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The Voice

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of Miller County Baptist Association

NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

April showers bring May flowers. And what do Mayflowers bring? Pilgrims!

Well, in the case of the lake area . . . tourists!

There is a big difference between pilgrims and tourists. Pilgrims are typically traveling from their home to somewhere else for a specific purpose – looking for hope, for healing, peace, for something better than they have at home. Sometimes, pilgrims stay in the place they have fled to, other times they know they must return to that from which they fled, even if only for a time. Tourists, on the other hand, are trying to get away from the rat race back home and hopefully find some stress release, rest, and refueling. Most tourists recognize that their escape is temporary and they must return to their “normal” life of stress and drudgery, yet many find that their geographic destination is inextricably linked to their search for a better life.

Wait. Maybe that’s not such a big difference after all!

So then, for those of us who live in this destination of pilgrim tourists, the questions arise: “Do we love our neighbor?” and “How can we best show love to our neighbor?” Is there some way we can help them find what they are looking for while they are in our midst?

Hospitality is a great way of showing love to others. Rather than having an us/them attitude, we should welcome those who are searching for something to fill the voids in their life and find the peace that we already know. Hospitality is merely sharing what we have. And the greatest thing we have is Jesus. And there is nothing that can better fill the void in another person’s life, nothing that can give them the peace they are searching for, other than Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. If we truly love our neighbor, we will want them to find this peace, won’t we?

So, as “tourist season” gets in full swing this year, remember that what we should really be hunting for is lost souls that are drifting through life searching for the God they don’t even know. Their GPS might bring them to the Lake, but it won’t point them to the throne of grace – only those of us who have been there can show others the way.

And finally, in case you are inclined to not be so neighborly toward these pilgrim tourists, remember please, at one time we were all wayward travelers on journey to where we didn’t know and someone pointed us to Jesus. Where would our destination be if someone had loved us enough to show us the way?

Your Fellow Servant
Timothy

PASTOR'S & WIVES FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST



**SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2017
8:30 AM
Blue Springs Baptist Church**



IT'S CAMP TIME

DAY CAMP

[Grades Starting K-Completed 3] - Cost \$15.00 Day
Saturday, June 17

2nd & 3rd Graders can come stay Friday Night - Saturday

Cost for overnight Campers \$25.00

Registration Due May 30

Camp P82, Rocky Mount MO

CHILDRENS CAMP

[Grades 3-5]

Cost \$85.00

July 10-14

Registration Due June 8

YOUTH CAMP

[Grades 6-12]

Cost \$85.00

July 25-29

Registration Due June 22

Pulaski Baptist Association Camp, Waynesville, MO

Registration forms available in the office and on the MCBA website

www.millerbaptistassociation.com

Camp Committee Meeting Thursday, May 11, 3:00 PM



Our most meaningful relationships are those that are centered in the Gospel. 'Having so fond an affection for you, we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us.' 1Thes2:8" --- Steve Canfield

Nolan's Newsletter

Hello! I have enjoyed being on the road again with Life Action! The youth groups I have come in contact with have been responsive. I have met a lot of really cool, down to earth, godly youth and college age students. I have enjoyed meeting and teaching youth.

I believe that our team is growing closer together as we do life together. I have made a lot of friendships that will last past my time in Life Action. The community on our team is something that is rare in society today. We spend a lot of time with each other. It is said that on year in Life Action is equal to knowing that person for 7 years, because of how much time you spend with them. I have become very close with the team and I really appreciate the community. We even have fun and get the opportunity to goof around. We have made funny videos, skateboarded, hiked, swam, and laughed with each other. There are many, many different personalities on the team, which can cause conflict if not dealt with correctly. We have introverts, extroverts, quiet, loud, serious, goofy, outdoors people, indoors people, hipsters, country folk, techies, musicians, booklovers, artists, morning people, late-night people, 5-minute early people, 5-minute late people, and the list goes on. But we are all hopefully here for the same reason, and that is to create a context for God's people to seek and obey Him. Our hope is that God will ignite an authentic movement of Christianity in His church that will spark a national and worldwide revival.

