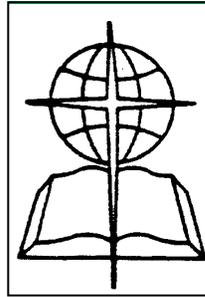


# NEWSLETTER

## MID-LAKES

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September is Missouri Missions Offering emphasis. SERIOUSLY consider giving. A portion goes to Disaster Relief. The funds help pay for gas to run generators in disaster zones, as well as donations to host churches for utilities, food for volunteers, plus other needs. DO NOT SEND CLEANING SUPPLIES, CLOTHING OR LINENS. Contact Joe Coppedge with your monetary donations, and he will get it to DR.

Matthew 16:1-3 speaks of signs from heaven, and how Jesus spoke of watching for colors, to depict weather changes.

The South has hardly seen anything of changing colors in the sky. My brother says they haven't seen much sun in the past 2 months. He spoke of the floods being a sign, maybe, of a 7 year drought to follow? Makes me wonder with all our rain. The Bible does teach of such cycles. Are you prepared?

October is Cooperative Program emphasis month.

To God be the glory for the opportunities given to pass on His love. Are you seeing those opportunities, or taking advantage of them?

Barbara Studt  
WMU Director

Please pray about taking up an offering for Missouri Missions Offering in your church. All the dollars raised will go to support Missouri Mission projects and your association. Last year this offering helped us increase Disaster Relief work in our area.



#### SEPTEMBER

- 1-30 Missouri Missions Offering Emphasis
- 5 Labor Day Holiday, OFFICE CLOSED
- 7 Annual Church Profile Survey Due date
- 17-18 Worship Leadership Conference

#### OCTOBER

- 1-31 COOPERATIVE PROGRAM MONTH  
Pastor / Staff Appreciation Month
- 1-2 RA Congress: Sedalia
- 3-4 MID-LAKES ANNUAL MEETING, Bethel, Pittsburg, MO
- 15-16 GA Retreat, Warsaw
- 24-26 Missouri Baptist Convention: St. Charles, MO

#### NOVEMBER

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

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

**Rom 8:1**

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

**Month of September 2016**

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

- >Annual Meeting Bethel Pittsburg Oct 3-4
- >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

SEPTEMBER

2016

## Mid-Lakes Southern

Baptist Association  
Annual Meeting

October 3-4, 2016



Bethel Baptist Church  
Take D N of Bolivar to J highway  
Pittsburg , MO

Meal 6:00 pm  
Meeting begins at 7:00 pm

Annual Sermon: Pastor Brennan Bagwell  
**Theme: “Love over Condemnation ”**  
Romans 8:1

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF  
MORRISVILLE

## Annual Bluegrass Festival

Friday September 10, 2014

5:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Free Potluck

Dinner provided by the Church.

Bring your lawn chair!



The Bluegrass Girls and Co. - 5:30 pm

Casey and the Atta Boys - 6:30 pm

Saturday September 10, 2016

5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

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## Ministerial Education Day

October 30, 2016

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

# OCTOBER

Pastor  
Appreciation  
Month



## Missouri Baptist Convention

182<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting

October 24-26

At

The St. Charles Convention Center  
St Charles, MO

The theme is "Not Alone," from Deuteronomy 31:6

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### DIRECTOR'S NOTES:

It has been a long time since I have felt so emotional about my own life. This past month the emotions would go up and then down. I was on a roller coaster. But when I felt discouraged I remember all the prayers, visits, calls, and support and it would certainly perk me back up. *From the bottom of my heart I want to say thank you for all who shared in my knee replacement surgery.* I am definitely on the mend and feeling very good about the future use of this new knee.



You all are the greatest in the world. I felt your prayers and am well on my way to full recovery!  
Love you all,  
Joe

We are well on our way to the 150<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of MLBA. I teasingly tell people who want to know if we are good for a debt I tell them we have been paying bills for 150 years that ought to count for something! I have been in touch with leadership and those who helped planned the annual meeting and everything seems to be in order. I have never done the reports and ACP material so close to a deadline. I am usually a day or two ahead but this year we are on target but a little behind in normal year. *Bethel Baptist Church* will do a great job of hosting and we are going to be blessed with great singing, preaching, and theme interpretation. Be sure and get this on your calendar and let's come together and celebrate the work of all MLBA Churches. Remember not the biggest but certainly the best!!

One of the greatest news we have as an association is to be able to report all churches have pastors and elders to lead the churches. I thank God on a regular basis for all the good leadership we are blessed with. It is a joy to work with such caring, giving, and supportive leadership in all areas of the work of the church and association.

We have been contacted by Steve from the Louisiana Builders and they have a new church starting in January in Fastrap, La. This is a little closer but it has always been a joy to work with the Louisiana Builders. The Mission Committee will be meeting soon and working out details and plans for Missions in the New Year. Your Camp Committee did a wrap up and tied up loose ends recently and all agree it was a super camp. I can't wait to see what next year brings for us all.