



MLBA Associational Mission Strategist John Rhodes

They say a picture is worth a thousand words, and if that is the case, then you can figure out this is one happy (and sometimes tired) Grandpa. There are moments in life we treasure, and there are moments that we must make count. You see, these two grandchildren, along with their little sister, are now in TX with their parents preparing for the mission field in Mexico. For those from Bolivar, they are the Sanderson's neighbors through December.

They were here for a few weeks this summer, and we loved having them here, investing love, support, and Jesus into their lives. Have you ever wondered how many children, youth, and even adults there are that have no one investing or introducing

Jesus into their lives? If we really knew the numbers, it would be staggering. All around us are people who are lost. Covid-19 is not their greatest threat, dying without Jesus is. Yet, how many of us go about our every day lives failing to even consider Jesus in our lives, not to mention someone else's.

This month I want to challenge you. I want you to do something calculated and deliberate. I want you to invite someone who is lost to a special event. I know you probably (hopefully) have invited them to church. But now I want you to invite them to GO WITH YOU and attend the Route 66 God *LOVES* You Rally to be held on Thursday, September 23rd at 7 PM at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds in Springfield, to hear Billy Graham's son, Franklin Graham, who will share the simple gospel message of Jesus Christ. The Newsboys will be bringing the music, and the gospel will be proclaimed. Churches, share this news with your congregation and encourage them to reach out. When I look at the picture of my two grandkids spending time with me, I realize how important it is for me and their parents to share Jesus with them. This is your chance to do just that. Take your kids, grandkids, neighbors, and friends. You can even take your enemies -Jesus would! Hell has a cure, and His name is JESUS! This is your chance to do something special. See you the 23rd!!!





# Help us spread the word!



Come join us at our booth, on Saturday, September 11th at Country Days in Bolivar, as we invite HUNDREDS of people to hear Franklin Graham in Springfield. We will be giving out 500 God Loves You Tour Informational Flyers.

If you would like to help please contact Bro. John at the associational office.



## I LOVE MY ASSOCIATION Adopt-A-Project

A special THANK YOU to Rondo Baptist Church for pressure washing the entire Associational Office and parking lot. It looks great. Also, we want to thank Grace Fellowship's Jennifer Smith for painting a bookcase for inside the office. It looks very nice.

Some projects that still need to be adopted:

- Remodeling the bathroom
- New countertops in kitchen, painting the cabinets, and flooring.
- Larger TV for Conference Room and faux stone wall behind the TV.
- Plus some other smaller items.

Please contact the association office if you are interested.

Please contact Ms. Jill McCracken to learn more about this year's International Mission Study on Prague.









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!



# Derrick Lewright Jim Roller

Check out https://midlakescamps.weebly.com

For upcoming details and to register!



But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. **For the LORD sees not as man sees:** man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."



For more information contact: Tim Cossins 417-327-5395 Breanna Piper 417-912-1152

At Baptist Ridge Camp, Warsaw, MO

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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





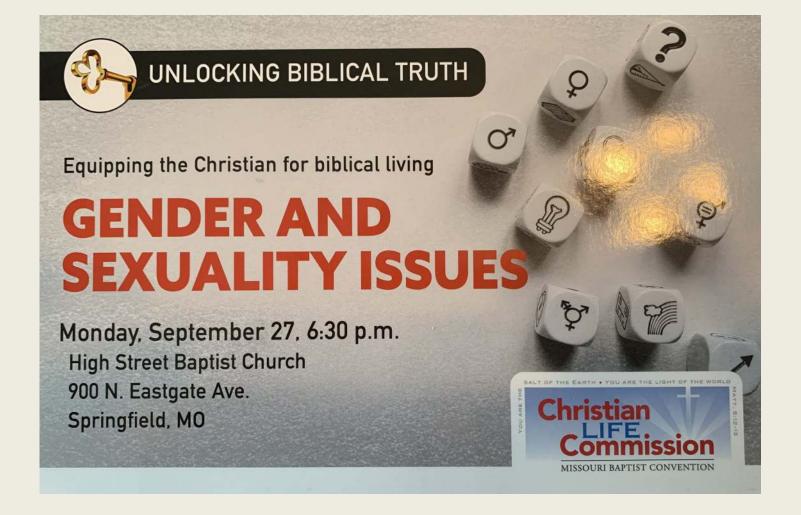
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**At Smith's Restaurant** 

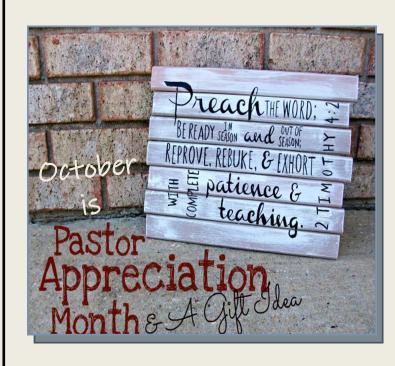




Pray for SBU the 16th of each month!







Just a reminder that October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Do something special for your Pastor in October to show how much you appreciate him for caring for your soul. Remember his spouse too!

Here are a few ideas:

- Throw him a tribute supper.
- Give him a gift card tree or money tree
- Have a designated place for people to give cards of appreciation
- Give him an extra Sunday off (Even pastors need a break too) Your AMS will be glad to fill in that day.
- Or do all of the above.



## Saturday, September 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 the use of their facility.



Go to *www.mobaptist.org/dr* for more information and to register.



**Branson Convention Center** 



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.







Block Party Trailer Fund



The Association voted at our July Executive Board Meeting to start a fund so we can put together our own Block Party Trailer. If you have items you would like to donate, or you would like to give to this fund, please see Bro. John.

At this year's Annual Meeting, we will receive an offering each night to go towards the Block Party Trailer, so come prepared to give.









## "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

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