

# NEWSLETTER MID-LAKES



ALL FOR YOU! Surrender-Sacrifice-Serve  
The WMU story continues to live on.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Mercy! Where did 2014 go? It rapidly left as quickly as it began. Many missions opportunities were accomplished. Praise the Lord!

I'd like to offer a couple biblical challenges to think on as we step in to 2015: Luke 9: 57-62, and Phil. 3: 12-15. Both passages should challenge us all. They speak of impulsive, reluctant followers, versus those full of enthusiasm, ready to plow forward; never looking back. Will you surrender ALL? Are you excited for what 2015 will bring? Or are you holding back & unsure, still looking back? Read, study, and ponder how God will use you, moving in to 2015.

**January** begins with BGR Bucket Project. MO is the host state for 2015. Each church please consider and pray how you will help contribute to this ministry opportunity. Please let me know ASAP how you will proceed with this project. If we need to order cases of products, I believe Walmart will do this for us. My contact information is below: please be sure to put in subject area-WMU. Otherwise if I don't recognize you, it will go in to the trash.

**January 10:** Sewing day @ Grace Fellowship; weather provided. Begin @ 10:00 am. Bring a sack lunch. **January 13:** WMU council meeting @ associational office: 10:00 am

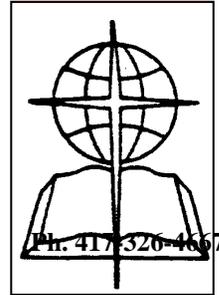
**WMU directors or churches without directors:** I need updated email addresses, names, phone numbers, and mailing addresses. We have 1 or 2 churches with new starts, as well as folks who have either quit, or moved. I'd like to make a new updated contact list.

Prayer requests: Continue to pray for Jill's healing with knee. My brother, Rodney Osborne: spinal fusion surgery, January 14. Health issues in this flu season. Our nation & officials. All of our associational pastors/families, & Joe as he continues to lead us.

To God be the glory for what He is going to accomplish in 2015. Will He be able to say, "Well done?"

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JANUARY 2015

# EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

January 13, 2015

7:00 PM

First Baptist Church, Fair Play

500 N. Walnut St.  
Fair Play

(Annuals will be distributed and update on Mission Trip)

## JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day Observed (Office Closed)
- 11-14 National WMU Board Meeting
- 13 Executive Board, 7:00 PM, Fair Play First
- 18 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (CLC)
- 19 Martin Luther King Day
- 25 Baptist's Men's Day
- 26-27 State Evangelism Conference, Springfield

## FEBRUARY

- 1-28 "True Love Waits" Month
- 5-7 SBU Church Music Workshop
- 8-15 Mission Construction Trip
- 9-15 Focus on WMU Week

## MARCH

- 1-8 Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer
- 7 VBS Workers Meeting, Springfield
- 7 Wood Car Races, Bolivar First
- 8 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 25-27 DOM Winter Retreat, TBA
- 29 Palm Sunday

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

Month of January 2015

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

- >Pray for the New Year for work of MLBA
- >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 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 VBS plans
- >Pray for Camp Plans for Youth and Children
- >Pray for Shreveport, LA Mission Trip, Feb. 14-21
- >Pray for the Angola Mission Trip, May 14-17
- >Pray for the Family Mission Trip, July 11-18
- >Pray for rest and quiet time for Joe and Judy



# Evangelism Conference

Feb 5-6 2015

the 2015 State Evangelism-Discipleship Conference is for pastors, church leaders, DOMs, and spouses. Allow Jesus to walk with you in life's fires and show church members the way. Join us!

**Ridgecrest Baptist Church,**  
*Springfield, MO*  
More information: **Beth Peeper**  
([bpeeper@mobaptist.org](mailto:bpeeper@mobaptist.org))

## *Journey off the Map*

**2015 Associational VBS Team Training Institute.**  
Macedonia Baptist Church  
Springfield, MO  
*Please register your Associational VBS Team before Friday, March 7th, 2014.*  
Please contact Jamie Root  
417-327-3652 or 417-326-4667

**Mid-Lakes Baptist Association**  
CONSTRUCTION MISSION TRIP  
**Dates: February 14 -21, 2015**  
**Cost: \$175.00**

**Planning Meeting at**  
**Southern Hills Baptist Church**  
**Fellowship Hall**  
**Monday January 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm**

(Please be praying for the plans for this trip)  
More information as it develops

### DIRECTOR'S NOTES:

I am happy to report that the 2014 annuals are done and ready to be distributed at the **Executive Board Meeting at Fair Play First Baptist Church, 500 North Walnut St. Fair Play, MO January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.** Let me encourage you to be in attendance at this meeting. The Board meetings are a special time and the fellowship is always good and fun. We will have refreshment after the meeting in the fellowship hall.

Plans are well on their way for the Winter Mission trip to Shreveport, LA. I have talked with Jim and Steve and it looks like we will be building walls and installing some sheet rock. Jim also spoke of needing help with the electric work and some plumbing. We are scheduling a

meeting in *January at Southern Hills on Monday January 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm* to make some final plans and what tools to take. Cost and dates and other information are in this newsletter.

You would not believe the excitement and hard work going into **Camp 2015!** The Camp Committee is meeting, organizing and believing God for the biggest and best camp ever! To tell you the truth, their enthusiasm is making me realize how hard it is for me to keep up with them. Please be praying for them, that their hard work will be rewarded with a great camp.

Many of the churches of Mid-Lakes are reporting recorded breaking gifts to the *Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.* I am so thankful for all the good reports from the churches. Finances continue to be tight in several of our churches, but I have always believed if we keep our eyes focused on God and not man, we will see what God can do with the tithes and offering we receive. At this time we have Brighton and Freshwater still looking for a pastor. Please be praying for them.

I had the joy of being in attendance at First Southern Stockton for their Christmas program. It was directed by Jonathan Butcher and it was awesome. It was good to see the church happy and excited about Christmas and the future ministries. Judy and I were able to make several Christmas programs and all were great. We always enjoy Rondo and their Christmas program as they act out the birth of Jesus.

Well, in closing, the New Year is off and running and I am looking forward to each association event that we plan, and seek to build the kingdom of God. Remember, as we think of Mid-Lakes Baptist Association there are bigger, but none better. We are a group of churches that take a little and get great things done. Hope to see you soon!