

SEPTEMBER

- 1-30 Missouri Missions Offering Emphasis
- 4 Labor Day Holiday, OFFICE CLOSED
- 16-17 Worship Leadership Conference

OCTOBER

- 1-31 COOPERATIVE PROGRAM MONTH
Pastor / Staff Appreciation Month
- 1-2 RA Congress: Sedalia
- 2-3 MID-LAKES ANNUAL MEETING,
Mt. Etna, Bolivar, MO
- 15-16 GA Retreat, Warsaw
- 23-25 Missouri Baptist Convention: Raytown,
MO
- 26 DOM Fall Conference,

NOVEMBER

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

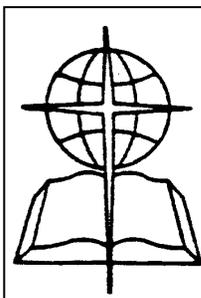
Month of SEPTEMBER 2017

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 Follow up
- >Prayer of Thanksgiving for great Trip Joe and Judy
- >Pray for Pastor Larry Clarkson
- >Pray for Annual Meeting at Mt Etna October 2-3

NEWSLETTER

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The Story Lives On!

Summer has sped past, and Fall is upon us. Many of you have started fall activities and children's programs in your churches. It's time for WMU to fall into the line of action too.

The SW District meeting was attended by about 100 ladies and a few men. One of the features in these meetings is getting to hear from M's who are actively serving and home on furlough, or have recently retired. One of these was a Bolivar native, which made it even more special.

FBC Bolivar's Donna Shelenhamer was surprised by the presentation of a certificate from MO WMU, honoring her for more than 50 years as a GA Leader. This is her 52nd year teaching 1st & 2nd Grade GA's and one of our speakers was one of her GA girls.

Hurricane Harvey has wreaked havoc in Houston and other areas and the Disaster Teams have left or are ready to go. If you have bags and or blankets to send to MO DR headquarters, please get them to the office by September 13 so Jill can deliver them to Jefferson City the 15th.

The next associational sewing party (to work on DR bags) will be Friday September 8 at 9 a.m.
Location: Grace Fellowship Baptist Church
(West on Highway 32 of Bolivar 2 miles)

Serving Him, one step at a time.
Jill & Barb

SEPTEMBER

2017

Mid-Lakes Southern Baptist Association Annual Meeting



October 2-3, 2017

Mt. Etna Baptist Church
Take D North of Bolivar to N highway
Bolivar, MO

Meal 6:00 pm (Sponsored by Mt. Etna & MLBA)
Meeting begins at 7:00 pm

Annual Sermon: Pastor Larry Clarkson

**Theme: "Life is a journey,
Which way are you headed?"**

I John 2:28

Theme Interpretation: Gary Urich, Retired

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



Please pray about taking up an offering for MMO.
All the dollars raised will go to support Missouri Mission projects and your association.

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Ministerial Education Day

November 12, 2017

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



Matt 7:13-14

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.



Welcome to the Annual Meeting of Missouri Baptists Convention

Messengers representing churches affiliated with the Missouri Baptist Convention (MBC) are gathering

Oct. 23-25

at Connection Point Church, Raytown, MO,
for their

183rd Annual Meeting.

The theme is *“Who Is My Neighbor?”* (Luke 10:29 CSB).

Director's Notes

Well I am officially back in the saddle again! I have really enjoyed my sabbatical but I must admit I missed the day in and out of things. Judy and I had a great time traveling and we are already talking about future trips.

The *Annual Meeting* is upon us. I am excited about the plans that have been made and it is looking like another great year for the Association. We still have a need for committee members and an assistant clerk to help Dorothy. Dorothy and I are working on reports like financial, memorial, calendar and putting stats together off the Annual Church Profile that each church has filled out. The information helps us to know how we are doing and areas we need to improve on.

Dr. Bob Kitchin continues to develop our *Disaster Relief Ministry*. We are looking at several projects including going to Texas to help with the flooding and destruction. I know that February seems a long way off but it will be here before you know it. The dates have been set for Feb 4-11, 2018. I will keep you posted as plans develop. Just as a side note we need more people to receive training so that when call outs are posted we would have enough people to fill the need.

The figures and stats are coming in on *Camp 2017*. No doubt it is one of the best camps we have ever conducted. The numbers are up and bills are paid and the camp committee is meeting already for Camp 2018.

You will receive an official report at the annual meeting in the Book of Reports. Speaking of reports and the book of reports time is short this year due to my time away. We will all need to work together and stay on top of things so we will be ready for the annual meeting on October 2-3.

Updates on the churches of MLBA all are doing well and God is blessing. Pomme de Terre just recently called Cody Stringer as pastor and together they are excited about what going to do in the near future. I had the joy of filling in for Danny Decker at Humansville FBC and Cody Stringer at Pomme de Terre BC. I always enjoy my time with each church and looking forward to visiting all the church in near future. If you need to get away and take a break my schedule is pretty free right now and would love to share what God is doing in the Association and the churches.