



Harmony Baptist Association

NEWS


Dr. Daryl R. Stagg, Director of Missions
Anita C. Jordan, Administrative Assistant

Volume 55 Issue 12

December 2014

HOW TO REACH US

Harmony Baptist Association

 660.826.2070

 P.O. Box 1810
Sedalia, MO 65302

 660.826.2332

 hbaoffice@iland.net

 www.hbamo.org

 1950 Hwy TT
Sedalia, MO 65301

Administrative Assistant's Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
9:00 a. m. - 4:00 p.m.
12:00 - 1:00 (lunch)

Inside this issue:

| | |
|--|---|
| Project Parachute | 2 |
| "NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES" | 3 |
| Open House December 15-16 for Routons | 4 |
| Church-Wide Christmas Activities | 5 |
| Jason Gray Christmas Stories Tour - December 7 | 6 |



May the joy of Christmas be yours as we celebrate
together the greatest gift of all— Jesus Christ the Son of God.

"Lottie Moon Christmas Offering" **November 30 - December 7, 2014**

Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas
Offering for International Missions (received during the month of December)

Theme: "One Sacred Effort" Find Your Place in God's Story

National Goal: \$175 million Missouri Goal: \$3.5 million
Church Goal: \$_____

For resources go to www.IMB.org/offering

Ted Francis Retiring from Calvary

Rev. Ted E. Francis, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Sedalia for the past seven years, is retiring. He has served churches in Kentucky, Florida, North Carolina, and Missouri (Blue Springs, Warsaw, Lone Jack, Sedalia). He and his wife, Judy, have been married sixty years and have four grown children, Jon (Kerry), Ty (Ronda), Zane McCubbin (Randy), and Penny, and four grandchildren, Kyle, Cole, Zane, and Janell.

His educational background is Hannibal-LaGrange College, Hannibal, Missouri, Georgetown College, Georgetown, Kentucky, and Midwestern Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri. He is retiring from pastoring after 63 years in the gospel ministry, but not from preaching. He is available for pulpit supply, interim pastor, Bible conferences, and revivals.

His last Sunday will be December 14, 2014.

CALENDAR

December

- Nov 30-Dec 7 Week of Prayer for International Missions
- Lottie Moon Offering
- 1 Adult Bible Study & Music at Calvary - 10:00 am - Carry-In Lunch
Planning Meeting afterwards
Pastors Fellowship - Bandanas BBQ - noon
Associational Coordinating Team - 1:30 pm
- 6 Sedalia Christmas Parade - 10:00 am
- 9 Maplewood Association - 7:00 pm
- 13 Ministers/Staff/Spouse Christmas Dinner - Katy Park - 6:30 pm (reservations needed)
- 15 NEWS items due early
- 18 Label NEWS - 8:00 am
- 24-Jan 1 Christmas Holiday - Mission Office closed
- 25 Celebrating the Greatest Gift - Jesus Christ

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

Project Parachute

Merry Christmas and Tremendous "Thank You" for the donation of 70+ dozen cookies, candy, cards, and pens which were included in our Christmas boxes sent overseas. *Word and Way* Associate Editor Vicki Brown, contacted us for an update on Project Parachute's mission activities. An article will appear soon in *Word and Way*.

Thanks also to all who helped at the Veterans' Celebration on November 15 at North 65 Café to make it memorable for our veterans and families.

A special thanks to Keith Rowland for making the oak flag display case for the folded American flag and certificate we received from Scott P., a returned deployed soldier.

Reminder

The items for January News are due early. The date is Monday, December 15. Your help in meeting this early deadline is greatly appreciated.



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 Bautista Hispana
- Missionary Kid Glory InmanDecember 22