I have enjoyed the people I have met, the things God has been showing me, and the places I have been. I would not trade these two years of traveling for anything because I believe this is what God wanted me to do. I plan on this being my last travel year and attending College of the Ozarks in the fall. I am looking forward to what God will be doing in my life in the future.

Thank you all for your support, prayers, and encouragement. Please continue to pray for myself, my team, and Life Action Ministries and our mission to create contexts for people to seek and obey God.

God Bless,

Nolan Scott





Strawberry Festival

June 3rd, 2017

The Strawberry Festival is an annual fundraising/public relations/family fun event that benefits the children of Missouri Baptist Children's Home.

Crafts, quilts, entertainment and all kinds of strawberry foods (strawberries, cake and ice cream; chocolate dipped strawberries; strawberry milkshakes, etc.) are just a few of the many reasons the Strawberry Festival is a day full of fun, food and fellowship for the entire family. A variety of handmade crafts and quilts are donated to the Children's Home from all over the state to be auctioned and sold at the Festival.

Hundreds of individuals and groups from local churches and services clubs help with parking, serving, cooking food, and a host of other activities to help make the day go smoothly for all of our guests.

Join us for a day of family fun while supporting the children at Missouri Baptist Children's Home.

Missions Committee Meeting Thursday, May 11, 4:30 PM



Youth Float Trip, May 25, 2017

On the **25th of May** we will be taking a trip to **Riverfront Campground near Bennett Springs** this will start from **7:00 at Mt. Carmel** and return later that afternoon.

To attend this event please fill in the form below and hand it to your leader at the beginning of the event. Without a permission slip you cannot attend. Transportation for 72 people will be

provided, Chaperones will be needed, the price per person is 20\$. Please make checks payable to Mt. Carmel Baptist Church.

Please email me at 46chevy@charter.net with the total number of people that will be coming **by May 17th**.

Prayerfully consider coming to this wonderful time of fellowship and fun. The Riverfront Campground is located at 13 Riverfront Trail, Lebanon, MO 65536 (417) 727-0853. We will stop and have lunch on the river and will eat at Pizza Hut after we get off the river. If you would like any more information you may call Rodney and Lisa Allen at 573-873-4244

Permission Slip Float Trip May 25, 2017

Name of Young Person: _____

Emergency Contact name: _____ Contact Tel: _____

Any Allergies/Disabilities? _____

I give permission for my son/daughter to attend

Parent Signature: _____ Parent Name: _____

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 11: Camp Committee Meeting, MCBA Office, 3:00 PM
Missions Committee Meeting, MCBA Office, 4:30 PM
May 13: Pastor's & Wives Breakfast, Blue Springs Baptist Church 8:30 AM
May 25: Youth Float Trip, Mt. Carmel Baptist Church 7:00 AM
May 26-27: Food Pantry Open, Rocky Mount Baptist Church
May 30: Day Camp Registrations Due
June 3: Strawberry Festival, FBC Arnold, MO 9:00 AM-3:00 PM
June 8: Children's Camp Registration Due
June 10: Pastor's & Wives Breakfast, Blue Springs Baptist Church 8:30 AM
June 17: Day Camp, Camp P82, Rocky Mount
June 22: Youth Camp Registration Due
June 24: The Lesters in Concert at Mt. Herman Baptist Church
June 30-July 1: Food Pantry Open, Rocky Mount Baptist Church
July 8: Pastor's & Wives Breakfast, Blue Springs Baptist Church 8:30 AM
July 10-14: Children's Camp at Pulaski Baptist Association, Waynesville
July 11: Executive Board Meeting, FBC St. Elizabeth 7:00 PM
July 24-28: Youth Camp at Pulaski Baptist Association, Waynesville
July 28-29: Food Pantry Open, Rocky Mount Baptist Church
July 30: 5th Sunday Sing, Mt. Herman Baptist Church 6:00 PM
November 3-5: Fearless -- 2017 Mt. Carmel Youth Conference

REMEMBER
OUR CHURCHES
WITHOUT PASTORS
SPRING GARDEN
HONEY SPRINGS



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Mothers Day, May 14