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The Voice

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A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

Home.

Home is where you hang your hat . . .

Home is where the heart is . . .

If home is where the heart is, can any of us say that anyplace on this earth is home? Jesus said "I go to prepare a place for you...." That is our real home. Remember that old song . . . I'm satisfied with Just a cottage below . . . a little silver, and little gold! That song also reminds us that Missouri is real close to heaven. The chorus of that song says, "I've got a mansion just over the hilltop...!"

And yet, while we know we have a heavenly home to which we will be welcomed one day, it is our nature to long for a place here on earth that we can call home as well. In the Old Testament the Lord promises the Patriarchs a land, and other promises are made to His people about houses and vineyards and being settled in a place that is "home".

We also recognize that Romans 1 teaches us that all creation reveals the invisible attributes, eternal power and divine nature are revealed in creation. So while we do not worship creation or things in this world, we do (should) have an appreciation for the world around us, and the little piece of it that the Lord allows us to occupy.

For a little over two years Teresa and I have occupied a home provided for us by you, the Miller County Baptist Association. It has been home, the place we live and work and enjoy life. We have appreciated this dwelling prepared for us and recognize it as the Lord's blessing. It is a fine residence and we are indeed grateful for its provision. But it isn't home.

Someday (if Jesus hasn't yet returned) when I retire I want to have a place that's paid for – I don't want to be making mortgage payments with retirement income. And living in a parsonage does not help us accomplish that goal. I would also like to plant fruit trees, maybe have a few chickens . . . and definitely be outside of town – and we cannot do that with the parsonage we currently have. So we have been looking off and on these past couple of years, and the Lord has recently blessed us with a place to call home – a place that we can build equity in, a place to put down roots and also enjoy the beautiful creation that God has blessed this region with.

So, for those who have not yet heard, Teresa and I have bought a house in Laurie. We weren't even looking on that side of the lake, but this house was a bank-owned foreclosure and the price was such that we couldn't pass it up. We are already in the process of moving – but probably won't start "living there" until the first week of June or so.

At that time my office hours will change somewhat. While living upstairs from the office, it was convenient (too convenient?) to be in the office all the time. But living 40 minutes away it will not be so convenient. So the plan is to be in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays as a general rule of thumb. I will, of course, be available on other days by appointment to meet with anyone at the office or at your church. And I will be available by phone as easily as I have always been. While I do not want to publish my cell phone number, if you ask me, or call the office, I will be happy to share it with you. I do not anticipate any less connection with or ministry to the association as a result of this move.

And again, thank you for providing the parsonage for the past 2+ years!

Your Fellow Servant
Timothy

PASTORS & WIVES FELLOWSHIP

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 7:00 PM
BLUE SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

All pastors and wives
current, retired, interim or
pulpit supply are invited

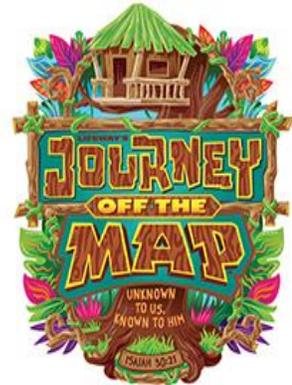
Hot dogs, burgers,
marshmallows over open fire.
Meats, buns, condiments
and drinks provided

Please RSVP by May 21
573-392-7074

Lonnie Simpson,
Pastoral Ministries

Spring Garden Baptist Church invites you to join them for their VBS Carnival to be held at the Fairway Grocery in Eugene. This will take place Saturday, June 6, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM.

Also please join us for VBS June 10-12. Meal will begin at 6:00 opening will begin at 6:30.



CAMPGROUND & RESORT MINISTRIES

Anyone who is interested in serving in the worship services at various campgrounds or resorts this summer, please contact Bro. Timothy.

We need pastors, retired pastors and lay ministers who would be interested in preaching the gospel; and any musicians and song leaders who would like to serve with them in this ministry.

These resort and campground services are early enough you will not need to miss worship in your own church! Let's plan and prepare now so the work can be coordinated for maximum effectiveness this spring. The blessing will be yours.

June 24-27, 2015
Skyline Baptist Church,
Branson MO
mb125 Pastor's Conference

The **mb125** is an opportunity for senior pastors of churches that have Sunday morning worship attendance of 125 or less.

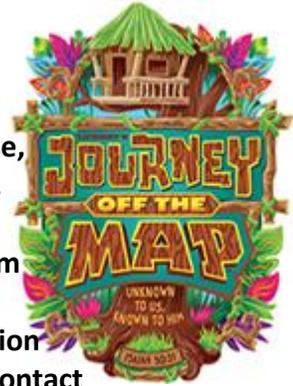
Conference sessions will be filled with

- worship to empower
- words of encouragement to motivate
- informative seminars to equip them with improved skills, and
- materials to assist them upon returning to their church.

Green Ridge Baptist Church has 6, 8 foot tables they would like to give to a church in Miller County Baptist Association that needs them. If you are interested, or if you have questions please call the Associational Office.

JUST A REMINDER

If you would like to use the Bounce House, Snow Cone Machine, Video projector or other equipment from the Associational Office for your Vacation Bible School please contact the Associational Office with your dates.



CHILDRENS CAMP [Grades 3-5] July 6-10 Registration Due June 11	YOUTH CAMP [Grades 6-12] July 20-24 Registration Due June 25
Pulaski Baptist Association Camp Registration forms available in the office and on the MCBA website www.millerbaptistassociation.com	

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 2: Man's Church and Volunteer Work Day Camp P82
- May 5: Trustees Meeting, MCBA Office
- May 25: Memorial Day
- May 28: Pastors & Wives Fellowship, Blue Springs Baptist Church
- June 1-5: Sports Crusaders Basketball Camp, Mt. Carmel
- June 6: VBS Carnival, Fairway Grocery, Eugene, MO, Hosted by Spring Garden
- June 10-12: VBS, Spring Garden Baptist Church
- June 16-17: Southern Baptist Convention, Columbus, Ohio
- June 22-26: VBS, Green Ridge Baptist Church
- June 24-27: mb125 Pastor's Conference, Skyline Baptist Church, Branson, MO
- June 30: Associational Council Meeting, MCBA
- July 6-10: Children's Camp, Pulaski Baptist Association Camp
- July 14: Executive Board Meeting, Crossroads Baptist Church
- July 20-24: Youth Camp, Pulaski Baptist Association Camp



BASKETBALL CAMP

June 1-5
Mt. Carmel Baptist Church



Sports Crusaders will be coming to Mount Carmel Baptist Church, camp goals will be to spread the gospel of Christ and to help develop your child's ability to play basketball.

Enrollment Information

Date: **June 1st – June 5th**

Time: **Grades 4th -6th - 9:00 AM-12:00 PM**

Grades 7th -12th -1:00 PM-4:00 PM

Place: **Mount Carmel Baptist Church**

755 Bagnell Dam Blvd., Lake Ozark Mo. 65049

Fee: **\$50.00 Per child**

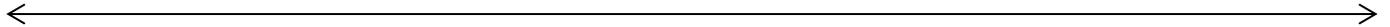
Pre-registration would be welcome

For more information please
call

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Make Checks payable to:
Mount Carmel Baptist Church



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