



## NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

I have been perusing the minutes and other history of our association lately and have come across some very interesting facts – facts that may be forgotten or unknown by many but which may shed light on the current discussion we are having regarding the possible name change from Miller County Baptist Association to Lake of the Ozarks Baptist Association.

“At the 47<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Osage River Association of Baptist Churches held with New Harmony Baptist Church, eight miles south of Aurora Springs, Miller County Missouri, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1891, with Rev. J M Hibbs, Moderator and Rev J A Jordan, clerk, it was agreed to change the name from Osage River to Miller County Association, which they did with the view of getting all of the Baptist Churches in Miller County and adjacent territory to unite with them.

The 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Session was held with the Baptist Church in Brumley with W H Payne Moderator, and J A Jordan, Clerk. No new churches received at this session.

The 49<sup>th</sup> Session was held at Hickory Point Baptist Church September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1893, and the following churches were received into the Association Spring Garden, Blue Springs, Rocky Mount, Spring Valley and Green Ridge. Rev. E M Lumpkin, Moderator, Rev. J A Jordan, clerk, Rev. A E McCombs preached introductory sermon, text Acts 1:8.”

It seems that for the first 47 years or so, many of the Baptist Churches in Miller County were not a part of the association. The association had a genuine desire to reach out to their sister churches and invite them to be a part of the family, to work together for the sake of the Kingdom of Christ. It was not because of a desire from those churches to join, but a desire of the association to reach out.

From the minutes of the Osage River Baptist Association of Churches, 1892: The Committee on Resolutions made the following report which was adopted.

“First, Believing that the work for the Master will be more effectual by a consolidation of all of the churches within our territory do send greeting to the following churches and ask them to join us in our associational relation.”

“Be it resolved that Rocky Mount, Aurora Springs, Blue Springs, Green Ridge, Spring Garden and Spring Valley are hereby asked to carefully and prayerfully consider the propriety of uniting with us at our next annual meeting.”

“Resolved further, that a copy of the minutes containing these resolutions be sent to the churches named herein.”

It is also evident that not only has the association changed it's name before – but several of our churches have also changed their names . . . . From “Living our Legacy of Missions: A History of Miller County Baptist Association”:

- From its beginning in October 1868 it (Green Ridge) was known as Hite's Chapel Baptist Church. It became Green Ridge in 1870.
- Hickory Point was originally known as Little Richwoods.
- FBC Iberia was originally known as Big Richwoods Baptist Church of Christ. The church changed their name from Big Richwoods to First Baptist Church of Iberia in October 1889 – after the town of Iberia had become incorporated.

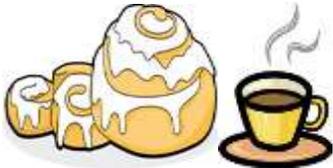
- In 1902 Antioch Baptist Church became Riverview.

In each of these cases, the various churches and even the association, desired to change their name because they recognized the culture and communities in which they ministered had changed. It was their desire to be more effective in reaching others. The change of name did not change who they, or we, are. In fact, there has been great care in preserving the history of our association – that is how I have been able to read the handwritten notes from the meetings from 1844 on. In fact when the association changed names, the minutes are in the same book, just turn the page. The same names of the saints who are our forbearers are recorded in the minutes of the Osage Valley Association and of the Miller County Association.

Each of the churches mentioned above traces their history to when they were originally established, regardless of the name they were known by back then. These churches do not consider themselves to have begun, or become a different church simply because they changed their name.

Assuming we vote to become the Lake of the Ozarks Baptist Association at our Annual Meeting in September, we will still be the same association, with the same purpose of reaching people in the Lake area with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We will still see each other at our various meetings and events and we will have the same fellowship and cooperation in ministry that we have enjoyed in the past. It is merely a recognition of the changing dynamics in the communities we serve.

Your Fellow Servant  
Timothy

<b>PASTOR'S &amp; WIVES FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST</b>	
	<b>SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2017</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> <b>Blue Springs Baptist Church</b>

## **IOWA MISSION TRIP SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 17-20**

We will be leaving for Shenandoah, Iowa and Christ Point Church on Thursday, August 17. You can drive up any time during the day or come after work.

