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The Voice

of Miller County Baptist Association

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NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

We needed to have some work done on our back deck, so I enlisted a contractor to do it. When he came by to get the contract signed we got to chatting a bit and he mentioned he had not been in the area long. I asked him where he was from originally and such, and then as a part of the conversation I asked if he and his family had found a church home yet. They haven't. I recommended the Baptist Church here in town – we talked a bit more and then he made a statement that struck me hard in two ways.

He said, “No one has ever invited me to church before”.

Here is a man in his late 30's / early 40's, who has lived in several states of our nation . . . a man who is married and has a family, and has an interest in God and a curiosity of church . . . and no one has ever invited him to church. No one!

Until the other day.

I was also at one of our churches on a recent Sunday and a member there told me about a similar experience with someone she knew – a lady in her 60's had never even been invited to church until this church member asked her.

Now, I realize it does no good for a person to go to church if they never begin a relationship with Jesus. We need to share the gospel with people rather than simply inviting them to church. BUT . . . if no one is inviting them to church I can be pretty confident no one has shared the gospel either. Have we been so insistent in the need to share the gospel and not merely invite others to church, that we have stopped doing either? While it is better to share the gospel, isn't inviting someone to attend a Bible believing and preaching church with us better than doing nothing? Better than being silent?

We have heard the statistics about how many people would attend church if they were invited. Statistics are cold and sterile and impersonal. But a contractor standing in my home is quite personal . . . he is not a statistic. He is a soul for whom Christ died. If I had not invited him, would anyone else ever have invited him? The story is not over yet. I will have other opportunities to speak with him about my Lord and His love for this man. I pray that I will be faithful to use those opportunities to glorify Christ and point him to Him. Perhaps you will pray for me in that regard as well.

Perhaps there is someone you will come in contact with this week that may be interested in the Lord and all they need is to be asked.... Acts 18.9 reminds us to “Go on speaking, do not be silent...”

On another note, I am excited about all that is going on in our association and our churches! I am looking forward to a great annual meeting on September 10 at Mt. Herman and hope to see you there!

Your Fellow Servant
Timothy

**Miller County Baptist Association
Annual Meeting
Saturday, September 10
Mt. Herman Baptist Church
Hwy FF, Olean MO**

Meetings begin at 1:00 PM

Potluck Dinner at 5:00 PM

The Lesters in Concert 6:30 PM

[will also be performing during annual meeting]



A Family Ministry Since 1925

The Lesters

In Concert

TIME: 6:30 PM

DATE: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

LOCATION:

MT. HERMAN BAPTIST CHURCH

HWY FF. OLEAN MO

YOU ARE INVITED TO A
PASTORS & WIVES POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 6:30 PM
BLUE SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
HWY Z, ELDON, MO

PLEASE RSVP BY TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6,
BY CALLING 392-7074 OR BY EMAIL simpsonglenna@hotmail.com



2016 Ministry Wives' Luncheon

Missouri Ministry Wives are invited to join us for an encouraging lunch. Our theme is *Satisfied – Psalm 63:1-5*. As we seek God, we find He is everything we need and so much more!

Chris & Rebecca Perstrop, church planters at Connect Church in Fenton, will be leading worship and Kathy Litton, pastor's wife & NAMB Ministry Wives Consultant, will be speaking.

Event Details

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](#)



DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING
October 7-8
Concord Association, Jefferson City
 For information go to
disasterrelief@mobaptist.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 8: Pastors & Wives Potluck Fellowship, Blue Springs Baptist Church
- September 10: Annual Meeting at Mt. Herman Baptist Church
- September 10: The Lesters in Concert at Mt. Herman Baptist Church
- September 30: Rocky Mount Food Pantry Open
- October 7-8: Disaster Relief Training Concord Association Jefferson City
- October 24-26: Missouri Baptist Convention, St. Charles Convention Center St. Charles MO
- November 30: This Hope in concert at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Lake Ozark MO

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

REMEMBER
OUR CHURCHES
WITHOUT PASTORS
ST. ELIZABETH
CROSSROADS



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