

JANUARY 2019

- 1 New Year's Day Observed (Office Closed)
- 5-7 National WMU Board Meeting
- 8 Executive Board, 7:00 PM, Mt. Olive
- 13 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (CLC)
- 21 Martin Luther King Day
- 27 Baptist's Men's Day

FEBRUARY

- 1-28 "True Love Waits" Month
- 8 DR Blue Hat Meeting
- 2-9 Mission Construction Trip
- 10 Racial Reconciliation Sunday
- 12-18 Focus on WMU Week
- 16 Children's Ministry Day
- 18 President's Day
- 19 VBS Meeting, Office MLBA
- 21-24 Great Commission Conference 2019

MARCH

- 8 Wood Car Races, FBC Bolivar, 6 pm
- 10 Daylight saving begins

"But who do YOU say I am?" Mat 16:13

Praying For the Association

Pray and lift up the following needs:

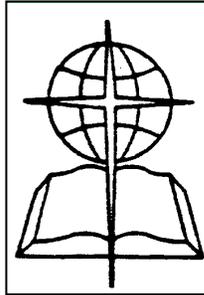
- >Praise for Annual Meeting and all who helped
- >Praise for the pastors of MLBA churches
- >Pray for the Disaster Relief Ministry
 - *Wisdom
 - *More Trained Volunteers
 - *Finances to fund the ministry
- >Pray for the Shuttle Ministry
- >Pray for the churches and leaders.
- >Pray for the Missions 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 the New Year 2019
 - >Pray for Folks in Florida
 - >Pray for the people in N and S Carolina

NEWSLETTER

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JANUARY

2019

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

January 8, 2019

7:00 PM

at

*Mt. Olive Baptist Church
5 miles North on Highway D
Bolivar, MO*

(Annual will be distributed and update on Mission Trip)

WMU News

Please mark your calendars for January 8, 10:00 at the Mid-Lakes Office for a WMU Council meeting. It's time to make plans for 2020. Your church does not have to have an active WMU group for you to send a representative to this meeting.

The recent hurricanes depleted the blanket, quilt and bag supply in the Disaster Relief Trailer. We need quilts or blankets: Baby (36 inch or 52 inch square; Crib 32 x 52; or twin 63 to 68 x 86-87 (approximate sizes).

The bags are cloth shopping bags, made with a piece of fabric that is about 30X19. Pockets can be added, and sturdy handles are needed. As soon as I have a load, I'll get them to Jefferson City. Let me know if you'd like to make a delivery with

Thanks to all for the activities each church has participated in during the Christmas season, that have enabled the telling of the Greatest Story Ever Told—God sent His Son—for the inhabitants of a sinful world.

I look forward to working with you to spread God's love during 2019.

Jill McCracken, WMU Director



Associational VBS Director's Meeting February 18, 2019

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

A sample of all VBS material will be on hand
This is for VBS Directors & Leaders
Information call office 417-326-4667
Or Breanna Piper at 417-327-9848

This is great Material and kids will have blast!!

(Materials orders from the MLBA

We receive a 15% Discount)

Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief

First time: \$40

Spring Training
April 5-6, 2019
First Baptist Church
 Diamond, MO

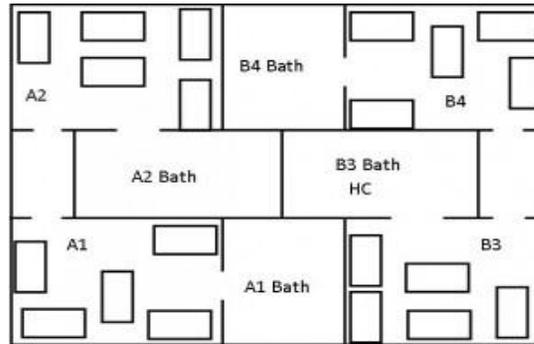


Fall Training
 October 4-5, 2019
Baptist Ridge Camp
 Warsaw, MO

More Information or schedule call or go online.
 800-736-6227x317 disasterrelief@mobaptist.org



Tall Timber Campgrounds for our February Trip (see the plans above). There will be a planning meeting at the **MLBA Office January 21st at 6:00 pm**. If you think you might be interested in going come check it out. We will be showing a Slide Show of what has been done and what is yet to be done.



Mid-Lakes Baptist Association
CONSTRUCTION MISSION TRIP
 We will be doing all phases of building
 (Turning teaching huts into campers
 Housing)
 Electrical, Plumbing, Carpentry, painting
 and ECT.
We are going to Tall Timber Camp
Forest Hill, Louisiana
Dates: February 3 -9, 2019
Cost: \$ 175.00
The Camp has been growing and has
money to remodel cabins to house more
students.



Director's Note

The Christmas Banquet at Heritage Baptist Church was a great time for all who attended. I want to put out a big **THANK YOU** to the Heritage Church Kitchen Crew! What an **AWESOME** job of preparing, serving, and cleaning up. Thank you Heritage Baptist Church Family for letting us meet in your wonderful fellowship hall. This year was the best attended banquet. The Food was good the singing was very refreshing and a Choir from Rondo Baptist Church. You couldn't ask for anything more except maybe a good Christmas Blonde joke from me! HA! I was so determined not to tell one I forgot to wish you all a Merry Christmas. **Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!!**

2019 is off and running with many plans already made for the New Year! *Camp Committee* has been meeting and already making plans for a bigger and better CAMP this summer. The *Missions Committee* has been meeting and working on all the mission projects for 2019. We all realized that some mission project will just happen as the need arises and they made provision for the unexpected mission needs.

The biggest change for 2019 is a new treasurer and book keeping system. Lisette has done an excellent job in fitting in and adapting to what we have been doing and making suggestions for changes and more efficient record keeping. After changing the bank we both realized there are pluses and negatives to both banks. Join us in praying that we will make good use of the sources we have and keep good books for anyone who would like to see them. In process of making changes and getting accustom to the finances we realized that the giving has remained constant for many churches. While several churches have increased their giving to the association many have not and the cost of operation is going up. So join Lisette and I in praying about what 2019 giving to association will be for your church. I have always said the association is only as strong as it's **CHURCHES!**

Judy and I had a wonderful Christmas. We received gifts, cards, goodies to eat and many expression of love for us. We are both so grateful to the Lord for the wonderful relationship we share in the Lord's Mission work. May 2019 be the best year yet as we; *"But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."* Matt 6:33-34