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Lake of the Ozarks Baptist Association

As I write this article it is the 500th anniversary of the day that Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the door of the church in Wittenberg Germany sparking the Reformation. It is also trash day.

Martin Luther had noticed, and become bothered by, some of the traditions and errant practices and teachings of the church in his day. He called attention to such errors and sought to correct them. The Church needed to get rid of some junk that had crept in and accumulated over the years. And after much struggle, the Protestant Reformation brought about much good. I will not give a history of the reformation here as it would take way too much space, but I encourage you to study it on your own if you are so inclined – I'll even let you use my library!

Periodically Teresa notices, and is bothered by, some of the trash and junk that accumulates around the house – milk cartons, empty soup cans, snack wrappers, etc. – so on Tuesdays I gather up all the trash and haul it into town.

Sometimes we do a “deep” cleaning. We go through things that have quietly accumulated over long periods of time, unnoticed until they become inescapable. Some things that were not previously considered trash have obviously been held on to much longer than they should have . . . whether it is a new realization of their true value, or a change in value, may be debatable . . . but what was once held on to is now seen as something to be relinquished. And I never cease to be amazed at how much and how quickly this stuff accumulates. It seems as though life generates more trash than we would expect.

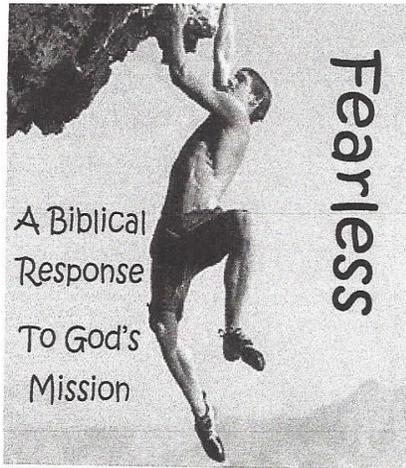
Our lives are a lot like this, though in less tangible ways. We generate a steady stream of trash – bad attitudes, unwholesome thoughts, damaged relationships . . . and sometimes we allow this trash to accumulate and it doesn't get taken out as it should. Then we have a big mess and it requires a radical cleaning. Some trash has been around our life so long that we may even have a sentimental attachment to it, or perhaps we feel as though it will be useful at some point in the future.

Sometimes we are known to even go “dumpster diving” (a Lafayette past-time of going through the dumpsters to see what the college students throw away at the end of a semester) in other peoples' life – picking up their bad habits and attitudes, even when we know we shouldn't be bringing that stuff home with us.

God is better than the city sanitation department. He does not just come by once a week, but He will take our trash anytime. We don't even have to take it out to the curb – He will come into the very closets of our life and help us identify what needs to go what needs to stay, yet He never takes any of our trash unless we are willing to part with it. And something else – no matter how recently we emptied the trash – if something else is put into the trash can He won't complain about it, He'll just smile at the fact that we threw it away and He'll take care of it.

So whether it is a “reformation”, or “taking out the trash”, or whatever you want to call it, let me encourage you to take some time to examine your life, what you do, what your attitudes are, what your desires are, and see if there are some changes to be made. I dare say, until we are totally like Christ there is work for us to do. Will you do it?

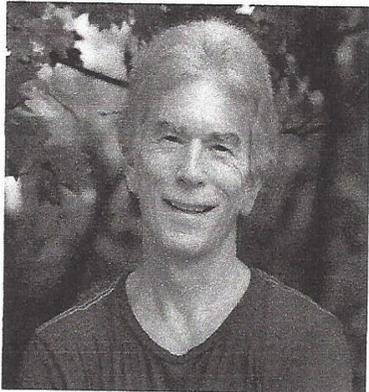
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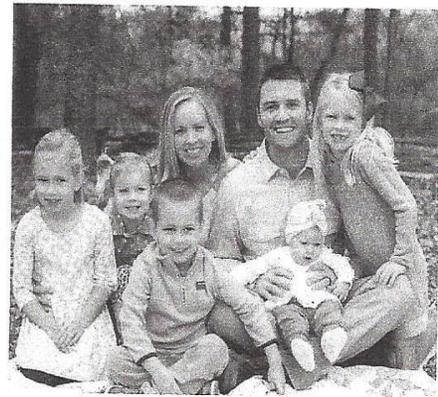
2017 Mt. Carmel Youth Conference

Psalm 27:1 (HCSB) The LORD is my light and my salvation— whom should I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life— of whom should I be afraid?

