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The Voice

When I was a young child I was often amazed at how others could see things so well on the TV or across the yard. I envied them and wondered if someday I might be able to see as they see. I struggled to play baseball – how can other people catch that ball – or hit it – when you can't even see it til its right in your face?

Then, when I was in third grade my teacher sent me home with a note to my parents, asking them to take me to an eye doctor. We went to the doctor and discovered I needed glasses! The day I got my glasses something amazing happened . . . I looked out the window at the doctor's office and I said, "Look! The trees have individual leaves on them! It's not just a green blob!" Because of my "spectacles" I was now able to see what everybody else already knew to be true. Though I never became a star athlete, I could at least hit the ball, and catch it. It wasn't a matter of being clumsy or inattentive, it was a matter of not being able to see correctly!

The word of God is like this. We can go through life and see "blobs" – vague generalities of what really is. The invisible attributes of God, and His diving nature are seen through general revelation. But we cannot see the details of His grace, His love, and our wretchedness, without the Word of God. Lost people may hear us speak of our Lord and think that we are embellishing the truth – the truth as they see it is blobs, we see the individual leaves.

As I have gotten older my prescription for glasses has changed. I now wear bifocals. Surprisingly, my near sightedness has improved, as has my astigmatism, but my age hasn't! As we spend more time in the Word of God our "vision" will also improve. We will grow in Christlikeness as we begin to see others as God sees them, and see God as He really is.

Every day I am reminded of how important my glasses are to me. I cannot drive without them. I cannot look out across the valley behind my house and see the wildlife without my glasses. I cannot look upon the faces of my wife, my children, or my grandchildren with joy and appreciation if all I see are blobs rather than their eyes and their smiles. The challenge, though, is remembering that those around us who do not know Christ have yet to see the beauty of His holiness. They have yet to look upon the face of God and see His smile and see for themselves the twinkle in His eye as He looks upon them with love and grace. All they see of God, without His word, is a blob of confusing and misunderstood imaginations with no hope of ever being able to see clearly. They are not clumsy or inattentive, they just haven't seen the truth clearly – yet.

As we grow in understanding the Word ourselves, let us never forget that it is not just for our benefit, we need to help others see more clearly as well. Give them some glasses! Give them the Word!

Yes, I am sending you to the Gentiles to open their eyes, so they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God. Then they will receive forgiveness for their sins and be given a place among God's people, who are set apart by faith in me.' **Acts 26:17b-18 (NLT)**

**Your Fellow Servant
Timothy**

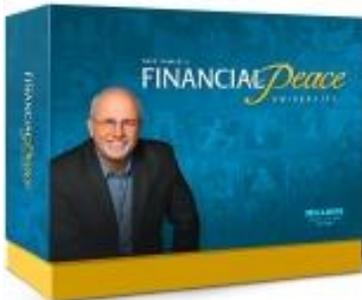


**ASSOCIATIONAL
VALENTINE BANQUET
SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 6:30 PM
BRUMLEY BAPTIST CHURCH**

**MEAL PROVIDED
BRING YOUR FAVORITE DESSERT**

**COME ENJOY THE FOOD,
THE FELLOWSHIP AND THE FUN
RSVP TO 392-5844
BY MONDAY, MARCH 5**

**DAVE RAMSEY'S FINANCIAL
PEACE UNIVERSITY**



**TUESDAYS,
JANUARY 23 -
MARCH 20, 2018
6:30 - 8:00**

**TO BE HELD AT THE FOUNTAIN
104 MAPLE STREET, ELDON**

**Session led by Steve Riegert of
Horseshoe Bend Baptist Church**



**Pastor's & Wives Breakfast
SATURDAY,
MARCH 10, 2018
8:30 AM
Blue Springs Baptist Church**

**REMEMBER OUR CHURCHES
WITHOUT PASTORS
HONEY SPRINGS
RIVERVIEW**

Help, Hope & Healing

Disaster Relief Training in Your Area

March 16-17, 2018

Riverview Baptist Church

989 MO-42, Osage Beach, MO 65065

Meals provided. Optional lodging at church.

