

# THE BEACON

Harrisburg Christian Church  
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## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

**September, 2025**

Greetings HCC,

Thank you Lord for the people you have called to serve you at HCC both now and in the past. Thank you for the men and women who founded the church 155 years ago. Thank you that for all those decades there have been people who have kept the church running with their finances, their talents, and their time. Each generation has had a core group of people who have been committed to following the Lord at HCC.

I recently had the privilege of meeting with HCC's current Elders and Deacons. As I sat at the table with them, my mind started to think of ways I have seen them seek to honor God and minister to others over the years. I thought of Judy Price and Cec Blakemore organizing a women's event. Cindy Roller was telling us about Operation Christmas Child, and Dennis Haynes was sharing how he had been led to pray for men he met at a recent retreat. I thought of David Comegys and the times he has checked up on me and other members who were facing difficult seasons. I pictured Kevin Fearn debugging our sound booth and getting a video ready for the service. I'm thankful for Karen Kinhead, Vickie Spry, Danny Miller, and Herb Owens and the small groups they have led over the years and the multiple roles each of them have held.

I thought of Tom Head teaching Sunday School and Diana Winn taking a group of students caroling. Kathy Haynes had just helped someone take the step of membership and I was reminded of Cara Douglas reaching out and showing compassion to a community member in need. I pictured Corey Whitaker encouraging us in song and sermon. Cortney Franklin lifted up a prayer and I was reminded of his heart for the lost and how he has helped others hear the gospel. I thought of Johnny Spry being willing to have a difficult conversation with someone who needed to move their vehicle out of our parking lot. And I couldn't help but think of Sam Coy when I walked by the elevator shaft and saw the progress being done and his craftsmanship.

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And that is just a small portion of the service that is taking place each week and an even smaller portion of the service that has happened at HCC in its 155 years of existence. Thank you Lord for those who have served you in previous generations, we benefit from their efforts. May we serve you faithfully in this generation for your glory and the building of your kingdom.

Keep up the great work HCC!

God loves you!  
John Gillman



We hope to see you at this year's Harrisburg Septemberfest.

Festivities will kick off Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.

A full day of fun is scheduled for Saturday with games, music, vendors, food, Bingo, and more! It always ends with a BANG, watching the best firework show this side of the Mississippi.

Be sure to make plans Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> to join us for the community service at the Lion's Club. **We will NOT have our traditional services that Sunday.**

## JOHN'S TIDBITS

1. Congratulations on your baptisms!: Caleb Nichols, Grant Hunziker, and Amanda Peterson
2. Welcome new members!: Grace Franklin and Carly Class!
3. September 7<sup>th</sup> is our Community Service at the Lions club. We start at 11 AM. No Sunday School or worship services at HCC that morning. What a great time to worship with other believers in Harrisburg!

JOIN US ON SUNDAY  
MORNINGS AT  
9AM OR 10:30AM

# UPCOMING EVENTS



*You can be apart of it*



Find an event and get connected!

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## Septemberfest

Join the community on  
September 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> at  
the Lion's Club Fest

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## Preschool Screening

September 17<sup>th</sup> at the  
Harrisburg Christian  
Church.

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## Senior Luncheon

September 9<sup>th</sup> in the  
church basement from  
11-12.

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## Deacons and Elders Meeting

September 23<sup>rd</sup>

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## Harrisburg Cemetery

They are accepting donations.  
Jan Sublett  
PO Box 83  
Harrisburg, MO 65256