



HARMONY

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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How Can You Help?

Office Hours

Tuesday 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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

Prayer Requests

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

Green Ridge Baptist Church

Hopewell Baptist



August 1, 1967

LaMonte Baptist



August 29, 1871

Bethany Baptist



August 23, 1959

2026 Monthly Requirement \$7,496.08
Church receipts for March \$8,394.62
Net Budget difference \$ 898.54

MMO
RHEUBIN L. SOUTH
MISSOURI MISSIONS OFFERING

because of your
**PARTNERSHIP
IN THE GOSPEL**
from the first day until now.
— Philippians 1:5 (CSB) —

September 13-20 are this year's dates for the Missouri Missions Offering (MMO). The churches in our association will be presenting information on ways your offering can help you partner in spreading the gospel across Missouri.

In his message to the state about the offering, Wes Fowler, MBC Executive Director-Treasurer says: "The Rheubin L. South Missouri Missions Offering (MMO) supports more than two dozen ministries – and more than 40 missions projects. These include Christian foster care, disaster relief, prison ministry, and other mission projects that advance the gospel.

Our goal this year is \$825,000, and our Week of Prayer is September 13-20."

Any size gift will help support prayer and evangelism, church planting and renewal, missions mobilization, collegiate ministries, disaster relief and much more.

Here is a sampling what your offering can provide.

- \$1 provides a "Little Debbie" moment - snack like a Christmas tree cake to seniors in Baptist Homes fellowship events
- \$8 secures a Bible for a disaster survivor
- \$17 provides a multi-colored soccer ball to share the gospel with participants in sports camp
- \$30 provides a case of diapers for a Children's Home client
- \$100 adopts an IMB missionary kid returning to the states so they can attend MK Reentry
- \$135 covers course fees for one credit hour for a nursing student at Southwest Baptist University Mercy College of Health Professions

The list goes on. Prayerfully consider how you can share Christ's blessings through your generous gifts to MMO.

Association Office Will Be Closed

The Association Office will be closed August 19 - September 1, 2026. The Office Administrator will be on vacation during this time. If you are in need of immediate assistance please call Pastor Rob Ayers, 660-287-1090 or Pastor Travis Battershell, 817-913-7169. You can also send an email to HarmonyOffice@hbamo.org and your email will be addressed after September 1.



Upcoming Dates

August

- 1 Annual Church Profiles (ACP) Due
- 3 Adult Bible Study 10 am Calvary Baptist
- 6 Executive Board Meeting 7 pm at the office
- 13-23 State Fair Tent Ministry
- 15 ACP Due
- 16 National Senior Citizen Day

Future Dates

September

- 7 Labor Day
- 13-20 Missouri Baptist Missions Emphasis
Rhuebin L. South Offering
- 14 Adult Bible Study 10 am Calvary Baptist
- 27 HBA Annual Meeting 1:30 pm Katy Park

October

- 1-31 Pastor Appreciation Month
- 5 Adult Bible Study @ Calvary Baptist
- 12 Columbus Day - Holiday
- 13 ACT Meeting 9:00 a.m. office
- 26-27 192nd MO Baptist Convention -
St. Charles Convention Center, St. Charles, MO

Pastor Church Anniversary and Birthdays

Church Anniversary

- 1 Travis Battershell Bethany
- 1 Jason McClain Olive Branch
- 19 Jonathan Wallenbeck Calvary

Birthdays

- 3 Vanessa Chapple LaMonte
- 22 Rob Ayers Camp Branch
- 26 Andrew Bryant FBC Sedalia

Missouri State Fair August 13-23, 2026



Don't forget to contact Russ Slocum at 660-473-5386 with the number of volunteers from your church or to sign up for yourself. This is a great way to spread the gospel across the state.

Be in prayer for those the gospel is shared with that their hearts are open to hearing about Jesus.

Greetings in the name of our Lord from the Missions Team

Our monthly Adult Bible Study continues to be a wonderful blessing, bringing churches throughout our Association together in Christian fellowship that reflects the heart of God. During our recent gathering, we studied the Seven Spirits of God and the Ten Outward Evidences of a Christian, encouraging one another to grow in faith and walk more closely with Christ.

As a group, we have also agreed to simplify our fellowship meals by bringing a sack lunch rather than preparing more food than we can enjoy together. This allows us to focus even more on what truly matters—the study of God's Word, prayer, and the sweet fellowship we share as brothers and sisters in Christ. I encourage each of you to prayerfully consider how you and your church can participate in and support these opportunities for fellowship and ministry.

May the Lord continue to unite our churches in faith, love, and service as we seek to glorify Him in all we do.