Trainings offered at every event:

- Introduction to Disaster Relief
- Chaplaincy
(Previous call-out experience required)
- Chainsaw
(Previous call-out experience required)
- Incident Management Training (IMT)
(Previous call-out experience required)
- Mud-out
- Child Care
- Mass Care Feeding
- Communications
- Shower/Laundry
- Blue Hat
(Previous call-out experience required)
- Assessment
(Previous call-out experience required)



Additional training information and online registration can be found by visiting mobaptist.org/dr-training, by emailing disasterrelief@mobaptist.org, or by calling 800-736-6227, extension 317.

Missouri Baptist Convention Disaster Relief
400 East High Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101, 800-736-6227



2018 WCBA Leadership Conference

"Be Courageous"

Joshua 1:9—"Haven't I commanded you: be strong and courageous? Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

PASTORS AND CHURCH LEADERS:

We are extremely excited to invite you to participate with us in the West Central Baptist Association's Leadership Conference. This conference will encourage and equip you to courageously lead the mission of Christ in your local church.

Our Keynote Speaker will be Gateway Seminary President, **Dr. Jeff Iorg**. The plenary sessions include:

- *Be Courageous*
- *Be Courageous in Church*
- *Be Courageous in Culture*
- *Be Courageous in Crisis*

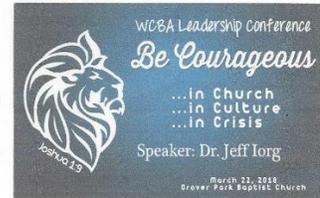
You will also have the opportunity to learn and be equipped to be courageous in other areas in two blocks of breakout sessions. This lineup is power packed, and you definitely will not want to miss out. We would love for you to attend with all of your leaders.

In addition to great teaching, there will be some great giveaways. You can pre-register by going to the WCBA webpage <http://westcentralbaptists.com/pastors-conference/>. You may also email Jonathan Wallenbeck at— jwall@pastorwallenbeckministry.org—if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your participation and we are looking forward to learning and worshipping with you.

When: Thursday, March 22nd,
2018—9 am – 4 pm (Registration
begins @8:30am)

Where: Grover Park Baptist Church
Warrensburg, MO

Cost: \$15 (includes lunch and entry
into giveaways)



Spring Training

- Are you a Sunday School teacher or small group leader in your church?
- Have you been asked to serve but you're just not sure if you're ready?
- Are you a Sunday School or discipleship director at your church?
- Are you a pastor who longs to see his church produce disciples?
- Are you interested in the health of your church?

If any of these are true of you, then the Spring Training Conference is for you.

Come and join us on Saturday, March 24th



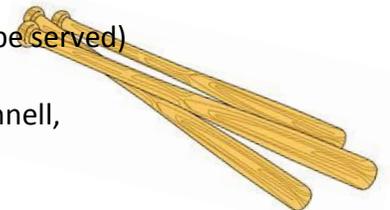
Registration begins at 8:00am (coffee and doughnuts will be served)

Conference includes breakout sessions with former MBC Sunday School Representative Mark Donnell, Lifeway Representative Greg Jackson, and your very own DOM Timothy Faber.

The cost of \$5 to attend and includes lunch.

Contact the associational office 392-6591

to pre-register by March 20



MISSIONS REPORTS

SHENANDOAH REPORT

Several members of our missions committee recently had the opportunity to meet with Noel Gandy, pastor of Christ Point Church in Shenandoah while at the Midwest Leadership Summit in Springfield Illinois. For some, this was the first face to face meeting with Pastor Gandy so that in itself was beneficial and a time of good fellowship.

Bro. Noel reported that Christ Point Church is running about 40-45 in attendance each Sunday and has baptized a dozen people since they started.

