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The Voice

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NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

I recently had a discussion with a young pastor about the nature of an association of churches . . . He took the position that the association is healthy and functions best when there is a vision of a common good and the churches relationships to one another is based on that common vision and goal. I took the position that the churches should relate to one another in Christian fellowship and their ability to work together to accomplish the vision or goal is based on how they relate to one another. Neither of us convinced the other . . .

As I was driving home from that discussion my mind was taken to events that have consumed me for the past few weeks. My mother passed away on the evening of Labor Day. We had the visitation the following Friday and the funeral that Saturday. In making the arrangements for those events, a rather eclectic group of people were involved – a retired school teacher, a retired director of hospital admissions, a nurse, a bus driver, and a minister/Bible professor. Three of these are followers of Christ and give evidence of it in their daily life, two of them claim Christ but the evidence is rather sparse.... Did these five people randomly come together because of a common goal/vision, or was there an underlying relationship that motivated them to engage in this mournful task?

If we consider a different description of these same five people we will see that all had a relationship with mom, and therefore a relationship with each other: her spouse, her sister, and her three children.

When we consider the visitation itself, and the funeral, we see a larger group of people – friends, church members, even family that didn't know one another or hadn't seen one another in decades. It was the most complete family reunion I can recall. Now obviously these people cover a broad spectrum of beliefs and values – though most will be voting for Trump, there were some Hillary supporters among them. Though most are very conservative in social and religious matters, some are quite liberal. Though most openly claim to be Christ followers some openly reject Christ. Did such a group come together because of a common cause or because of a relationship? Everyone that attended knew mom – some knew her through church, some knew her as family, some knew her through various community organizations she was involved in, some remembered her from her career as a teacher and principal . . . but I still contend it was a relationship that brought these people together, not a vision or a goal.

So how does a group of churches – 24 of them, though mostly in one county but with representation in three other counties – work together with one another? Is the glue that holds them together a common vision or a common relationship? Maybe it is not an either/or debate . . . maybe it is a both/and situation. Your input is welcome....

Speaking of relationships, I must express to you all my greatest appreciation for the love you have shown me during this time. The cards and calls and prayers and visits have meant more to me than you know. *Thank You.* In many ways you all have become family to Teresa and me. We are blessed to serve among you.

One more thing . . . please remember that October is pastor appreciation month – show your pastor that you appreciate his ministry, and remember to do so throughout the year, not just in October.

Your Fellow Servant
Timothy

**REVIVAL - OCTOBER 2-5
FLATWOODS BAPTIST CHURCH
REV. RON MILLS, EVANGELIST**

SUNDAY REVIVAL SERVICES – 10:45 AM MUSIC BY THE COTTON FAMILY

2:00 PM MUSIC BY CAROL HUTCHERSON

MONDAY SERVICES AT 7:00 – MUSIC BY EVEN BETTER TOGETHER

TUESDAY SERVICES 7:00 PM – AURORA SPRINGS QUARTET

WEDNESDAY SERVICE – 7:00 PM FLATWOODS PUPPETS



**DISASTER RELIEF
TRAINING**

October 7-8

**Concord Association,
Jefferson City**

**For information go to
disasterrelief@
mobaptist.org**

2016 Ministry Wives' Luncheon



**Date: Tuesday, October 25, 2016
(During the MBC Annual Meeting)**

**Time: 12:00 noon or immediately
following morning session**

**Location: St. Charles Convention Center,
Grand Ballroom A**

Cost: \$25.00

Registration Deadline: October 19, 2016

[Register Now](#)

**PASTORS & WIVES
FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST**



**SATURDAY, OCT. 8
8:30 AM**

BLUE SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

**All pastors and retired pastors and wives
are welcome to attend. Please RSVP at
392-7074, by Tuesday, October 4, if you
are planning to attend.**

**If you have any questions or suggestions
about this please contact Bro. Lonnie
Simpson, Pastoral Ministries Director,
392-7074.**

Note of Thanks

*During a time like this we realize
how much our friends mean to us. . .
Your kind expression of sympathy
will always be appreciated.*

*Thank you so much for your
prayers and the beautiful plant
during this difficult time of our mom
passing.*

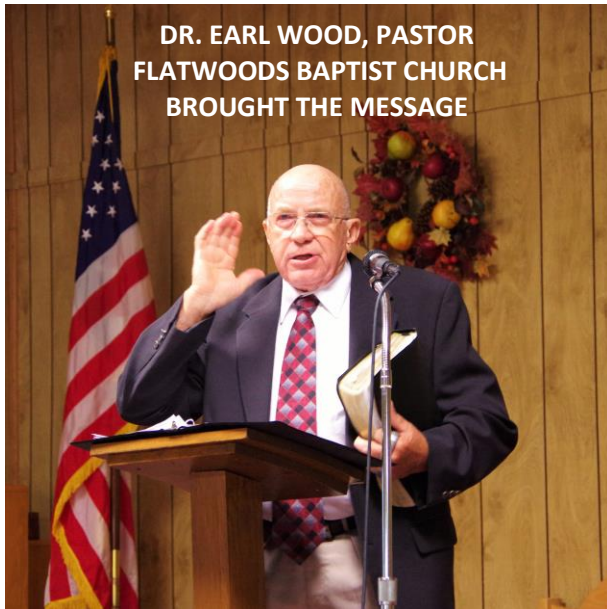
Love in Christ

Becky Taylor's family

Timothy Faber - son



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DR. EARL WOOD, PASTOR
FLATWOODS BAPTIST CHURCH
BROUGHT THE MESSAGE

**2016 MCBA ANNUAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10
MT. HERMAN BAPTIST CHURCH**



THE LESTERS PROVIDED MUSIC

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 30: Rocky Mount Food Pantry Open
- October 2-5: Revival, Flatwoods Baptist Church
- October 7-8: Disaster Relief Training Concord Association Jefferson City
- October 8: Pastors & Wives Fellowship Breakfast, Blue Spring Baptist Church
- October 24-26: Missouri Baptist Convention, St. Charles Convention Center St. Charles MO
- October 28 & 29: Rocky Mount Food Pantry Open
- October 30: 5TH Sunday Sing at Mt. Herman Baptist Church
- November 6: Daylight Saving Time Ends - Fall back 1 hour
- November 8: Remember to Vote Today
- November 12: Pastors and Wives Fellowship Breakfast, Blue Springs Baptist Church
- November 15: Associational Council Meeting, MCBA Office
- November 17 & 18: Rocky Mount Food Pantry Open
- November 30: This Hope in concert at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Lake Ozark MO

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Revival

October 16th, 17th and 18th.

"Speaker: Greg Baskin"

Sunday Oct. 16 - 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Oct. 16 - 6:00 p.m.

Monday Oct. 17 - 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday Oct. 18 - 6:30 p.m.

Sun. eve. - Tues. held outdoors

"Indoors if bad weather."

Horseshoe Bend Baptist Church

394 Duckhead Rd.

Lake Ozark, Mo. 65049

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**5TH SUNDAY SING
OCTOBER 30, 6:00 PM
MT. HERMAN
BAPTIST CHURCH
COME JOIN US**

**THIS HOPE
In Concert
November 30, 6:30 PM
Mt. Carmel Baptist
Church**

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



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