

**Mid Lakes Southern  
Baptist Association  
Bolivar, MO  
2021  
One Hundredth Fifty-Fifth  
Annual Meeting**

October 11th & 12th, 2021

Host Churches

Monday, October 11th - Heritage Baptist Church

Tuesday, October 12th - Grace Fellowship Baptist Church



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**A Special Thank You to  
Ms. Judy Coppedge for  
establishing the  
Joe Coppedge Memorial  
Scholarship Camp Fund.**



## **155<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting – Iron Sharpens Iron**

**Monday, October 11, 2021 Grace Fellowship Baptist Church**

Meal begins at 6:00 PM

Meeting begins around 6:45 PM

Call to Order: Ken Spurgeon (Stockton) Moderator

Children's Camp Video

Clerk gives count and moves the seating of the Messengers

Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to accept written reports.

Time of Worship: Ron George (Noble Hill)

Theme Introduction: Bro. John Rhodes

Message: God's Iron is where we start. (Personal Holiness) – Shane England (Fender)

Worship: Ron George (Noble Hill)

Message: Building relationships together (Accountability) -David Chapman (Grace Fellowship)

Worship: Ron George (Noble Hill)

Message: Encouragement over Discouragement: Chase Wagner (Brighton)

Worship: Ron George (Noble Hill)

Testimony: Heather Pruitt (Mt. Etna)– What motivates me to influence others by writing.

Presentation of Financial Report – Proposed budget (To be voted on Tuesday evening)

Nominating Committee Presentation (to be voted on Tuesday evening.)

Old Business:

New Business:

Special Presentation:

Introduction of any new pastor or staff.

Announce Tuesday evening agenda and place. – Heritage Baptist – Meal 6:00 PM, Meeting 6:45 PM

Closing Prayer

## **155<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting – Iron Sharpens Iron**

**Tuesday, October 12, 2021 Heritage Baptist Church**

Call to Order: Ken Spurgeon (Stockton) Moderator

Worship: Ron George (Noble Hill)

Proposed Budget vote.

Nominating Committee Presentation vote.

Presentation:

Worship: Ron George (Noble Hill)

Message: Iron Sharpening Iron – Bearing One Another’s Burdens. (A David and Jonathan Story) Charles Jackson (Morrisville)

Worship: Ron George (Noble Hill)

Message: Long Distance Iron - Using Technology in Ministry – Derrick Lewright (Berean)

Worship: Ron George (Noble Hill)

Message: Three Strands are Stronger than One – Josh Lobdell (Bethel)

Worship: Ron George (Noble Hill)

AMS Report – No Lone Rangers (include Harvest Video)

Installing of New Officers (Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer)

Closing Prayer

Mid-Lakes Baptist Association

Special Meeting

March 8, 2021, 7:00 p.m. at Berean Baptist Church

Meeting was called for the purpose to vote on Associational Mission Strategist.

Meeting was called to order by moderator Ken Spurgeon (FSBC, Stockton). Scott Pruitt (Mt. Etna) led in the opening prayer.

Messengers and guests signed in at the door. Forty people representing fifteen churches were in attendance. A copy of the registration spreadsheet is attached to the minutes.

The motion was presented by Dustin Vann (FBC, Bolivar) and Lisette Shire (Rondo), co-chairs of the Personnel Committee to call Bro. John Rhodes as Associational Mission Strategist. No second is required since the motion comes from a committee.

The vote was conducted by secret ballot. There were several votes cast by proxy representing messengers who signed in but were unable to stay for the meeting.

Lisette Shire (Rondo) presented the salary and benefits packet for the AMS position. It is the same salary and benefits that were approved by the association last year.

While the votes were being counted, Moderator Ken Spurgeon asked for announcements and prayer request from the churches. Bill Hooper (FBC, Bolivar) is in the hospital after a serious fall and now also has pneumonia. Phil Guthrie (Pleasant Hope) is in the hospital with an infection of unknown origin. The Pastors' Tuesday morning breakfast will resume March 9, at 8:30 a.m. at Brenda's Café in Bolivar. Church events to be shared need to be sent to Ken for the newsletter. The quarterly meeting of the association will be held Tuesday, April 12, at 6:30 p.m. at Heritage Baptist Church. Praise reports were given from First Southern Baptist, Stockton and Fender Baptist Chapel.

Lisette Shire and Dustin Vann counted the votes cast. Of 38 votes cast, there were 38 positive votes and 0 negative votes. Bro. Rhodes was contacted via telephone and accepted the position of Associational Mission Strategist. The ballots are in an envelope attached to the minutes.

