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The Voice

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What to say what to say . . . seems like every time Carol reminds me it is time for another Voice, I get writer's block. So, what to say what to say . . . what is going on this month?

Not yet Christmas! I will admit I have been playing some Christmas music on my Pandora, I have been warned by Teresa that we cannot and will not get any Christmas decorations out until the day after Thanksgiving. I'm okay with that. But it is the anticipation of Christmas that makes the colder, shorter days of impending winter more tolerable. Remember the saints of the OT...all they could do is anticipate the coming of the Savior. While we have the privilege of looking back at the birth of our Lord – as well as His sacrifice and resurrection – we should still also live in anticipation of His coming again.

Offering. Because Christmas is indeed coming, we will all have an opportunity to participate in the largest missions offering ever. Each year Southern Baptists give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. This special offering covers nearly one half of the cost of keeping nearly 3700 missionaries on the field. Since it was 175 years ago that the International Mission Board was formed, the SBC goal for Lottie Moon this year is \$175 million! There is no way any one of us, or even any one of our churches could fund a worldwide gospel endeavor. But working together with cooperating Southern Baptists we find that God blesses and multiplies our efforts. On a personal note, allow me to challenge you with this – How much do you spend on your spouse or someone special for Christmas? Would you give at least that much to support missions?

Veterans. While many remember to thank our veterans on Memorial Day, or Independence Day, we may forget that November is actually the month for Veterans' Day. Originally known as Armistice Day this holiday was intended to honor those who served in World War I and was also originally "dedicated to the cause of world peace. Sadly, there have been times when our nation's heroes have been treated less than honorably. On the 11th of this month, be sure to thank a veteran.

Elections. Most Americans have a love/hate relationship with our elections. We love the freedom and the right to vote, but we hate the bombardment of political advertising and the caustic campaigns that cause neighbors – even families – to be divided. I am actually writing this on election day, so the outcome of this election is unknown at this time. But I can tell you of another election – when God cast His ballot in my favor before the foundations of the world (Ephesians 1.4).

Meals. More accurately the Meal of all meals. Thanksgiving! A time for family and friends to gather together and give thanks for all of our Lord's blessing. This holiday was originally for giving thanks for the harvest and God's protection and providence during the previous year. In a year such as 2020 some may think that giving thanks is something we can pass on. But the Scriptures teach us to "Give thanks always". After all, this has been only a glimpse of what could be if God treated us like many treat Him. His continued grace is certainly something for which we can be thankful.

Bucks! I am not talking dollars, here. I mean deer season! Since November is tucked between the autumn of October and the winter of December, it is appropriate that it has it's own season. I made the mistake in my first pastorate of scheduling the Lord's supper on the opening day of deer season . . . there were no deacons in

attendance to help serve the ordinance! Yes, deer season is important and I hope to again have success myself this year. But let also remember that we are all admonished in Scripture to be ready in season and out of season to share the gospel with those around us.

Earlier Sunrises and sunsets. Thanks to the dreaded “time change” the sun it is earlier when the sun comes up and it is earlier when the sun sets. God promised us that as long as the earth exists there would be seasons and day and night....leave it to Congress to try and change that with Daylight Savings Time. But think about this, it is getting darker earlier. We must work while it is day for night is coming when no one can work. Let u be faithful to fulfill our calling while it is still called “today”. When the sun sets on this ole world for the final time, will we have done all we can do to spread the light?

Russet colored hills. The glory of the yellows and oranges of October are quickly fading and the barren branches of winter will soon dominate the landscape. But this month the oaks are still clinging to their leaves as they turn a rusty, russet, color. These Ozark hills are embedded in our very psyche. We see in them the magnificent creation of our Sovereign God. We see in their ageless beauty that He is the Ancient of Days. He was here before the mountains were molded, and He transcends all the trials and challenges of life. These hills reflect the seasons He spoke of in Genesis 8.22. But these hills also remind us of Psalm 121.1 – 2. These hills in particular, for nestled in these russet colored hills are God’s people, brothers and sisters whom we can call on in times of need.

Your Servant,
Timothy



**PASTORS & WIVES
FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST,
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14,
8:30 AM
BLUE SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
HWY Z, ELDON**

As if God weren't good enough already . . . it is always good to see God raising up young people to serve Him in reaching the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ. While many of us know the value of our Baptist universities, we may not be familiar with a particular program at SBU called Ministerial Experience Day. This is a time when the ministerial students are sent out to preach in real churches (as opposed to a preaching class on campus) and get experience and feedback as they work to develop their gifts and calling into greater service to Christ.

