

**MAY**

- 4 National Day of Prayer
- 14 Mother's Day
- 11-14 Angola Prison Ministry, Angola, LA
- 20 National Armed Forces Day
- 29 Memorial Day, **OFFICE CLOSED**
- 21-28 **ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS WEEK**

**JUNE**

- 11-12 WMU Conference, Columbus, OH.
- 13-14 Southern Baptist Convention: Phoenix, AZ
- 18 Baptist's Men's Day
- 18 Father's Day

**JULY**

- 4 Independence Day
- 4 Executive Board, 7:00 PM ??
- 8-15 Mission Trip, TBD
- 23-26 Children's Camp, Warsaw
- 26-30 Youth Camp Begins, Warsaw

"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 May 2017**

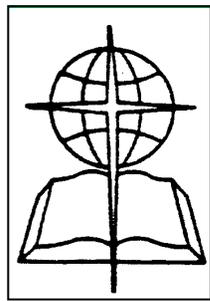
We are asking you to remember the Association in prayer and lift up the following needs:

- >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 Camp Committee
  - >Pray for Eric Lawrence and Lindell Shelden

# NEWSLETTER

## MID-LAKES

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The DR Blanket\quilt project is continuing to provide a blanket or quilt for children cared for through the services of the Child Care DR Trailer. Blankets and quilts of crib or twin size are excellent.

**The Southwest District WMU Meeting is AUGUST 19, at FBC Bolivar.** Mark your calendars so you don't miss this opportunity to learn more at missions in Southwest . Missouri and around the world.

It's not too early to begin planning for RA's, GA's, Mission Friends, in your churches next fall. Many missionaries now serving on the field, first felt their call as a child in one of these organizations.

**Don't forget to promote the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering in your church. This offering supports North American Missionary Board Missionaries.**

The ladies met at Grace Fellowship Baptist Church and enjoyed time together. There will be no meeting at Grace for the sewing projects in May.

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## 2017 Associational

Missions Emphasis  
 Week of Prayer & Mission

**ACTS**  
 of a HEALTHY Church  
 ACTS CHAPTER 2

Worship, Evangelism, Prayer, Discipleship, Ministry, Fellowship, Missions

Associational Missions Emphasis  
 Season of Prayer

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**2017**

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
 TO ALL GRADUATING IN  
 MAY 2017



**Remember:**

**The Executive Board Meeting for  
JULY 2017 has been cancelled**

And

**There will Be “NO” Newsletter for July  
2017**



**Softball Co-**  
**ed**

**TOURNAMENT**  
**Noble Hill Baptist Church**  
**June 2-3, 2017**  
**Cost**  
**\$40 for tournament**

**We will put together a schedule as teams sign up**  
**Sign-up Deadline Tournament**  
**May 15<sup>th</sup>**

**We will be scheduling games on**  
**Friday June 2nd**  
**Saturdays June 3rd**

**We are hoping to sign up at least 8 teams**  
**Register Teams by emailing [pastorb@noblehill.org](mailto:pastorb@noblehill.org)**  
**Or [midlakes@windstream.net](mailto:midlakes@windstream.net)**

## Camp 2017

*Life is a journey: “Where you  
headed?”*

I John 2:28

### Children’s Camp

July 23<sup>rd</sup>–26<sup>th</sup>

Cost \$100.00

### Youth Camp

July 26<sup>th</sup>–30<sup>th</sup>

Cost \$100.00



Director Tim Cossins

Assistant Director Ezra and Breanna Piper

Register on line at [www.midlakesba.com](http://www.midlakesba.com)



*Kayaking for 5th- 12th graders*

### Director’s Notes

I am sure that most of you know by now that the Executive Board approved my sabbatical (June 1<sup>st</sup> thru September 1<sup>st</sup>). I have mixed feeling as I plan to be gone. It seems that so many things are coming up that I want to be a part of and yet I know that this is good for me and Judy to get away for a time of rest and celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. We have been planning and loading our camper for our trip to the West coast and up to the Northwest. Judy and I realize we will forget something but we can always pick up what we forget. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has volunteered to help out while we are gone. If I started mention names or events I would leave someone or some event out I am sure! So if you are helping by filling in for me this summer thank you in advance for your willing and generous spirit. One other note it is also a challenge to be away from family as well. Jose’ and I spend a lot of time together in the summer in fact this will be the first trip we have taken without Jose’ going with us. If Judy had her way she would stole him away in one of the compartments. But we know he has to stay home and take care of family matters while we are away. It is hard for Judy and me to realize he is graduating in May and making plans for college this fall. Antonio and Jeanie thinks we have forgotten they exist after Jose’ was born. We didn’t make any bones about it we were happy for the addition and we have never regretted spending time with him while mom and dad made a living. Please pray with us that we will be safe and have a good time. We plan to share gospel tracks and I have some opportunities to speak in churches on our trip as we travel. Years ago Judy and I took a trip and we decided to leave God at home! Big mistake it was the worst trip we ever took. I learned my lesson you can’t leave your faith or witness at home. No matter where we go or what we see we will share our faith and witness. I am reminded of what Solomon said in Ecclesiastes 12:13-14, “*Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.*” One final note I will have my cell phone but I plan to turn it off at times. So leave me a message if you must and I will return your call when I stop to check calls. But remember you have Dorothy and Pastor Gary Urich on call and willing to help with your needs and matters of concern. Thanks again for allowing me to be gone for this sabbatical.