November 3rd-5th, 2017



Joe and his wife, Debbie-jo, run a family of multi-cultural Christian sports camps that attract 23,000 children from around the world each summer. Joe has written over twenty books and speaks to men's, women's and student's conferences, NFL teams and on Christian radio. He played nose tackle for the SMU Mustangs and coached the defensive line at Texas A&M. He has been awarded two honorary doctoral degrees and was named one of the Top Ten Influencers of the Century by New Man Magazine. Dr. James Dobson says that, Joe White knows more about teenagers than anyone in North America. Joe and Debbie-jo have been married for 44 years and have been blessed with four children and 13 grandchildren.



Shay Robbins is motivated by the things of God. He is passionate about seeing young people grow in their knowledge and love of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is also the K-1 Kanakuk Kamp Director. He is an author and has a new book out called Dangerous Christian. He graduated from Iowa State university. He also graduated from the Kanakuk Institute. He is married to Ashley, and they have five children.



Friday night we will be going to Get Air trampoline Park so make sure you get the waiver signed before the conference. Saturday afternoon we will be going to the local gymnasium for some fun group games and a little friendly competition. Tiffany Hall has put together several games and activities that will challenge you and make you laugh.



You can sign up for the FEARLESS at www.mtcarmellakeozark.org

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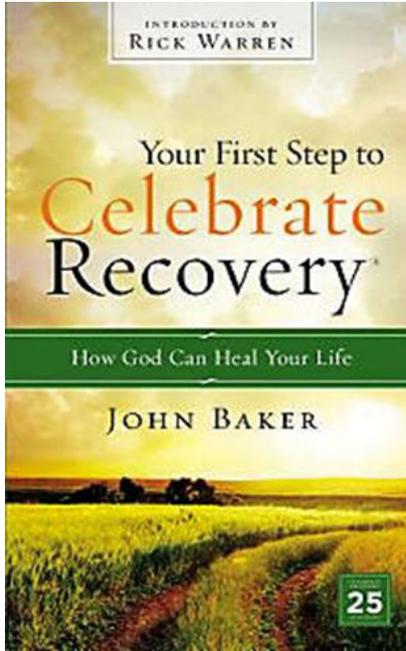
Sunday, November 12,

2:00 PM

Mt. Carmel Baptist Church

755 Bagnell Dam Blvd.

**REMEMBER OUR CHURCHES
WITHOUT PASTORS
SPRING GARDEN
HONEY SPRINGS**



**MT. CARMEL HOSTING
CELEBRATE RECOVERY
FOR ANYONE WITH
HURTS, HABITS OR HANG UPS**

THURSDAYS –

SUPPER 5:15; STUDY 6:00

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755 Bagnell Dam Blvd, Lake Ozark MO

Call 964-2333 if questions

Ministry Leader Jason Urlicks

**The Celebrate Recovery Team has been training and
are excited about this study.**



**Pastor's & Wives Breakfast
SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 11, 2017
8:30 AM
Blue Springs Baptist Church**

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 3-5: Fearless-2017 Mt. Carmel Youth Conference, Mt. Carmel Baptist, 755 Bagnell Dam Blvd
November 5: Daylight Savings Time Ends: Fall Back 1 hour
November 11: Pastor's & Wives Fellowship Breakfast, Blue Springs Baptist Church, Hwy Z, Eldon
November 11: Camp Committee Meeting, 10:00 AM, Blue Springs Baptist Church
November 12: Deacon Ordination, 2:00 PM, Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, 755 Bagnell Dam Blvd
November 14: Associational Council Meeting, 6:30 PM, Associational Office, 401 Champain Eldon
November 17-18: Food Pantry Open, Rocky Mount
November 23: Thanksgiving
December 7: Pastors' & Wives Christmas Fellowship, Golden Corral, 6:30 PM
December 31: 5th Sunday Sing, Mt. Herman Baptist Church, 305 Hwy FF, Olean MO
January 9, 2018: Executive Board Meeting, Rocky Mount Baptist Church, 474 Hwy Y, Eldon
January 13, 2018: Pastor's & Wives Fellowship Breakfast, Blue Springs Baptist Church, Hwy Z, Eldon
January 23-25, 2018: Midwest Leadership Conference, Springfield, IL



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