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Introducing our new AMS (Associational Mission Strategist) John Rhodes and his wife Gayle



For the past eight years Bro. John has served the Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church in Huntsville, MO. Prior to Huntsville, he served as pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church in Jackson, MO for twelve and a half years. Before that he pastored Cottonwood Grove Baptist Church in Ridgely, TN, and New Concord Baptist Church in Kenton, TN. He attended Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College in Mayfield, KY.

Bro. John has served in many forms of ministry including traveling with the singing group, The Joylanders from Trenton, TN (now national known as Endless Highway), worked with MO Baptist Disaster Relief Ministry, and has served as Chaplain / Firefighter /and First Responder for the Westran Fire Protection District in Huntsville, MO, and held the same roles in the Fruitland Fire Protection District in Cape Girardeau County, MO, and he now holds those positions in the Dunnegan Rural Fire Department, the district in which he now resides. His passion is sharing the gospel by ministering to people.

Bro John and his wife Gayle have three children, Chris, Kayla, and Ashley. Chris and his wife Katie live in Willard and have three children, Addison, Bayleigh, and Ryker. Chris is employed by Crossway Baptist Church in Springfield. Kayla is married to Nathan White and currently are in Southern TX near the Rio Grande as missionaries but have lived in Bolivar for several years. They have two children, Nora, and Hudson, and a third on the way by the end of March. John & Gayle's youngest daughter Ashley is married to Devin Tait. Ashley and Devin reside in Bolivar where Ashley is a 1st Grade school teacher. They have three little girls, Emma, Hailey, and Amelia.

Bro. John and Gayle now live six miles west of Bolivar and love living in the country, and in this area. They look forward to what God is going to do in their ministry here.



From your AMS.

Psalm 118:26-28 *“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We have blessed you from the house of the Lord. God is the Lord, and He has given us light; Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will praise You; You are my God, I will exalt You.”*

Gayle and I are so blessed to now be a part of the Mid-Lakes Family! Each church in the Mid-Lakes Family is different, but that just means you are extremely special in the eyes of the Lord. Even though we are all different, we still are alike in several ways.

- 1 - We all need a Savior.
- 2 - We all must go by the way of the cross in order to get to Heaven.
- 3 - Regardless of the size, we all have the same calling. “Go ye into the Highway and the hedges, and compelled them to come in.”
- 4 - We can all be used of God!
- 5 - When we stand together we become stronger, gain love and encouragement, and are capable of doing more than we could ever dreamed of on our own.

So remember, we are the Church Triumphant, and we are *“Alive and Well”*. Let the church, be the church!

Love, Bro. John & Gayle Rhodes



MLBA Calendar

April

4 Easter

12 Quarterly Meeting @ 6:30
Heritage Baptist Church

May

22 Sportsman’s Banquet
Stockton FSBC

June

13-16 Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting—Nashville, TN
20-23 Super Summer Mini Camp—SBU
23-26 2nd Super Sumer Mini Camp—SBU

July

4 Independence Day
12 Quarterly Meeting @ 6:30
TBD
24-27 Kid’s Camp
28- August 1 Youth Camp

October

11 MLBA Annual Meeting @ 6:30 TBD
12 Annual Meeting @ 6:30 TBD
25-27 MBC Annual Meeting – Branson, MO

Mid-Lakes Baptist Association would like to wish Dr. Billy Russell and his wife Regina our prayers and best wishes as he leaves First Baptist Church in Bolivar and peruses a ministry in counseling. Bro. Billy has been the Senior Pastor of FBC in Bolivar since 2006, and has been on staff since 1999. Bro. Billy you will be missed .

Join us in praying for FBC Bolivar as they enter the process of searching for a new Senior Pastor.

Also, continue to remember all our churches who are without pastors.



Mid Lakes Southern Baptist Association

	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Total
Receipts				
Bethel	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$90.00
Bolivar First	\$1,149.17	\$1,149.17	\$1,149.17	\$3,447.51
Brighton		\$515.00		\$515.00
Fair Play		\$519.94	\$930.39	\$1,450.33
Grace Fellowship	\$66.60	\$75.82	\$64.20	\$206.62
Humansville	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$75.00
Mt. Etna	\$102.48	\$109.60	\$161.40	\$373.48
Mt. Olive	\$50.00		\$25.00	\$75.00
Pleasant Hope	\$151.00		\$141.00	\$292.00
Rondo	\$165.39	\$154.88	\$151.24	\$471.51
Stockton	\$348.72	\$443.70	\$473.04	\$1,265.46
Heritage	\$345.00	\$492.00	\$395.00	\$1,232.00
New Hope	\$22.83	\$24.00	\$25.70	\$72.53
Noble Hill		\$150.00	\$50.00	\$200.00
Pomme De Terre	\$95.04	\$124.40	\$119.40	\$338.84
Berean	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$150.00
Fender Chapel	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$150.00
Donation	\$150.00			\$150.00
Total Income	\$2,801.23	\$3,913.51	\$3,840.54	\$10,555.28
Expenses				
Shuttle	\$323.94	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$403.94
Disaster Relief	\$48.42	\$48.42	\$48.42	\$145.26
DOM-Salary	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00
DOM-Expenses	\$738.72	\$1,095.46	\$108.00	\$1,942.18
Insurance	\$140.33	\$140.33	\$140.33	\$420.99
Office	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$60.00
Utilites, Bus	\$147.14	\$112.80	\$156.60	\$416.54
Telephone	\$92.13	152.93	\$213.62	\$458.68
Total Expenses	\$2,010.68	\$2,609.94	\$1,726.97	\$6,347.59
Net Income	\$790.55	\$1,303.57	\$2,113.57	\$4,207.69

Bank Balance as of December 31, 2020	\$48,536.25
Camp Bank Balance as of December 31, 2021	\$2,802.43

Bro. John

Because the position of AMS (formerly called DOM) is bi-vocational, there may be times the office cannot be open, however, we will do our best to keep the hours of 10 AM - 3 PM, Monday - Thursdays, and will be visiting and preaching in our association churches each Sunday.

Due to lunch meetings and appointments with different agencies, there will be times no one is here. I would love to visit with each and every person who wishes to come by, however, if you do need to speak with me about a certain matter, I would encourage you to make an appointment by contacting me by cell, text, or email. My cell phone is 573-579-5993.

We will be utilizing our Facebook Page to distribute information on a daily basis. I would encourage everyone to go to Facebook and look up Mid-Lakes Baptist Association and click like and-or follow. This is a fast way for us to pass along information to numerous people at the same time.

Newsletters will be sent electronically, but if your church needs a paper copy, please let us know.

There are many great days ahead, so hold on and get ready!



Mid-Lakes Baptist Association is saddened to hear of the loss of Dr. William Hooper. Dr. Hooper has pastored for many years, most recently being on staff with FBC in Bolivar. He was always faithful to give his support and his time to the ministries of the Mid-Lakes Association. Our prayers are with his family, as well as with his church family, Bolivar FBC.



RA CONGRESS 2021

April 23-24, 2021

Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia

All 1st-6th grade boys are invited to attend. You do not have to be an RA!
Meet a missionary and take part in traditional RA events and activities!

Find details and register online at
mobaptist.org/racongress

DR Training

April 9-10 at FBC, O'Fallon, MO



**Disaster Relief Appreciation Sunday
May 16, 2021**