Receipts from our churches

| Church | October 2014 | YTD |
|-------------------------------|---------------|----------|
| Antioch | 683.60 | 1857.76 |
| Bethlehem | 403.60 | 4058.16 |
| Bethany | 250.00 | 2500.00 |
| Broadway | 147.00 | 1861.98 |
| Calvary | .00 | 5337.50 |
| Camp Branch | 525.01 | 6293.24 |
| Cornerstone | .00 | 795.96 |
| East Sedalia | 132.01 | 7194.08 |
| Emmet Avenue | 50.00 | 500.00 |
| FBC, Sedalia | 1561.46 | 18158.61 |
| Flat Creek | 427.57 | 5402.34 |
| Green Ridge | 250.00 | 1084.00 |
| Hopewell | 408.49 | 4421.02 |
| Houstonia, FBC | 175.15 | 1933.49 |
| Hughesville | 111.92 | 598.45 |
| Katy Park | 882.72 | 7699.76 |
| Lamine | 174.76 | 2405.89 |
| LaMonte | 99.78 | 1858.73 |
| Memorial | 203.00 | 1880.70 |
| Mt. Herman | .00 | 1895.00 |
| New Hope | 1100.77 | 4675.64 |
| Olive Branch | 98.00 | 1132.12 |
| Primera Iglesia Hispana | .00 | 30.00 |
| Providence | 150.00 | 370.00 |
| Sedalia Harmony | 75.00 | 750.00 |
| Smithton | 75.00 | 750.00 |
| Syracuse | 200.00 | 800.00 |
| Vision | 62.33 | 588.25 |

Checking - October 2014

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Beginning Balance..... | \$ 4,632.75 |
| Undesignated receipts..... | 8,247.17 |
| Other receipts..... | 138.14 |
| Less Expenditures..... | (11,117.28) |
| Transfer to Designated | - |
| Ending Balance..... | \$ 1,900.78 |

Reserve Fund — October 2014

| | |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Beginning Balance..... | \$ 1,592.62 |
| Interest earned..... | .07 |
| Ending Balance..... | \$ 1,592.69 |

Mission Trip Fund October 2014

| | |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ 1,146.17 |
| Ending Balance..... | \$ 1,146.17 |

Designated Funds - October 2014

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Balance..... | \$13,222.60 |
| Receipt..... | 2,290.30 |
| Expenditures..... | (1,026.00) |
| Transfer from General Fund..... | - |
| Ending Balance..... | \$14,486.90 |

2014 required monthly receipts.....\$ 9,844.00

October undesignated receipts.....(\$ 8,247.17)

Amount above or (below) to meet budget..... (\$ 1,596.83)

Anniversaries

- Leroy Moon.....4 years, December 12
Pastor - Providence

Antioch: We participated in the Green Ridge Community Thanksgiving Service November 23. Wednesday Bible Study continues with a series of lessons on Dispensational Truth. Our Calendar Committee is organizing monthly fellowships this month and throughout the coming new year. The first event is a movie night on December 14.

Bethany: The saints at Bethany shared the Lord's Supper on the 9th. The Men's Morning Fellowship met on the 1st and the 15th. We prepared shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. We shared our annual Thanksgiving fellowship dinner on the 23rd. Our Sunday evening services featured a teaching series by David Platt, titled "Follow Me."

Bethlehem: The youth were active with a day trip and helped the local elderly with projects around their house, yard work, etc. A Youth Lock-In is planned for December 19. The women donated two complete Thanksgiving dinners/baskets to a couple of families and have planned Christmas needs.

Broadway: Plans are being completed for the Christmas Celebration activities in our church. The Routon's shared their Haiti Mission Ministries with our church recently. We are involved in a 6 week discipleship class on Wednesday evenings.

Calvary: We sent 125 shoe boxes to Samaritans Purse for Operation Christmas Child. We were happy to have "The Singing Mark's Family" on November 9. Our annual Thanksgiving dinner was held after the morning service on November 16. We ordained two deacons on November 16. Pastor Ted announced his retirement.

Camp Branch: IMB missionaries to Poland; Joshua Krause (Camp Branch Baptist Church) and Bailey Hughes (Fellowship of The Parks Church, Fort Worth, Texas) will be married January 3, 2015 in Fort Worth. On Friday, January 9, 2015, a local reception will be held at Camp Branch Baptist. Come anytime from 6 to 8 pm. The Ladies Bible Study will begin a study on Revelation beginning January 8 (every Thursday) at 9:00 am for 10 weeks. Registration is needed by calling Jeanette Pahlow (827-4662 or 281-1405) as soon as possible. Ladies of all ages are welcome. We cleaned up the church from top to bottom. We helped fill 25 boxes to military serving overseas through Project Parachute. We held our annual Thanksgiving dinner Sunday November 16. Operation Christmas Child boxes were filled and are on their way to children.

