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The Voice

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A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

The Bible has many significant numbers. One of those numbers is 40. Israel spent forty years in the wilderness, Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness, etc. Since forty is a number of significance, I thought I would take this opportunity to mention that past month I turned 40! Yep, I had a birthday – and I am now forty years old.

Now, lest I mislead you, let me also say that I have been married nearly 29 years and my oldest son is 27. When I say I am forty, I am not referring to my biological age. But it was forty years ago July 7 that I asked Christ to save me from my sin and fulfill His promise of giving me eternal life. I remember that day very distinctly – it was at Royal Ambassador Camp, in Spring Bluff, Missouri. The chapel was corrugated metal nailed to wooden posts. It had a dirt floor and mis-matched pews that had been donated by various churches over the years. No air conditioning – just large openings on either end of one side of the building – they stored the mowers and such in there in the off season. Don't have camps like that anymore do we?

Anyhow, I stood there gripping the back of a pew until I knew if I did not let go I may never have another chance. So I let go, and took one step into the aisle – it was a hard step. But after that I practically ran down the aisle. We could debate all eternity on whether, if I had tripped going down the aisle and broken my neck, would I have gone to heaven since I had not yet “prayed the prayer” I had to stand in line to speak to the preacher, but all hell itself could not have moved me from that line....

....Until I felt that hand on my shoulder. I turned. It was our elderly pastor who had brought me and two other boys to camp. He guided me out of that large opening in the front end of that chapel and we knelt out in the grass. He went over the plan of salvation with me yet again, and then we prayed.

I opened my eyes after praying and to this day I swear that the grass was greener, the sky was bluer, the sun was brighter, the crickets and locusts were louder, and the world I knew before was dull and colorless, but the life I had now was vivid and free and full of life.

I know many people do not remember the details of their salvation experience, but the evening of July 7, 1975 is a time I will remember for all eternity.

The important thing, though is not that it happened forty years ago, but that it happened. And in regard to our spiritual life, it is vital to remember that our maturity is not based on mere time. While this is true to a degree in other areas of life, it is especially true in our walk with Christ. I spent about 6 years in infancy. Then I matured through preschool and all the awkward years and teen angst in a few short years. I would like to think that by now I am at least a “young adult” in my spiritual maturity but I think letting my Father gauge my maturity level is the best idea – and He can guide me in my future growth.

As we interact with others, let us always be mindful that each of them is at a different place in their spiritual maturity. Some may have been Believers for years and have a measure of maturity. Some may have been Believers for years and still be spiritual babes. Some may have only recently come to Christ and yet have a great level of spiritual depth and maturity . . . or maybe not. Some may not have even been born yet. So, let us set an example for them, as brothers and sisters, and help them learn to live in obedience to our Father . . .

Your Fellow Servant
Timothy

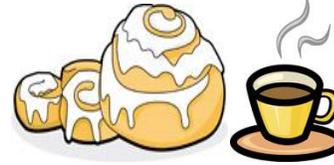
MINISTER SEARCH

FBC Eldon, Mo is seeking a full-time Youth Minister/Praise Team Leader, with Bachelor Science degree or 2-3 years experience, must be ministry related.

send resume to :
First Baptist Eldon Search Committee
209 S Aurora St
Eldon, Mo 65026

or email to:
firstbaptisteldon@sbcglobal.net

PASTOR'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST



SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 8:30 AM
Blue Springs Baptist Church
RSVP by Monday, August 3, 392-7074
For all Pastors, Interim Pastors and Retired Pastors

ASSOCIATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11
7:00 PM

Budget & Calendar Planning
MCBA Office

BI-VOCATIONAL PASTOR SEARCH

Mt. Herman Baptist Church and Tuscumbia Baptist Church are searching for Bi-Vocational Pastors. Resumes may be sent to the Miller County Baptist Association Office, P O Box 391, Eldon, MO 65026.

YOUTH LED REVIVAL HELD AT FBC TUSCUMBIA

FBC Tuscumbia had a youth led revival July 26 – 29. The Revival team consisted of Nolan Scott preaching, Daniel Cotton leading the singing, and Victoria Cotton and Laura Cotton as musicians.

Nolan Scott is a member of FBC Eldon and a 2015 graduate of Eldon High School. He has surrendered to the ministry and will be joining Life Action Ministries in August. He will also be taking classes at Liberty University (Online) in the fall. Daniel Cotton is the song leader at Flatwoods Baptist Church near Eldon. All three of the Cottons are students being homeschooled. Victoria and Laura are also piano students of Mrs. Ruth Wood.

The revival was well attended and the support from sister churches in the association was a great encouragement to the folks at Tuscumbia. Flatwoods, Rocky Mount, Mt. Carmel, Green Ridge, and others from around the association attended some of the services. Just seeing our sister churches support one another in such a way is awesome kindling for revival!

**Miller County Baptist
Association
Annual Meeting
Saturday, September 19,
9:00 AM
Mt. Carmel Baptist Church**

Theme
"I Shall Not Be Moved"
Psalm 16:8

**We will be hosting a Missions Fair.
If your church would like to have
a table to display Missions
activities at your church please
contact the Associational Office.**

JUST A REMINDER

Annual Church Profiles are due in the Associational Office August 11. If you file online please let us know. If you have questions please call the office 392-6591. Thank you.

A NOTE FROM FRIENDS IN ARMENIA



Who wouldn't want to wake up to this every morning of camp? Beautiful Lake Sevan in Armenia is home to over 200 campers for 3 weeks. During the last two weeks over 40 young people have entered the Family of Faith and we expect our Father to be calling many more young people to Himself throughout next week. Please be in prayer for the campers that they would have open hearts to the Good News. We pray that all the distractions of "life" would be laid aside for this week. We ask that youth and young adults would be drawn to a changed life. We also pray for the workers and camp counselors. May they be in good health and find the strength and energy to run the camp in a good way. We ask that they would be open to the leadership of the His Spirit and help others come to a saving faith in Him.

Although we have experienced several days of temperatures over 100 degrees, our friends in the village continue to reach out to their friends and family. We had a short day camp for a nearby village. An average of 20 participants attended on a daily basis. This will be used as a kick-off for a weekly time of teaching provided by the small group members.

Please also be in prayer for our dear brother A. as he plans to return to a neighboring country as a Fisher of Men! The trip is difficult for him but his heart won't allow him to stay at home.

Thank you for lifting us up in prayer. We love you and thank God for you. Without your prayers, we couldn't continue!

Serving Him,
Keith and Wendy
July, 2015

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
DEACON CONFERENCE
NOVEMBER 5-6
MT. CARMEL BAPTIST CHURCH**