A motion to adjourn was made by James Smith (Grace Fellowship), seconded by Dustin Vann (FBC, Bolivar). Motion carried.

Dustin Vann (FBC, Bolivar) led in the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

<b>Congregation</b>	<b>Total Members</b>	<b>Total Baptisms</b>	<b>Other Additions</b>	<b>Worship Attendance</b>	<b>SS Avg. Attendance</b>	<b>Church VBS Enrollment</b>	<b>Mission Project Participation</b>	<b>Total Receipts</b>
Bolivar, Berean	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0
Bolivar, First	1,777	11	27	502	260	173	0	\$2,107,789
Bolivar, Grace Fellowship	25	0	0	19	16	0	0	\$43,700
Bolivar, Heritage	104	6	0	55	0	53	0	\$126,345
Bolivar, Mt Etna	135	0	0	22	14	24	0	\$32,773
Bolivar, Mt Olive	130	0	4	25	15	0	0	\$95,146
Bolivar, Southern Hills	166	10	39	222	140	0	0	\$290,635
Brighton, Brighton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0
Brighton, Fender Chapel	150	4	0	25	18	0	0	\$22,030
Fair Play, First	198	0	0	40	0	0	0	\$85,000
Humansville, First	494	0	0	27	10	48	0	\$37,814
Morrisville, First	70	0	0	21	15	0	0	\$37,118
Pittsburg, Bethel Southern	29	0	2	26	12	35	0	\$69,394
Pittsburg, Pomme De Terre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0
Pleasant Hope, First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0
Rondo, Rondo	167	1	0	44	20	18	0	\$34,532
Stockton, Caplinger Mills								
Stockton, First	240	3	9	99	47	0	0	\$173,437
Stockton, New Hope	12	0	0	12	12	0	0	\$0
Stockton, The Refuge	10	1	0	10	8	0	0	\$9,600
Willard, Noble Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0
<b>Mid-Lakes</b>	<b>3,707</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>1,149</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$3,165,313</b>

# 2022 Calendar of Events

## **January**

- 1 – New Year’s Day (Office Closed)
- 11 – MLBA Executive Board Meeting
- 18-20 Midwest Leadership Summit

## **February**

- 14 – Valentines Day
- 21 – President’s Day

## **March**

- 12 – Daylight Savings Time Begins

## **April**

- 12 – MLBA Executive Board Meeting
- 17 – Easter Sunday

## **May**

- 5 – National Day of Prayer
- 8 – Mother’s Day
- National Day of Prayer
- 30 – Memorial Day

## **June**

- 13-15 Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting, Anaheim, California
- 19 – Father’s Day

## **July**

- 4 – Independence Day
- 23/31 – CAMP



# 2022 Calendar of Events Continued

## August

## September

5 – Labor Day

11 – Grandparent’s Day

12 – Jamie Root’s Birthday

28 – See You at the Pole

## October – Pastor Appreciation Month

10/11 - MLBA Annual Meeting

24/25 MBC Annual Meeting, St Charles, MO

## November

6 – Daylight Savings Time Ends

11 – Veteran’s Day

24 – Thanksgiving Day

24/25 Office Closed

## December

13 – MLBA Executive Board Meeting

24 – Christmas Eve

25 – Christmas Day

31 – New Year’s Eve

# Associational Mission Strategist Report

By John Rhodes, AMS

Seven months and a few days have gone by since I was blessed to be called as your new Associational Missions Strategist. There is no way I can tell you everything that has transpired in that seven months. I believe we have met some major goals and are seeing God working in the association. Listed is a summary of some of the things that have transpired, but there is no way I can list everything. This is what can happen when God's people work together. I will say this, I appreciate your encouragement, love, and dedication to what God is doing in and through our churches, and in the work of the association. I believe God has great things in store for us! Remember, *Iron Sharpens Iron!!!*