We also discussed two opportunities for us to help ChristPoint Church. They will be doing a Sports Camp themed VBS the first week of June, and then the

first week of July there will be some work to do on their building as well as some outreach / evangelistic work. If you would be interested in either or both of these missions opportunities be sure to let Bro. Timothy know so we can keep you informed as more details are worked out.

Come join the C. M. T. today!

The Missions Committee is seeking volunteers for Campground ministry in our local Campgrounds for the 2018 summer season.

Those willing to preach, lead music, play piano or sing solos are needed. We hope to have several teams active in Campgrounds this summer.

This opportunity for service would be a great missions and learning experience taking Christ's message beyond the walls of the church.

If you would be interested in serving on a Campground Ministry Team contact the Associational Office at 392-6591, by email lakeoftheoZarksba@att.net or drop by the office, 401 Champaign. Office hours are Tuesdays and Thursday 8:30-4:00.

LOOKING FOR OPPORTUNITIES

Your associational Missions Committee is seeking service opportunities among our Lake of the Ozarks Baptist Association churches or any Southern Baptist Church.

If your church has a service opportunity we can assist you with please call or email the associational office, 392-6591; lakeoftheozarksba@att.net, and tell us how we may be able to serve your church. Office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 – 4:00.

Opportunities for service may include, but are not limited to, painting, light maintenance, grounds work, roof repair, workers for VBS, pulpit supply, mentoring for pastors, Sunday School, Discipleship Training, youth, small groups, and Deacon training, community surveying or just to share church news.

We look forward to hearing from you



The Game Plan

Theme Verse

His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 2 Peter 1:3

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Gear up!
Get ready!
Game On!

Daily Content

- Day 1: Jesus Cares About Me
- Day 2: Jesus Gives Me Hope
- Day 3: Jesus Helps Me Believe
- Day 4: Jesus Loves Me
- Day 5: Jesus Gives Me Joy

Classes for Pre-Schoolers -Children, Grades 1-4;
Children - Grade 5-6 VBX; Youth; Crafts
Director's Class

Jane Waters

VBS Director

ejbwaters@gmail.com

573-375-0597/573-369-2500

Lake of the Ozarks Associational

VBS Clinic – March 26th

5:30 PM Supper

6:00 PM Clinic

First Baptist Church, Eldon

209 South Aurora Street



Help your children & youth prepare for the ultimate game- THE GAME OF LIFE – with the ultimate playbook. God's Word – The Bible.

ALL HEAD COACHES
MARK YOUR CALENDAR
NOW!!
BRING ALL YOUR COACHES
(Lead Teachers) & ASSISTANT
COACHES.
MONDAY - MARCH 26TH

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 10: Pastor's & Wives Fellowship Breakfast, Blue Springs Baptist Church, Hwy Z, Eldon
March 10: Associational Valentines Banquet, Brumley Baptist Church
March 11: Daylight Saving Time Begins
March 16-17: Disaster Relief Training, Riverview Baptist Church
March 22: WCBA Leadership Conference, Grover Park Baptist Church, Warrensburg, MO
March 24: Associational Discipleship Meeting, Aurora Springs, 5 Firefly Road Eldon, Time TBA
March 25: Flatwoods Puppet Ministry at Mt. Herman Baptist Church
March 26: VBS Clinic, FBC Eldon
April 5-7: Men's Conference at Camp P82, Rocky Mount
April 10: Executive Board Meeting, Emmanuel Baptist Church, 3rd Street, Eldon, 7:00 PM
April 14: Pastor's & Wives Fellowship Breakfast, Blue Springs Baptist Church, Hwy Z, Eldon
April 29: 5th Sunday Sing, Mt. Herman Baptist Church, 350 Hwy FF, Olean, 6:00 PM

You are invited to join us as the Flatwoods Puppet Ministry presents a program on:
Sunday, March 25, at
Mt. Herman Baptist Church, Olean MO
Potluck Supper at 5:30 PM
Program at 6:30 PM
For information call 280-2567, Kent Hutcherson, Pastor



John Shifflet
196621 Long Branch Rd
Barnett, MO 65011

