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NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

We live in a world that is constantly changing, and we are constantly changing. Whether its knees, or eyeglass prescriptions, or even our perspectives on certain issues, we are not like we were 20 years ago. Ministry is the same way.

Fifty years ago bus ministries flourished, RA's and GA's were a vital part of a church's ministry, and Vacation Bible School lasted 2 whole weeks. Now, only a handful of churches do bus or van ministry (North Shore has the largest and most effective in our association), RA's and GA's have generally been replaced by AWANA's (FBC Eldon is the only church in the association doing RA's, that I am aware of), And nobody does 2 week Bible Schools – in fact, some have trimmed it down to three days, and in some cases only one day.

So we must acknowledge that change occurs, we cannot stop it. . . . but we can determine how we are going to manage it. There are always options. We can ignore it and insist on always doing what we have done in the past – good luck with that two week Bible School. We can say it doesn't work anymore and just refuse to do it at all, or go to something completely different – which is what has happened with most bus ministries, RA's and GA's. Or, a third option, is to adapt the ministry to the changing times.

That third option is something we need to consider at our annual meeting on Saturday, September 9. Several years ago a new ministry was formed specifically to reach the tourists – the millions of lost people that visit our communities every summer because of the lake. Lake Ozark Resort Ministries (LORM) was organized for the purpose of recruiting and overseeing the summer missionaries and other ministry opportunities that present themselves in the unique setting of a resort and tourist culture.

For many years this ministry has had great leadership with Jeff Maxwell and Clyde Leonard; and has done a wonderful job in fulfilling their purpose. Some of our churches have even benefitted greatly from this ministry.

However, as times change other things change as well. For instance, insurance premiums. This past year L.O.R.M. had a bill for insurance premiums for \$1800. That is more than what one summer missionary is paid! In other words, if it weren't for the cost of insurance there could have been another summer missionary working to win people to Jesus.

Now, we can say, that's just the cost of doing ministry these days and we can keep doing things the way they have been done for nearly 20 years . . . OR, we can find a new way of accomplishing the same goal that is more cost efficient and a better stewardship of God's money.

This is why Jeff Maxwell approached me over the summer about our association assuming LORM. He has determined that it is not a good use of the Lord's money to pay for insurance when those funds could be put into ministry, and I agree with him. Since our association carries insurance anyhow (\$1 million umbrella) we would not need to buy an expensive policy for summer missionaries or resort ministries. In fact we needed no additional insurance for the summer missionary we had this past summer. So for us to assume the work of LORM as part of our associational missions strategy is just a matter of good stewardship.

Provided we vote to accept this recommendation from the missions committee, assuming that responsibility, Jeff will call a meeting of the LORM Board to dissolve that entity and transfer everything to us. A matter of necessity becomes an opportunity. Change occurs . . . how will we adapt to it?

Your Fellow Servant
Timothy

New Beginnings

By Alicia Flores, North Shore Baptist Church

Everyone has a point in their life when they have to start new; on August 17- August 21 I had the privilege of helping a church begin their new start. That's when I went on a mission trip to Shenandoah, Iowa to help with a replant of a church. I stayed with the pastor and his wife in their lovely house during this trip.

On Friday morning we got up and went to the church where we went around the area and handing out fliers that invited people to a block party at church. The community received it well and we had good conversations with people, we also invited many to church on Sundays and Wednesdays. Afterwards we went to lunch and had a great fellowship time with each other along with Ben McKim from Calvary BC in Clarinda. Then we went back to the church and set up for the block party, which turned out great.

Saturday we went back to the church to clean up a bit, went back to the pastors house, and set up for a barbecue for the church. Some of the church members brought food and we all sat and ate. After dinner, everyone listened to a wonderful concert performed by an up and coming artist, while I tended to the children. The kids had an awesome time playing on the bounce house, with bubbles, with a baseball and learning about nature.

On Sunday we spent our last few hours in the church having a service. We blessed the backpacks for children who were starting school and listened to a wonderful sermon. After church pretty bad storm started and we headed out to lunch, then we headed home. The feelings of hope that was there still follow me, because I know God always has new beginning for us.



Friday Night Block Party

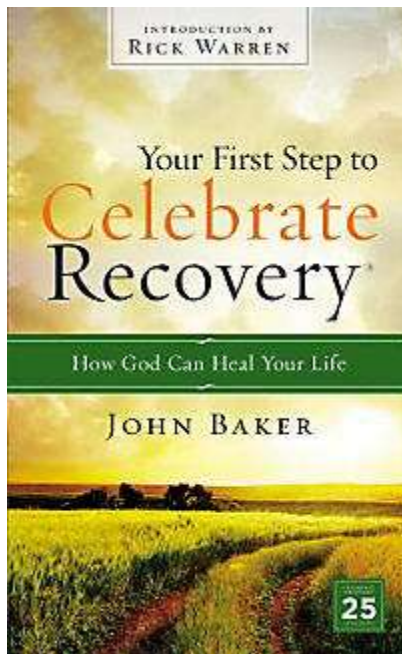


Sunday Morning Services

photos by Walt Pollard

**PASTORS & WIVES
POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 6:30 PM
BLUE SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
HWY Z, ELDON, MO
IF QUESTIONS
PLEASE CALL 392-7074**

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



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

**WEDNESDAYS –
SUPPER 5:30 - STUDY AT 6:30
Mt. Carmel Baptist Church
755 Bagnell Dam Blvd, Lake Ozark MO**

**Ministry Leader Jason Urlicks
The Celebrate Recovery Team has been training and
are excited about this study.**

You've undoubtedly heard the expression "time heals all wounds." Unfortunately, it isn't true. As many pastors and counselors know, people still carry hurts from thirty or forty years ago. The truth is, time often makes things worse. Wounds that are left untended fester and spread infection throughout your entire body. Time only extends the pain if the problem isn't dealt with.

