

NEWSLETTER

MID-LAKES

SOUTHERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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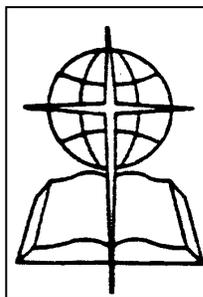
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2017 seems to be in a race to be finished!

It's Lottie time—Do your church members know who Lottie Moon was and why the Christmas offering is named for her? Do they know that 100 percent of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering



supports our International Missionaries? Look at www.imb.org for lots of information on Lottie and for videos to show (if yours didn't come in the mail) and Lottie's story. Please show the videos in your church. They show real people, doing real missions and explaining some of the ways Lottie's offering helps in their challenges in sharing the Gospel.

We are fortunate to have one who is very involved in Russian Missions living here.

Join us on

Monday, November 6 @ 5:30 p.m.

**For the
International Mission Study 2017
RUSSIA**

**First Baptist Church Bolivar
Fellowship Hall**

**Featuring Rev. Ray Leininger
Short term Missionary to Russia
\$5.00 each or \$14 per family**

Reservations: 417-326-2431 by Oct. 30

Associational Sewing Day at Grace Fellowship Baptist Friday, November 10, 9 a.m. to noon making bags for Disaster Relief

Jill McCracken,
417-326-5099



NOVEMBER

- 4 Returning Hearts SC Correct, Licking, Mo
- 5 Disaster Relief Appreciation Day
- 5 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 23 **Thanksgiving Day**

DECEMBER

- 3-10 Week of Prayer and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- 4 Pastors / Staff Christmas Party, Heritage
- 16-31 Associational Office Closed for Holidays
- 25 **Christmas Day**

JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day Observed (Office Closed)
- 6-8 National WMU Board Meeting
- 9 Executive Board, 7:00 PM, Bolivar, FBC
- 14 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (CLC)
- 15 Martin Luther King Day
- 21 Baptist's Men's Day

“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 NOVEMBER 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
- >PRAISE for Annual Meeting at Mt Etna October 2-3
- >Pray for Joe and Judy Coppedge (health)

NOVEMBER

2017

MID-LAKES BAPTIST ASSOCIATION Annual



CHRISTMAS DINNER

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

At
HERITAGE BAPTIST CHURCH
Bolivar, MO

DECEMBER 4th

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



TIME: 6:00 P.M.

(Please R. S. V. P. by December 1st)

Mid-Lakes Baptist Association
Operation Christmas Child will be
 partnering this year
 with **Wellspring**
Fellowship at 2110
E Spring Pl,
Bolivar. We are



We are asking the churches in the Association to help us during the collection week of November 13-20, 2017. Check the schedule at www.samaritanspurse.org for collection hours. If you would like to help contact LeaAnn West for more info at 417-326-6509.



Saturday, Dec 2, 2017 and Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017 Tours beginning every 15 minutes at 6:00 pm thru 7:30 p.m.

Presented by: The First Baptist Church of Fair Play
 40 cast members, live animals, narratives and theatrical sets

Live scenes include: Victorian Carolers, Santa's Workshop, Grandpa's Cabin, Bethlehem Inn, Living Nativity and The Cowboys

NEW Location:
 First Baptist Church of Fair Play, 500 N. Walnut St., Fair Play

This is an outdoor event free to the public with complimentary refreshments served

Heritage Baptist Church
 will be ordaining
Reed Steiner
 on November 5th at two p.m.
 There will be a dinner following morning services with the ordination council meeting at 1:30 before the installation service at two. All ordained men are invited.

Stain Glass Theatre
Silver Belles

Nov. 2 - Dec. 16

November 18th
 1:00 PM
 COST \$15.00
 (We need at least 15 to make trip and Weather will be a factor as well)
Meal: Traveling down and back will be on your own
 Info: 417-326-4667
 Call 417-326-4667 or cell 417-770-4667
 (Only 20 seats available)

Mid-Lakes Baptist Association
NEW CONSTRUCTION MISSION TRIP
 We are in contact with Texas Baptist Convention
Dates: February 4 -11, 2018
 Cost: \$ TBD
 (Please be praying for the plans for this trip)
 More information as it develops

The One Hundred and Fifty-First Annual Meeting was a great Meeting. I so appreciate Mt. Etna hosting this and doing an excellent job. The people of Mt. Etna truly went the extra mile to make us welcome and at home. They may be smaller in number but you will never find a bigger heart and a desire to serve. Thanks goes out to all who worked so hard in hosting this year's annual meeting! The Theme interpretation of *"Life is Journey, Where you headed?"* by Pastor Gary Urich was right on target both in evangelism and discipleship. Pastor Larry Clarkson shared his life's Journey for the Annual Message. We were all blessed who heard his heart and love for God and The Church. A very special part to me is the music and this year's music was outstanding. Again let me just say thanks to all who took part. My heart is filled with gratitude and love for you all.

Another year is coming to an end. We will be celebrating Thanks-giving and Christmas season as we approach 2018. 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.

The churches (now 22) all are doing well. Brighton Baptist Church called Boone Middleton as interim pastor recently and I had the joy of worshipping with them on Sunday October 22. Judy and I attended worship at the Refuge Church in Stockton and was warmly greeted and felt very much at home with the family there. We have been camping out on Saturday and going to church on Sunday morning and this gives us a chance to enjoy a quiet time and still visit the churches at different times. By the way on my kidney stone! It has been removed and I am feeling much better. I tell people it was a rough ride and do not want to go to that rodeo again! Thanks for all your love, flowers, prayers and visits. I love you all so much and thank God for what we do together as a group of believers.