



*Lake of the Ozarks Baptist Association*

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# *The Voice*

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God is good, all the time. And all the time, God is good.

You know, that is not just a crowd engaging exchange a preacher uses to interact with the people in a congregation....it is a fact of theology....

Last week Adava (my daughter-in-law) slid off the icy road on her way to work. There is some damage to the car, but she and Easton are fine. God is good.

That same evening Ethan was on his way home from work and hit an icy patch on the bridge over Wright Creek causing him to spin off the road, and then roll down hill – rolling his truck four times! He got out and walked up the hill, to the complete amazement of several witnesses that had stopped to see if they could help. When asked how / why he was okay, Ethan's response was simply "It was God". God is good all the time!

But then we remember the recent passing of Bob Cavanaugh, our dear friend and colleague in the ministry. Can God be good when He takes a pastor in the midst of so much good going on in the church?

The question is not whether or not God is good . . . it is our perception of what is good that needs to be questioned....

Is God good only because he protected my kids when they had car accidents? If He had allowed them to be injured, or worse, would God still be good? In Luke 18.19 and also Mark 10.18 Jesus says that only God is good.

When things that we appreciate or agree are good, it is easy for us to worship the Lord, to praise Him and to give thanks. And that is certainly a valid form of worship. But when things are not so good from our perspective do we still worship Him? In other words, is our worship based on what God does, or on who He is?

Sadly, too many worship the Lord based on our own experiences and perceptions of what He has done, rather than truly worshipping Him for who He is. Sovereign over all creation. And whether we agree or not, He is ALWAYS good. Many of the Psalms were written when David was going through some pretty trying times.

We have our first worship conference scheduled for this Saturday, March 5. At this conference you can learn about worship – the nature of true worship, preparing for worship, worshipping in different setting and different occasions, and more. See elsewhere in this newsletter for details.

And please keep Spring Garden (and Anna) in your prayers as they work through the grief of losing Bro. Bob. Just because God is good does not mean that we escape sorrow . . .

Pray for Spring Valley as well. God in His goodness, will provide both churches with the men He has already chosen to lead them.

Your Servant

Bro. Timothy

LAKE OF THE OZARKS  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

## WORSHIP CONFERENCE

Speaker



**Brad Newbold**

Worship Pastor  
Concord Baptist Church  
Jefferson City, MO



REGISTER BY CALLING:

**(573) 392-6591**

**DATE: MARCH 5**

**TIME: 9 AM - 12 PM**

**LOCATION: RIVERVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH, OSAGE BEACH, MO**

**COST: \$5**

# I ♥ VBS

**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](mailto:michelle4music44@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Please RSVP** 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.

## 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.



**Pastor's & Wives Breakfast**

**Saturday, March 12,**

**8:30 AM**

**Blue Springs Baptist Church**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

March 3 – Camp Committee Meeting, 5:30 PM  
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 Begins – Spring Forward one hour  
March 25-26 – Rocky Mount Food Pantry Open  
April 9 - Pastors & Wives Breakfast, Blue Springs Baptist Church, Z Hwy, 8:30 AM  
April 10 - Palm Sunday  
April 12 – Executive Board Meeting, Montgomery Baptist Church, 1125 Boot Drive,  
Camdenton – 7:00 PM  
April 15 – Good Friday  
April 17 - Easter  
April 29-30 – Rocky Mount Food Pantry Open

*In Memory  
of  
Robert Mitchell Cavanaugh,  
April 14, 1960 – February 11, 2022  
Pastor, Spring Garden Baptist Church*



**SPRING FORWARD 1 HOUR  
MARCH 13**