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The Voice

of Miller County Baptist Association

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A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

I received a very special gift recently. My Dad sent to me a Bible . . .

Now I have several Bibles – I can't even remember how many right now. I even have more than 2 dozen translations of the Word on my computer. But this Bible my Dad sent me is a Scofield Reference Bible, well-worn and taped together. The binding is brittle and nearly every page is marked on. This Bible belonged to my Great Grandfather – Turner B Draper – who was a Baptist minister and church planter in southern Illinois before it was known as church "planting".

This Bible reveals tangible evidence of Grandpa Draper's faith. There are sermon notes written in the fly leaves, and some tucked between the pages. There are almost as many handwritten notes in some places as there are Scofield notes. And the yellowing and smudging of pages from the oils in his skin indicate which pages and passages he read the most.

These various notes and sermons reveal a true passion for lost souls, a genuine love for Christ, and an uncompromising zeal for doctrinal integrity and holy living. Some of the newspaper clippings and such reveal that the early 20th century presented struggles with sin and apathy much like the modern generation of Christians face.

But I got to wondering . . . being the bibliophile that I am, I have always considered it anathema to write in my Bibles. And my sermon notes are all neatly typed in computer files that – heaven forbid – could be lost with a computer crash or magnetic swipe . . . my descendants (in the fourth generation and later) may see a stack of Bibles, but will they have any tangible evidence of how I value the Word?

Now I am not advocating that everyone mark up their copy of the Scriptures... but I am advocating that we leave a legacy of faith. Proverbs 13.22 says that a righteous man leaves an inheritance for his children's children. We all plan to pass on other things – house, money, furniture, etc.... And hopefully we are passing along our faith to those who are already here. But have you considered passing on your faith to those who are yet to be born? Perhaps a Bible, a journal, or something else?

On another note . . . Our association's annual meeting is coming up in just a few weeks. These are always an exciting time of reflecting on what God has done and looking forward to what God will do in our association. I hope to see you there!

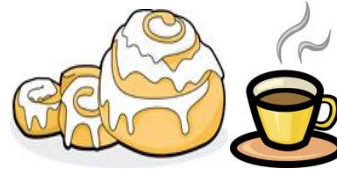
Your Fellow Servant
Timothy



5th Sunday Concert
Sunday, August 30, 6:30 PM
First Baptist Church,
209 S Aurora, Eldon
Love offering will be taken

**5TH SUNDAY SING
MT. HERMAN BAPTIST CHURCH
6:00 PM**

**PASTOR'S FELLOWSHIP
BREAKFAST**



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 8:30 AM
Blue Springs Baptist Church
RSVP by Monday, September 7, 392-7074
For all Pastors, Interim Pastors and
Retired Pastors**

Miller County Baptist Association Annual Meeting

**Saturday, September 19, 9:00 AM
Mt. Carmel Baptist Church**

**Theme: "I Shall Not Be Moved"
Psalm 16:8**

We will be hosting a Missions Fair. If your church would like to have a table to display Missions activities at your church please contact the Associational Office.

**REMEMBER OUR CHURCHES
WITHOUT PASTORS
MT. HERMAN
TUSCUMBIA
ST. ELIZABETH**

The Eldon Ministerial Alliance Presents:

FAMILY NIGHT @ ALLEE FIELD

**ONE Night • ONE Vision
ONE BIG FAMILY!**

**Saturday, September 5, 2015
at 5:00 pm**



**FREE Concert
Featuring
THE LESTERS**
Helen Russell & Company
(Lake Ozark)
and Jen & Jes
(Iberia)

FREE Food and Drinks

**BRING LAWN CHAIRS OR USE
THE BLEACHERS FOR SEATING**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR DEACON CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 6-7 MT. CARMEL BAPTIST CHURCH

For deacons and men who are potential deacons. The cost is \$15 for the conference including the dinner on Friday night, and \$10 for the wives to attend just the dinner.

Some of the conferences on Saturday morning are:

1. A closer look at the biblical qualification of a deacon and / or the traditions and biblical teachings on ordination (focus is potential deacons)
2. Deacons and hospital visitation
3. Deacons as peacemakers – dealing with conflict in the church
4. Apt to teach – deacons as guardians of biblical doctrine
5. Deacons doing evangelism and outreach
6. Deacons doing ministry – ministering to those in need – benevolence

MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND



The Lesters

In Concert

Sunday, September 20

4:00 PM

Flatwoods Baptist Church

12 Mt. Carmel Road

Eldon MO

JUST A REMINDER

Annual Church Profiles are due in the Associational Office. We also need VBS Reports if your church had VBS. If you have questions please call the office 392-6591. Thank you.

BI-VOCATIONAL PASTOR SEARCH

Mt. Herman Baptist Church, Tuscumbia Baptist Church and St. Elizabeth Baptist Church are searching for Bi-Vocational Pastors. Resumes may be sent to the Miller County Baptist Association Office, P O Box 391, Eldon, MO 65026.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 28-29: Rocky Mount Food Pantry Open

August 30: 5th Sunday Sing at Mt. Herman

Becky Lercher in concert at Eldon First Baptist Church

September 3: Missions Committee Meeting, MCBA Office

September 5: Eldon Ministerial Alliance hosts The Lesters at Allee Field

September 7: Labor Day

September 12: Pastor's Fellowship Breakfast, Blue Springs

September 19: Annual Meeting - Mt Carmel Baptist Church

September 20: Flatwoods hosts The Lesters

September 25-26: Rocky Mount Food Pantry Open

September 28-30: Baptist Secretaries Association of Missouri - Baptist Building, Jefferson City

October 26-28: Missouri Baptist Convention Annual Meeting - Springfield MO

October 30-31: Rocky Mount Food Pantry Open

November 1: Daylight Saving Time Ends - Fall back one hour

November 6-7: Deacon Conference - Mt. Carmel Baptist Church

November 26: Thanksgiving

November 27-28: Rocky Mount Food Pantry Open





MISSIONS EXPLORATION 2015
Day Camp Missions Learning Opportunity
BOYS & GIRLS GRADES 1-6

Dear Friends,

Missions Exploration is an opportunity for boys and girls in grades 1-6 to learn about missions in a camp setting. They will enjoy meeting a missionary and will participate in crafts, games, music, and more!

