



Lake of the Ozarks Baptist Association

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The Voice

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As many of you know, I have spent the past year in an effort to be elected to the Missouri House of Representatives. I did so because I believe the Lord told me to do so. All the years I was pastoring I encouraged people to get involved – to run for school board, to run for city council, etc. So when the seat for the 58th district house of representative became open, the Lord told me I needed to run or I would be a hypocrite. How can I expect others to get involved and be a voice for good if I am not willing to myself? I also have seen many times where the state gets in the way of families, and individuals doing what is best for them, and have many ideas on ways to improve that.

But though the Lord called me to run, He never promised me I would win. If I knew I would win I may not work hard, campaign well, or be faithful to what I was called to do. Neither did the Father inform me that I was going to lose. I know I would not have worked hard or campaigned well or been faithful at all if I knew there was no chance of winning.

So, the first thing I have learned, and want to share with you is this: When God calls us to do something, He is not obligated to tell us the outcome. Doing so may affect our response to His call. He is more interested in our faithfulness than anything related to the task itself.

Secondly, when God calls us to do something, He may (and probably does) have something altogether different in mind than what we anticipate. As I knocked on doors and attended various community events I anticipated garnering votes. I expected to talk about politics and government. While that did occur, I probably talked about Christ, and spiritual issues, as much as I did anything else. I had opportunities to counsel and pray with people battling cancer, grieving the loss of a son, struggling with relationship issues, and more. I am continuing in some of these relationships through marriage counseling and ongoing friendships. I saw God orchestrate some events that proved He was working in my life and the lives of others. Sometimes something may happen to us and we don't see the purpose or how it relates to everything else . . . that is where faith fills the empty places.

For any of us – myself included, and this campaign included – true success is not winning a perceived prize . . . true success is being found faithful, regardless of whatever other outcome we may experience.

What has God called you to do? Are you being faithful? Or are you being fearful of “losing”? Truly, losing would be to not faithfully pursue what He has called you to do regardless of the outcome.

Your Fellow Servant,
Timothy

YOUTH LAZER TAG EVENT

Thursday, August 20th will be the Associational Youth laser tag outing. The event begins at 10:00 at Lazer Force Lazer Tag Zone, located at 5473 Osage Beach Pkwy, Osage Beach, MO. The laser tag will be followed by pizza at the shelter house at Lake of the Ozarks State Park. Each student should bring \$10, which will cover the cost of one game of laser tag and the pizza afterward. Students who aren't driving themselves should be picked up at the shelter house at 12:00

Pastors & Wives Potluck Fellowship Thursday, September 10, 6:30 PM Blue Springs Baptist Church



"The Lord is Our Refuge" Joel 3:16

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Annual Meeting

Saturday, September 12, 9:00 AM

Riverview Baptist Church

Registration will begin at 8:15 AM.

Meeting will conclude following carry in lunch

Be sure to send you Executive Board Members and Messengers.

The ACP's this year did not ask for the names of

Executive Board Members and Messengers

Please mail a copy of yours to the Association Office, P O Box 391, Eldon, 65026

Or email to lakeoftheozarksba@att.net

ARTICLE I – ANNUAL MEETINGS

SECTION 2 – REPRESENTATION

The basis of representation shall be four [4] messengers from each church of 75 members or less, and one for each additional 50 members or major fraction thereof; provided that no church shall have more than ten [10] elected messengers. The senior pastor of member churches and the current Executive Board members shall also have full voting privileges. These last are in addition to the elected messengers.

ARTICLE II – EXECUTIVE BOARD

SECTION 2 – REPRESENTATION

Membership: The Executive Board shall consist of two (2) members chosen by each church, plus the pastor of each church and mission church within the Association. The associational staff, officers, chairpersons of standing committees and program directors shall be ex-officio members without voting privileges unless they are the pastor of the church or elected to the executive board by their church. Membership and Executive Board representation of mission churches shall be figured in total of their sponsoring church

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 20: Youth Laser Tag & Pizza – 10:00- Noon, Lazer Force, Lazer Tag ZoneLois McDonald
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August 28-29: Rocky Mount Food Pantry Open
September 7: Labor Day
September 10: Pastor & Wives Carry in Fellowship, 6:30 PM, Blue Springs Baptist Church
September 12: Lake of the Ozarks Baptist Association Annual Meeting, Registration begins 8:15 AM
Riverview Baptist Church, Carry in Lunch
September 25-26: Rocky Mount Food Pantry Open
October 10: Pastors and Wives Breakfast Fellowship, Blue Springs Baptist Church, 8:30 AM
October 11-14: On Mission Celebration
October 30-31: Rocky Mount Food Pantry Open

WELCOME

We welcome two new pastors to Lake of the Ozarks Baptist Association.

GreenRidge Baptist Church has called Bro. James Schupp and North Shore Baptist Church has call Bro Tom Abbott.



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