

WHAT IS WMU???? This is a question I'm often asked! The WMU Plan Book 2017-18 states this: **WMU challenges believers in Christ to understand the mission of God. It also challenges us to take part in His mission beyond what is ordinary or expected.**

This is accomplished through six objectives:

Pray for missions; Eph.6:19-20, 2 Thess. 3:1-2

Take part in mission action and witnessing

Matt. 4:23; Luke 7:21-22 Acts 1:8

Learn about missions; Prov. 9:9; Matt. 11:1; Acts 14:27

Support missions; Luke 8:1-3; Phil. 4:14, 16
2 Cor. 7:13; 9:7, 13; Acts 13:2-3

Develop Spiritually toward a missions lifestyle
Matt 6:33, Col. 1:9-10

Take part in the work of the church and the Denomination, 1 Cor 12:27, Eph. 4:16

WMU works with all the programs and activities of the church, teaching how the association, state convention and SBC work together to accomplish these goals through the Cooperative Program and special offerings, explaining how they help missionaries.

I look forward to working with your churches to encourage your WMU programs.

Jill McCracken, 417-326-5099

Heritage Baptist Church
will be ordaining
Reed Steiner
on November 5th at two p.m.
There will be a dinner following morning services with the ordination council meeting at 1:30 before the installation service at two. All ordained men are invited.

NEWSLETTER

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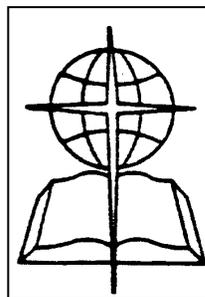
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OCTOBER

2017

WELCOME

To

Mid-Lakes Southern

Baptist Association

Annual Meeting

October 2-3, 2017

Meal 6:00 pm (Sponsored by Mt. Etna & MLBA)
Meeting begins at 7:00 pm

Annual Sermon: Pastor Larry Clarkson

**Theme: "Life is a journey,
Which way are you headed?"**

I John 2:28

Theme Interpretation: Gary Urich, Retired

Start making plans now to attend! It will be great time in the Lord with great music and preaching.

OCTOBER

- 1-31 **COOPERATIVE PROGRAM MONTH**
Pastor / Staff Appreciation Month
- 1-2 RA Congress: Sedalia
- 2-3 **MID-LAKES ANNUAL MEETING,**
Mt. Etna, Bolivar, MO
- 15-16 GA Retreat, Warsaw
- 23-25 **Missouri Baptist Convention: Raytown, MO**
- 26 DOM Fall Conference,

NOVEMBER

- 4 Returning Hearts SC Correct, Licking, Mo
- 5 Disaster Relief Appreciation Day
- 5 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 23 **Thanksgiving Day**

DECEMBER

- 3-10 Week of Prayer and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- 4 Pastors / Staff Christmas Party
- 16-31 Associational Office Closed for Holidays
- 25 **Christmas Day**

"And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming." 1 John 2:28

Praying For the Association

Month of OCTOBER 2017

We are asking you to remember the Association in prayer and lift up the following needs:

- >Praise for the pastors of MLBA churches
- >Pray for the Disaster Relief Ministry
 - *Wisdom
 - *More Trained Volunteers
 - *Finances to fund the ministry
- >Pray for the Shuttle Ministry
- >Pray for the churches and leaders.
- >Pray for the Missions Committee
- >Pray for the needs of those struggling with Cancer
- >Pray that we will see more people saved.
- >Pray that our Sunday Schools will experience growth.
- >Pray for the finances of the churches
- >Pray for the work of MLBA
- >Pray for Annual Meeting at Mt Etna October 2-3

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Mid-Lakes Baptist Association
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Ministerial Education Day

November 12, 2017

For the Fall Semester start making plans now to participate. ME Day provides the opportunity for ministerial students to preach in that greatest of all learning laboratories, the local churches. Please call the Association Office and request a Student to fill your pulpit. 417 326-4667

Prayer Across Missouri

Invites You to attend

The Polk County Prayer Gathering
Wednesday October 4, at 10:30AM
Polk County Court House Gazebo*

Executive Director Dr. John Yeats of Jefferson City will bring a brief challenge followed by Prayer. County and City Officials as well as area Pastors and Leaders are invited and will be present. I am praying I will see you in attendance. A Coffee and Tea Reception at "The Bean" on the S. W. Corner of the City Square will follow, compliments of Dr. Gary & Karen Urich and the Mid-Lakes Baptist Association.

"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty." 1 Tim 2:1-2

**In case of bad weather the gathering will be in the Court House 1st floor area.*



Saturday, Dec 2, 2017 and Sunday, Dec. 3,
2017 Tours beginning every 15 minutes at
6:00 pm thru 7:30 p.m.

Presented by: The First Baptist Church of
Fair Play
40 cast members, live animals, narratives and
theatrical sets
Live scenes include: Victorian Carolers,
Santa's Workshop, Grandpa's Cabin,
Bethlehem Inn, Living Nativity and The
Cowboys

NEW Location:

First Baptist Church of Fair Play, 500 N.
Walnut St., Fair Play

This is an outdoor event free to the public
with complimentary refreshments served

Welcome to the Annual Meeting of Missouri Baptists

Messengers representing churches affiliated
with the Missouri Baptist Convention (MBC)
are gathering

Oct. 23-25

at Connection Point Church, Raytown, MO,
for their 183rd Annual Meeting.

The theme is "Who Is My Neighbor?" (Luke
10:29 CSB).

Director's Notes

My Kidney stone and I will both be at the Annual Meeting. I am supposed to have it removed surgically on Wed 10-4-17. I have very fondly named it Junior. I have been dealing with this since June and ready to move on. I jokingly said I feel like when Jerry Clower tells the story about coon hunting up in the tree when John told his friend to shoot up in the tree where he and the coon was. The friend mentioned he might hit him to which he responded; "Shoot anyway one of us needs some relief." My prayer is that I can get through this meeting without a flare up. You that have had these stones know that it can move and cause great pain. So that being said if I seem a little off (more than usual) just smile and lift me up in prayer. I have people on standby in case I am not able to do my part at the annual meeting.

On the brighter note it has been another good year for the association and we continue to grow and do more ministry than ever before. Please listen closely to reports and read them later at your own convenience and you will be blessed by such dedication and hard volunteer work that is being accomplished by the good people of MLBA. So keep up the good work and let's work together to build the Kingdom of God.