



# Mid Lakes Baptist Association

## NEWSLETTER

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## August 2021



July has been a very busy month. I continue to be blessed to be invited to speak in many of our churches. Our Executive Board Meeting had a good attendance with a majority of our churches being represented. It was a time of celebration, challenging insights, and excitement over what God is providing and doing. During the meeting we established the “Joe Coppedge Camp Scholarship Fund”, so no camper would ever be denied the opportunity to attend camp because of finances. This fund came about by a donation of \$5,000 from Ms. Judy Coppedge. She said Joe loved camp, and she wanted to make sure his legacy in camp continues. **THANK YOU** Ms. Judy. We also received a \$2,000 donation to the Kayak Ministry. A designated budget line has been created for the Kayak

Ministry. We also entered into an agreement with SBU to be able to park our Disaster Relief equipment, shuttle, and kayak trailer in a secure lot on the SBU campus. Another exciting result of this meeting was the establishment of a designated budget line where people can give to the creation of a new Block Party Trailer for the association. This trailer would be available for churches to check out and use in their church events and community outreach. It would consist of things like a bounce house, throw games, pop up tents, a three door evangelism tool, coolers, popcorn popper, sno-cone machine, and more.

One difficult hurdle was conquered during July, I finally passed my CDL test for driving the shuttle.

Camp this year was fabulous! Our camp committee and camp directors did an outstanding job, not only planning, but praying through all the details about camp. Three children and five youth gave their hearts to the Lord during camp, and many others made decisions to dedicate their lives to service to the Lord in one way or another. We also had two baptisms while there. This year our camp committee wanted to give the love offering to the Sanderson Family who just left for language school in TX to prepare them for the mission field in Mexico. Usually the camp offering runs \$100—\$200 dollars. However, we realized that there is another family from our association who also just left for the mission field. Bro. Billy Glover, who served as the interim DOM before I came, just left to be a church planter in Ohio. So instead of dividing the offering between the two families, we felt that the association could match whatever was taken for the Sanderson's and send that amount to the Glover Family also. We felt this was what God would have us to do. To our surprise, but not to God's, the kids and youth collected \$700 this year! Wow, that is amazing. So we feel it is only right that we keep our commitment and send the Glover Family a \$700 love offering from the association to support their church plant ministry in OH. You know the great thing about it, whenever we are willing to give to the work of the Lord with an open hand, God always blesses. So join us in praising God for all He is doing through the Mid Lakes Baptist Association. Please check out the rest of the newsletter for other upcoming events.

Thank you so much for all your prayers and support as we continue to acclimate to our new roll as AMS. May I say we love it and are quickly falling in love with the churches of the association.

Please continue to pray for one another, and continue to work together for the glory of God.

God bless,

Bro. John & Mrs. Gayle



*I LOVE MY ASSOCIATION*

## Adopt-A-Project

There are still some projects at the association office that can be adopted by a church or individual. Please see Bro. John for more details!



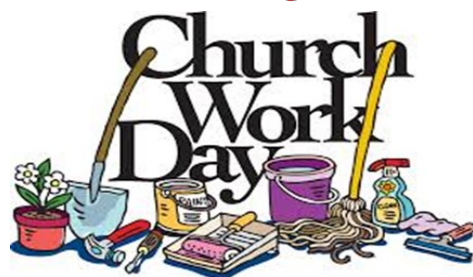
*"A Need Seen, Is A Mission Given"*

## **Local Association Mission Project**

**Date: Saturday, August 7th**

**Place: Mt Olive Baptist Church**

**Hwy D, Bolivar**



**Thank you** to everyone who came out and helped with the word day at Mt Olive Baptist Church. We had seventeen individuals which represented five of our churches. We were able to accomplish a lot, but there is still more left to do. We also welcome Bro. Chadd Caldwell who will begin in September as the new pastor of Mt Olive Baptist Church.

