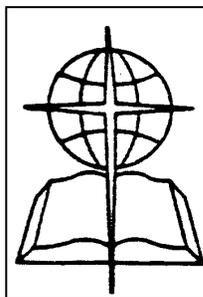


NEWSLETTER

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WMU COUNCIL---Our next meeting will be on **January 9 @ 10:30 at the Mid-Lakes Office. It would be great to have a representative from each church present.** We will be learning about **Adults on Mission.** If Bolivar schools are closed because of weather, we'll move our meeting to the next week.

We would love to have a representative from your church, even if you do not have an active WMU group or wonder "what in the world is WMU?".

Did you know? WMU is an Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, whose purpose is to **SUPPORT MISSIONS**, by Praying, Giving, Teaching, and Doing Missions.

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain, Over the Hills and Everywhere, That Jesus Christ is born!"

Thanks to all 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 2018.

Jill McCracken, WMU Director



Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

National Sanctity of Human Life day is celebrated on January 21, 2018. It is in observance declared by several United State Presidents who opposed abortion.

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

FEBRUARY

- 1-28 "True Love Waits" Month
- 3-4 State Evangelism Conference
- 4-6 SBU Church Music Workshop
- 10-18 Mission Construction Trip
- 12-18 Focus on WMU Week
- 17 Children's Ministry Day
- 19 President's Day

MARCH

- 4-10 Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer
- 2 Wood Car Races, Bolivar 1st
- 6 VBS Workers Meeting, Springfield
- 11 Daylight Savings Time (Begins)
- 20-21 DOM Winter Retreat, TBA
- 25 Palm Sunday
- 30 Good Friday

"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 January 2018

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 Joe and Judy Coppedge (Peace)
- >Pray for the New Year 2018
- >Pray for Wisdom as we face major decisions

January

2018

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

January 9, 2018

7:00 PM

at

*First Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall
Bolivar, MO*

(A Copy of Annual will be distributed for each church to proof and get back to office and update on Mission Trip)



We are putting out a feeler to see if enough interest to take a group to Williamstown, KY to visit the Creation Museum and the Ark. This would be a four day and three night trip. We need at least 15 committed to successfully plan the trip! Are you interested?

March 27-30, 2018

Give office a call for more info 326-4667
The estimated cost would be between

\$250 to \$300 per person

This would include transportation,(shuttle)
3-Nights Lodging, and Breakfast

We would spend first day driving
2nd day Museum,
3rd day Ark
4th day would be trip home
Deposit \$50 (non-refundable)

Mid-Lakes Baptist Association

De- and CON -STRUCTION MISSION TRIP

Dates: February 3 -10, 2018

Cost: \$ 175.00

Planning Meeting

at

Association Office

722 E. South St

Bolivar, MO

January 19, 6:00 pm

(Please be praying for the plans for this trip)

More information as it develops

Rockport, Texas

(right on the Gulf)

Great Commission Conference

When: Feb. 22-25, 2018

Theme: Reconcile (II Cor 5:17-20)

Where: First Baptist Church, Harvester, MO

Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief

First time: \$40

March 16-17, 2018

Riverview Baptist Church

Osage Beach, MO

Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief

800-736-6227x317 disasterrelief@mobaptist.org

DIRECTOR'S NOTES:

2018 is going to be the best year yet! I am excited about what God is doing and going to do in and through the Association. I stand amazed at how the churches and family continue to work together to fulfill the Great Commission. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." (Matt 28:19-20) And the going into all the world; "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts 1:8) Truly we are great commission churches by working in our local setting, in our region, in our State, and around the world.

This is why I believe 2018 is going to be the best year yet!

The plans for the mission trip to Rockport, Texas are coming together and this trip will be a little different but most I talk with are excited about the challenge. Your committees are meeting and making plans for camp, budgets, personnel, VBS, Children's work, Youth Work and Missions. Please be in prayer as these committees meet and bring before you a plan to work together and minister in each area in a way that will bring honor and be pleasing to Father God. I stand amazed at how God works in the lives of the faithful.

Some of you have heard that Pastor Brennan at Noble Hill has resigned. He is moving on to another ministry and we need to bless him as he seeks God's Will. We need to remember the Noble Hill Family as they look to God for their next pastor. I believe all the other churches are doing okay as far as I know. Bolivar, FBC will be having open house for their new addition on January 14 from 2-4 pm. FBC of Morrisville is adding on more space and we are helping them with sheet rock work. Judy and I attended the Morning Worship (12-31-17) with Mt. Olive recently and enjoyed the music and message from Pastor Lindell. We stayed home Sunday evening and played Games with family and slept in the New Year! My Prayer is that God will bless us all in 2018!