Friday morning will be door-to-door work with a Block Party scheduled for Friday evening. Saturday evening will be spent ministering to the church family of Christ Point Church. They have been open a little more than a year and have been very busy with ministries and building repairs need some rejuvenation. We will also worship with them on Sunday morning and head for home Sunday afternoon.

Hotel costs will be \$90 per night per room. There will also be expense for about 4 meals.

Please pray for this trip as a participant and also supporters of the trip to Shenandoah.

# SHENANDOAH IOWA REPORT

*By Pastor Noel Gandy*

Greetings from Christ Point!

In April, we celebrated one year of moving to Iowa. The first year of ministry here has been a whirlwind! We arrived in Iowa on April 24, 2016 and the wheels have been turning ever since. It has been with the wonderful help and support from many individuals, churches and our home association that the tasks the Lord has charged us with have been accomplished.

I'm thankful that we surrendered to the call to plant Christ Point Baptist Church here in Shenandoah. In studying Jonah, I have realized that God's purpose was accomplished through Jonah in spite of him running from the Lord. I am thankful that it didn't take being swallowed by a whale to get us to Iowa! This has truly been one of the best years of my life. Seeing God move in a supernatural way is a joy that cannot be explained!

Many know I injured my back in April. Through physical therapy, medication, and prayer I am almost fully recovered. Thank you to those who spent time praying for me. I'd also like to thank my parents for making the 1800 mile round trip to help my family while I was out of commission.

We celebrated our first Easter Sunday at Christ Point in April with 67 in attendance. It was an amazing service, one of the best I have ever attended!

In March and April, we began planning for summer outreach/missions. We worked with the town of Farragut to be allowed to share the Gospel there, so we placed a team from Calvary Baptist Church in Waynesboro, MS there to go door to door and have a family picnic in the park. Many more tasks are lined up to take place this summer as July and August are full of teams traveling to Shen to minister. These teams are: FBC Runnelstown, Evergreen Baptist Church, Liberty Baptist Church Waynesboro, Trinity First Baptist Church Beat Four, and Miller County Baptist Association Missouri. Some of the projects these teams will be participating in are: church building improvements and maintenance, Independence Day outreach, and Vacation Bible School.

During the spring, our church family studied Ephesians 6 and the Armor of God. We felt God was leading our church to offer this study to children. On May 24th, we began Kids Crusade: The Armor of God. For six weeks on Wednesday nights, we feed the children dinner, and have a service dedicated just to them including music, skits, funny videos, games, a lesson on a piece of the armor, and small group time. We average 25 children a week with this week being our last.

Would you please help us pray for our outreach opportunities on July 4th? We will be in the town parade promoting VBS, and we will be involved in many community events that day in hopes to share about Christ Point and the Gospel.

Thank you and until next time.

*"For we are unable to stop speaking about what we have seen and heard." Acts 4:20*

# Miller County Baptist Association Crappie Derby 2017



Rescheduled for  
**September 23**

Public Beach #2 – Osage Beach

Cost Per Boat: (Derby & Youth T-shirt Included)  
1 Adult & 1 Child/Youth - \$30  
2 Adults - \$40

Schedule of Events:

