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The Voice

of Miller County Baptist Association

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

Over the past week I have carried several boxes out to the garage – one box had an artificial tree, another box had oversized sock type things we call stockings and various glass and plastic ornaments, another box had sundry other reminders of “the season”. As I was carrying these items back to their place on the shelving in the garage the thought occurred to me that I was putting away Christmas. A wearying task that reminds us of the winter that yet remains.

But as quickly as I had that thought I was reminded that Christmas cannot be truly put away. Thankfully Jesus is both eternal and omnipresent. He cannot be relegated to a box in the garage!

And yet how quickly we allow the joy and peace and the goodwill of the season to be overshadowed by the concerns of everyday life. We may be quick to remind others that “Jesus is the reason for the season” in December, but what is He reason for in January?

Let us remember the meaning of Christmas all year ‘round. Let us live our lives in such a way that we never put Christmas away.

Thanksgiving should not be put away either, so allow me to take this opportunity to express that I am thankful that I have had the privilege of serving Christ and His people these past three years here in Miller County Baptist Association. I am thankful that we have the resources to provide housing for one of our retired IMB missionaries. I am thankful for the generosity of so many churches and individuals in our association who have furnished the missionary house so well and in such short notice! I am also thankful for the generous Christmas gift that you all gave Teresa and me. You all are AWESOME!

Your Fellow Servant
Timothy



SUBMERGED VBS 2016

FINDING TRUTH BELOW THE SURFACE

VBS 2016 is just around the corner! I am this year's associational VBS director and would like you all to know that I am already praying for you and your church's VBS!

I will be contacting directors and asking for volunteers to teach in our VBS clinic.

If you have not ordered your vbs materials for 2016, please consider ordering through the association. We get a 15% price cut on materials when we order in "bulk".

Let me know a.s.a.p. and please let me know how I can help you and your church!

Joni Kelsay 573-793-6972

MILLER COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FISHING DERBY

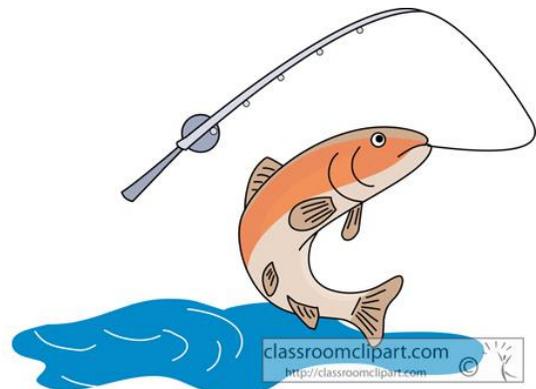
**Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 23!
That is the date of our first Fishing Derby!**

**While many details are still being worked out,
this is what we have planned thus far**

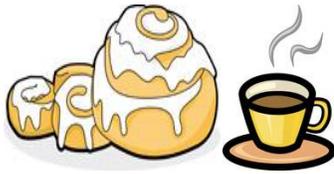
- **The goal is to share the gospel with people who do not know Jesus.**
- **Each boat must have one adult and one person who is 15 or younger.**
- **There will be differing classes of completion so everyone has a chance to win**
- **We will be having a block party type event during and immediately following weigh-in.**

So . . . whether you want to fish, or volunteer to work part of the fishing derby, or volunteer to serve at the block party, there is a place for you. Mark your calendars now and plan to be a part of this fun and spiritually rewarding event!

Watch for the next issue of the Voice for more details . . . or call the office with questions or to volunteer to serve somewhere...



**PASTOR'S FELLOWSHIP
BREAKFAST**



**SATURDAY,
January 9, 8:30 AM
Blue Springs Baptist Church**

**EXECUTIVE
BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY,
JANUARY 12, 2016
7:00 PM
FBC IBERIA**

***5TH Sunday Sing
Mt. Herman
Baptist Church
January 31, 2016
6:00 PM***

**Make plans to attend
the Associational
Valentine Banquet
Thursday,
February 11, 2016.
Time & place TBA.
You will have great eats and
time of fellowship**

**Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief Training
March 11-12
Waynesville Pulaski Association**

We are blessed to have 2 training events close to us this year. There will be training March 11-12 at Waynesville and October 7-8 in Jefferson City. I would encourage each church to consider sending members to at least one of these training events to strengthen the D.R. team from our association. We currently have a Chainsaw Unit but very few that are certified to work in Disaster Relief. It would be great to grow the number and be able to fully man the Unit we have. Please prayerfully consider attending a training event this year.