East Sedalia: On November 9, Steve Morgan was our guest speaker as Pastor Scott was on vacation. Steve is the Athletes in Action pro soccer director of Kansas City and is the U.S. men's national team chapel coordinator. He is also the chaplain for the Missouri Mavericks, Missouri Comets and Sporting KC. Godz Kids meet every Wednesday evening and are children from kindergarten through 6th grade. They made handmade Veterans Day cards. On November 9, in the morning service, all veterans were asked to stand in recognition of their service to our country. Each one was presented with a card from the children. On November 16, after the morning service the Thanksgiving Carry-In Lunch was served. On November 22 there was a Georgia Mission Trip Fundraiser Dinner held for Rachel Aldrich, a student at Southwest Baptist College, and a member of East Sedalia Baptist Church. The Children's Ministry is hosting a toy drive this year of gently used toys. They are also requesting people to bring in coins to help support the mission of the toy drive.

Emmet Avenue: We filled 30 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. We sponsored a child for a year through the Buddy Pack program. Plans are being made for Christmas caroling in December. We plan to deliver fruit baskets to our church shut-ins in December.

Flat Creek: All month Lottie Moon Christmas Offering emphasis with Sunday morning videos, etc. on Week of Prayer for missionaries. We filled 130 Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. We are in the process through December of collecting food for Open Door. So far we have delivered over 2000 pounds of canned goods. On November 23, we had an all-church soup/sandwich meal followed by the IMB Mission Study on the Ivory Coast prior to the Lottie Moon emphasis.

FBC, Sedalia: We held our annual Children's Fall Festival for the community on October 31. Several hundred children and their parents attended! The Women's Enrichment Ministry sponsored a fun evening for women on November 7, called "Operation Gratitude." Thank you notes were prepared and sent to our military and law enforcement personnel. Our youth served as waiters at El Tapatio on November 17, as a fundraiser for the summer mission trip in 2015. We enjoyed the Church Thanksgiving Dinner on November 16 following morning services. Dick Hutchison was ordained as a Deacon on November 16.

Hopewell: We held our Thanksgiving Dinner. We were so blessed to have Pastor Ed bring a wonderful message. Please continue to keep him in your prayers. We packed boxes for the Samaritan's Purse.

Katy Park: We hosted a Patriotic Recital on November 4. The men and women interested in serving in the Jail Ministry received training at the Pettis County Sheriff's Department on November 8. The monthly Men's Ministry Meeting and dinner was held on November 11. The Senior Adults held their monthly meeting on November 14. Jeff Page led a service for the residents of Fairview Nursing Home on November 23. We enjoyed a traditional thanksgiving dinner on November 23. We showed the movie "The Star of Bethlehem" to the church on the evening of November 30 (Fifth Family Fun Night).

Lamine: We gave a card of appreciation and cupcakes to the pastor for Pastor Appreciation at the Singspiration. We observed the Advent. The Lord's Supper will be December 28.

Memorial: Pastor's Appreciation Month was a great success. Over 80 people attended our October Fest. On November 9, we had Brian Arnold from Branson, Missouri as our guest on Sunday morning. What a marvelous time we had. Dinner was served following our service. On the 15th, we hosted a Deer Hunters Brunch with over 50 people in attendance and lots of deer stories. The second, third and fourth Wednesday evening of each month the children had a fun time of games and learning. We also offered an adult class (Experiencing God) the first Wednesday of each month. Mrs. Lonnie DeVorss is teaching a class on the effects of Prayer. Our Children will soon start practice for the Christmas program December 14.

New Hope: The Special Needs class and Women's Ministry worked together November 24 to assemble and deliver Thanksgiving food baskets to families, then enjoyed pizza supper at the church. The 5th Sunday Fellowship on November 30 was a chili cook-off. Terry and Carolyn Routon will share about their mission work in Haiti at the 6:30 pm service on Wednesday, December 17.

HARMONY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 1810
Sedalia, MO 65302



Address Service
Requested

Non-Profit Org.
Permit #302
U.S. Postage Paid
Sedalia MO 65302

Continue from page 3

Smithton: Rev. John Barrett was called as pastor effective November 9. We welcome again John and Peggy to Harmony Baptist Association.

Syracuse: We had our church-wide Thanksgiving Dinner on November 16.

