

## NOVEMBER

- 6 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 15-16 DOM Fall Conference, St. Charles, MO
- 24 **Thanksgiving Day**

## DECEMBER

- 4 Week of Prayer Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- 11 Week of Prayer Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- 5 Pastors / Staff Christmas Party
- 17-31 Associational Office Closed for Holidays
- 25 **Christmas Day**

## JANUARY

- 2 New Year's Day Observed (Office Closed)
- 7-9 National WMU Board Meeting
- 10 Executive Board, 7:00 PM, Mt. Olive
- 15 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (CLC)
- 16 Martin Luther King Day
- 22 Baptist's Men's Day

**“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus”**

**Rom 8:1**

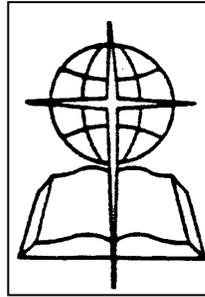
### **\*Praying For the Association\***

**Month of November 2016**

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

- >Prayer of Praise of Thanks for great Annual Meeting Bethel Pittsburg
- >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 Camp Committee
- >Pray for VBS plans
- >Unspoken

# NEWSLETTER MID-LAKES



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## MID-LAKES BAPTIST ASSOCIATION Annual



# CHRISTMAS DINNER

(This includes pastors, staff, Officers,  
leaders of Association and guests)

At  
**HERITAGE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Bolivar, MO

*DECEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>*

(The cost of the meal is covered by MLBA &  
HERITAGE)

**TIME: 6:30 P.M.**

(Please R. S. V. P. by December 1<sup>st</sup>)  
(Limited seating)



WMU The Story Lives On!

We have annual projects, and ongoing projects. Samaritan's Purse Shoe Boxes, School bags, quilts, and witnessing dolls are made for the DR Child Care Unit trailer. I took 96 bags, 52 quilts, and 22 dolls with me to MO WMU Annual Directors meeting in Jefferson City, Sept. 25-26, 2016.

The annual mission study emphasis for 2016-2017 is on Indonesia. I would like to see more churches emphasizing our international studies. You can order materials from the WMU website.

Another mission field of study we need to seriously concentrate on, is that of PTSD. PTSD does not just affect a soldier. It afflicts numerous people who have had any sort of tragedy in their life.

We encourage all churches to support both the Annie Armstrong and Lottie Moon offerings. As well as MO Missions offering, and Cooperative Program offerings. All of these support missionaries as they tell folks about Jesus.

We encourage a "Missions for Life" lifestyle through the 11 organizations that are a part of WMU.

Barbara Studt  
WMU Director



Well over 100 years ago, a single missionary named Lottie Moon, while serving in China, began writing letters challenging the American church to send and support more workers to go there. After her death on the field, her challenge was heeded in the formalization of an offering in her name. Even if you're not a Southern Baptist who has given to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, her life is a reminder of why we must give to send and support missionaries serving among unreached people in unreached places

***Stain Glass Theatre***  
***THE CHRISTMAS HOUSE***

December 17<sup>th</sup>  
 1:00 PM  
 COST \$15.00

(We need at least 15 to make trip and  
 Weather will be a fact as well)

**Meal:** Traveling down  
 and back will be on your own  
 Info:

Call 417-326-4667 or cell 417-770-4667  
*(Only 20 seats available)*

**Mid-Lakes Baptist Association**  
***NEW CONSTRUCTION MISSION TRIP***  
**Dates: February 11 -18, 2017**  
**Cost: \$ 175.00**  
**(Please be praying for the plans for this trip)**  
**More information as it develops**  
**Bastrop, La**

**Boy**

2-4 Years Old
5-7 Years Old
8-11 Years Old

**Girl**

2-4 Years Old
5-7 Years Old
8-11 Years Old



**Mid-Lakes Baptist Association**  
**Operation Christmas Child**

will be partnering again this year. Southern Hills Baptist Church will be the Relay Center. We are asking the churches in the Association to help us during the collection week of November 14-21, 2016. Our hours are from 10-1 and 4-7, Tues – Sat, and 2-4 on Sunday. We will need at least 2 people for each shift, so please be praying about when you can help.

**Note:** *I want to re-emphasizes that we have moved the **Christmas Banquet to Heritage Baptist Church** this year. I know many of you will just out of habit go to Bolivar, FBC. We are Grateful for the many years that FBC of Bolivar as co-hosted this event with us but they regret not being able to do it this year. At the same time we are grateful to the Heritage Baptist Church who is willing to co-host with us. Be sure and read the Front of the Newsletter and make a note of the changes. Just a friendly reminder seating will be limited so please RSVP as soon as you know for sure how many want to come.*

**“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus”**  
**Rom 8:1**

**DIRECTOR’S NOTES:**

I feel I drop the ball some on our 150<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting at Bethel this past October. It being our 150<sup>th</sup> meeting should have had some plans to celebrate such a mile-stone. As far as the meeting it was great! The music, well what can you say when you have such great and talented people, was awesome!! Thanks to all who helped with the music and reports. We did a couple of things different this year. Bro Bill Rose involving the youth for his theme interpretation was good and Pastor Brennan message was a challenge to all to be more ready to love than condemn. People set up booths for missions and outreach. We are always glad to have Keith Vawter with us representing the Missouri Baptist Children’s Home. These additions helped with attendance and were a blessing to all who were in attendance. A big thanks to Bethel Baptist Church for hosting the 150<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. Especially the Kitchen crew for going the extra mile! You guys are the best! And if I left anyone out Please forgive and know you are appreciated!

We are presently working on compiling the reports and putting the final touches on producing the Association Annual Book. I want to thank those who have worked so faithfully in typing, correcting, and proofing the pages which will eventually be a historical document of MID-LAKES BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

On a personal note my New Knee is healing nicely. I can actually bend my right new knee more than my old left knee! PTL! Thanks for your prayers!! The doctor reminded me that it takes about 12 months for complete healing so it still get sore when I do too much. I am learning to pace myself in my activities. Judy and I are praying you all will have a HAPPY THANKSGIVING and enjoy your holiday with family and friends. I am looking forward to Christmas and all the neat programs and family time. I have been singing Christmas songs and watching some hallmark movies about Christmas for the past few days. I hope to see you soon as I visit as many of the churches this fall as I can.