

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

FEBRUARY

- 1-28 "True Love Waits" Month
- 8 DR Blue Hat Meeting
- 2-9 Mission Construction Trip
- 10 Racial Reconciliation Sunday
- 12-18 Focus on WMU Week
- 16 Children's Ministry Day
- 18 President's Day
- 21-24 Great Commission Conference 2019

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

Praying For the Association

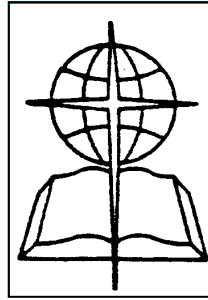
Pray and lift up the following needs:

- >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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DECEMBER

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

More than 80 Mid- Lakes Baptists gathered Monday November 26, at First Baptist Bolivar, to learn about Refugees, the Focus peoples for our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. We are fortunate to have Nathan and Rachel Haman who have served Refugees fleeing their homes half way around the world, now living in Bolivar. Their passionate reports from first-hand experience gave us a peek at the realities of being Refugees. As we learn about Refugees throughout the world, I am also reminded that we have thousands of people in our own country who are Refugees from Fire and Hurricanes. The only difference is that these Refugees have a country and people and agencies to help them. This has been very sobering! Southern Baptists ARE there, helping those who cannot help themselves. Dig deeper to support them through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

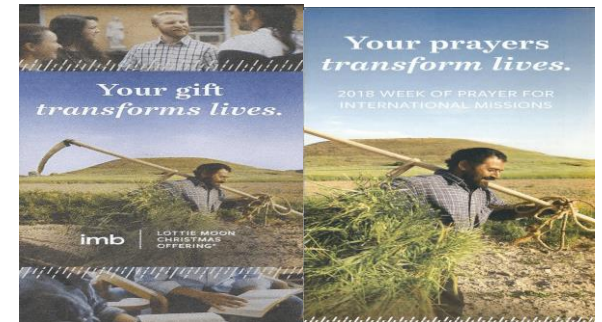
Please mark your calendars for January 8, 10:00 at the Mid-Lakes Office for a WMU Council meeting. It's time to make plans for 2020. Your church does not have to have an active WMU group for you to send a representative to this meeting.

My prayers for the Christmas Season is that we all remember WHY we celebrate Christmas. Do something special to help those who are in need in your community. Serving Christ through WMU

The recent hurricanes depleted the blanket, quilt and bag supply in the Disaster Relief Trailer. We need quilts or blankets: Baby (36 inch or 52 inch square); Crib 32 x 52; or twin 63 to 68 x 86-87 (approximate sizes).

The bags are cloth shopping bags, made with a piece of fabric that is about 30X19. Pockets can be added, and sturdy handles are needed. As soon as I have a load, I'll get them to Jefferson City. Let me know if you'd like to make a delivery with

Jill McCracken, WMU Director



Week of Prayer for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
December 2-9, 2018

Remember 100% of this offering goes to MISSIONS



Rondo Baptist Church Choir

will present

“His Name is Jesus”

a worship celebration for Christmas

by Mosie Lister,

On December 9, 2018

at the 11:00 am Church Service.

Mid-Lakes Baptist Association

CONSTRUCTION MISSION TRIP

We are touch with Tall Timber Camp

Forest Hill, Louisiana

Dates: February 3 -10, 2019

Cost: \$ TBD

The Camp has been growing and has money to remodel cabins to house more students.



You can go to;

www.midlakesba.com

Learn about the how’s and why’s of the Association
Clic on By-Law button to see government of MLBA
Clic on Annual to discover all the Ministries of each
Year (2018 will be added soon)

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Serving God and Each Other.

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Director’s Note

Christmas 2018 is here. I really enjoy the Christmas festivities! The lights, decorations, Church Christmas programs and families getting together. Judy and I want to wish you a very **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and may 2019 be the best year yet!!

As we close out 2018 and prepare for 2019 I was made aware of how the association is changing. I was told once that the association is made up of old people and the younger generation doesn’t take part in the ministries or leadership. I am happy to report that our average age just dropped drastically with our new leadership. We have a young Moderator, Treasurer, Children’s and Youth Director, and when you do an average age it drops down in the mid 50’s. So that is encouraging to me so see so many younger ones wanting to be involved and volunteer. The only problem is your DOM is getting older! Ha!

With the younger age folks coming on board they are calling for us to revisit many things we have always done and ask serious questions; like what does that do to promote and carry out the Gospel? The challenge is to evaluate all we have been doing in the past and how can we better accomplish certain task in the future to be good stewards over what resources we have. It has stretched me some and I believe it is healthy for all to take a look at what we have been doing and what we are going to be doing. So some of you that want to say, “We never did it that way before!” Will you be willing to open up and at least hear the challenges that a younger volunteers are proposing. With that in mind hang on and may 2019 be the best year ever as we evaluate the ministries of MLBA.

I was looking over last year’s Newsletters and came across the history I wrote in December of last year. It was such an encouragement to me as I think of all the ministries we do! www.midlakesba.com clic on newsletter 2017 December to read this article.