Bro. John

- At least 160 people have visited the office since I came.
- I have attended 62 church services since I started as AMS.
- I have preached in 11 of our churches, and three of them twice.
- I have been the guest speaker at other churches four times.
- I have preached three funerals for former church members since I came.
- I have attended two funerals and one funeral visitation since I came.
- I spent the week at camp and loved it.
- We attended a DOM Conference for all the state Director of Missions/AMS' and wives.
- I have attended five regional DOM/AMS Meetings.
- We have completed several projects at the associational office.
  - ✓ Remodeled the AMS office.
  - ✓ Pressure washed the entire building and sidewalks and much of the driveway
  - ✓ Reorganized the second office into a workroom
  - ✓ Placed a picture board on the wall to display pictures of all 20 churches of the association
  - ✓ Replaced the back screen door with a new back door and turned it so the handrail is usable when entering.
  - ✓ Painted the back door and front door trim.
  - ✓ Replaced the leaking mail slot with a nice new brass mail slot.
  - ✓ Painted a bookcase
  - ✓ Cleaned out outdated materials.
  - ✓ Installed lighting for the parking lot, and automatic security LED lighting for the front and back doors.
  - ✓ Placed a tall new table and four tall stools in the kitchen area
  - ✓ Donated an old desk to a ministry.
  - ✓ Replaced the bathroom vanity light
  - ✓ Placed a sign on the rear of the building, painted the front signposts, and put up signs on both sides with our new logo.
- Put out a monthly newsletter through email, our website, and through our Facebook Page.
- Updated the website, although there is much more to do.
- Established a private Facebook Page for pastors to share together.
- Made use of our regular Facebook page and have seen much increase in its use and viewers.

## AMS Report Cont.

- Passed my CDL test so I can drive the shuttle, which I did for camp.
- Attended two National Day of Prayer Rallies and spoke at one of them.
- Took WMU Quilts to Jefferson City and spent time with the state Disaster Relief Director discussing our Disaster Relief Ministry.
- Turned in a weekly AMS reports to the personnel committee leadership.
- Attended several camp committee meetings.
- Hosted an Association Council Meeting.
- Built a ramp for a disabled person just outside Bolivar.
- Responded to two local Disaster Relief callouts from the tornado that hit Bolivar, and one callout from the flash flooding that hit this summer.
- Held two Disaster Relief Meetings.
- Had a workday assisting Mt Olive with some much needed work and repairs.
- Purchased a (new to us) cargo trailer to use for Disaster Relief to replace the 33-year-old box truck. Cleaned out and are listing the box truck for sale.
- Conducted two Executive Board Meetings
- Met with and/or have communicated with, the personnel committee ministry, the nominating ministry, the camp ministry, the WMU Ministry, the Disaster Relief Ministry, the Missions Ministry, the Evangelism Ministry, the Technology Ministry, the Constitution Ministry, the Kayak Ministry, the Budget Ministry, and the Trustees.
- Promoted the Franklin Graham Tour Rally in Springfield.
- Entered an agreement with SBU to be able to park equipment on their secure parking lot.
- Are entering an agreement with the SBU Collegiate Disaster Relief Ministry to work together and support their ministry with manpower and equipment while they support our DR ministry.
- Refitted the new Disaster Relief trailer for use as a chainsaw/mud-out ministry trailer.
- Planning a fall cookout and campfire for pastors and their families for Pastor Appreciation Month.
- And probably one of the most important things I have been trying to do is build relationships with our churches and their pastors. It takes time, but God has already richly blessed.

Thank you again for your faithfulness and your contributions to the association. As always, financial support to any ministry is important, and I hope you will pray about what you are giving to the association and if the Lord leads, possibly increase your giving. Your giving is what makes the ministry we do possible. My prayer is that we will be good stewards, while moving forward in serving the Lord together.

I also want to publicly say Thank You to my wife Gayle for her support and encouragement. Without her, I would not be where I am today. She is often very quiet and reserved, but rest assured, she is that faithful prayer warrior and behind-the-scenes person that makes a huge difference.

We love you and pray for you daily,

Bro. John and Mrs. Gayle

## Mid Lakes Camp Report 2021

Midlakes Camps 2021 was wonderful to say the least! We saw the Lord work mightily throughout kids and youth camp. We had 38 kids and 55 youth in attendance with a total of 47 leaders volunteering their time in various capacities.

The Holy Spirit was definitely with us at camp as we worshiped and spent time studying His Word! We praise Him for the ways He moved and changed hearts at camp! Our kids camp Pastor, Ray Leininger and his partner, Clint Wooderson from FBC Bolivar, spoke truth to the campers during Chapel time. Sarah Lewright as well as Dave and Karri Perry (all from Berean Baptist) brought lovely music to our worship time. It is such an honor to be used by the Lord for His glory! At Kids Camp, Christ breathed life into the campers and we were able to watch 3 students come to know the Lord as their personal Savior.

