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The Voice

I love Spring! Not only do we escape the frigid temps and barrenness of winter, but everything seems to come to life again!

Of course nature is coming to life! At home, the frogs are singing, the goats are kidding (seriously, their kidding), and the rhubarb is sprouting. Before long, the blackberries will be in blossom....and of course the green dust of the oak pollen will cover everything.

In the association everything is starting to come to life as well. We recently had our annual Vacation Bible School clinic – a sure sign of Spring. This year's clinic was well attended, and of course well organized under the leadership of Jane Waters. Remember, any church in the association that wants to have vacation Bible can do so – contact us and we will recruit workers from sister churches to help you have a great VBS. We can also help with the curriculum and decorations.

As we move into Spring we are also finalizing plans for a mission trip to Rochester, Minnesota July 19 – 26. We will be helping Emmanuel Baptist Church there with their VBS, and also doing some painting, landscape work, and putting tile in the restrooms. Be praying now about whether the Lord would have you participate.

Resort ministries are also gearing up for the season, and the finishing touches for camp, along with plans for the next youth activity . . . all signs of life.

Of course the greatest sign of life is the empty tomb! Though Jesus died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sin, He also rose from the grave demonstrating power over death and victory over sin! If He had but died for our sin He would have been a hero, but a dead hero and thus a victim of sin Himself. But in rising from the dead He has shown all creation that He is indeed Lord and Savior!

Up from the grave He arose! With a Mighty Triumph o'er His foes. He arose a victor from the dark domain and He lives forever with His saints to reign! He arose! He arose! Hallelujah, Christ arose!

And because He arose we have life eternal. And others can have life eternal. What have you done lately to share eternal life with someone else?

Every year as we approach Easter we (Southern Baptists) take up a special offering for North American missions – this is known as the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. These funds are used across North America for starting new churches, supporting the work of collegiate ministries, and more. Be sure to do your part in sharing eternal life by giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

Finally, April is a time when we have a quarterly Executive Board Meeting. The executive board will meet Tuesday night the 9th at 7pm at Spring Valley Baptist Church. It is important for all churches to be fully represented at this meeting as we will be providing camp forms, and mission trip registrations forms, etc. which will save you the trouble of printing out our own. In fact, if you will let us know in the office how many of each of these forms you may need, we will have them ready for you to pick up. The board meetings are also a great time for the churches to get together and fellowship and encourage one another. . . . and to be encouraged. Hope to see you there!

Your Fellow Servant, Timothy

You're Invited to Our
5TH Sunday Sing
Sunday, March 31
Mt. Herman
Baptist Church
6:00 pm

If you have questions
Call 573-280-4276

Kent Hutcherson, Pastor

EXECUTIVE BOARD
MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 9,
7:00 PM
SPRING VALLEY
BAPTIST CHURCH
15474 Hwy H
HENLEY MO



Pastor's & Wives Breakfast
Saturday, April 13,
8:30 AM
Blue Springs Baptist Church

REMEMBER OUR CHURCHES
Without pastors
HONEY SPRINGS
GREENRIDGE
ST. ELIZABETH
LOCUST BAPTIST CHURCH

Spring Valley News

Sixteen women and girls attended the TGE (Trust God in Everything) Conference in Springfield the weekend of February 23-24.

We attended five – one hour sessions over a 2 day period. We were not able to attend all the sessions. We had to choose between 5 different sessions per hour. Some that I attended, one was on suicide, where I learned that there are three suicides every three seconds in the U.S. There has been a 30 % increase in suicide in the past 15 years. In 2016, 45,000 people committed suicide. The leader told us that there is Hope. Just like David had, Isaiah, who was brokenhearted, Jeremiah wished he'd never been born and Lot. They had Hope in God and we are too.

In another class I learned that statistically my neighbor is one in every 4 people living in the U.S. today that is either an immigrant or his parent/grandparent is an immigrant. This is not totally bad because 25% of U.S. immigrants over age 25, have a bachelor's degree or higher. That compares to 30% of naturalized citizens.

