

OCTOBER

- 1-31 **COOPERATIVE PROGRAM**
Pastor / Staff Appreciation Month
1-2 **MID-LAKES ANNUAL MEETING,**
Berean Baptist Church, Bolivar
19-20 GA Retreat, Warsaw
23-24 **Missouri Baptist Convention:**
Springfield , MO

NOVEMBER

- 4 Disaster Relief Appreciation Day
4 Daylight Savings Time Ends
22 **Thanksgiving Day**

DECEMBER

- 2-9 Wk of Prayer Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
3 Pastors / Staff Christmas Party
16-31 Associational Office Closed for Holidays
25 **Christmas Day**

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

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

Praying For the Association

Pray and lift up the following needs:

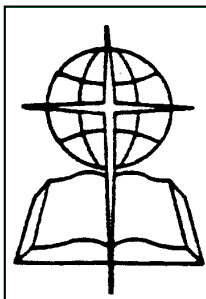
- >Pray for Annual Meeting
- >Praise for the pastors of MLBA churches
- >Pray for the Disaster Relief Ministry
 - *Wisdom
 - *More Trained Volunteers
 - *Finances to fund the ministry
- >Pray for the Shuttle Ministry
- >Pray for the churches and leaders.
- >Pray for the Missions Committee
- >Pray for 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

NEWSLETTER

MID-LAKES

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YOU ARE INVITED
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Nov. 12 FBC Bolivar, Lottie Moon Mission Study on Refugees. 6:00 p.m. dinner. \$5 each, \$15 family. Reservations by Nov. 5. 417-326-2431. We are excited to have a Bolivar couple who have served with Refugees as our speakers.

It's time for us to be ready for Special Offerings that support our Lord's work from Polk County MO to around the world.

October is Co-operative Program emphasis. Southern Baptists have **the best** means of supporting God's work around the world and at home. It happens because a percent of our offerings go into the Cooperative program funds which support the SBC and all it's programs and missions.

Oct. 19-20 GA Retreat @ Baptist Ridge, Warsaw
Oct. 26-27 GA Retreat @ Baptist Hill, Mt. Vernon.
Find more information at <https://mobaptist.org/wmu>, including all information and enrollment forms. You do not have to have an active GA group at your church to send girls to either of the Retreats. Fee is \$36 plus T-shirt (has to be ordered by Sept. 17th).

Dec 2-9 week of prayer for Lottie Moon Missions Offering

Jill McCracken, WMU Director

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2018

Mid-Lakes Baptist Association Annual Meeting



October 1-2, 2018

**Co-Hosted Freshwater &
Berean Baptist Church (Location)**
4450 Scenic Av. (Road off Hwy 13)
Bolivar , MO

Meal 6:00 pm (Sponsored by Freshwater, Berean & MLBA)

Meeting begins at 7:00 pm

Annual Sermon: Pastor Dave Becker
Theme: "Who do YOU say I Am?"
Matthew 16:15

Theme Interpretation: Dave Steinmuller

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



Don't forget to show your love and support!



September and October are Missouri Missions emphasis month! For more information, please follow this link to the MMO page on the Missouri Baptist Convention website... www.mobaptist.org/mmo/getting-started/ I hope you will begin praying for a giving goal for your church!

All of the money collected through MMO is used for evangelistic outreach projects! Ten percent of all money collected in our association comes back to us to be used for missions efforts!

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&
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Ministerial Education Day

November 4, 2018

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

A Christmas Village

Saturday, Dec 1, 2018 and Sunday, Dec. 2, 2018
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

Welcome to the Annual Meeting of Missouri Baptists

Oct. 22-23, 2018

at
Crossway Baptist Church, Springfield, MO
184th Annual Meeting.

The theme of this year's meeting is "Steady," taken from Exodus 17:8-16. That's the story of Aaron and Hur coming to Moses' rescue, holding up his arms!

Director's Note

The **MLBA REVIVAL** was a huge success! O how blessed we are to have such a cooperating bunch of churches. Morrisville FBC hosted this event and each night was well attended. I so enjoyed greeting everyone each night. I remember the first Revival we did with Pleasant Hope FBC. Later we did one with Fair Play FBC and just prior this revival we did one at Mt. Olive! Judy and I were able to attend each night and it is so beautiful to see how each sermon and music presented by the churches and pastor were as if they were planned to connect! Connect they did as each night built on night before. The folks at Morrisville FBC did a great job of getting fellowship treats each night. I know it is hard work, but truly believe the reward out weights the hard work. My only regret is we couldn't use all the churches, but we hope to do this again! If you would like to host an Association Revival just let me know and we will start looking at some dates and times.

The **Mission Trip to Madison, WI** was a blessing for those who were able to go. This trip was different but we were to do all things on pastors list except for exterior staining because of the rain. We had 8 mission members from 3 MLBA Churches. As we were traveling home all team members expressed how kind and generous the Korean Church Members were. They fixed a Korean style menu for us one night and when we got up last day to depart they insisted on buying breakfast for the team. To top it all off they fixed a travel bag full of goodies for our long trip home. Is that hospitality or what!!

The plans for **MLBA Annual Meeting** are coming together. This year will be different as two sister churches are hosting the meeting. **Pay close attention to flyers and e-mails so you won't miss a thing.**

There are some changes in the air for several MLBA churches but it is soon to talk much about the changes. With that in mind it is never to soon to pray and lift up the needs of all the churches of MLBA.

I think this has been the busy September I can remember in a while with missions, Revival, Shuttle Ministry and preparations for the Annual. I hope to see many of you at [the Annual Meeting as Berean Baptist Church \(newest church co-hosting\)](#) **Welcomes our Messengers to their church for the Meetings.**