Our association was blessed to be able to participate in a Ministerial Experience Day this past week (Sunday, Nov. 1). When we first started talking to SBU about this we anticipated 3 or 4 students. After all, they had not sent students this far out from campus before, and in fact, with Covid, there had been none sent out yet this year. Well, perhaps it was because there had not been any other ME Days this year, we ended up with 8 ministerial students wanting to come up from Bolivar to preach! One student even came up early and volunteered at the Rocky Mount Food Pantry on Saturday.

As always, the churches of the Lake of the Ozarks Association came through! The following churches/pastors allowed these unknown and inexperienced students to preach:

Mt. Herman	Ulman	Blue Springs
Spring Garden	North Shore	Cornerstone
FBC Tuscumbia	Rocky Mount	

The pastors and a couple of laypeople from these churches each filled out an evaluation form that is sent back to SBU to provide quality feedback for these young men. The churches also give a love offering (optional, not required) which is sent to SBU and used to cover the travel expense of the students, and if there is a surplus from that it is given to the students in the form of a scholarship.

After they preached, they, and several of the pastors and a few others gathered at Bandana's in Osage Beach for a great time of food and fellowship. Everyone who participated has given positive feedback. We will be scheduling another ME day in the future – perhaps as soon as the spring semester. If your church would be interested in participating next time please let Bro. Timothy know.



ME Day Students and others (19 total) at Bandana's, Nov. 1, 2020

YOUTH CORN MAZE EVENT



Running around, laughing, shouting, catching their breath....it was “amaizing”. On the 24th of October there 25 youth from 5 different churches, along with several adult chaperones, went to Marshfield for a maize maze. They ran through the fields looking for signs, looking for

directions on how to get out. When found, the signs had clues that could only be followed if the questions were answered correctly. Some of the youth doggedly ran in circles til they figured out the clues, others plowed their way through the field til they escaped. The day way gray, and a bit chilly, no one wanted to be left in fields after dark. But when it was time to leave we brought home as many kids as we took, so we can only assume everyone made it out okay.

On the way home we stopped at Cornerstone Church in Camdenton and devoured 10 pizzas and a few gallons of soda. Thank you, Cornerstone, for allowing us to use your facilities! And thank you kids for leaving the facilities in good shape for Sunday services the following morning!

In the picture on the left we see the group heading out to the fields in a wagon, and the other pic is of some of the group enjoying the pizzas at Cornerstone. The association’s support of our young people is greatly appreciated and reminds these kids that they are valuable in the eyes of God and of their church.

Be sure to read future editions of “The Voice” for information on more youth events!



ON MISSION CELEBRATION REPORT

Ten churches participated in our On Mission Celebration October 11 – 14!

We had originally arranged for five missionaries to be heard in five different churches, Sunday AM through Wednesday evening, just like normal. But God had different plans. A couple who had some ties to the Eldon area wanted to also participate, and it worked out so they could. We recruited another church to be their host church and actually recruited an additional four more churches to have them one night each.

Thus, all of the participating churches for this year's OMC were:

FBC Eldon
FBC Tuscumbia
FBC Iberia
Mt. Carmel BC

Aurora Springs
Mt. Herman
Locust
FBC Versailles

Cornerstone
Montgomery

We were able to minister to our missionaries in a couple of unique ways as well – one who recently discovered she was expecting got a free ultrasound at the Pregnancy Help Center. Others were able to enjoy a cruise from Windermere to Ha Ha Tonka spring and back on a beautiful sunny day, rejoicing in the color of the hills in October. The combined offering for the missionaries was just a hair over \$5000! The offering is divided equally among all participating missionaries in appreciation of their ministry, just like a microcosm of the Cooperative Program. Your generosity in supporting these missionaries is commendable and is a huge blessing to them.

It is also a huge blessing to both the missionaries and the participating churches when our churches cooperate together like this. Working together makes the load (and financial costs) lighter and allows us to do together what would not happen if we were each left to what only our own church could do. Aren't you glad you are part of an association where our churches work together toward common goals?

Let's do this again in 2022 or early '23!

**MISSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17
6:00 PM
ASSOCIATION OFFICE
401 CHAMPAIN, ELDON**



Happy Election Day!

I am praying fervently (as I know many of you are as well) for the Lord's favor in this election!

