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The Voice

Wow! I'm glad THAT's over! That cold spell, that is.

And once the Chiefs are done, football season is over as far as I'm concerned. I am ready for spring... and baseball....and fishing....and not being so cold!

Okay, so even though I think football season is over, I will still be at First Baptist Eldon on Sunday evening to watch the big game. Not because I am that interested in the game, but because I am interested in the young people of our association.

Our association youth council (Zach White, Caleb Smith, and Ethan Wallace) has been at work planning some activities for the youth of our association. The event this week-end is just the first. There are details elsewhere in this edition of the Voice . . . keep watching for future activities for our youth.

Speaking of what is going on with the youngins' I want to give everyone a heads up about camp. Youth camp will be in Waynesville with Pulaski Association, just as we have done for many years. The dates for youth camp are July 22-26. More details about this will be available soon. For those younger than youth – that is for Kindergarten through sixth grade children – we are planning for camps right here in the Lake of the Ozarks Association at Camp P-82. As in recent years we will have Younger Children's Camp on Thursday – Saturday before Father's Day (June 13-15). The second and third graders will come to camp Thursday afternoon and the Kindergarten and first graders will join them on Saturday morning. But new this year is the Older Children's camp! This camp is for those in 3rd through 6th grade. Previously we partnered with Pulaski for this camp as well, but this year we will be conducting this ourselves and also at Camp P-82. And the parents will really like this....the cost will only be \$75.00! That is \$10 less per camper than when we sent the kids to Pulaski. This older children's camp will be July 29 – August 2.

While we are considering young people, you will also notice in these pages that two young men have been ordained into the ministry this month. Chad Pollett is from here and has been a student at SBU – he will be graduating in May. Chad was ordained by Mt. Carmel Church on January 19th. On January 27th Riverview ordained Zach Shelton into the ministry. Zach is also an SBU alum and has been on staff at Riverview for a few years. Another young man – Blaine Montgomery, a high school senior from Horseshoe Bend – has also surrendered to the ministry. At Rocky Mount BC on the morning of January 27th Blaine had the opportunity to preach for the first time.

Seeing these young people in the Lord's Service, and being a part of guiding so many more to walk in the ways of the Lord, is exciting. We should all do all that we can to be a positive influence on those younger than us, pointing them to Jesus and encouraging them in their faith.

As an association we are making great progress in this endeavor; and in our recent Executive Board meeting we took another major step in that support of our young people when we voted to establish a scholarship. It will be used for students going to one our Baptist universities such as SBU or HLG, and though anyone may apply for the scholarship, priority will be given to those who will be entering the ministry. The scholarship committee will be establishing the application process in the near future. The paperwork to formally establish the scholarship has been completed with the Missouri Baptist Foundation, which will manage the funds for us, but the scholarship has not yet been funded....funding will come from individuals and/or churches, etc. and not from the associational budget. If you would like more information on how to donate to the scholarship fund, or on how to apply for the scholarship, please contact the office.

Your Fellow Servant, Timothy



YOUTH SUPER BOWL PARTY

Lake of the Ozarks Baptist Association will be hosting an association-wide, Youth Super Bowl Party. All 7-12 grade students are invited to attend an exciting time of fellowship as we watch the Super Bowl and share in a short time of worship and Bible study during half-time.

The event will take place Sunday, February 3, 2019, at FBC of Eldon; doors open at 5:00 p.m. and the game begins at 5:30. We are asking each student who attends to bring their favorite drink (at least a 2 liter) to share. Food will be provided, but any individuals or churches desiring to donate snacks are welcomed to do so.



Pastor's & Wives
Breakfast
Saturday, February 9,
8:30 AM
Blue Springs Baptist
Church

VALENTINE

February 16, 2019

BANQUET

6:30p.m.

Mt. Carmel Baptist Church
755 Bagnell Dam Blvd., Lake Ozark

Main dish, drink and bread provided
 Cost of Dinner one side dish or dessert
 Everyone welcome

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 Association. Leave your approximate
 number of those attending with :
 Carol at 573/392-6591

Growing Sunday School

Pastoral Leadership - by Pastor Bob Vander Berg, Cornerstone

In 28 years of pastoring churches I have noticed a few churches trying to make a go of it without a pastor. Most of them were disastrous and a some of them made it work for a while only to see the ministry deteriorate. Someone has to be shepherding and watching over the flock. It doesn't have to be a paid pastor or elder just someone who is called by God to feed and protect the flock. The same is true of Sunday School or any bible study - there has to be pastor watching over the direction and material being taught.

Act 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

I tell people all the time, the morning worship service is dessert but Sunday school is where it's happening. Sunday school is a great place to develop new friends, ask questions and find help for your the family, finances, life in general. Sunday School helps disciple the adult as well as the children and the young people. It is also a place where discontentment and criticism can develop. This is why pastoral involvement and leadership are so necessary.

