



# HARMONY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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### Office Hours

Tuesday 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

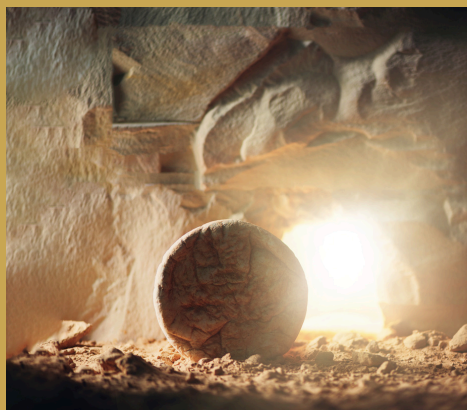
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

### Prayer Requests

Pray for these churches as they search for a new pastor.

Antioch Baptist Church  
Emmet Ave. Baptist Church  
Green Ridge Baptist Church



**He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said.**

**Matt 28:5**

## HE IS RISEN

We are among the most blessed people in God’s world! As we celebrate and worship at Easter, let us praise Him for being the Living Lord! No other religion on earth can claim a Savior who went through the gamut of human suffering, humiliation, physical abuse, and death on a cruel cross. But above all, we can claim the only risen from the dead, alive in the world today, Savior! Praise to God for providing the perfect way of salvation!

So, what does all this wonderful provision mean to you and me as believers? What does it mean for our churches? The letter to the Colossians gives us a clue about what it means: “He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything He might have the supremacy” (Col. 1:17-18). If we are Christians, we must allow Christ to be the head of everything in our lives, from family, jobs, how we talk, who we run with, and how we give witness to Him. Our churches, too, must pay attention to His instruction for operating procedures. How are we at praying? He says to pray continually. How is our worship? He says to worship in Spirit and truth. How is our attitude toward others? He says to forgive as Christ forgave you. How is our tithing? He says the tithe is the Lord’s. No matter what we do in our lives or in the church, He is the head, the master, the boss! Pay attention to Him!

By Robert Sisney

## Easter Service Information

### Good Friday Services April 3, 2026

Bethany Baptist 5:30 p.m.

New Hope Baptist 6:00 p.m.

### Easter Sunday April 5

#### Bethany Baptist

Easter Breakfast 9:30 a.m.

Easter Worship 10:30 a.m.

#### New Hope Baptist

Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m.

Egg Hunt 7:00-8:00 a.m.

Breakfast 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Worship w/Communion 10:40 a.m.

## Upcoming Dates

### April

- 3 Good Friday
- 5 Easter Sunday HE is Risen
- 13 Building & Grounds Meeting 5:00 pm @ the Office
- 13 Kid's Camp meeting 6:30 pm @ the Office
- 14 ACT meeting 9:00 am @ the Office
- 15 Tax Day
- 18 Deacon Day Training @ Calvary Baptist

## Future Dates

### May

- 1-7 Associational Emphasis Month - Kid's Camp  
Associational Mission Offering
- 4 Adult Bible Study 10 am @ Calvary Baptist
- 7 National Day of Prayer
- 10 Mother's Day
- 11 Kid's Camp meeting 6:30 pm @ the Office
- 16 Summer Preaching Series Workshop FBC Sedalia
- 22-24 Spring Conference @ First Baptist, Sedalia
- 25 Memorial Day

### June

- 1 Adult Bible Study 10 am @ Calvary Baptist
- 1 Executive Board Meeting 7 pm @ the Office
- 8-10 Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting
- 8-12 Kid's Camp 2026
- 21 Father's Day
- Sunday Evenings in June - Summer Preaching at various churches

## NEW WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK LAUNCH

In an effort to aid our work together, we are pleased to present a newly rebuilt website. This will serve as a new resource hub for our churches to better connect to our association ministries, for our community to better see our ministries, and as a resource hub for our work together for the kingdom. Please check out your local church on the Church Directory, the Resource page, and Kids Camp as registration has begun!

[www.hbamo.org](http://www.hbamo.org)

We also are seeking to publish association news and local church efforts on our new Facebook page. You can follow along there!