"Look among the nations, and see; wonder and be astounded. For I am doing a work in your days that you would not believe if told." Habakkuk 1:5

UPDATE:

The Churches for Life training that was scheduled for this Saturday (7th), is being rescheduled for the following Saturday (14th). I believe all info will stay the same (8:30am-12pm). I am including the original informational email in this one so you can refer to it with questions or feel free to contact Janet or Carol (info listed below) and to sign up.

I hope more of you will be able to attend this training. It will be extremely beneficial in equipping you to equip your Church to stand firm in the fight for life!

BUILDING A LIFE TEAM AT YOUR CHURCH

Churches for Life will be providing a Life Team training event on November 14th, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, 755 Bagnell Dam Blvd., Lake Ozark, MO.

If you are longing for your church to consistently champion the sanctity of human life in a gospel-centered way and you've been yearning for people in your church, community, state, and nation to

affirm life the way you and God do, then you will want to be part of the live Life Team Training event.

Life Team Basics Workshop

This workshop is about creating life ministry in your church using the vehicle of a gospel-driven Life Team.

In Life Team Basics, you will learn:

- The uniqueness of gospel-driven ministry
- The qualities of a gospel-driven Life Team
- The role of a Life Team member
- Ideas for equipping your church in a variety of life issues

You can sign up by clicking [HERE](#).

If you have questions about this workshop, or about any of our resources, please contact Janet Graham, (locally), at janetgraham63@yahoo.com or Carol Fouse at carol@getintolife.org.

Come join us for this great opportunity to learn about a ministry that will bring awareness of the sanctity of human life "from the womb to the tomb" to your church body. Please go to getintolife.org for more information about this organization or the Pregnancy Help Center in Camdenton has materials that describe this ministry in detail.

Please remember to share this information within your church and with any other church that may be interested.

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P.S. If you haven't already seen our "Church Partner Spotlight" video on Facebook, you can check it out by clicking the button below!

Church Partner Video



Executive Director

Pregnancy Help Center Lake of the Ozarks,

Teresa Faber

Welcome to Bob Lilly!

Crossroads Baptist Church recently called Dr. Bob Lilly as pastor. Bob was born and raised in Springfield, MO and accepted Christ at age 20. He and his wife Pam have three children: Robert, Natalie, and Douglas. Robert is pastor of FBC Licking, MO.

Bob surrendered to the ministry in 1983, was licensed to the ministry by Tatum Chapel Baptist Church in 1984, and ordained in 1986. He is a graduate of Southwest Missouri State University (BA), Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (MDiv) and Andersonville Baptist Seminary (DMin). Bob has 36 years of experience as pastor or associate pastor, including over 20 years at Catonsville BC in Catonsville, MD, and most recently as pastor of FBC Richland, MO (2009 – 2019).

Over the years, Bro. Lilly has also served on the Board for the Missouri Baptist Children's Home, Board of Trustees for Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2nd Vice President and 1st Vice President of the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware, the SBC Committee on Nominations, and has also served in Disaster Relief as a chaplain, assessor, and Blue Hat. This is just a partial listing of Bob's service to the King through Baptist churches and organizations. His greatest contribution, however, comes through his love of Christ, which motivates him to love people and point them to His Savior.

With Bob's call to Crossroads, all churches in Lake of the Ozarks Baptist Association have a pastor! We have not been without a vacancy for several years. I encourage all our churches to love and support your pastors, hang on to them and work with them for the furtherance of the Kingdom and glory of the King!



Ministers & Wives Christmas Dinner

Thursday, December 10, 2020, 6:30 PM

Golden Corral, Osage Beach

All pastors and wives are free

**Other ministers (associates, retired, etc. are welcome
at a cost of \$16.00 per person.)**

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 14: Pastors and Wives Breakfast Fellowship, Blue Springs Baptist Church, 8:30 AM

November 14: Churches for Life

November 17: Missions Committee Meeting at LOBA Office, 6:00 PM

November 20-21: Rocky Mount Food Pantry Open

November 26: Thanksgiving

November 29: 5th Sunday Sing at Mt. Herman Baptist Church, 6:00 PM

December 1: Camp Committee Meeting at LOBA Office 6:00 PM

December 10: Pastors and Wives Christmas Banquet – Golden Corral, Osage Beach – 6:30 PM

December 18-19: Rocky Mount Food Pantry Open

December 25: Christmas

January 9: Pastor and wives Breakfast Fellowship, Blue Springs Baptist Church, 8:30 AM

January 12: Executive Board Meeting, Cornerstone Baptist Church, 7:00 PM

January 29-30: Rocky Mount Food Pantry Open



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