



Mid Lakes Baptist Association

NEWSLETTER

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From Your AMS (Association Mission Strategist)

Bro. John Rhodes

Greetings Mid Lakes Family. This past month has been a joy. During the month of May, I was blessed to preach in four of our association churches and visited six other churches, attended the National Day of Prayer Rally in Stockton, and participated in the National Day of Prayer Rally at FBC in Bolivar. I attended our Camp Ministry Meeting, and hosted an Associational Council Meeting where the leaders of the association gathered to look at the work of the association. I also enjoyed the time spent together with brethren at our Pastors / Men's Breakfast which we have twice a month on the first and third Tuesdays at 8:30 AM at Brenda's Café. I gathered with area Director of Missions in Mt Vernon and learned about a ministry that ministers to pastors and their wives. This could be a great resource for a pastor who is facing burnout or fatigue. The Sportsman's Banquet sponsored by First Southern Baptist Church in Stockton was well attended and the program was excellent. I appreciated the invitation and was glad I could go. I was able to deliver eleven large boxes of blankets and quilts to the MO Baptist Convention's Disaster Relief Building in Jefferson City, MO. These blankets, quilts, and carrying bags will be distributed through the Disaster Relief Ministry to children and families who have faced a disaster. The goal is for every child to have their own blanket. Thank you WMU ladies. While there I met with the State Director for MBC Disaster Relief and we took a look at our association Disaster Relief work and the state's DR work, and I toured the state's new feeding unit. While putting this newsletter together, I was interrupted by the tornado that hit Bolivar. At my house, we had half a tree down and a patch of shingles blown off the roof all the way to bare wood. Contacts are being made to see if anyone needs assistance. On Monday (Memorial Day) a group of people from the association helped clear a yard for one lady who has been a great volunteer in our association. If anyone knows of someone needing help in clearing debris, please let us know.

The summer months are always busy, and full of activities. There are so many opportunities for us to serve our Lord during this time. Be strong, be faithful, and be available, and let the Lord do the rest.

Bro. John





I LOVE MY ASSOCIATION

Adopt-A-Project

Thank You to those who have adopted a project or who have committed to one. We still have project available if your church would like to help.



Annual Baptist Home-Ozark Charity Golf

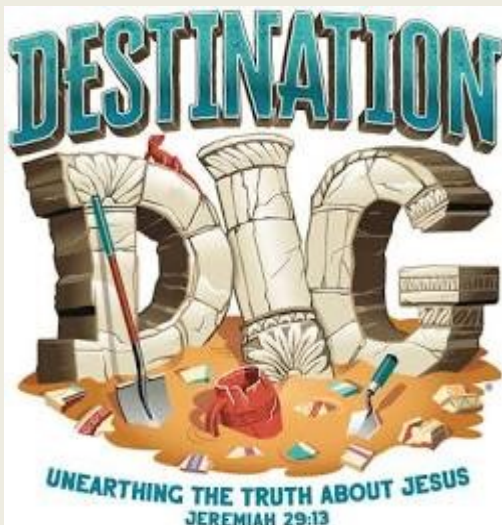
June 25 @ 8:00 am

We invite you to join us for a day of **FUN** with chances to win a **\$10,000 CASH prize!** 100% of proceeds go to support our residents.

June 25, 2021 at Rivercut Golf Course, Springfield, MO.

Four person scramble. Team entry fee includes greens fees, carts, awards, door prizes, lunch and an opportunity to win various hole-in-one prizes.

Registration Opens at 7:00 a.m. Tee Time: 8:00 a.m. with Shotgun start.



VBS Season is Here. Please pray for our churches as they minister to area children through VBS. If you have any questions of needs please contact Breanna Piper or the Association Office.

Churches having VBS who have turned in dates:

Bethel Southern: June 14-17 5:30 - 8:00 PM

Fender Chapel: July 17th 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM (12 and under)

FBC Bolivar: June 7-11 8:00 AM - 11 AM (K-5th Grade)

Heritage: June 14-18 4:40 PM - 8:30 PM (K-5th Grades)

Mt Etna: Sunday evenings - June 6,13,27 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM



FREE Song Books

Contact the Association Office if you are interested in either of these.

FREE Life Books



Brenda's Café 8:30 AM Tuesday Morning

Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 8:30 AM at Brenda's Cafe

Pray for SBU the 16th of each month!