<https://www.facebook.com/HarmonyBaptistAssoc>

A big thank you to Jeff Barkacs, a Member at Bethany Baptist Church, for his tireless effort to build this site from the ground up and to help our staff and volunteers get this site ready to serve our churches!

## When a Deacon Comes to Call

By Gary West, Missions Coordinator

The church here is a happy lot, because we are ransomed from the fall.

But are they happy still, when the Deacon comes to call?

To work for God, it brings such joy, it's like shopping at the mall.

To be exactly where you need to be, and to listen for God's call.

To be a help, to be a friend, to be trusted to the end.

To be seen while we're about, have stopped to help a fellow out.

And if all these words be true, I love Jesus, how about you?

For now, I'll keep my happy though, as Jesus died for us all.

And I'll except an evening when the Deacon come to call.

## Deacon Day Training

Deacon Day training will be on April 18, at Calvary Baptist Church. The day will start at 9:00 a.m. with coffee and donuts. We will be working through The Deacon's Ministry Handbook, edited by Alan Witham, put out by B&H Publishing. Each attendee will receive a copy. We are going to specifically look at chapter 6 of the book. Our time together will focus on making disciples through sharing the Gospel, encouraging our pastors, serving in ministry, praying, teaching, and equipping others to lead. We want to encourage, strengthen, and develop current and future deacons, help pastors, and enlighten those considering leadership.

Lunch will be provided and the day will end at 3:00 p.m. We need people to visit <https://www.cbcsedalia.org/event/jmg9zcg/deacon-s-workshop> to register.

## Adult Bible Study Begins

Beginning April 5, 2026 the Adult Bible study will meet the first Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at Calvary Baptist Church. We are looking forward to seeing all of you again. We will follow our traditional format, at least the first meeting. Pastor Robert Sisney and Brother Steve Cardwell will be leading these sessions. Bring a friend, your Bible, and your desire to meet with Christian friends.

2026 Monthly Requirement	\$7,496.08
Church receipts for March	\$6,889.98
Net Budget difference	\$ -606.10



# Two Future Opportunities

There are two opportunities coming up for churches and men who are interested in sermon training and preaching opportunities.

The first opportunity is the Spring Conference on May 22-24 at First Baptist Church in Sedalia. The theme of this year's conference is "The Thriving Church: God's Good Design for the Local Church". Dr. Samuel Emadi will be leading the sessions on Friday night and Saturday.

Dr. Emadi is a graduate of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and is senior pastor at Hunsinger Lane Baptist Church in Louisville, KY.

The cost of the conference is free and childcare will be available. For more information call the church at 660-826-2160.

The second opportunity is the Harmony Baptist Association Summer Preaching Series during the months of June and July. There will be a training workshop on May 16, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm lead by Dr. John Greever of First Baptist Church in Fenton, MO. This training is open to men with their pastor's blessing who has a desire to preach and proclaim with Word of God.

If you are interested in this opportunity or want to open your church up on a Sunday night in July or August for preaching opportunities, contact Dr. Jeremiah Greever at 314-616-5930 or [jeremiahg@fbcsedalia.org](mailto:jeremiahg@fbcsedalia.org).

**FRIDAY**  
5:30PM Doors Open  
6-7PM Worship & Session 1

First Baptist Church-Sedalia and  
Harmony Baptist Association

## SPRING CONFERENCE

### MAY 22-24

**SATURDAY**  
9-9:15 Welcome & Worship  
9:15-10:15 Session 2  
10:15-10:30 Break  
10:30-11:30 Breakouts  
11:30-12:30 Lunch  
12:30-1:30 Session 3  
1:30-2:00 Q&A (All Speakers)  
2:30-3:30 Podcast (All Speakers)

**SUNDAY**  
9AM Sunday School  
10:15AM Worship

## The Thriving Church:

*God's Good Design for the Local Church*



**DR. SAMUEL EMADI**


Dr. Emadi received his Ph.D. from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and is serving as senior pastor of Hunsinger Lane Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky. He also serves as editor for 9Marks, cohost of the podcast Bible Talk, and is author of *What Should I Do Now That I'm a Christian?*, *Who's in Charge of the Church?*, and *From Prisoner to Prince: The Joseph Story In Biblical Theology*.