At Youth Camp we were able to watch a young lady from First Baptist Church of Bolivar and a young man from Bethel Baptist Church profess their faith through baptism in our camp pool. We also had the privilege to welcome 4 new brothers and sisters in Christ into the family. Pastor Derrick Lewright from Berean Baptist Church was gracious enough to be our Chapel teacher throughout the week. Jim Roller, from First Baptist Church of Bolivar, did an amazing job leading the youth through daily Bible Study lessons and really tying the week's teaching together through quality discussions. It was awesome to see truth being poured into the lives of students; Jim and Derrick did a fantastic job connecting with the youth and we are so thankful for their dedication to the Midlakes Camp ministry. Taylor Liska from Willard did a great job leading us in worship during Chapel.

It truly does "take an army" of leaders and volunteers to make Camp possible each year. We have amazing cabin/group leaders that are passionate about spending each minute with the campers, pouring into them throughout the day. We have an awesome staff team such as our nurses, Lettie Piper and Amber Thompson; our lifeguards, Samuel Lewright and Aimee Howard; our recreation leaders, Jose Hernandez and Jesse Toombs; craft leader, Debbie Harris; kayak leaders, Mike Shire and Jan Vanish; several wonderful kitchen staff; and transportation helpers, including John Rhodes! We also had so many people who spent hours volunteering behind the scenes and helping camp in small ways that make all the difference in the world! Lastly, we always know we can count on our Midlakes Churches to be devoted to praying for all of us throughout the Camp ministry. We can feel the power of your prayers! They certainly do "avail much" and we are so grateful to be lifted up by you all. Thank you to everyone for making Midlakes Camps 2021 possible!

Visit our website at [midlakescamps.weebly.com](http://midlakescamps.weebly.com) for pictures of Camp 2021.

Camp Directors: Tim Cossins, Ezra Piper, & Breanna Piper

## **MLBA Children's Ministry Report**

### **Annual Meeting 2021**

“Children are NOT a distraction from more important work. They are the MOST important work.”

-C.S. Lewis

“We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and His might, and the wonders that He has done.” Psalm 78:4 (ESV)

To those who spend hours pouring God's love into the little ones in your life, we thank you. Each part of children's ministry is exhausting and rewarding at the same time. From preparing Sunday School lessons, seeking for more volunteers, planning Vacation Bible School, organizing church events, or simply working hard to build a relationship with that one specific child you know needs extra love... each of these tasks require a servant's heart and a God-given passion for the next generation.

Our Mid Lakes Association was blessed enough to have several churches in our area host a Vacation Bible School this year, despite the Covid troubles. We praise the Lord for students being able to hear the Gospel and to worship together! Kids Camp was a great success! (See camp report) As always, AWANAS ministry training and information on how to get started is available for any church in our association! Talk to Jamie Root today about getting your church plugged into this awesome children's ministry opportunity.

If you ever need ideas, have questions, or just want to chat about children's ministry - please feel free to reach out to me any time. I would be happy to help, share, or pray for your church in any way I can. Thank you so much.

MLBA Children's Ministry Chair,

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## MID-LAKES BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

### Annual Meeting, October 11 - 12, 2021 Executive Committee Disaster Relief Report

Announcements #1 The one remaining 2021 MO-DR training session date and site is shown below. The registration link is: [www.mobaptist.org/dr/dr-training](http://www.mobaptist.org/dr/dr-training).

October 8-9, 2021

First Baptist Church

Blue Springs, MO

Becoming a Disaster Relief Volunteer provides an excellent opportunity for hands on service to people in need. Training is open to any member of a Southern Baptist church who is at least 18 years of age. Attending training does not obligate you to serve but is necessary before serving. All trainees must submit a background check request and attend the Introduction to Disaster Relief session plus training area session(s) as well as retrain every five years in any class of your choice to remain a certified volunteer.

Background checks are required for first-time volunteers and re-certification (every five years). General information for all training events can be found on the MBC website [[www://mobaptist.org/dr/dr-training](http://www://mobaptist.org/dr/dr-training)].

**Training Lodging:** For those who will be lodging at the training site, make sure to bring all of your bedding and shower supplies. The site will provide the floor space for dormitory style lodging and; attendees will provide their own air mattress/cot, sleeping bag, etc.

#2 There was a meeting at Mount Olive Baptist Church on Sunday, July 11th at 3:00 pm for MLBA Disaster Relief trained volunteers and for those individuals who wanted to learn more about Disaster Relief. Attendance was minimal. The MLBA Disaster Relief Coordinator, Bob Kitchin, and the MLBA Associational Missions Strategist, John Rhodes, provided updates, made comments, and answered questions on the state of our ongoing DR ministry.

