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The Voice

of Miller County Baptist Association

NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

First, allow me to say a hearty “Thank You!” Though Thanksgiving was over a month ago, Teresa and I are very thankful for the generous Christmas gift the association gave us at the pastor and wives Christmas Dinner. We are also thankful to the Lord and the fine churches of Miller County Baptist Association for allowing us to serve among you. It’s hard to believe that it has already been four years since we met in Executive Board at Blue Springs and the association voted to call me as DOM. Hopefully we will have many more years together.

Speaking of years, and time, being that it is January, another new year has begun for everyone. I believe humans are the only creatures that mark time. I know various wildlife seems to “prepare” for winter – squirrels gathering nuts, etc. – but it is mainly instinctive and I do not know of any animal that could tell you that it is a new month, or a new year, or a new decade.

God Himself created time – “there was morning and evening, the first day”. But God does not need time, he transcends time. So why did He make it? For us. Why do we need it? Aside from having a point of reference, such as “I’ll meet you tomorrow for lunch”, or “I’ll pay you x for y amount of hours worked”, the measurement of time allows for new beginnings. Even if we didn’t have new “years”, each day is a new day.

In the OT we see the Day of Atonement, an annual time of renewal and cleansing. Though our society does not have a “Day of Atonement” . . . (in fact our society sees no need for atonement as that would imply sin, but we’ll save that discussion for another day) there is a cultural notion of using the new year as a time of breaking bad habits and developing new ones. And this is because even our society recognizes a need for new beginnings. A person who files bankruptcy can have a new beginning eventually – usually about 7 years. A person who has broken the law gets a new beginning when their sentence is served.

Thankfully, there is also still a “Day of Atonement”, though it is not the same day for everyone. Whenever a person puts their trust in Christ and receives His gift of cleansing and forgiveness, the atonement of His blood is applied to them (us)! Every day can be a day of atonement, every days can be a new beginning! So this year, let us remind our students that through Christ all things are made new.

Your Fellow Servant
Timothy

THE JENSEN JOURNAL DECEMBER 2016

Greetings to our faithful friends and family around the world! We greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As we prepare for the unexpected blessing of celebrating Christmas in Kansas City with our families, I wanted to briefly share how things are going in our lives and give you a quick update. The radiation treatments concluded the Saturday after Thanksgiving, and the cancerous tumor appears to be completely gone. I have a follow up scan scheduled for 9-January at which time they will hopefully confirm the disappearance of the tonsil cancer. Along with scanning for the cancer, doctors are still seeking answers for several lymph nodes which lit up on a scan in early Oct and led to two inconclusive biopsies. Personally, I'd be really excited if nothing in my chest lit up this time. ☺

God has been so faithful to our family thru this process and we thank Him for friends and family who have stood in the gap to pray for us. If the 2nd scan in April is clear, the medical department plans to grant clearance to return to the field and we could, Lord willing, return to South Africa in May. This may seem like a weird prayer request, but I'd really appreciate your praying for the healing of my taste buds. Eating without tasting has proven to be a difficult challenge and I've found ways to maintain weight. Taste buds normally return to full function in 1-3 months after radiation and I'm hoping they heal soon.

Lastly, Shannon and I want to encourage each one of you to consider what your gift to the IMB's 2016 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will be this year. 100% of gifts given to the LMCO go to fund overseas missions projects and send/support Southern Baptist missionaries like us all over the world. From the Risk Management side, your gifts help provide security and safety training for missionaries living in some of the most dangerous places on the African continent. Trainings take the form of personal self-defense training, family and individual immersive contingency training, and life-saving skills. Your gifts also help provide satellite phones for missionaries living and serving in remote and hostile areas. The ability to communicate with leadership allows missionaries to remain on the remote front lines at the edge of lostness and ping locations if an emergency occurs. Last year, we used this location feature to maintain communications with one of our families until a hostile threat against them and a volunteer team passed. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering makes a tangible difference in advancing the good news of Jesus into the most unreached areas in Sub-Saharan Africa. If you've not been called to go, you have been called to give. Thank you for supporting us and our missionary colleagues.

May God richly bless you this year as we celebrate Jesus' birth.

Merry Christmas,

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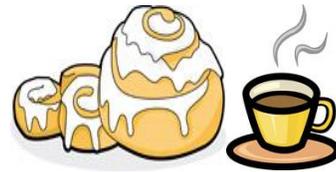
Mission Opportunities this Summer

The Missions Committee is looking at the possibility of a mission trip to Iowa and one to Wyoming this summer. The trip to Iowa would be sometime in August and the trip to Wyoming in mid to late July.

Begin praying now for God's guidance to lead and prepare those who join these groups, those who will be witnessed to and those who help prepare for the journey. More details will be forthcoming as the committee meets concerning these mission events.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD
MEETING
TUESDAY,
JANUARY 10, 2017
7:00 PM
SPRING VALLEY
BAPTIST CHURCH
5910 Hickory Hill Road
Henley MO**

**PASTOR'S & WIVES
FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST**



**SATURDAY,
January 14, 2017
8:30 AM
Blue Springs Baptist Church**

**REMEMBER
OUR CHURCHES
WITHOUT PASTORS
ST. ELIZABETH
CROSSROADS
SPRING GARDEN**

**5TH SUNDAY SING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 29
6:00 PM
MT. HERMAN BAPTIST
CHURCH
EVERYONE WELCOME**



MILLER COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FISHING DERBY APRIL 29, 2017

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 29! That is the date of our Second Annual Fishing Derby!

