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Harmony Baptist Association

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Dr. Daryl R. Stagg, Director of Missions Ruth A. Mason, Administrative Assistant

December 2017

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WHY JESUS IS BETTER THAN SANTA CLAUS

Santa lives at the North Pole... JESUS is everywhere

Santa rides in a sleigh... JESUS rides on the wind & walks on the water. Santa comes but once a year... JESUS is an ever present help.

Santa fills your stocking with goodies... JESUS supplies all your needs.

Santa comes down your chimney uninvited... JESUS stands at your door and knocks, and then enters your heart when invited.

You have to wait in line to see Santa... JESUS is as close as the mention of His name.

Santa lets you sit on his lap... JESUS lets you rest in His arms.

Santa doesn't know your name, all he can say is, "Hi little boy or girl, what's your name?"... JESUS knew our name before we were born. Not only does He know our name, He knows our address too. He knows our history, and future, and he even knows how many hairs are on our head.

Santa has a belly like a bowl full of jelly... JESUS has a heart full of love.

All Santa can offer is Ho Ho Ho... JESUS offers health, help and hope.

Santa says, "You better not cry"... JESUS says, "Cast all your cares on me for I care for you." Santa's little helpers make toys... JESUS makes new lives, mends wounded hearts, repairs broken homes, and builds mansions.

Santa may make you chuckle but... JESUS give you joy that is your strength.

While Santa puts gifts under your tree... JESUS became our gift and died on the tree (Cross).

We need to put Christ back in CHRISTmas, Jesus is still the reason for the Season. For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

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CALENDAR

December 2017

| 12/3-10 | Week of Prayer for International Missions |
|----------|---|
| | - Lottie Moon Christmas Offering |
| 12/4 | Adult Bible Study @ Calvary, 10:00am |
| 12/4 | Pastor-Staff Lunch @ Best Western, noon |
| 12/11-12 | MBC Executive Board Meeting, Jeff City |
| 12/11 | Kids Kamp meeting, 6:30pm |
| 12/12 | Maplewood Association, 7:00pm |
| 12/12 | News items due |
| 12/21 | Label News |
| 12/24-Ja | n 1 Mission office closed |
| | |

Pastor Anniversaries

Birthdays



| Jan 22 | Executive Board Meeting |
|-------------|--------------------------------|
| Feb 7 | Winter Bible Study |
| Feb 14 | Winter Bible Study |
| Feb 21 | Winter Bible Study |
| Feb 22-24 | MBC Great Commission |
| | Conference |
| April 10-12 | Revitalization Conference |
| June 11-15 | Kids Kamp |

PROJECT PARACHUTE



The next Project Parchute Meeting is Thursday, January 25, at 6:00 pm at the Associational Office. Many thanks for your support.



| Financial Reports | | | | |
|---|---|--------------------|--|--|
| Church | October 2017 | \mathbf{YTD} | | |
| Antioch ····· | 380.96 | 1745.57 | | |
| | 750.00 | | | |
| Bethlehem ······ | 256.18 | 3015.91 | | |
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| Providence ······ | 0.00 | 500.00 | | |
| | 0.00 | | | |
| Syracuse | 200.00 | 1000.00 | | |
| Vision ····· | 75.71 | $\cdots 724.08$ | | |
| Cl 1 : | | | | |
| Checking - Oct 2017 | \$ | 10 959 49 | | |
| | pts | 7,654.13 | | |
| Transfer to designa | ted funds | (0.00) | | |
| | | (9,477.82) | | |
| | \$ | 10,623.81 | | |
| | | | | |
| Reserve Fund - Oct | <u>2017</u> | 15 015 00 | | |
| | \$ | 17,317.32 | | |
| | | 17,318.79 | | |
| Enumg Dalance | Ψ | 17,010.73 | | |
| Mission Trip Fund - | | | | |
| Beginning Balance | | 35.00 | | |
| | | 0.00 | | |
| - | | (0.00) | | |
| Ending Balance | \$ | 35.00 | | |
| Designated Funds - | Oct 2017 | | | |
| | \$ | 9,278.43 | | |
| | | 253.00 | | |
| Stop Payment Fee | | (00.00) | | |
| | | (30.00) | | |
| Less Expenditures | | (0.00) | | |
| Less Expenditures | | ` , | | |
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| Less Expenditures Ending Balance 2017 required mo | | (0.00) | | |

Financial Reports

Pastor/Staff Lunch



The next meeting is December 4, at Best Western at noon. Tommy Goode is the guest.