#3 On Saturday morning, September 11th, from 8:30 am – 12:00 noon at Mount Olive Baptist Church, the newly purchased and more recently upgraded MLBA all-purpose ministry trailer was displayed. The interior of the trailer had been repainted and desperately needed shelving and tool racks installed by John Rhodes. Organization and inventory of MLBA ministry equipment for chainsaw and mudout callouts, as well as for construction mission trips, has now been mostly done (Bob Kitchin and Natalie Shouse). Some chainsaw maintenance was performed (Natalie Shouse). Two projects for Mt. Olive Baptist church were completed: one involved chainsaw work (Dale Cox and Chad Caldwell – new pastor at Mt. Olive); and the other involved power washing on selected areas of the church (Kelly Rehm). John Rhodes supervised all aspects of the day's endeavors

#### Recent MO-DR Callouts

In late August, Hurricane Ida, a category 4 hurricane, devastated southern Louisiana and parts of Mississippi. Missouri Disaster Relief was asked to provide immediate aid, including the "First in Team". The initial callout was for IMT (Incident Management Team) personnel, chaplains, and assessors. Mandeville, LA was designated as the main site for Disaster Relief operations. Callouts were then made for mass care (feeding) and shower/laundry volunteers. Relief IMT, mass care, and shower laundry volunteers will be needed for several weeks. It is also certain, that in the weeks to come, there will be a great need for Chainsaw and Mudout volunteers. Rescue operations must end first.

## **A Local MLBA Disaster Relief-Style Project**

In early August, heavy rainfall occurred in the Bolivar area. Flooding occurred in multiple places. One home in the Prairie Heights subdivision had water four to six inches high inside the house. Although the water retreated quickly, the homeowner (Elma Garner) and her extended family removed a significant amount of baseboard and started the drying out process before contacting the MLBA-DR ministry. A damage assessment was soon performed by Bob Kitchin and a local mudout team organized. Seven DR volunteers - John Rhodes, Dale Cox, Barbara Studt, Dwight Wooderson, Bob Kitchin, Eugene Gouge (Warsaw, MO), and Peggy Anderson (Crane, MO) participated in the cleanup. One member of First Baptist Church-Bolivar (Betty Spindler) also participated in the cleanup. The project involved moving all types of furniture and household items around, tearing out wet sheetrock and insulation in the laundry room, replacing the insulation and the sheetrock in the utility room, and removing the all the rest of the baseboard, including closet spaces. All of the baseboard was deemed too damaged to be reused. All the sheetrock originally behind the baseboards was checked for moisture, crumbling, and mold by our three mold experts (Gouge, Wooderson, and Anderson). All agreed that this sheetrock did NOT need to be torn out and replaced. However, all areas of the house at the base of the sheetrock where the baseboard had been removed were then sprayed with Shockwave, a premier mold killer. The entire wooden floor plate (no sheetrock, no baseboard) in the enclosed garage area was also treated with Shockwave.

Bob Kitchin  
Relief Coordinator

9/17/21

Disaster

## 2021 WMU Report

Our Mid-Lakes WMU has continued to make quilts, blankets and bags for the Disaster Relief Child Care team. Covid may have slowed us down, but it didn't stop the work. However, we encountered a problem on the availability of storage space. The childcare team had run out of storage space and we had 12 big blue tubs to deliver to Jefferson City. Thanks to the MO Baptist Child Care leader, Angie and Bro. John working together a solution was found and our stash was shared with other states Baptist child care teams. Bro. John delivered them to the Southern Baptist Convention where transferred them to their leaders.

This project continues, as well as 30 pair of shorts in early elementary sizes, have been made for an area School Nurse to have in case of accidents. I hadn't thought of this, but another retired teacher asked a nurse what she needed. We need to remember to check with our local schools and see what they need. If you hear of needs, contact me or Bro. John and we will pass the information along through the Mid-Lakes Newsletter. Some of us love the sound of sewing machines humming as we create new things.

Jill McCracken, Mid-Lakes WMU Director, [jmccracken1944@gmail.com](mailto:jmccracken1944@gmail.com) or 417-327.2910, 417-326-5099



## Personnel/Church Relations Committee Report

2021 started out as a very active year as we received 23 applicants for the AMS position. The committee prayed and evaluated each resume received through the Christmas season and early January. Mid-January each committee member grouped the candidates into three categories:

A: extremely interested to know more about /qualified for job

B: interested/qualified for job

C: not interested to know more/not qualified for the job.