Submitted by Gary Lee West, HBA Missions Coordinator

A Call to All Deacons

“But He gives greater grace. Therefore, it is written: ‘God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.’” (James 4:6 NASB)

I am Gary Lee West a deacon of Lamine Baptist Church, I humbly invite you to an evening of prayer, prayer for our association and for our churches. The prayer meeting will be held on September 8, 2026 at 6:30 p.m., at Lamine Baptist, 7538 Swinging Bridge Drive, Pilot Grove, MO 65276.

Our pastors gather monthly to pray, and as deacons, we ought to gather as well. It is time for the Spirit to move, a time for hearts to humble themselves, and time for God to be glorified.

“For pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.” (James 1:27 NASB)

Church Happenings

What's going on at **Flat Creek**?

- 1,000 Gospel conversation challenge. I have challenged the church to collectively have 1,000 gospel conversations this year – at school, at work, at doctor appointments, when you're out shopping, even sharing the gospel in messenger on Facebook would count. If you don't get out much, you could volunteer at a VBS or join the Baptist tent at the State fair. If every church in the association were to join us in this challenge, that would reach 24,000 people who hear the gospel this year in a place where the population is only 23,000. So far, Flat Creek has had over 300 conversations with two young girls ages 8 and 11 leading the way in sharing the word!
- Gospel training. So far we have learned a handful of ways to share the Gospel including: the Roman's road, the ABC's, how to get to heaven in a C.A.R., G.O.S.P.E.L. F.I.R.E., the three circles, we even invited the Gideons to train us in sharing the Gospel like they do. Just a few more to go.
- Open Door food drive. We always couple VBS with a food drive for the Open Door Food Pantry. We raised enough money to buy over a ton of food for the pantry, and the kids assembled 12 birthday bags with Gospel tracts as well.
- Mission trip to England through Spurgeon College and their fusion impact program. A 17 year old with a passion to see sinners saved and saints sanctified is off on her second mission trip of the year sharing the gospel with people from around the globe who have settled in one of England's thriving metropolises.
- Mission to Mexico with Primera Iglesia. A mother-daughter duo from Flat Creek will join Primera Iglesia Baptist on their annual mission trip to Mexico near Guadalajara.
- The Baptist tent at the State Fair. You can expect to see Flat Creek at the State Fair sharing the Gospel. We've been training all year to reach out to the 300,000 guests coming to Sedalia. What an opportunity God has given us to grow His kingdom!

Lamine Baptist Church, Emmet Avenue Baptist Church, and Smithton Baptist Church have faithfully joined together each month, strengthening one another as the Body of Christ.

Our July gathering was a Vacation Bible School hosted by Smithton Baptist Church, where we rejoiced in sharing the love of Christ with children and families. In August, we look forward to joining our brothers and sisters at Emmet Avenue Baptist Church as they celebrate the ordination of their new pastor, Pastor Teddy Evans. Please keep Pastor Evans, his family, and the congregation in your prayers as they begin this new season of ministry together.

We at **Lamine** have joined together with **Emmet Avenue** and **Smithton** to hold joint services and participate in different events. On June 28th we held a combined church service at Smithton. Brother Teddy Evans from Emmet Avenue brought the message. The Spirit was moving with Smithton gaining a new member! Praise the Lord! A carry in meal was served with a VBS planning session after. Our joint Adult VBS was scheduled for July 13-17, and the children's VBS July 20-24. The three churches came together to work on a float Smithton used in the Smithton Parade. During the Smithton parade a booth was set up at Smithton where VBS registration took place. The Adult VBS was well attended and enjoyed by all and the same for the Children's VBS. One individual who attended the Adult VBS had never been to VBS before. The Spirit is moving, praise the Lord! Our three churches are planning several events. Lamine hosted a patriotic celebration on July 5th with food, games and fireworks. God provided great weather along with an opportunity to meet some new people. Praise the Lord! God is certainly blessing our combined efforts!

East Sedalia There were 20 children and 38 adults at VBS, held June 26, 27 and 28.

There were 8 children and 1 helper from E.S.B.C. who attended our Association Kids Camp. On July 12 there was a churchwide barbeque after the morning worship service. Hot dogs and burgers were provided by the church and sides and desserts were given by those attending. A large crowd of members and guests enjoyed it immensely. Lunch mixer was held at LeMaire's during July. Daren Belardo is holding prayers meetings every Monday evening at the church. On Aug 1 "The Journey of Paul" with Memorial Baptist Church will be held at E.S. B.C. 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM for children who have completed K-5th grade. Supply preachers for July have been Jeff Page and Daren Belardo.





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