Palmer artistic Christmas presentation

Sing and Celebrate Christmas

**NEW HOPE:** Never To Old Gang Christmas Party

Children's Christmas Program

Church Family Gathering

**PROVIDENCE:** "Hanging of the Green" Service

followed by Thanksgiving Christmas Dinner & fellowship

Christmas Play

**SMITHTON:** Soup & Sandwiches followed by

"Hanging of the Green"

Delivering Fruit Baskets

Christmas Party-White Elephant gift with finger food

Christmas Program

Candlelight Service

**VISION:** Serving meal at Forest Avenue Family

Shelter, Kansas City

### Date

### Time

December 5

10:00 am

December 6

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December 24

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