**2021**

**Sunday School Small Group Training**

A missions experience for  
boys and girls in grades 1-6

# Missions Exploration

**WORKING FOR THE CROWN:  
SPOTLIGHT ENGLAND!**

October 16 9 AM - 4:30 PM

Concord Baptist Church,  
Jefferson City, MO



For more info: <https://mobaptist.org/wmu/missions-exploration/>



# THE 155TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MID LAKES BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OCTOBER 11 & 12

## ***“IRON SHARPENS IRON”***

*“ Proverbs 27:17 “As iron sharpens iron,  
So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.”*

**Monday, Oct. 11th, 2021 - Heritage Baptist Church**

**Meal 6:00 PM / Service 6:45 PM**

**Music:** Ron George

**Speakers:**

Shane England - Fender's Chapel Baptist Church

David Chapman - Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

Chase Wagner - Brighton Baptist Church

**Testimony:** Mrs. Heather Pruitt, Mt Etna Baptist Church

**Special Recognition Award**



**Tuesday, Oct. 12th, 2021- Grace Fellowship Baptist Church**

**Meal 6:00 PM / Service 6:45 PM**

**Music:** Ron George

**Speakers:**

Charles Jackson - First Baptist Church, Morrisville

Derrick Lewright - Berean Baptist Church

Josh Lobdell - Bethel Southern Baptist Church

John Rhodes, MLBA AMS

**Special Recognition Awards**



We will receive a  
love offering to go  
toward the creation of  
a new Block Party  
Trailer for the Mid  
Lakes Association!



2021 Conference Registration Form  
Cornerstone Baptist Church-Jefferson City,  
MO

September 20 & 21, 2021

Mighty to Serve by Faith

*"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."*  
-Hebrews 11:6

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church or Association you work for: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first BSAM Conference? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No \*Have you paid your 2021 membership

Will you be joining us for meals? \_\_\_\_\_ dues? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Monday Lunch \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No Monday Banquet \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No Tuesday Lunch \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

I have someone joining me for the following meals and have enclosed \$10.00 per meal for that person.

Monday Lunch \_\_\_\_ Monday Banquet \_\_\_\_ Tuesday Lunch \_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Member Reg. through Sept. 1, 2021 \$ 70.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Member Reg. \$ 85.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Lodging available for \$99 a night at the Comfort Suites, 4804 Country Club Dr., Jefferson City, MO 65109

(573) 636-0300 or visit their website:

<https://www.choicehotels.com/missouri/jefferson-city/comfort-suites-hotels/mo163>

Mention you are with BSAM

Send registration form and fees (payable to BSAM) to :

Cyndee Longe, BSAM, McCarthy Baptist Church, 2710 S. Belt Hwy., St. Joseph, MO 64503

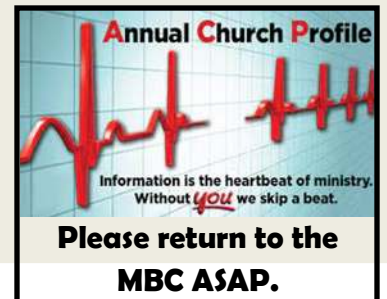
If you have any questions please contact

Cyndee Longe @ 816-279-2432 or [cyndeelonge@mccarthybaptist.org](mailto:cyndeelonge@mccarthybaptist.org)





1 ST & 3RD TUESDAY  
OF EACH MONTH @ 8:30 AM  
**At Smith's Restaurant**



**Pray for SBU  
the 16th of  
each month!**



Friday, August 20th, Berean Baptist Church is hosting a Men's Conference live simulcast at the church. Keynote speaker is Scott Drew, head coach of the 2021 national champion Baylor men's basketball team. There will be other great speakers like pastor and author Larry Osborne, among others. The events

starts at 6:00 p.m., but you can come early starting at 5:15 for pizza and snacks. The cost is \$20, and preregistration is required. To preregister, contact the church at (417)326-7758 or email at [berean@windstream.net](mailto:berean@windstream.net).

On Sunday night, August 29th, Berean Baptist Church will be having their annual BBQ Bash at 6:00 p.m. There will be live music, fun activities for kids, as well as great BBQ and fellowship. Everyone is welcome. If you'd like to contribute to the BBQ Bash with some of your own BBQ, please contact the church office.