Amount above to meet budget...... \$ (1,136.20)

Week of Prayer for International Missions December 3-10.

1. Bagby Family - Nepal

- •pray for God to remove barriers as the Bagbys hike to unreached people groups.
- •pray God will continue to open hearts in Nepal and raise up national believers who will boldly take the gospel to other villages.

2. Muslims of Russia

- •pray for God to continue to draw Muslims in Russia to faith in Christ.
- •pray for Christians to develop friendships with Muslims so that they can have the opportunity to share the gospel with them.

3. Jones Family - Japan

- •pray for the church to continue to be a lighthouse to the community and for hearts to continue to be changed.
- •pray for Jared and Tara to continue to step out boldly in faith on behalf for the Japanese people.

4. Mexico City Team

- •pray for churches to be planted in the unreached neighlorhoods of Mexico City.
- •pray for God to call out amoung His people in Mexico those that He would like to go into the most unreached pockets of the city, of the country, and out into the nations.

5. The Forgotten Refugee - Worldwide

- •pray for God to meet refugees in their pain with the hope of the gospel.
- pray for people to feel God's call to share Christ with refugees in the United States and abroad.

6. Mikeska Family - London

- •pray the Mikeskas would continue to form strategic friendships with internationals in order to reach unreached people groups in London.
- pray God would put a desire in the hearts of new believers to take the gospel back to their countries.

7. What God has done - Worldwide

- pray for God to continue to work in mysterious ways in the lives of people all over the world.
- •pray for hearts from every people group to be drawn to worship Jesus.

8. Why prayer Matters - Worldwide

- •pray they would be confident to preach God's Word.
- •pray the gospel would be clear through the missionaries' lives and words and that God would open hearts.
- •pray missionaries will be at peace with other believers, that Satan would not have success in attacking families, friends and ministry partners.
- •pray for them to have joy when they suffer, kindness when they are slandered and patience when things are hard. Pray for God to help them persevere.
- •pray God would give them success in sharing the gospel with others, that they would see disciples made and churches planted.



Adult Bible Study

December 4, 2017 10:00am @Calvary Baptist Church

Speaker: Tommy Goode

Music: Caroline Powell & Ruth Mason Refreshments: Pot Luck Dinner

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Area Wide Christmas Activities

Bethany

- Dec 3, 6:00pm, Welcome Christmas, missions, carols & food
- Dec 17, 6:00pm, Christmas program
- Dec 24, 10:30am, Christmas worship;
 5:00pm, Candlelight service

Bethlehem

- Dec 20, 7:00pm, Children's program Charlie "A Charlie Browm Christmas"
- Dec 25, 10:30am, Christmas church service

Broadway

- Dec 3, Holiday dinner
- Dec 24, 6:30pm, Candlelight service with Lord's Supper

Calvary

- Dec 17, 10:00am, Celebration of Christmas choir
- Dec 20, 6:00pm, caroling
- Dec 24, 5:00pm, Christmas Eve Service

Camp Branch

- Dec 3, 6:00pm, Hanging of the Green
- Dec 16, Kids caroling
- Dec 17, 10:00am, Christmas Cantata
- Dec 24, 6:00pm, Christmas Eve Service

East Sedalia

• Dec 17, 10:30am, Children's Christmas Party

Emmet Avenue

• Dec 17, 10:30am, Christmas Program

FBC Sedalia

- Dec 3, 3:00pm, Handel's Messiah; 6:00pm, Hanging of the Green & soup supper.
- Dec 17, 10:45am, Christmas Choir Music
- Dec 24, 5:30pm, Candlelight Lord's Supper Christmas Eve Service

Flat Creek

- Dec 3, Hanging of the Green and Fellowship Dinner
- Dec 17, 10:30am, Pageant & Celebration
- Dec 24, 6:00pm, Christmas Eve Service