Southwest Baptist UNIVERSITY

BABY BOTTLE Boomerang
A fundraiser for Pregnancy Resource Center

Fill a Baby Bottle full of change between Mother's Day and Father's Day.

We want to welcome Bro. Kenyon Papan as the new Pastor of First Baptist Church, Humansville. Welcome on board.



MO Baptist Tent Ministry at the MO State Fair

We are signed up for **Friday, August 20th**

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, 2:00 - 6:00 PM

We need VOLUNTEERS. Call the Association to Volunteer to work the tent and share the Gospel.

Kids Camp: \$110
Saturday, July 24th -
Tue. July 27th

Youth Camp: \$125
Wed., July 28th -
Sun., Aug. 1st



⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For *the LORD does not see as man sees*; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

(There are some He may wonder about! Lol)

1 Samuel 16:7

Pray for Camp and see Breanne or Tim to sign up to help!!!

Location:

Baptist Ridge Camp- Warsaw, MO

Register:

April 11th- July 11th

www.midlakescamps.weebly.com

Contact:

Email: midlakescamps@gmail.com

Cell: Tim Cossins: (417) 327-5395

Breanna Piper: (417) 912-1152

Be sure to watch (and click LIKE) our Mid Lakes Baptist Association Facebook Page for any Camp needs and information.

THANK YOU Camp Committee for all your hard work!

Fender Chapel

June 9-13

6 PM Nightly

REVIVAL

Evangelist Bro. David Cloud



Mid Lakes Association has three pastors who recently graduated with theological degrees.

Dennis May, Scott Pruitt, and Chase Wagner have graduated with degrees.

Bro. Dennis May is the new Sr Pastor at Noble Hill Baptist Church. Bro. Dennis graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Pastoral Studies from Baptist Bible College. He graduated Summa Cum Laude with a 4.0 GPA and received the BBC Key Award. He also received the ABHE Honor Society Award and Pastoral Studies Award.

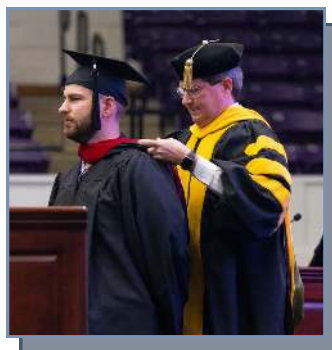
Bro. Scott Pruitt is the Pastor at Mt Etna Baptist Church. Bro. Scott graduated from Southwest Baptist University with a Master of Arts in Christian Ministry. His capstone project was creating "Out of Exile", a program for men transitioning from prison back to daily life. Although Scott has not had the opportunity to implement this program, his heart is always open to those who society usually rejects, and he is using the complementary book he wrote, "Revive: Overcoming The Lies" to encourage others to let go of their past and embrace God's future for them. The workbook is available on Amazon to anyone who wishes to break free from sin.

Steven Chase Wagner is the Pastor of Brighton Baptist Church. Bro. Chase received his Masters of Theological Studies in Biblical Counseling from Mid-Western Theological Seminary.

Congratulations to all three of these men on their accomplishments!



Bro. Dennis May



Bro. Scott Pruitt



Bro. Chase Wagner

The Mid Lakes Association Disaster Relief Ministry is looking to sell the box truck they are currently using. It is a 1988 Ford F-450, 5 speed, with a 14' box. Our need is for a 16' tandem axle enclosed trailer with a ramp gate that is more easily accessible and can be pulled with a half ton pickup. If you are interested in this truck, or if you know of an enclosed trailer that is available, please contact Bro. John at 573-579-5993 or call the association office.



MLBA Executive Board Meeting
 July 12th at The Esquire Building
 FBC, Bolivar 7 PM

Southern Baptist Convention
 Annual Meeting
 July 13-16 Nashville



Vision Casting



The Missions Ministry of the Association would like to create a new tool for the churches of the association to use. We would like to create a **Block Party Trailer** that the churches could reserve and check out. In order to do this we would need to purchase an enclosed trailer which would house a Bounce House, Popcorn Popper, Sno-Cone Machine, Throw games, Pop Up Tents, a Nine Square Game, Tables, and other misc. items. We would even consider just starting with a bounce house first. If you or your church have any of these items (that are in good shape) and you would be willing to contribute them, that would be great. We hope we can eventually raise enough money to make this ministry tool possible.

Contact Bro. John if you have any question.