Vision: The church observed the Lord's Supper on November 2. On November 9, the youth and adult Sunday School class went out and canvassed the neighborhood around the Junior High. The youth met two times this month. The men met at Golden Corral for breakfast and fellowship. After the men's breakfast, they got together and put up trim and hung some doors in a single mom's house. We volunteered at Open Door Food Pantry this month. The ladies got together for a brunch and fellowship and put gift bags together for the ladies at Forest Avenue Women's Shelter. We collected 25 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. We had our Thanksgiving dinner on November 19. We helped a church member hang Christmas lights. We collected hats and gloves for Community Cafe.

Open House December 15-16 for Routons

Carolyn and Terry Routon will be at the Mission Office on December 15 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and December 16 from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm.

They will display baskets, crocheted and embroidered handmade items, and crafts from Haiti. These items are for sale for a donation.

Please come by and visit with them and see pictures. They would really like to see each of you. Contact them at 660-351-5168 if you cannot make the specific times.





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

CHURCH-WIDE CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

CHURCH AND EVENT

ANTIOCH: Supper and Movie Night showing "God In Not Dead"

BETHANY: Go & Tell Christmas and Fellowship

Christmas Program

Christmas Eve Service

BETHLEHEM: Adult Musical

Children's Christmas Musical/Play

BROADWAY: "Hanging of the Green"

Christmas Dinner

Christmas Program

Christmas Eve Service

CALVARY: "The Celebration of Christmas Music" by choir

EAST SEDALIA: Christmas Cantata and Happy Birthday Jesus Party

Family Christmas Eve Service

EMMET AVENUE: Thanksgiving/Christmas Holiday Dinner

Christmas Play

FBC, SEDALIA: "Revealing of the Green" followed by soup supper

Hosting the Community Chorus of "The Messiah"

"Extravagant Worship" Christmas program by the FBC Music Ministry

Christmas Eve Candlelight Lord's Supper Service

FLAT CREEK: Hanging of Green Service & Carry-In Holiday Meal

Christmas Program followed by fellowship

Christmas Eve Service

HOPEWELL: Caroling

Christmas supper followed by the Christmas Program

KATY PARK: Movie Night "The Star of Bethlehem"

Deadline for donating cookies for neighbors

Passing out popcorn to parade attendees before parade

Carrying the cross in the parade

Distribution of cookies plates to neighbors

Assembling Christmas Ornaments to pass out to homes where we go caroling

Senior Adult Group presents Christmas Play, "Charity in Cricket County"

Take gifts to Fairview Nursing Home residents

Christmas caroling

Christmas caroling

Serving meal at Community Café

New Year's Eve Party in Fellowship Hall

Youth Lock-In

LAMINE: Hanging of the Green Service

Caroling in nursing home and community

Christmas Program

Snow date for Christmas Program

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

MEMORIAL: Children's Christmas Play

MT. HERMAN: Annual Christmas Program

NEW HOPE: First Sunday of Advent - message of Hope

Bussing a group to Christmas Pageant at FBC, Raytown

Annual Christmas Family Gathering

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

PROVIDENCE: Children's Christmas Program

SEDALIA HARMONY: Decorate church

WMU Christmas Party

Christmas Program, Soup Supper, Family Christmas Celebration

Christmas Worship/ Lord's Supper

Family Movie Night (New Year's Eve)

SYRACUSE: Christmas Program

DATE

December 14

December 7

December 21

December 24

December 14

December 14

November 29

December 7

December 21

December 24

December 14

December 21

December 24

December 7

December 21

November 30

December 7

December 14

December 24

December 7

December 21

December 24

December 7

December 14

November 30

December 3

December 6

December 6

December 7

December 10

December 14

December 14

December 14

December 21

December 31

December 31

December 31

November 23

December 7

December 14

December 21

December 24

December 14

December 21

November 30

December 7

December 14

December 24

December 21

December 5

December 7

December 14

December 22

December 31

December 14

TIME

4:00 pm & 5:00 pm

6:00 pm

6:00 pm

5:00 pm

10:30 am

6:00 pm

2:00 pm

noon

10:30 am

6:30 pm

10:00 am

10:30 am

5:30 pm

noon.