**REGISTER NOW AT**  
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**COST IS FREE**



Harmony Baptist Association presents

## Summer Preaching Series

June & July 2026

**WHAT**

- Sermon training and preaching opportunities at associational churches
- Sunday nights, June & July, from 6:00-7:00PM
- Each night two men will preach 20-25 minutes each

**WHO**


- With his pastor's blessing, any man who is interested and desires to preach
- A goal of formal ministry is not necessary, just a desire to faithfully proclaim the Word of God
- Associational churches are invited to serve as hosts for an evening

**TRAINING WORKSHOP**


May 16, 9AM-3PM, at First Baptist Church led by Dr. John Greever

Training will include:

- The Foundation for Biblical Preaching
- The Exegetical Contents of the Sermon
- The Preliminary Preparation for Preaching—Turning Exegesis to Bridges
- If you plan on participating, please use the QR Code below so we can have sufficient materials, food, and books available for the training workshops.*



**DR. JOHN GREEVER**



## IT'S CAMP TIME

It's time to sign your child(ren) up for camp. Kid's Camp is always a highlight in the summer. "Built on the Rock" Kid's camp will teach children to build their lives on Jesus - brick by brick.

Register by May 8 by scanning the QR code or going to [hbamo.org](http://hbamo.org) and look for the Kid's Camp page.



**BUILT ON THE ROCK**  
Kids Camp 2026

Building our lives on Jesus — **brick by brick**

"Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock."  
Matthew 7:24

**June 8th–12th**  
**Baptist Ridge Camp**  
Completed 3rd–6th Grade  
**\$150**

Register by May 8th:  
Scan QR code or go to [hbamo.org](http://hbamo.org)



## Why do we, as Southern Baptists, cooperate?

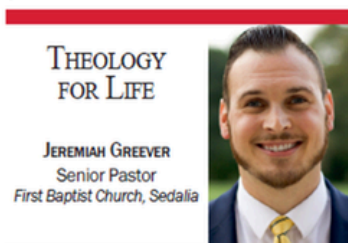
As the son of a Southern Baptist pastor, I've only ever known Southern Baptist life. Our family vacations often included the SBC annual meeting, many of which I still vividly remember. As a child, I naively believed all Southern Baptist churches were alike. In my childhood simplicity, I thought every SBC church looked and sounded just like mine.

As I grew older and became a Southern Baptist pastor, I've realized our convention isn't evenly uniform. The truth is, we're different in lots of ways. Our differences span from different ministries to worship style to even precise doctrinal positions. Southern Baptists are cheerfully diverse.

If we're different in so many ways, then what unifies us? Why do we cooperate as a convention of autonomous churches? Southern Baptist cooperation can be distilled to three, foundational beliefs.

**1. We believe the Bible is both inerrant and sufficient.**

We certainly could say more about the



Bible, but we dare not say less. While we equally affirm Scripture's infallibility, necessity, perspicuity, and authority, of particular importance is inerrancy and sufficiency. The Conservative Resurgence of the 1980's taught us the necessity of holding fast to Scripture's inerrancy (2 Timothy 3:16) and sufficiency (2 Peter 1:3-4). These words are more than mere slogans—they are formative for all of life. Without apology or reservation, we believe the Bible doesn't contain any errors and it also contains everything we need for all of

life and godliness.

**2. We share a common confession.**

Southern Baptists in friendly cooperation will always debate and disagree on third tier doctrinal issues. As the joke says, whenever three Baptists gather you have at least four opinions. It's perfectly fine to disagree on tertiary issues while holding fast to the same confessional convictions. God has been kind to the SBC in giving the Baptist Faith and Message 2000. Though it's not a perfect document, it helpfully communicates our shared convictions as Southern Baptists. We believe the Bible and we also hold a shared confession that is distinctly Baptist.

