

FEBRUARY

- 1-28 "True Love Waits" Month
- 5-7 SBU Church Music Workshop
- 9-15 Focus on WMU Week
- 13-20 Mission Construction Trip Leesville, LA
- 14 Children's Ministry Day

MARCH

- 6-13 Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer
- 5 Wood Car Races, Bolivar 1st
- 8 VBS Workers Meeting, Springfield
- 13 Daylight Savings Time (Begins)
- 22-24 DOM Winter Retreat, TBA
- 20 Palm Sunday
- 25 Good Friday
- 27 Easter
- 28 VBS Directors Meeting

"Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead." James 2:17

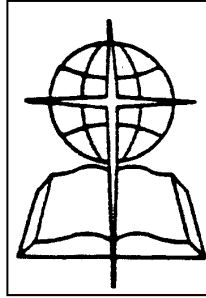
Praying For the Association Month of February 2016

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

- >Mission Committee meeting for future plans
- >Praise for New Pastors in Association
- >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 Pomme de Terre Baptist Church
- >Pray for Wheatland Baptist Church
- >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
 - >Pray for Sister Churches looking for a Pastor
- >Unspoken

NEWSLETTER

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 WMU the Story Lives On

Ah, February: True love waits month. What is true love? As humans there is such a broad spectrum of what we consider true love. 1 Corinthians 13 is what we consider the love chapter. It is an excellent source to dwell on, to find the real true love for our lives. Jesus came to give us true love. We will never know the deep sacrifice He gave for us in His wisdom of love.

I have recently seen both movies: War Room and Woodlawn. Very excellent depictions to show us where our hearts need to be fixed on, as we seek His love for this USA. I fall short of praying as I should, yet God has been working. I prepared for being sent to flood regions, to help people. The song, "Are Ye Able", said the Master, kept bounding in my meditations as I prepared to be sent. Many areas did not want Christian DR people there. DR went anyway to show help, hope, and Jesus. Knowing the devil didn't want Jesus to show up in areas, one day the phrase, "to be crucified with me?" hit me with surprise. To truly love our Lord we must be ready to be crucified at times, when Jesus is not welcome. Are you ready to be crucified when witnessing Jesus? I am grateful for the folks that were served, so they can rebuild. Jesus showed up, and last I heard there were 18 professions of faith.

Blankets and quilts: Please continue to create! The flooding of January has depleted the DR Child Care unit's count. If you are not crafty, maybe you could purchase blankets? Or another option is to visit Thrift Shops. They have blankets and tossed out Grandma creations. I will not accept stained, tattered, or any blankets with holes. Yet this is a good option to put those good rejects back in good use.

Annie Armstrong: Time to get those materials ordered. Week of prayer for Easter Offering is March 6-13, 2016.

Bag creation sewing: February 13, 2016 at Grace Fellowship, Bolivar. Start at 10:00 am. Bring cutting supplies, any fabrics, your smile, and enthusiasm, along with a sack lunch. These bags are created for disaster survivors, along with blankets. Please also plan March 12, 2016 and April 9, 2016.

Barb Studt, WMU Director

February

2016

WOOD CAR RACE 2016

Our races will be held at
First Baptist Church
Bolivar, MO
Saturday, March 5, 2016

- Weigh in at 9:00 am
- Race at 10:00 am

*Get your car ready
and let's race!!*

For more information call
MLBA Office 326-4667 or
Jamie Root, 777-6178

For all ages!!
Boys and Girls, Youth
and Adult



Mid-Lakes Baptist Association

CONSTRUCTION MISSION TRIP



Canaan Baptist Church

Leesville, La

Dates: February 13 -20, 2016

Cost: \$175.00

(It's not to late to get on board)

(Please be praying for the plans for this trip)

More information as it develops

DIRECTOR'S NOTES:

It was very disheartening not having a quorum at the last board meeting. The churches that made it were well represented in fact we had several churches that exceeded their board members. When I think about the days when we used to have 12 out of 13 churches attending and had a few with 13 out of 13 which is almost unheard of among the MBC Associations. In fact many of the other DOM has asked me how to get good attendance from the churches? At that point I could brag about how that you guys really do love each other and the fellowship is so sweet no one wants to miss the meeting. So what has happened? The last several meetings we have struggled even to have a quorum? What has changed? We are still the same great people we always have been, but so few put out an effort to attend these meetings. The Devil whispered in my ear and said it is because you are getting older and not appreciated as much as you used to be! We now have 19 churches and 2 churches on probation. That means to have a quorum you have to have 10 churches represented. So I am thinking how do we get more of you take serious the Board Meeting at New Hope Baptist Church in Stockton on April 12th? We have great fellowship, great refreshments and yes we have great reports from our departments. How about I try to make you feel guilty for not attending? That will not really help. I believe just a friendly reminder and encouragement for you to attend is really what I need to do. You really miss a lot when you don't show up. When you hear the work of Missions, Disaster Relief, Youth, Children, WMU and your Director it should make you happy to be a part of a great association. So bottom line shame on you that missed the last meeting and as my dad used to say, "put on your rags we are going," to the next meeting.

Well, glad this is off my chest. I am looking forward to another great year and positive attendance at Board Meetings in the future. We need to be praying for sister churches looking for a pastor. I Hope to visit with your church in the near future and if you need me to help in anyway just let me know how and what.



. (Only 23 seats get your tickets early)

March 12, 2016

(Weather Permitting in case of icy roads trip will be cancelled)

Time: Leaving Bolivar

(MLBA Parking lot) at 1:00 pm Returning: 7:30 pm

Cost: \$14.00 for theatre ticket and transportation

Meal: 5:30

Information: Call Joe at 417-326-4667 or cell at 417-770-466



2016 Associational VBS

Associational VBS Director's Meeting

March 28, 2016

**Mid-Lakes Baptist Association Office
7:00 pm**

A sample of all VBS material will be on hand

This is for VBS Directors

Information call office 417-326-4667

Or Jamie Root at 777-6178

(Materials orders from the MLBA we receive a 15%Discount)

Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief

2016 Training Date

Waynesville March 11-12

Pulaski Assoc.

800-736-6227x317

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