Your First Step to Celebrate Recovery introduces you to a biblical and balanced program that has helped nearly a million people overcome their hurts, hang-ups, and habits. Based on the actual words of Jesus found in the Sermon on the Mount rather than psychological theory, the Celebrate Recovery program has helped people for over 20 years to grow toward full Christ-like maturity.

Author and founder John Baker tells the true story of how Celebrate Recovery became one of the largest Christ-centered recovery programs in history. Baker will help you discover how God's love, truth, grace and forgiveness can bring healing into your life.

Women's Conference

What kind of garbage are you carrying?

October 21st 2017

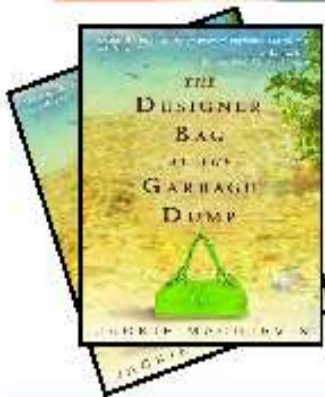
8 AM- 3 PM

First Baptist Church, Eldon, MO

Registration is open from July 23rd to September 24th. A \$35 registration fee includes t-shirt, speaker's fee, continental breakfast and luncheon. Registration after September 24th is \$40 with NO t-shirt.

**Child care is available*

"And we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ." 2 Corinthians 10:5



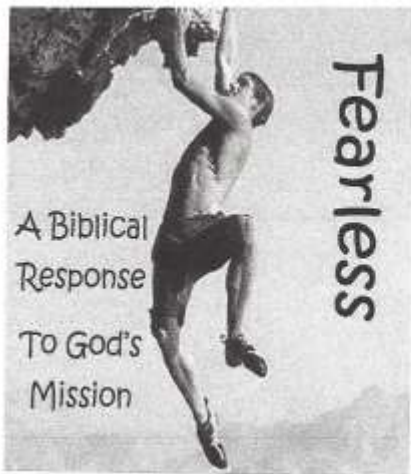
Jackie Macgirvin is the award-winning author of *Angels of Humility* and *The Designer Bag at the Garbage Dump*. She also assists would be authors as a ghostwriter or editor. Jackie lives with her husband in Kansas City where she hones her wry sense of humor.

Registration is available
online under
"News and Events" at:
www.fbceldon.net
You may also come by the
church office or call at
573-392-3124

Ashley Haupt (formerly Ashley English) has worked in a variety of types of ministries, including: international mission trips, jail ministry, crisis pregnancy ministry, women's ministry, and is currently a pastor's wife in Nixa. She teaches high school English and spends every other moment with her husband and four children. She enjoys blogging at Little Pieces of Ordinary and has been featured in several online venues.



Praise and worship led by, Andrew VanOmmeren, formerly the Praise leader at James River. Andrew is now at Connect Church of Springfield. Check them out at: live.connect417.com



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

Miller County Baptist Association Crappie Derby 2017



September 23 – Public Beach #2 – Osage Beach

Cost Per Boat: (Derby & Youth T-shirt Included)

1 Adult & 1 Child/Youth - \$30

2 Adults - \$40

Schedule of Events:

Mandatory Pre-Tournament Meeting – 7:00pm –

Derby Start – 8:00am

Weigh-In – 2:00pm

Food, Games, Bank fishing contest, and Bounce House starting at noon

For Questions or Registration Please Call Hickory Point Baptist Church @ 573-793-6486 or go to hickorypointbaptist.org

173rd Annual Meeting
of the
Miller County Baptist Association

By All Means

1 Corinthians 9:19-27

*Meet the Missionaries for
On Mission Celebration*

September 9, 2017
First Baptist Church, Eldon MO
Registration to begin at 8:00
Carry In Lunch at Noon

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 7: Pastor's and Wives Fellowship, Blue Spring Baptist Church, Hwy Z Eldon

September 9: Annual Meeting, FBC Eldon, 209 S. Aurora Street

September 10: On Mission Celebration

September 23: Crappie Derby, Public Beach #2 - Osage Beach

September 25-27: Baptist Secretaries Association of Missouri Conference, Summit Woods Baptist Church, Lee's Summit, MO

September 29-30: Food Pantry Open, Rocky Mount Baptist Church

October 21: Women's Conference, FBC Eldon, 209 South Aurora

November 3-5: Fearless -- 2017 Mt. Carmel Youth Conference



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