

NOVEMBER

- 4 Disaster Relief Appreciation Day
- 4 Med-ay SBU and MLBA Churches
- 4 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 4 Mt. Olive 150th Anniversary Celebration
- 12 Mission Study at Bolivar FBC
- 22 **Thanksgiving Day**

DECEMBER

- 2-9 Wk of Prayer Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- 3 Pastors / Staff Christmas Party
- 8 Brett Family Christmas, Branson
- 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

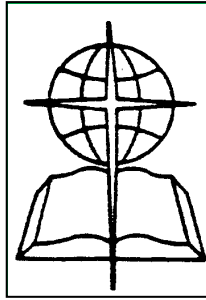
"But who do YOU say I am?" Mat 16:13

Praying For the Association

- Pray and lift up the following needs:
- >Praise for Annual Meeting and all who helped
 - >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
 - >Pray for Folks in Florida
 - >Pray for the people in N and S Carolina

NEWSLETTER

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NOVEMBER

2018

MID-LAKES BAPTIST ASSOCIATION Annual

CHRISTMAS DINNER

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

At
HERITAGE BAPTIST CHURCH
Bolivar, MO

DECEMBER 3rd

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



TIME: 6:00 P.M.

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

WMU News

Summer zoomed by and Fall has followed. At least that's what the calendar says. Mother Nature seems to have a different opinion! I think she is dragging her feet a bit, but the trees are finally showing color. That means it's time to get ready for Fall and Winter activities, including the **International Mission Study**. Please note a minor correction to the price of our meal. You'll find an evening of good food and good information about those who are Refugees and how to share God's love with them.

YOU ARE INVITED MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Nov. 12 FBC Bolivar, Lottie Moon Mission Study on Refugees. 6:00 p.m. dinner. \$7 each, \$20 family maximum. Reservations by Nov. 5. 417-326-2431. We are excited to have a Bolivar couple who have served with Refugees as our speakers.

I was able to attend two sessions of the MO Baptist Convention meeting in Springfield. The last time I attended I was a young teen. If you missed—you missed a great opportunity to worship with like minded believers and our own MO Baptist pastors preaching heartfelt messages. **Dec 2-9 is the week of prayer for Lottie Moon Missions Offering. Have you set your goal yet? The MO Baptist Convention goal is \$4,000,000. Every dollar counts!**

The recent hurricanes have caused much devastation and our supplies of blankets and quilts have vanished. We delivered 5 tubs of blankets/quilts/bags to the DR Depot. They have gone to the Carolinas or Florida. It's time to crank up the machines and pull out the yarns and needles or hooks to provide some cuddly comfort for children who have just lost EVERYTHING in storms. Crib and twin size quilts or blankets are needed, as well as durable bags (grocery size). Please deliver to the Mid-Lakes Office or to me (326-5099),

Jill McCracken, WMU Director

Mid-Lakes Baptist Association

Operation Christmas Child will be partnering this year with **Wellspring Fellowship at 2110 E Spring Pl, Bolivar.**

We are asking the churches in the Association to help us during the collection week of November 12-19, 2018. 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.



The One Hundred and Fifty-Second Annual Meeting was different with two churches working together for the meeting. I so appreciate **Berean Baptist Church** hosting this in their building. **The Freshwater Family** did a great job of taking care of the food and special music. Thanks goes out to all who worked so hard in hosting this year's annual meeting! The Theme interpretation of **"Who do YOU say I am?"** by Pastor Dave Steinmuller was right on target both in evangelism and discipleship. Pastor Dave Becker blessed us with the annual message; we were all encouraged who heard his heart and love for God and The Church. A very special part this year was to have an inspirational Message! Pastor Mark Milioni's message on "Staying Close" was very inspiring. In fact I develop several message from his notes! Ha! The music and specials were outstanding. Again, let me say **"Thank You"** to all who took part. My heart is filled with gratitude and love for you all.

We've had **Disaster Relief** volunteers ministering in the Carolinas A team left Wednesday October 24th for Bristol, FL and another team from MLBA leaves Sunday at 5 AM Oct 28 to join them. Please be in prayer for traveling and the love we will share with all the hurting people from Hurricane Michael.

Another year is coming to an end. We will be celebrating Thanks-giving and Christmas season as we approach 2019. I am 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.**

Join us in Celebrating 150 Years

November 4th, 2018

Coffee and Fellowship – 9:45am

Worship Service - 10:30am

Guest Speaker - Norm Howell

Carry in lunch following service

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Pastor - Lindell Shelden

Director's Note

I would like to encourage all who have ties to **Mt. Olive Baptist Church** in the past to make an effort to attend the celebration listed on previous column. I know I am asking you to miss your church, but this is a great time in the life of Mt. Olive Church and your presence will greatly encourage them as they continue to build on the past and plan for the future.

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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

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

SOUTHWEST BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

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Mid-Lakes Baptist Association

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Ministerial Education Day

November 4, 2018

Plans are made be in prayer for students and churches as they worship together

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CONSTRUCTION MISSION TRIP

We are in contact with Bristol Florida

Dates: February 2 -10, 2019

Cost: \$ TBD

(Please be praying for the plans for this trip)

More information as it develops