417-326-7758 or email  
at [berean@windstream.net](mailto:berean@windstream.net).





GOD IS  
GOOD!

What an amazing week at camp. We had three children give their hearts to the Lord, and five youth were saved this year during camp. We were even able to baptize two youth who received Christ. Allow me to give praise to the Lord, but also to our Children's Camp Director, Breanna Piper, and our Youth Camp Director, Tim Cossins, and our camp commit, Sarah Lewright, Judy Coppedge, and Jose Hernandez, for all the great work they did putting together this year's camp. There were also many others who had an active role in camp being a success. This year's theme was I Samuel 16:7 *"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.'"* Within these leaders, I saw this verse hold true. For they have a heart for God, and a heart for camp.

Thank You to everyone who came, gave, contributed and prayed for our camp this year. I can't wait until next year!!!

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**DISASTER RELIEF  
MISSOURI**

**UPCOMING TRAININGS**

**WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH  
WAYNESVILLE, MO, SEPT. 10-11, 2021**

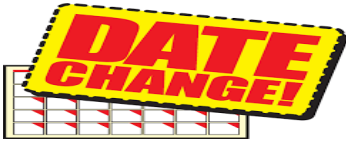
**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
BLUE SPRINGS, MO, OCT. 8-9, 2021**

Go to [www.mobaptist.org/dr](http://www.mobaptist.org/dr) for more information and to register.



## *Mid Lakes Baptist Association Disaster Relief Ministry*

Working together in sharing the  
gospel through servant ministry.



Due to unforeseen circumstances,  
we had to change the date.

~~Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>~~ **Saturday, September 11 (9/11)**

**from 8:30 - Noon at Mt Olive Baptist Church**

This will be a time for us to get together and get out all the equipment we have. We may crank the saws, and clean and organize. In order for us to more effectively work together as a team, we need to know what equipment we have.

We want to Thank Mt Olive Church for opening their doors to us for the use of their facility.



T h a n k  
Y o u t o a

group of DR Volunteers who ministered to Ms. Elma Garner whose home was flooded in the July flooding in Bolivar.



Thank you to the members of Bethel Southern Baptist Church who gave a donation to our Association Disaster Relief Ministry in memory of Bro. Gene Fox. Your contribution is very much appreciated!



**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.**



**WE RECENTLY RECEIVED A \$2,000 DONATION TO OUR ASSOCIATION KAYAK MINISTRY. THIS ANONYMOUS GIFT IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!!! THANK YOU!!!**

Kayak Ministry



## 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.





RHEUBIN L. SOUTH

MISSOURI MISSIONS OFFERING

**"THEY GAVE THEMSELVES FIRST TO THE  
LORD AND THEN TO US BY GOD'S WILL"**

2 Corinthians 8:5 CSB



*Our Church Goal:*

*Statewide Goal:*

**\$725,000**

**MOBAPTIST.ORG/MMO**



FRANKLIN GRAHAM  
**GOD LOVES YOU**  
*Tour*

Thursday, September 23 @ 7:00 pm

Bring your friends and family to a free celebration of God's love for you - Thursday, September 23 at Ozark Empire Fairgrounds and Event Center - one of eight stops along historic Route 66. You'll enjoy live music from the Newsboys and other uplifting musicians, as well as a powerful message of hope from Franklin Graham. Encourage your loved ones to join you for this uplifting event.

**Franklin Graham Route 66 God Loves You Tour**, Springfield, Mo,  
Thursday, September 23,  
Questions: email- "Route66Springfield@bgeu"

**They need Counselors** and there are two more training times: Thursday, August 12, 6-9pm/Saturday, August 14, 9am to Noon/ at Double Tree by Hilton at 2431 Glenstone Ave, Springfield. You must register ahead of time for this training. This can be done at: "GodLovesYouTour.com"

**We need to promote this in our Churches.**

**How many do we have who be willing to help us promote this at Bolivar "Country Days"** Sept 11, 9am-4pm? This would be a good place to promote this event plus information about our churches. We would need to sign up for a spot for a booth.