Register online at www.mobaptist.org/dr



Dear Youth Leader,

I am the youth leader for the Crossroads Baptist Association in Moberly, MO. We are hosting an associational Discipleship Now weekend (DNow) with the churches in our area. This is for students 6-12 grades. We would like to extend an invitation for other churches to join us. The theme is COLLIDE - When someone collides with Jesus their life will be changed forever.

Please call for more info. Lodging available for church groups that cannot commute easily to each session. There is a limited number of spots available to attend the entire weekend so contact us soon if you are interested. If you can't attend all weekend make plans to join us Sunday evening for a full concert by recording artist Moriah Peters and challenging message by Rustin Umstatted. The Sunday night event is open to all ages.

Details:

Saturday worship sessions to be held at FBC Moberly.

Saturday evening banquet at FBC Huntsville - included in price.

Sunday night worship at Central Christian College Gymnasium.

Speaker: Rustin Umstatted - Former youth pastor now professor at MBTS

Band: Moriah Peters

Cost:\$25/Person for the Weekend (Includes Sunday Night + T-Shirt)

Cost: \$10/Person for the Sunday night event only

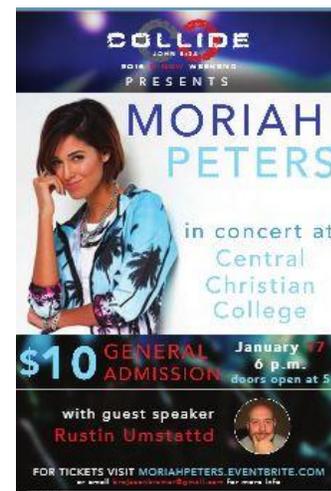
Tickets for Sunday Night can be purchased online at MoriahPeters.Eventbrite.com

Special Group Rates Available for Sunday night

I am attaching the flyer/poster and registration form for the weekend and also for the Sunday night event. I can send you full size posters if needed. Please feel free to call or email with questions. I can be reached at 573 825-7164 or you may call our associational office 660 263-7171. We are excited about what God is going to do in the lives of our students.

Eyes on the prize,

Jason Kramer
CBA Youth Leader



Good News of Great Joy!

Merry Christmas to everyone and a Happy New Year! As snow and cold weather arrive in Yerevan, the Armenian people are already preparing for the New Year and Christmas celebrations. In the Gospel of Luke we read, "But the angel said to them, "Don't be afraid, for look, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people: today a Savior, who is Messiah the Lord, was born for you in the city of David." (Luke 2:10-11 HCSB). The Father is allowing us to share Good News of great joy! This is the time of year that we also celebrate our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Thank you for giving and being a part of what God is doing here. Together we are able to share this Good News because you continue to give to this offering.

He is allowing us to share Good News with two families through our "Special Needs" project. Interesting lessons are planned in order to encourage learning and involve the whole family in the educational process. Along with lessons, we share the love of Christ with the family. Pray for new homes and open families for this special project after the first of the year.



Our Father is allowing us to start a new outreach bible study in a new city. This group is made up of several men who have a strong desire to study the "word" and help others to study it as well.

As we close out this year and start another year, please pray for these new projects to develop. Please pray families to be open to the Good News through the "Special Needs" project. Please pray for M and N in our new outreach bible study to respond to the good news.

The holidays will bring a special blessing since our daughter and son-in-law will be spending two weeks with us in Yerevan. Shelby has visited one time, but Levi has never been here before. We are excited to be together as one family! Please pray for them as they prepare to come.

Shelby had two carpal tunnel surgeries in the past several weeks so we are praying for her complete healing, especially before traveling to Armenia! Also, Ryan will be traveling to Prague for a youth retreat at the end of the month. Pray that He will use this time in Ryan's life to strengthen and encourage him.

Without your prayers and giving, we couldn't continue!

