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The Voice

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My older sister moved a while back and in her new back yard was a shed that she didn't want. She said I could have it if I would come and get it. She sent pictures. It was a nice looking shed, roof in good shape and everything. Cool. I get a "free" 8x12 shed!

So eventually I had a place cleared and leveled – level ground in Morgan County is not a part of God's natural creation – and arranged with a friend to go get the shed. Well, sometimes things are not as they at first appear! Whoever built the shed built it right on the ground, so over the years the floor had rotted out. Sure, another floor had been put down, but it was not properly attached. So when we went to lift the shed onto the trailer what was once the floor stayed on the ground! Well, obviously this made the walls insecure....well, that's a bit of an understatement!

So we secured the walls with some boards stretching the width of the shed, and also running along the exterior of the shed lengthwise since they had been damaged by the floor coming loose. We finally got the 8x12 shed without a floor on the 6x12 trailer and strapped on with large ratchet straps. Then, what would normally be a 2 hour trip to get it home ended up being a three hour trip.

Eventually a new floor was built, and the shed was moved from its precarious perch aloft the trailer to the floor. Then the entire contraption was scooted into position and the process of levelling began. After that the siding, which had been damaged by all the moving, was replaced. Then a partition was built inside to separate the back 1/3 from the front 2/3 – this will be the new chicken coop. Hay is stored in the front 2/3 along with feed for goats and chickens.

Still to come – an old wooden window will be cut to fit between the studs and installed with hinges so it can be opened. A roosting rod and nests will be added to the chicken coop part. The brown trim along the eves will be painted white, along with a few other final touches.

It's not a big barn, but I don't have a big farm! It meets my needs. More important, though are the lessons learned.

- 1. Sometimes something can look good as long as it is not disturbed. But try to do something and you discover the It's rottenness that has been hiding there all along. Some people are like. Everything is fine til we try to get them to move, change, be something different, and rottenness on the inside then there makes them just fall apart.
- 2. Even if something is falling apart, it may still be worth salvaging and can become more valuable than previously thought. A little work, a little patience, a little investment, and those lives previously thought not worth salvaging can be seen for what they are really worth. Sure, there may need to be some rottenness stripped away. There may need to be some old discarded and new installed. But Jesus can do that with us, rather Jesus HAS DONE that

with us, as we let Him work in our life. So we should also let Him work through us to redeem and restore others He brings into our life.

So be careful at devaluing and dismissing someone just because they are a little (or even a lot) rotten on the inside. Perhaps God is calling you to partner with Him in the process of renovation and restoration, so they can be the person He sees, not the one you see.

Your Servant

Bro. Timothy



Pastor's & Wives Breakfast
Saturday, February 12,

8:30 AM
Blue Springs Baptist Church



Lake of the Ozarks Baptist Association

Valentine's Day Banquet

When: Saturday February 12th 2022, 6pm.

Where: Aurora Springs Baptist Church, Eldon Mo.

Main Course will be pulled pork with buns and condiments

Association Members are asked to bring Sides and Desserts.

Brush up on your knowledge of your Husbands and wives. There may be a pop Quiz.

LAKE OF THE OZARKS
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

WORSHIP CONFERENCE

Speaker



REGISTER BY CALLING:

(573) 392-6591

Brad Newbold

Worship Pastor Concord Baptist Church Jefferson City, MO

DATE: MARCH 5 TIME: 9 AM - 12 PM

LOCATION: RIVERVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH, OSAGE BEACH, MO

COST: \$5



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JOIN US IF YOU WANT TO:

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- Gain practical advice for knowing and understanding God's voice through His Word
- Learn to recognize the Holy Spirit's character, language, and tone of voice
- Experience a deeper relationship with God, and strengthen your daily walk with Him

Montgomery Baptist Church 1125 Boot Dr. Camdenton, Mo.

6:30 pm February 23, 2022 (573)-873-4244

Contact Lisa for further information



ASSOCIATIONAL VBS CLINIC TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022 FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IBERIA, MO 6:30 pm -- LIGHT DINNER PROVIDED

Make plans to attend this Vacation Bible School planning event for your church. All directors, workers, teachers, and any others interested in working toward the same goal for VBS 2022 should make plans to attend. Our goal is to bring Glory to God through VBS. We want to help children see the importance of the word of God in their lives and how God directs their path. This clinic will give you the opportunity to see a variety of ideas available for your VBS but will mainly focus on how VBS can be done with a common goal. We will also plan to discuss alternative methods of teaching/holding VBS amidst these uncertain times of Covid 19. Please contact Michelle Bryant at 417-259-3855 or michelle4music44@gmail.com with any questions.

<u>Please RSVP</u> by emailing Michelle Bryant or let the Associational office know how many from your church will be in attendance.

I would also like to have a list of VBS contacts in one place. Please email me your name, email address and phone number and whether you can receive texts.

michelle4music44@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 30 – 5th Sunday Sing at Mt. Herman Baptist Church, 6:00 PM

February 12 – Pastors & Wives Breakfast, Blue Springs Baptist Church, Z Hwy, 8:30 AM

February 12 – LOBA Valentine's Banquet, Aurora Springs Baptist Church, 5 Firefly Rd., Eldon, 6:00 PM

February 23 – "Discerning the Voice of God", Montgomery Baptist Church, 1125 Boot Lane, Camdenton. 6:30 PM, Contact Lisa Allen, (573) 873-4244, for further information.

February 25-26 – Rocky Mount Food Pantry Open

March 5 – Worship Conference, Riverview Baptist Church, 9:00 AM

March 8 – VBS Clinic, FBC Iberia, 3 Bonnie Lane, 6:30 PM

March 12 - Pastors & Wives Breakfast, Blue Springs Baptist Church, Z Hwy, 8:30 AM

March 13 – Daylight Saving Time Ends – Spring Forward one hour

March 25-26 – Rocky Mount Food Pantry Open

MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITIES

Since many people need to inform their employer of when they plan to take time off, we want to make you aware of two ministry opportunities this summer.

First, there will be a mission trip to Rochester, MN **June 4 – 11**. If you are interested in participating as we help Rochester Community Baptist Church with some exterior work and also a block party, you may need to schedule that time off from work now.

Also, Camp will be July 11 - 15. We need folks to fill various positions at camp - kitchen help, cabin leaders, worship leaders, etc. If this is something you may be interested in you will need to mark your calendar and see about taking time off for that week.

If you have questions about these events, or anything else the association does, please feel free to ask.



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