I have visited many different Sunday School programs and small group studies and the ones that flourish have strong pastoral leadership and participation. This is especially true in small churches. Many times I have visited in churches and the pastor hung out in the foyer, in his office or in the sanctuary visiting with some folks. I believe this sends the wrong message to our flocks. It says, Sunday School or Bible study is for you. I don't want to be involved.

I get it. I know pastors are overworked and tired. Your schedules are extremely tight. You deal with people all week and come Sunday, the last thing you need to do is to teach a Sunday School class.

I know what it means to be tired and exhausted. I am not saying you have to teach the class, but at least be involved in the oversight and participate in those bible studies. It sends the message to your flock that it's important. I cringe when I visit a church (I always go for Sunday School) and the pastor is disengaged in Sunday School. Sunday School can be a place where many converts come from. It is more casual with time to ask questions about what they don't understand. Many times the adult class is being taught by a lady (nothing against the ladies). The Bible tells us that a woman is not to teach a man (in the context of the church setting 1 Timothy 2:12). I know there are many churches that don't have a man to teach but my point being that the pastor should step up and teach it. Don't default on teaching Sunday School. Pastor, you are God's man for that church. Don't miss the blessing of discipling and feeding the sheep God has put under your stewardship.

2 Timothy 4:2-5

(2) Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

(3) For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

(4) And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

(5) But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

Heb 13:7 Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation. ...17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

In a day and age where Sunday school is becoming extinct, pastoral leadership can help turn it around. Growing Sunday School is presented for your edification. They are my opinions based on 28+ years of ministry and research. The opinions expressed not necessarily the opinion of LOBA or of Dr. Timothy Faber.

TGE Conference 2019

Trust God in Everything – Proverbs 3:5-6

TGE is sponsored by the Women's Ministry of the Missouri Baptist Children's Home.

An event unlike any other offered anywhere is the TGE Event! This is an opportunity for girls in grades 3-12 (broke up by grade 3-6, 7-8, 9-12), and women of all ages. It's a time to meet together for times of Praise and Worship, fun and fellowship, then have breakout sessions designed specifically for them. This is a great opportunity for mothers & daughters, grandmothers & granddaughter, aunts & nieces, all women regardless of age to get together for a "special weekend".

The girl's classes provide fun & interactive activities that teach and reinforce the Scriptural theme. This year's theme is "Tangled, Untangling the Issues in our Culture Today."

Some Breakout Sessions include:

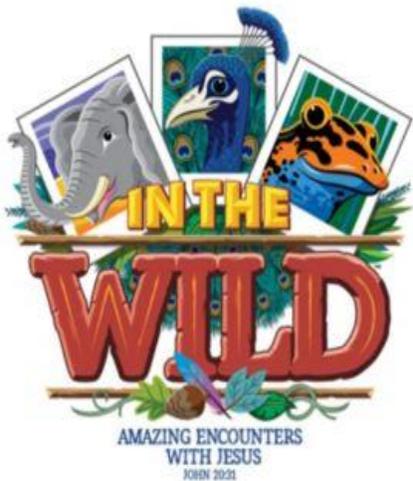
Abortion – Suicide – Parenting Teens – Parenting Younger Children – Witnessing – Prayer – Marriage - Living out your faith in a Hostile Culture – Ministering to Alternate Lifestyles – God's Love and Forgiveness – Blended Families and more.

DATE: February 23-24 Saturday, 12:30 – 5:30 PM & Sunday 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Saturday night is free to see & do things (swimming, shopping, eating, Bass Pro, etc.)

LOCATION: Oasis Hotel & Convention Center, Springfield, MO

COST: \$40.00 Per Person



IN THE WILD AMAZING ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS

**Lake of the Ozarks Baptist Association
VBS Clinic – March 25th**

**First Baptist Church, Eldon
209 South Aurora Street
Dinner – 5:30 PM
Clinic 6:15 – 8:30 PM**

REMEMBER OUR CHURCHES

Without pastors

HONEY SPRINGS

GREENRIDGE

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Unshakeable Pursuit of the Pot of Gold!



Unshakeable pursuit of sharing the gospel with every man, woman, and child, so they have the chance to choose Jesus and walk on the streets of gold!

MBC Central Region Equip Missions Discipleship Training



Keynote Speakers: Teresa Flora, IMB Missionary, Lesotho, Africa

MBC First Vice President, Jon Nelson, Pastor, Soma Community Church, Jeff City

Please bring items for Lesotho Mission Project: children's/teen's colored high top socks for orphans.

March 2, 2019

9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Cost is \$15

(Pulled pork lunch provided.)

Free for all DOMs & Wives/Pastors & Wives

Bookstore available

First Baptist Church

209 S Aurora St, Eldon, MO

Learn how to...

- Use Newest Mission Discipleship Teaching Materials to start Groups
- Start New Mission Discipleship Groups & Receive Teaching Materials' Discount
- Access Online Mission's Discipleship Leadership Training
- Train Believers of All Ages to Be on Mission
- Be challenged to Have a Missional Lifestyle
- Become a Missional Church

Offering will be taken.