- Missions Exploration will be held at 6 locations:

October 10
Grand Oaks Baptist Assembly
Chillicothe, MO

October 17
Pulaski Baptist Camp
Waynesville, MO

October 24
Baptist Hill
Mt. Vernon, MO

South Missouri
Van Buren, MO

Baptist Ridge
Warsaw, MO

Camp Inlow
Philadelphia, MO

- Online registration is \$16.00 per person (lunch included)
- Additions at the door are \$21.00 per person (Lunch not included so bring sack lunch for all additions)
- Registration deadline is 10 days before each camp. You can register online at www.mobaptist.org/wmu. All fees are non-refundable but may be transferred to a new unregistered camper. You may call SHARON 573-636-0400, ex. 324 or TERE at 573-478-3512 or 217-779-3396 for assistance in registering online, or to receive a mail-in registration form.
- Please bring a sack lunch for any additions who are paying at door.
- T-shirts will be available through September 17th at \$6.50 each, only by order when registering online.
- There will be inexpensive items available to purchase at a gift/snack shop on site.
- The 2015 Ministry Project Challenge:
 - Collect cans of beans (any type - black, green, string, pork, etc.).
 - Take collected beans to your local pantry (keep a tally).
 - Report the number of cans you donated upon arrival at Missions Exploration.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

9:30 Check-in and Arrival Activities
10:00 Opening Large Group Session
10:50 Small Group Rotation Activities
12:30 Lunch
1:10 Small Group Rotation Activities
2:50 Closing Large Group Session
3:45 Dismiss

Please share this information with your church and your children's workers as it is an awesome way for your children to learn about missions.

If you have questions, call me at 573-478-3512 or 217-779-3396 or Sharon Paris at 573-636-0400, ext. 324.

Training our Children in Missions,

Terri Broeker, WMU Preschool, Children's/Students' Missions Consultant
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Train up a child in the way he should go. Prov. 22:6 (NKJV)

Below is a newsletter from Nolan Scott. Nolan is a member of FBC Eldon, graduated from Eldon High School last May and is currently serving with Life Action Ministries before he begins his college education. Nolan recently preached a youth-led revival at Tuscumbia Baptist Church. He will be sending us newsletters while serving with Life Action Ministries.

Nolan's Newsletter

I would like to say thank you to all who have invested in supporting me through Life Action Ministries, whether that included giving financially, donating materials and services, or praying for and encouraging me. I have been at Life Action Camp for less than two weeks and have already seen God move in big ways.

This has been a life changing experience that has challenged me in my walk with Christ. Through sermons preached, personal devotions, and my fellow team members, I am frequently being encouraged to see my need to rely on God for His grace. I am truly understanding that the Christian walk is not hard but impossible on my own. We rely on His grace not only for salvation, but for every aspect of our lives. That includes His grace to get up in the morning when we would rather hit the snooze button on our alarms, His grace to listen to others who need someone to talk to, or His grace to face the circumstances of life. (I am having to use His grace right now to write this newsletter!) I am also learning more and more about casting all my cares and worries on to God, being still and knowing that He is God, being in fellowship with and enjoying God, and much more.

I have built many friendships and have seen God work in the lives of others. A teammate of mine accepted Christ and was baptized less than a month ago right here at Life Action Camp! I have seen people (including myself) become honest, open, and transparent about the struggles and sin in our lives. Through accountability, brokenness, confession, forgiveness, and encouragement, we have been able to grow in our relationship with Christ and each other.

Training at Life Action Camp has been equipping me with the tools necessary to disciple the students I will come in contact with on the road. The youth trainer, Mac Cockrell, had in the past traveled with an evangelist named Ed Newton who preached at the youth camp that I attended while in youth group. He had a lot of great insight and really stressed the fact that it is not our job to create the material because it has already been given to us in God's Word! A large part of my job is to build relationships with the teens and young adults in the churches that we hold revivals at. The old adage is true- they don't care about how much you know until they know how much you care. I hope to build relationships with the students and display firsthand the Love of Christ. This again will take God's grace! I hope to use your financial support that exceeds my training camp fees and personal expenses to find ways and serve the churches and students by taking students out to lunch, helping those in need, and in other ways I can serve.

I again want to say thank you for all you have done for me and hope to keep you updated as the year goes on! If you are willing, please pray for me to continue to be broken and humble, always realizing my need for God. This is a needed and at the same time scary prayer, but I hope that I can always rely on God and His grace, which gives me the desire and power to obey Him.

Your brother in Christ,

Nolan Scott

(I hope to post pictures on the newsletters as the year goes on!)

Ministry Wives Luncheon 2015



featuring:

JENNIFER ROTTSCHILD

Unfailing Love Changes Everything

October 27, 2015

Tuesday • 12:15 pm

(immediately following morning session)

2015 MBC Annual Meeting
University Plaza Hotel
and Convention Center
Springfield MO

Register online by October 20 at
mobaptist.org/ministrywives

\$15 per person - pre registered
\$20 per person - register on site

or contact Betty Pulliam at
800.736.6227 ext 302 for more info.

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BAPTISTS



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