While many details are still being worked out, this is what we have planned thus far

The Derby will be an event combining fishing, evangelistic outreach, and fundraising for the Missouri Baptist Children's Home. There will be differing classes of completion so everyone has a chance to win. We will be having a block party type event during and immediately following weigh-in.

So . . . whether you want to fish, or volunteer to work part of the fishing derby, or volunteer to serve at the block party, there is a place for you. Mark your calendars now and plan to be a part of this fun and spiritually rewarding event!

Watch for the next issue of the Voice, or log in to our website for updates and developments or call the office with questions or to volunteer to serve somewhere...

UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 10: Executive Board Meeting, Spring Valley Baptist Church
January 14: Pastor's & Wives Breakfast, Blue Spring Baptist Church
January 27 & 28: Food Pantry Open, Rocky Mount Baptist Church
January 29: 5th Sunday Sing, Mt. Herman Baptist Church
February 11: Pastor's & Wives Breakfast, Blue Springs Baptist Church
February 24 & 25: Food Pantry Open, Rocky Mount Baptist Church
March 5: Daylight Savings Time Begins - Spring Forward 1 hour
March 11: Pastor's & Wives Breakfast, Blue Springs Baptist Church
March 19-22: Revival, Mt. Herman Baptist Church
March 24 & 25: Food Pantry Open, Rocky Mount Baptist Church
April 8: Pastor's & Wives Breakfast, Blue Springs Baptist Church
April 9: Palm Sunday
April 11: Executive Board Meeting, Horseshoe Bend Baptist Church
April 16: Easter Sunday
April 28 & 29: Food Pantry Open, Rocky Mount Baptist Church
April 29: Fishing Derby**

FINANCIAL QUARTERLY REPORT
OCTOBER- NOVEMBER- DECEMBER 2016

	BUDGET	QTR. EXP.	YTD EXPENSE	BALANCE
Camp	\$ 3,000.00	-0-	-0-	\$ 3,000.00
Christian Ed/Discipleship	\$ 225.00	-0-	-0-	\$ 225.00
Family Ministry	\$ 300.00	-0-	-0-	\$ 300.00
Missions/Evangelism ¹	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 899.95	\$ 899.95	\$ 2,600.05
Disaster Relief ¹	\$ 500.00	-0-	-0-	\$ 500.00
Food Pantries	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 2,250.00
Latino Missions	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 1,350.00
Resort Ministries	\$ 3,000.00	-0-	-0-	\$ 3,000.00
On Mission Celebration	\$ 1,250.00	-0-	-0-	\$ 1,250.00
Pastoral Ministries	\$ 650.00	\$ 318.92	\$ 318.92	\$ 331.08
VBS	\$ 750.00	-0-	-0-	\$ 750.00
WMU	\$ 100.00	-0-	-0-	\$ 100.00
Youth	\$ 200.00	-0-	-0-	\$ 200.00
Equipping Conferences ¹	\$ 750.00	\$ 332.40	\$ 332.40	\$ 417.60
DOM Retirement	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 1,950.00	\$ 1,950.00	\$ 5,850.00
DOM HSA	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 4,950.00
DOM Expense	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 1,440.52	\$ 1,440.52	\$ 4,959.48
Secretary	\$10,530.00	\$ 1,788.75	\$ 1,788.75	\$ 8,741.25
Payroll Taxes	\$ 800.00	\$ 13.44	\$ 13.44	\$ 786.56
Building & Grounds ¹	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 245.00	\$ 245.00	\$ 805.00
Fees, Licenses	\$ 230.00	-0-	-0-	\$ 230.00
Insurance	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,505.00	\$ 1,505.00	\$ 295.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 100.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 62.00
Office Equipment ¹	\$ 500.00	-0-	-0-	\$ 500.00
Telephone	\$ 1,325.00	\$ 330.62	\$ 330.62	\$ 994.38
Utilities	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 119.65	\$ 119.65	\$ 2,280.35
Associational Meetings	\$ 400.00	-0-	-0-	\$ 400.00
Office Supplies	<u>\$ 2,100.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,068.32</u>	<u>\$ 1,068.32</u>	<u>\$ 1,031.68</u>
Totals	\$61,060.00	\$12,862.57	\$12,862.57	\$48,197.43
Beginning Oct.. Bal. Gen Bud	\$22,404.14		Designated Funds	
Deposits	\$10,230.56		Missions/Evangelism	\$ 5,587.67
Expenditures	<u>\$20,708.86</u>		Office Equipment	\$ 768.83
Ending Dec. Bal. Gen Bud	\$11,925.84		Building/Grounds	\$ 131.34
			Deacon Conference	\$ -0-
Beginning Oct. Bal. Desig Funds	\$ 7,842.32		Camp Scholarship	\$ 463.79
Deposits	<u>\$ 1,134.51</u>		Camp Fees	\$ 289.74
Ending Dec. Bal. Desig Funds	\$ 8,976.83		Day Camp	\$ 20.00
			Pastoral Support Shenandoah	\$ 670.02
Certificates of Deposit			Seminary Extension	<u>\$ 68.95</u>
30 Day	\$ 5,002.77		Latino Mission	\$ -0-
6 month	\$ 5,007.46		VBS	\$ 252.54
18 month	\$ 5,030.08		Disaster Relief	\$ 351.71
35 month (Purchased 11/2016)	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>		Equipping Conference	\$ 375.00
Dec. Balance Certificates of Deposit	\$20,040.31			
Total all Accounts December 2016	\$40,942.98		Under Budget Quarterly Spending	\$2,042.43

Respectfully submitted, Barb Shepherd, Treasurer

**Make plans to attend the
Associational Valentine Banquet
Date, Time & Place TBA.
You will have great eats and time of fellowship**



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