Some of the other classes were: *"Unshakable God"* – Who God is.

"We're not in Kansas anymore." - We as a church are not to judge people by their outward appearance.

The leader said, "Isn't it time for the church to get out of the sanctuary and into reality."

"When Loved Ones Make Disappointing Life Choices." - How this affects us and how we can love and care for them going forward and still maintaining our stand on Biblical truths.

"Raising a Family Impacted by Sin." - Divorce, blended families, fostering & grandparents taking over custody of grandchildren.

This might seem heavy for girls, but not to worry, they had their own classes. Crafts and Bible studies for grades 3-6 and grades 7-12.

This is an opportunity to spend quality time with your daughter, mother, grandmother, aunt, or friend. My daughters and granddaughter go a day early and just spend time together. When we're at the Conference, it's seeing old friends, the ones we've seen in previous years. The Christian Fellowship with all these women is an experience I don't want to lose or forget.

If you have never attended this Conference, we highly recommend it. My daughters and I have attended this Spirit Led Conference since 2010 and plan on attending next year. Mark your calendar for February 2020.

Jane Waters, Spring Valley Baptist Church



Lake of the Ozarks Baptist Association held its VBS Clinic on Monday, March 25. It was held with a dinner at 5:30 and clinic at 6:15.

We had 10 churches represented with 43 people attending.

If you would like to borrow any items that came in the VBS Kit used by LOBA for the clinic, please call the office and sign up. It is a first come first serve opportunity.

If you have your dates scheduled please call the office to have it put on the calendar.



Lake of the Ozarks Baptist Association Camp 2019
@ Camp P82, 27407 Montrose Rd. Rocky Mount, MO 65072

Younger Kids Camp, Completed 2nd - Completed 3rd grade,
June 13th- 15th Cost \$30

Kindergarten and 1st Grade Day Camp

Saturday June 15th Cost \$15

REGISTRATION FORM AND FEES DUE MAY 31st

Older Kids Camp, completed 3rd grade - completed 6th grade,
July 29th- August 2nd, Cost \$75

REGISTRATION FORM AND FEES DUE JULY 9TH

Camp forms can be picked up at Executive Board Meeting on April 9 or they are available on the Lake of the Ozarks Baptist Association website www.lakeoftheozarksba.com

Youth Camp, Grades 6-12

July 22-26 Cost \$100

Pulaski Baptist Camp, Waynesville MO

Will need to contact Pulaski Association Directly for Registration Forms
pulaskibaptistassociation.com

**CAMP COMMITTEE
MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 25
10:30 AM**

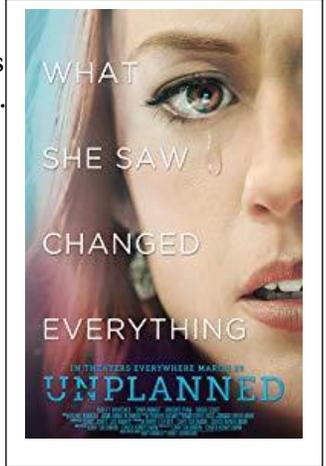
Faith-Based Movies Scheduled for Eagle's Landing Cinema

Unplanned Premieres Thursday, March 28th, and has a full schedule of shows starting Friday, March 29th. Tickets are on sale now and this film is Rated R.

About Unplanned:

Is the inspiring true story of one woman's journey of transformation.

All Abby Johnson ever wanted to do was help women. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation, she was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions and counseled countless women about their reproductive choices. Her passion surrounding a woman's right to choose even led her to become a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood, fighting to enact legislation for the cause she so deeply believed in.



Until the day she saw something that changed everything, leading Abby Johnson to join her former enemies at 40 Day for Life, and become one of the most ardent pro-life speakers in America.

Breakthrough Opens April 12. Tickets are on sale now.