Keith and Wendy

December 2015

 <p>Outlove 2016</p> <p>A ladies getaway weekend with something for everyone!</p> <p>Friends & Sisters Moms & Daughters Mentors & Leaders</p>	<p>KEYNOTE GUEST SPEAKER - RHONDA RHEA For information and registration forms www.hlg.edu</p> <p>February 12-13, 2016 HLGU's Roland Fine Arts Center Stoney Creek Inn, Quincy, Illinois 2/12 5:30-9:30 pm 2/13 9:30 am-5:00 pm</p>	 <p>"Let your love be genuine... Outdo one another in showing honor." <small>Romans 12:9-10</small></p> <p>Deadline to register is January 31, 2016 Early bird registration ends January 23, 2016</p>
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MILLER COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Treasurer's Quarterly Report
October November December 2015

Ministries	Budget	Spent Qtr.	Spent YTD	Budget Balance
Camp	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 3,000.00
Disc/Chr Edu	\$ 225.00	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 225.00
Family Min.	\$ 300.00	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 300.00
Evan/Missions ¹	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 3,300.00
Disaster Rel. ¹	\$ 500.00	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 500.00
Food Pantry	\$ 2,640.00	\$ 660.00	\$ 660.00	\$ 2,020.00
Latino Missions	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 1,350.00
LORM	\$ 2,250.00	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 2,250.00
Pastoral Ministries	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ -0-
VBS	\$ 700.00	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 700.00
Youth	\$ 200.00	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 200.00
Equipping Conf.	\$ 750.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 470.00

DOM Retirement	\$ 1,260.00	\$ 315.00	\$ 315.00	\$ 945.00
DOM Health Ins.	\$ 8,497.74	\$ 4,567.74	\$ 4,567.74	\$ 3,930.00
DOM Expense	\$ 7,442.26	\$ 1,797.67	\$ 1,797.67	\$ 5,644.59
Secretary HSA	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 1,114.50	\$ 1,114.50	\$ 6,385.50

Building/Grds ¹	\$ 750.00	\$ 192.18	\$ 192.18	\$ 557.82
Fees/License	\$ 230.00	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 230.00
Insurance	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 300.00
Misc.	\$ 100.00	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 100.00
Office Equipment ¹	\$ 500.00	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 500.00
Telephone	\$ 1,325.00	\$ 329.10	\$ 329.10	\$ 955.90
Utilities	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 208.11	\$ 208.11	\$ 2,191.89

Assoc. Mtg.	\$ 400.00	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 400.00
Office Supplies	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 479.41	\$ 479.41	\$ 1,520.59
Printing/Postage				

October Beg Balance	\$28,580.55
Deposits	\$14,406.97
Expenses	\$27,671.85
December Ending Bal	\$15,315.67

Oct. Begin Bal. Des. Fds	\$ 5,439.85
Deposits	\$ 4,498.14
Expenses	\$ 1,095.00
Dec. End Bal. Designated	\$ 8,842.99

Certificates of Deposit	
October Beginning Balance	\$ 5,007.43
Interest Earned (18 mo)	\$ 7.57
CDs Purchased (180 day)	\$ 5,000.00
(30 day)	\$ 5,000.00
Interest Earned (30 day)	\$.21
December CD Ending Balance	\$ 5,015.21
Balance All Accounts	
December 2015	\$39,173.87

Respectfully submitted
 Barb Shepherd, Treasurer
 Miller County Baptist Association

Req. Quarterly Budget Giving	\$12,667.50
Actual Quarterly Giving	\$12,144.45
Under Req. Budget Giving	\$ 523.05*

*Note – Not all December Gifts have been received

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 9: Pastor's Fellowship Breakfast - Blue Springs
January 12: Executive Board Meeting, FBC Iberia
January 13: Central DOM Meeting - Concord Association Office
January 29 & 30: Rocky Mount Food Pantry Open
January 31: 5th Sunday Sing - Mt. Herman
February 10: Central DOM Meeting - Concord Association Office
February 11: Associational Valentine Banquet - TBA
February 12-13: Outlove 2016 - Ladies getaway weekend - HLGU Roland FAC, Quincy IL
February 13: Pastor's Fellowship Breakfast - Blue Springs
February 26 & 27: Rocky Mount Food Pantry Open
March 5: Associational VBS Training Institute, Springfield
March 11 & 12: Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief 2016 Training - Waynesville
March 12: Pastor's Fellowship Breakfast - Blue Springs
March 13: Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 20: Palm Sunday
March 25: Good Friday
March 27: Easter

REMEMBER OUR CHURCHES
WITHOUT PASTORS
ST. ELIZABETH
HONEY SPRINGS

Notes of Thanks

*Dear Friends,
Happy New Year! I want to thank
everyone for giving things for the mission
house. It's nice to have a "home" to come to!!
Please feel free to stop by anytime.*

Thanks again, Randy

*I would like to thank the association for the
gift that you gave me for Christmas. I feel
very blessed to serve such fine people of God.*

Carol Hutcherson



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