Hopewell

- Dec 3, Caroling with Pizza after
- Dec 10, 4:00pm, Ornament & Cookie Exchange
- Dec 17. 6:00pm, Soup & Sandwich, 7:00pm, Christmas music

Hughesville

- Dec 2, 2:00pm, Hughesville Christmas Parade
- Dec 17, 12:00pm, Thanksgiving/Christmas dinner, Hanging of the Green
- Dec 24, 10:30am, Christmas program

Katy Park

- Dec 2, 10:00am, Sedalia Christmas Parade
- Dec 13, 6:30pm, Caroling @ Fairview Nursing Home
- Dec 17, 10:45am, Children's Christmas Program
- Dec 24, 6:00pm, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Lamine

- Dec 3, Lunch followed by Christmas Caroling
- Dec 24, 6:00pm, Christmas Eve service by candlelight and Lord's Supper

Memorial

• Dec 17, 10:00am, Christmas Program

Mt. Olive

- Dec 3, 12:00pm, Fellowship Meal
- Dec 17, 6:00pm, Christmas program "Happy Birthday Jesus"
- Dec 24, 6:00pm, Christmas Eve Service
- Dec 31, 6:00pm 5th Sunday Sing

New Hope

- Dec 9, 10am-2pm, North Pole Express-Kids Christmas Store
- Dec 17, 6:00pm, Christmas Family Gathering Fellowship
- Dec 24, 6:00pm, Christ Eve Candlelight Service

Olive Branch

- Dec 3, Thanksgiving /Christmas Dinner, Flinging of the Green
- (TBA), Movie Night

Primera Iglesia Bautista Hipsana

• Dec 24, 12:30pm, Christmas Music Program

Providence

- Dec 3, 9:00am, Hanging the Green, 11:00am, Holiday runner up.
- Dec 12, Second Sunday of Advent
- Dec 17, Third Sunday of Advent, 6:00pm, Christmas Pageant
- Dec 24, Fourth Sunday of Advent

Smithton

- Dec 3, 12:00pm, church dinner following Hanging of the Green
- Each Sunday of December is planned music, readings, skits & share time.

Syracuse

• Dec 10, 6:00pm, Christmas Program , dinner to follow

"NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES"

Bethlehem: We have had a wonderful blessing of a new baby in our church. The Carpenter family welcomed a beautiful baby girl. Our Woman's meeting decided to give Thanksgiving baskets to area families. With many members donating, the baskets were fully packed. Our children are working very hard on their Christmas program, "A Charlie Brown Christmas." Our adult choir has been practicing their Christmas program also, which will be old time favorites. We have seen great growth in our teens, we have six new teens in our Sunday night teen group. God is Good. Our teens attended a Teen Conference in Springfield, MO and had a great time of fun, games, and learning. We attended the Christian Fellowship Bike and Toy drive and fellowship on Nov. 24th. A potluck dinner was included with a concert from the Life Line band. On December 22 we (along with other churches) will participate in a teen lock in from 7pm to 12 pm at the Celebration Center. All are welcome.

Broadway: 75 children came to our Trunk and Treat event for candy and a new salvation tract. Pray for these families. We celebrated Thanksgiving on November 19 and 26 and have new t-shirts featuring John 3:16. Our Advent schedule includes Advent Wreath candle lighting and Scripture, Jesse Tree, nativity scenes, wreaths, trees, and Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with the Lord's Supper. Our Christmas activities will also include a shower for our new baby. We also are collecting canned food. The first 2018 video series begins January 7 at 6:30 pm on the growth of the Church beginning with Paul through modern times as a follow-up to the Reformation series we just completed. Check out our new slideshow at www.broadwaybaptistsedalia.org.

Calvary: Calvary hosted the Harmony Bible study and singing the first Monday of the month. The Men's breakfast was enjoyed by our members and friends. Pastor Ron Satterwhite (our pastor's twin brother) was the speaker. We were blessed to have Chris Robinson (an experienced chief) to be the head cook for the men's breakfast. We held revival services with Dr. Paul Jones, October 8 through October 11th. We made our regular visits to Fair View, E.W. Thompson and Rest Haven, with singing and a message from Pastor Don. The Movie, "What If" was the featured attraction on movie night. Pastor Don attended the Missouri Baptist Convention in Raytown, Mo. Forever Young had a great time at the home of Carroll and Linda Howard. They were guest hosts with Norm and Sharon Klein. Calvary had a great Fifth Sunday Sing the last Sunday of the month. Trunk or Treat on Halloween was a great success. Over 700 children passed through many trucks that gave treats. Popcorn was a big hit as Chris Robinson was very busy popping lots of corn. A \$100.00 gift certificate was offered for signing up. The winner attended and was recognized in the Sunday morning service.