About Breakthrough:

BREAKTHROUGH is based on the inspirational true story of one mother's unfaltering love in the face of impossible odds. When Joyce Smith's adopted son John falls through an icy Missouri lake, all hope seems lost. But as John lies lifeless, Joyce refuses to give up. Her steadfast belief inspires those around her to continue to pray for John's recovery, even in the face of every case history and scientific prediction. From producer DeVon Franklin (Miracles from Heaven) and adapted for the screen by Grant Nieporte (Seven Pounds) from Joyce Smith's own book, BREAKTHROUGH is an enthralling reminder that faith and love can create a mountain of hope, and sometimes even a miracle.



AFTERNOON WITH THE STARS

BENEFIT FOR MISSOURI BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

April 13, 2019 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Clay Cooper Theater, Branson, Missouri

Call Cindy Roberts at 800-264-6224 for
Groups rates or to order tickets



Unlocking Biblical Truth: **Religious Liberty** Friday, May 3, 2019

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Riverview Baptist Church
989 Highway 42
Osage Beach, MO 65065

For more information, call Bev Ehlen at 314-608-0168

“America didn't create religious liberty. Religious liberty created America.” Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal, 2014 Religious Liberty is under attack in the country that knew to protect it in the very first right listed in the Bill of Rights. The Christian Life Commission of the Missouri Baptist Convention will be holding conferences on the issues of the day across Missouri. This first conference will focus on our First Amendment Rights. Dr. Clint Bass, former assistant professor of church history in the Redford College of Theology and Ministry at Southwest Baptist University, will present the role that Baptists played in religious liberty in history. He will also explain the importance of defending our religious liberty today. Rep. Suzie Pollock will update us on the bills making their way through the Missouri General Assembly that are either protecting religious liberty or threatening religious liberty. She will speak about the threats to the religious liberty of Missourians across the state. Finally, Don Hinkle, MBC Pathway, and Bev Ehlen, member of the Christian Life Commission, will present the call to action. Please make plans to join us. There is no charge to attend. Please register via Eventbrite so we can guarantee your seat.

Mark Your Calendars!

Missions Opportunity!

As part of the partnership between the Missouri Baptist Convention and the Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention, our missions committee is planning a mission trip to Rochester Minnesota for July 19 – 26. This mission opportunity involves helping the Emmanuel Baptist Church with Vacation Bible School, and also doing some work at the convention offices. There will be painting, removing vinyl flooring, installing ceramic tile, and some landscaping work. To accomplish all that needs to be done we will need at 15-20 people. Having someone accompany the group as a cook would be a great blessing and allow the other workers more time to do the painting and other work.

The trip is open to anyone who is at least 18 years old and a member of an LOBA church. Those under 18 may also participate as long as a parent or other responsible adult accompanies them.

Each person will be responsible for their own meals and transportation in-route to Rochester, but carpooling is encouraged. While on the field, we will have lodging in the facilities of the Emmanuel Baptist Church. Meals will be together as a team and the cost for groceries is \$75 per person with a maximum of \$150 per family.

More details will be available soon, or you may call the office for more info as well. Commitment forms will be available at the April 9 Executive Board meeting at Spring Valley, But put the dates on your calendar now!

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 29-30: Rocky Mount Food Pantry Open

March 31: 5th Sunday Sing at Mt. Herman Baptist Church, 6:00 PM

April 9: Executive Board Meeting, Spring Valley Baptist Church, 7:00 PM

April 13: Pastors & Wives Fellowship Breakfast, Blue Springs Baptist Church, 8:30 AM

April 14: Palm Sunday

April 14: Camp Sunday

April 18: Youth Council Meeting, 2:00 PM, LOBA Office

April 21: Easter

April 25: Camp Committee Meeting, LOBA Office, 10:30 AM

April 26-27: Rocky Mount Food Pantry Open

May 3: Religious Liberties Conference - Riverview Baptist Church, 6:30 PM

May 11: Pastors & Wives Fellowship Breakfast, Blue Springs Baptist Church, 8:30 AM

May 12: Mother's Day

May 24-25: Rocky Mount Food Pantry Open

May 27: Memorial Day