10:30 am

6:00 pm

3:00 pm

10:45 am

5:30 & 9:00 pm

10:30 am - noon

6:00 pm

7:00 pm

1:30 pm

6:00 pm - 7:15 pm

6:30 pm

6:30 pm

9:30 am

10:00 am

afternoon/evening

6:30 pm

10:45 am

afternoon

5:30 pm

5:30 pm

5:00 pm

8:00 pm-midnight

midnight

6:00 pm

around 1:00 pm

10:30 am

10:30 am

6:00 pm

10:00 am

10:30 am

10:40 am

noon

6:00 pm

6:00 pm

5:00 pm

6:00 pm

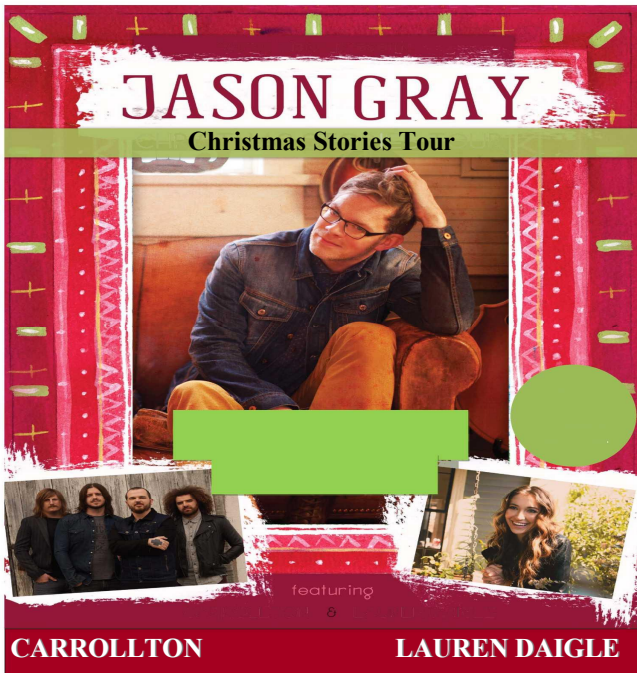
12:00 pm

11:00 am; 5:00 pm; 6:00 pm

11:00 am

6:00 pm

6:00 pm



Sunday, December 7, 2014
3:30 pm (doors open 2:30 pm)

**Smith-Cotton High School Heckart
 Performing Arts Center**
 2010 Tiger Pride Boulevard, Sedalia

General Admission \$5 (Limited Seating)

Ticket Outlets:

First United Methodist Church & iTickets.com
 (Christian Event tickets & information)

Sponsored by:

Sedalia Christian Outreach- 827-2993
www.facebook.com/sedaliaconcerts

All proceeds will help provide
 Christmas to local families.

Kids Kamp 2014

In seven months and a few weeks, we will enjoy warm weather at our Kids Kamp at Heit's Point. YEA! Your Cabin Leaders (which by the way are all coming back) are meeting together to plan for our kamp. They are so excited to see the children again. We are making changes that I think you will like. So keep us in your prayers and I can promise you....you are being remembered in ours!

YOUR STAFF AT "Kids Kamp" want to wish you and your family a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR.

Jan McDowell– Kamp Director

Adult Bible Study and Music at Calvary



Monday, December 1, is our next Adult Bible Study and Music at Calvary Baptist Church, 1015 W. 16th, from 10:00 to 11:30 am. Jon Church (Katy Park) will lead the Bible Study. JoAnn Keele (Broadway) will lead the music.

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.

Looking Ahead in 2015

January 12 - Executive Board Meeting

January 24 - TruthStick Training at Katy Park Baptist Church, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Cost \$10, lunch is provided. Call Jon Church 829-0220.

February 5-6 - Missouri State Evangelism-Discipleship Conference at Ridgecrest Baptist Church, 2210 W. Republic, Springfield. See www.mobaptist.org/furnace for more information.

March 9-11 - Renovate National Church Revitalization Conference, Spurgeon Center at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City. For more information www.renovateconference.org/register

April 21 - M & M Banquet

June 15-19 - Kids Kamp at Heit's Point

2015 Winter Bible Study

The Winter Bible Study dates are: February 4, 11, 18, 25. The study theme is "Deuteronomy: A Challenge to a New Generation." The Rally will be January 28 at Antioch Baptist Church at 6:30 pm. The following churches are participating in the East and West rotation: Smithton, Providence, Broadway, Lamine, Mt Herman, Sedalia Harmony, Camp Branch, and Antioch.

Newsletter Changes

In 2015, we want to increase the number of newsletters sent by email. Please give us your email address so you can receive the newsletter in 2015. Please send your email address to hbaoffice@iland.net