Camp Branch: On November 12th we had our annual Thanksgiving dinner. On November 16th, we packed 40 shoeboxes packed for Operation Christmas Child.

East Sedalia: Sunday evening Bible Study for adults resumed with David Bergman leading it. Members were asked to sign up to host small groups to pray for our church. We donated needed items to be used at the Embassy. Since we are without a full time pastor, the following men supplied for morning services this past month: Dr. Daryl Stagg, Bro. Ken McCune and Bro. Jeff Page.

Emmet Avenue: We received 2 new members by statement in November. We filled 75 boxes for the Samaritan's Purse. We finished sprucing up the outside of our church with new paint on the gutters and also on the ramp.

FBC Sedalia: Several hundred kids and families enjoyed the annual Children's Fall Festival on October 31. We also had winners in the drawings for a Nintendo Switch gaming system and a drum set. On November 4, we had a "church clean up day" to go through a lot of unused materials and items. About 20 people participated. A group of senior adults traveled to Branson November 8 & 9, to take in a couple of shows. They stopped at the Baptist Home in Ozark, visited with the residents, and took them a big load of items they requested. Our annual Thanksgiving Dinner was on November 19. We had a great crowd of folks who enjoyed a wonderful banquet and fellowship.

Flat Creek: On Nov. 19 a fellowship meal was enjoyed followed by the presentation of the International Mission Study on Russia. Place mats were colored, laminated and given to the clients on the Meals on Wheels route. The Thanksgiving - Christmas food drive is getting into full swing for Open Door. 123 Christmas Child Boxes were filled and taken to New Hope. We have begun to collect food and items for the Open Door.

Hopewell: We had our Thanksgiving dinner after worship. It was enjoyed by all.

Katy Park: We collected/packed boxes for Operation Christmas Child. We held our annual Thanksgiving Dinner at the Shriners' Hall on November 19. We ministered to those living at Fairview Nursing Home during our HOPE Service on November 26. Our Women's Ministry held a worship night on November 30.

Lamine: On Oct. 14, 25 people attended a BBQ hamburger & hot dog roast, which was followed by a Hayride. On Oct. 29, we held our harvest dinner followed by a singsperation and praising the Lord. On Nov. 26 we observed the Hanging of the Greens in our morning service.

New Hope: GA's, RA's, youth, and adults participated in a shoebox packing party for Operation Christmas Child, packing 126 shoeboxes.

New Hope was a drop-off center for Operation Christmas Child during National Collection Week. We received a record 2,258 shoeboxes. They were transported to the Clinton Collection Center and from there will be trucked to the Minneapolis Distribution Center. The GA's and RA's held a chili fundraiser for the North Pole Express in November.

Primera Iglesia: We had a wonderful time celebrating the Anniversary of the church. We held a training for our musicians which ended with a music celebration.

Providence: Greetings fellow followers of our Lord Jesus. Thanks, glory and honor be to Him in all things; for His grace, mercy and love abound in us and our world. We continue to trust God for church growth and pray that He grants us visitors each week. A matinee movie event is being planned for December/January for our youth. With Jesus in our hearts and minds, we continue to worship Him in our conversations and by our actions. So many souls need His help. Uplift Him, put Him first in all we do and His blessings abound to us and other. Glory to His Holy name.

Vision: We served at the Community Café two times and served approximately 50 people. The ladies met for food and fellowship and we are having a tea party this month and also meeting to decorate the church. We had our quarterly business meeting in October. The men met for their monthly breakfast. We had our Trunk or Treat with great attendance! We turned in eight Operation Christmas child boxes. We rang bells for the Salvation Army kettle campaign. We are having a Christmas eve service. After service we will be preparing a meal for the Pettis County jail.