**3. We believe we can do more together than separately.**

God has called and equipped every local church to proclaim the Gospel and faithfully serve his kingdom. The Cooperative Program ingeniously helps local churches partner together for greater kingdom effectiveness. As

local churches cooperate through the Cooperative Program, more kingdom work can be accomplished through shared efforts and resources. Southern Baptist churches of all sizes can partner for Gospel work spanning from creating financially affordable seminaries to supporting missionaries across the world. We cooperate because we care about fulfilling the Great Commission together for the glory of God.

As we prepare to come together in Orlando, Florida for the upcoming 2026 annual meeting, we would do well to remember our similarities over our differences. Though our churches are different in some minor ways, we're together in what matters most—we believe that Jesus alone is sufficient for salvation and that He's called us to proclaim with one voice the Gospel to all the nations. That's a message worth cooperating over. ■

## Church Happenings

**New Hope Baptist** hosted the annual M&M Banquet in March. Women in the Word and men's Closing the Gap met for a joint ham & bean supper and their respective Bible studies on March 17. Twenty-six ladies studied the name Jehovah Jireh. They will study Jehovah Tsidkenu--The Lord Our Righteousness--at their April meeting. The group of 15 men talked about how we can and do love God; explored what the Bible says it means to love God, obey Him, keep His Word, and love our brothers by meeting needs. We also talked about how we can become distracted and how to engage in life to love God through prayer, Bible study, worship, service, and serving one another.

Feel free to join us in April.

We welcomed our new Youth Director Brad Langdon, wife Laura and two children, at a carry-in dinner on March 29.

**Bethany Baptist updates:** We are taking a team to do spring cleaning at Sagrada Scholarship Bible Camp in Lincoln, MO on April 11th.

VBS is planned for June 1-5, 9am-12pm

**Katy Park Baptist** had 18 people attend the Youth & Children's Worker training presented by Missouri Baptist Children's Home.

**East Sedalia** is collecting money to help send children and youth to camp this summer. Two ladies who work with children and youth attended the Youth and Children's Worker Training on child safety at Katy Park Baptist Church. They will be sharing the information with those who work with children and youth. A total of 12 men and boys shared the Men's Breakfast on February 21, a lunch mixer was held on March 19 at Country Kitchen with 7 attending. Supply pastors for March have been Rev. Eddie Brown, Jeff Page and Virgil Nunes.

Bethlehem Baptist "Teach us to number our days carefully so that we may develop wisdom in our hearts." Psalm 90:12 March has been a very good month for our Little White church. We added six new members. There was one Baptism, and a baby dedication. We will hold our Easter Egg hunt for the kids on Palm Sunday, March 29. There are so many filled eggs coming in. There will be barbecued Hot Dogs and Chips. The Quilt Club is working on several things. The Quilt we are trying to complete to be in the Fall Festival is coming along very well. Bible Studies on Tuesday Nights at 5:30 and on Wednesday nights at 5:15 have been going well. In the Month of March are going through the Book of Ruth. There will be another study starting on April 21, 2026. What we will be studying is to come.

We would like to thank all who volunteer for the events at Bethlehem. There are several things coming up. Easter Egg Hunt, Community Cafe, Our Monthly Pot Luck, and many more. Everyone who helps with these things are so very appreciated. There are a lot of things coming up for the month of April; Easter, Bible Studies, Favored Women. Favored Women will be so much fun as usual. Of course the people who will be speaking. Crowder will be performing again this year, and he is always very good. Hope to see all of you there. "How good it is to give thanks to you, O Lord, to proclaim your constant love every morning, and your faithfulness every night." Psalms 92:1-2



New Youth Director Brad Langdon and family

## Volunteer Opportunity

Starting April 1, 2026 our Association is looking for volunteers to help assemble Faith Bracelets to give out in the Baptist tent during the State Fair in August. A kit will be provided for you to assemble the bracelets at home and return to the office. Contact the office at [Harmonyoffice@hbamo.org](mailto:Harmonyoffice@hbamo.org) if you are interested.