Mandatory Pre-Tournament Meeting – 7:00pm –

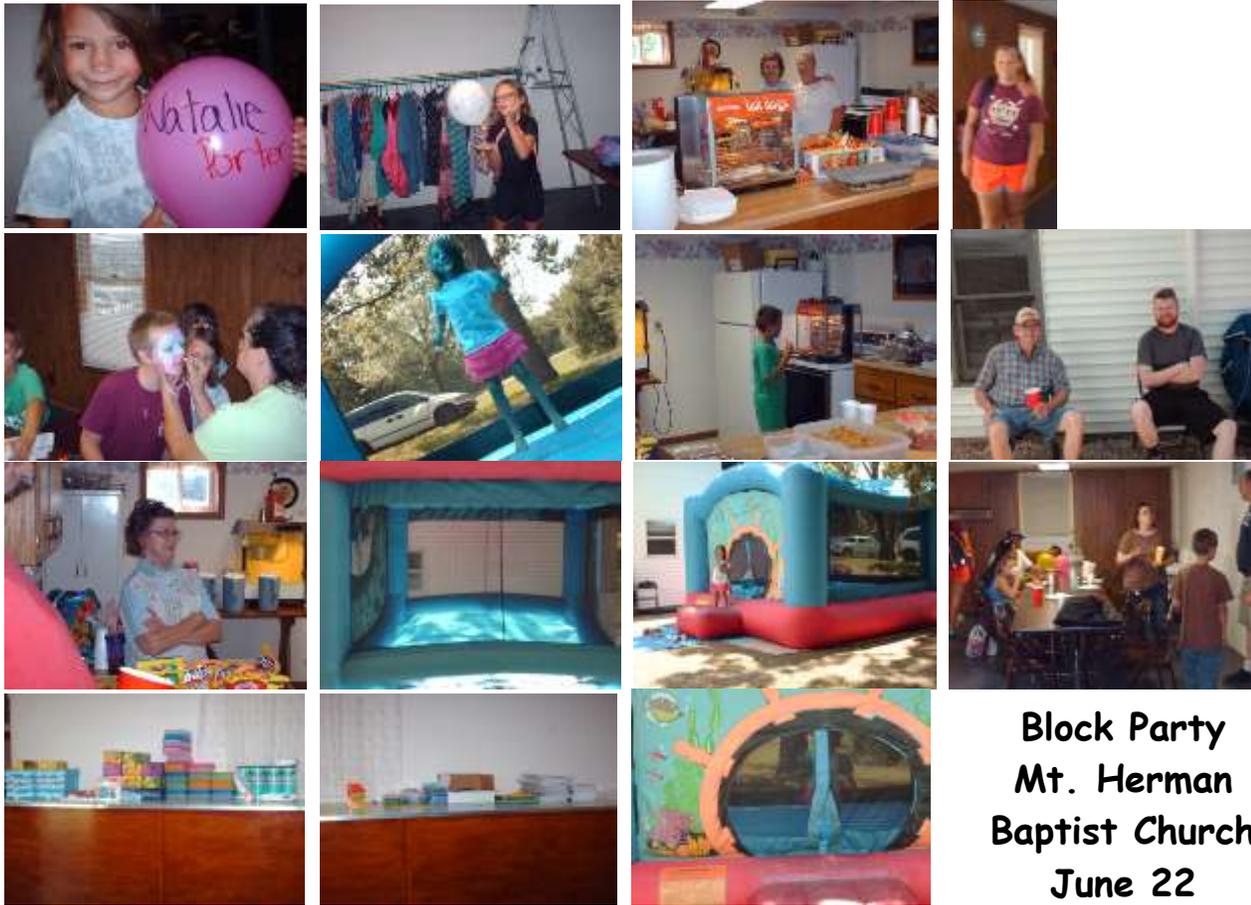
(Registration also available before the meeting 5:30pm – 7:00pm)

Derby Start – 8:00am

Weigh-In – 2:00pm

Food, Games, Bank fishing contest, and Bounce House starting at  
noon

For Questions or Registration Please Call Hickory Point Baptist  
Church @ 573-793-6486 or go to [hickorypointbaptist.org](http://hickorypointbaptist.org)



**Block Party  
Mt. Herman  
Baptist Church  
June 22**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 28-29: Food Pantry Open, Rocky Mount Baptist Church**
- July 30: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Sing, Mt. Herman Baptist Church 6:00 PM**
- July 30-August 3: VBS, Horseshoe Bend Baptist Church**
- July 30 - August 3: VBS, Ulman Baptist Church**
- August 8-11: VBS, Green Ridge Baptist Church**
- August 12: Pastors & Wives Breakfast, Blue Springs Baptist Church**
- August 16-20: Mission Trip to Iowa**
- August 25-26: Food Pantry Open, Rocky Mount Baptist Church**
- September 7: Pastor's and Wives Fellowship, Blue Spring Baptist Church**
- September 9: Annual Meeting, FBC Eldon**
- September 10: On Mission Celebration**
- September 23: Crappie Derby**
- September 25-27: Baptist Secretaries Association of Missouri Conference, Summit Woods Baptist Church, Lee's Summit, MO**
- September 29-30: Food Pantry Open, Rocky Mount Baptist Church**
- November 3-5: Fearless -- 2017 Mt. Carmel Youth Conference**

**REMEMBER  
OUR CHURCHES  
WITHOUT PASTORS  
SPRING GARDEN  
HONEY SPRINGS**



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