For more info, contact Sharon Paris at (573) 220-6885 or paris.sharon@gmail.com

New Staff at Lake of the Ozarks Baptist Association Churches:

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Michael Ryan, and I have the privilege of serving as Horseshoe Bend Baptist Churches new pastor. I enjoy reading, camping, and working in my yard when I am not involved in ministry. I love almighty God's Bride, "the Church"; however, the greatest blessing God has given me is my family.

In 1984, I married my sweetheart, Karen Jo Coffey, of O'Fallon, Missouri. Karen has been a wonderful partner with me in ministry as well as serving the Lord through her ministry of teaching (first in the public school system and now as the administrator of a private, Christian school in Troy).



Karen and I have three children. Jonathan Ryan is married to Kimberley with a son and daughter (Hudson and Onessa). His family resides in Ferguson, Missouri. Kaylah Jo Martin has two children (Elias and Jubilee) and resides in Hannibal, Missouri. Our youngest daughter, KayCee, attended college at Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar, Missouri. She is currently working in a Christian school. Our children love the Lord and faithfully serve Him. They have been very supportive of us serving in ministry over the years us and are excited for us even now when ministry causes us to be further from them.

If there is one passage of scripture that would summarize my attitude toward ministry, it is found in [Mark 10:44-45](#). Jesus speaking to His disciples said:

"And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant for all. For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."

I believe that Christians in general and ministers specifically should be people-centered and not self-centered; Christ-centered and not world-centered. Christ's life was one of self-sacrifice and meeting the needs of others in all realms of life. Jesus brought people to repentance (a recognition of one's sin which separates man from God) and to salvation (accepting by faith Christ's atonement through the cross reuniting man in relationship with God) primarily through His unconditional love and kindness. It is my desire and life goal to model this kind of life and lead the people I serve to do the same.

Our first Sunday at Horseshoe Bend will be Sunday, February 10. Karen & I are looking forward to this new ministry calling and getting to know new brothers & sisters in Christ at HBBC and within the Lake of the Ozarks Baptist Association.

Riverview: Pastor of Youth and Life Group Ministries

Jason Gunter was born in Springfield, Missouri, to Randy and Sue Gunter. The younger of two boys, Jason has always maintained a very close relationship with his older brother, Michael. At age 14, while attending Calvary Baptist Church in Warren, Arkansas, Jason committed his life to Christ and was baptized later that year. In 1999, Jason graduated from Warren East High School in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Shortly after Jason's graduation, he and his family returned to Springfield, where he began pursuing a degree in hospitality and restaurant administration through Ozarks Technical College. During this time, Jason met the love of his life, Ashley Jo. In 2009, Jason and Ashley were married and began their life together in Ashley's hometown of Yellville, Arkansas. In 2013, under the advisement of his pastor, Jason answered God's calling to pastoral ministry and began attending Andersonville Theological Seminary.

In 2015, Jason received his Bachelor of Ministry degree and began serving as the part-time pastor of student ministry at Glenstone Baptist Church in Springfield. From there, Jason moved to pursue full-time ministry in Bastrop, Louisiana, as the pastor of youth and family ministries. At age 37, Jason is now an ordained minister of the gospel, a father of three (Willow, Elliot, and Ezra), and he remains deeply in love with Ashley Jo, his wife of nine years. Jason has a passion for studying God's Word, spending time with his family, and, when time allows, hunting deer. Jason is currently pursuing his master's degree through the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary to help ensure his effectiveness as a minister to the body of Christ. Jason has no greater joy than to see God glorified through a life that has been transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Recent Ministerial Ordinations

Below is Chad Pollett, recently ordained by Mt. Carmel Baptist Church . He is a student at SBU and will graduate in May.

At Right is Zach Shelton, Recently ordained as Pastor of Worship and Community engagement, by Riverview Baptist Church. Zach is also a SBU grad and has served on the Riverview staff for 3 years.



UPCOMING EVENTS

February 3: Associational Youth Super Bowl Party, FBC, Eldon, 209 S Aurora St., 5:00 PM

February 7: Camp Committee Meeting, 1:30

February 9: Pastors & Wives Fellowship Breakfast, Blue Springs Baptist Church, 8:30 AM

February 16: Valentine Dinner, Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, 6:30 PM

February 22-23: Rocky Mount Food Pantry Open

February 23-24: TGE Conference, Springfield MO

March 2: WMU/Missions Event, FBC Eldon

March 9: Pastors & Wives Fellowship Breakfast, Blue Springs Baptist Church, 8:30 AM

March 10: Daylight Saving Time Begins. Spring forward 1 hour

March 25: Associational VBS Clinic, First Baptist Church Eldon,

March 29-30: Rocky Mount Food Pantry Open

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

April 14: Palm Sunday

April 21: Easter

April 26-27: Rocky Mount Food Pantry Open



First Baptist Church, Elston (west of Jefferson City) seeks a bi-vocational pastor. Bible based preaching, congregational care, and growth are priorities. Resume & references required; send to Tisha Huffer, Pastor Search Committee Secretary, churchinfo@fbcelston.org or FBC Elston, 1204 Route T, Jefferson City, MO 65109.