All candidates were discussed opening in the next meeting. All candidates that remained a C candidate were excused from the search process. The committee continued to pray about the next AMS. The committee met weekly to continue to work through each candidate determining what made them qualified and called by God for this position. Additional questionnaires were sent to the committees' top candidates to get to know them better. Questionnaires were discussed with the committee. Top 4 candidates were interviewed in person. John Rhodes was unanimously selected by the committee to be the next AMS for Midlakes Baptist Association. John Rhodes was presented to Midlakes Baptist Association March 1<sup>st</sup> at the association office. John also shared his testimony that evening at Berean Baptist Church. The vote was held March 8<sup>th</sup> at Berean Baptist Church. Vote was unanimous in favor to call John Rhodes as the next AMS for Midlakes Baptist Church. John accepted the position that evening and started work immediately.

After the busy first quarter the committee continues to meet and work closely with John so we can meet the goals of our vision statement that was approved by the association to help grow and equip our churches. John continues to do an amazing job as the AMS for Midlakes. The personnel committee is very excited to have John serving for many years to come.

### Committee Members:

Dustin Vann/Lisette Shire – Co-chair  
Paula Crook – Member  
Derrick Lewright – Member  
Chase Wagner- Member  
Richard Webb – Member  
Ken Spurgeon – Member/Moderator

# ~Memorial Page~

***We extend our deepest sympathy to the families of these beloved brothers and sisters, and their respective churches. The following members of our churches have passed away during the last two years.***

## **First Baptist Church, Bolivar**

Vesta Blue

Dorothy Wheeler

Ellie Blevins

Bob Callahan

Dan Cochran (ordained)

Bonnie Collier

Charles Banner

Joyce (Davolt-Williams) Henry

Anna Belle Leith

Laura Harris

Robert Evans

Glenda Shepherd

Marjorie Syphert

William Hooper (ordained)

Angie Crowson

Doug Wooderson

Erylene Sibley

## **First Baptist Church , Fair Play**

Otis Morgan

Connie Allen

## **Heritage Baptist Church**

Clyde Albin

Bill Baldwin

Linda Fritsche

Doris Guffey

Shirley Henry

Beth Smith Hunter

Jesse Long

Shirley Newberry

Virginia Payne

Harold Reese

Darlene Reese

Carol Sawyers

Velma Star

## **First Baptist Church , Morrisville**

Raymond Craig

Retha Rosalie Craig

Wilma Hodge

## **Mount Olive Baptist Church**

Gene Allen

Gene Bolling

Kenneth Cansler

George Chilcutt

Coy Cooper

Donna Cooper

Jack Shreve

Thelma Shreve

Danny Vance

Billie Wing



Mid-Lakes Baptist Association

Quarterly Executive Board Meeting, April 12, 2021, Heritage Baptist Church

(January meeting was cancelled)

Meeting was called to order by Moderator Ken Spurgeon, First Southern, Stockton. Opening prayer was led by Shane England, Fender Chapel.

The roll was called of churches (attached). Thirty one persons from fifteen churches answered the roll call. A total of 37 individuals were present.

A time of praise and worship was led by Stacie Spurgeon, First Southern, Stockton, with Alexa Campbell, Heritage, at the piano. Selections for congregational singing were *He Leadeth Me*, *Be Thou My Vision*, and *The Solid Rock*.

The consent agenda of 1) approval of agenda for April 12, 2021; 2) approval of minutes for October 12, 2020, and a special meeting March 8, 2021; 3) approval of quarterly financial statement and 4) presentation of written reports for filing was presented. Joe Rhoads, New Hope, Stockton made the motion the consent agenda be approved. Seconded by Clare Cunningham, Mt Etna. Motion carried.

Matt Kimbrough, Assistant Provost for Spiritual Formation and Division Chair for the Redford College of Theology presented partnering opportunities with SBU. He used John 4:35 as a scriptural basis – to prepare students who are ready for every field. After sharing how recent graduates are sharing in their field of influence, he announced a Worship Loud time on May 7, which will include praise and testimony and is open to the community. He reported on a new course on crisis management added to the MA degree and told about the Handshake app which allows students looking for intern or job opportunities and entities seeking interns or employees to communicate with each other. The University has hired David Quackenboss as an Old Testament professor. Since the University's address is 1600 University Avenue, he called on people to pray for the University and SBU students especially on the 16<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Stacie Spurgeon, board member for Alpha House, reported on updates and happenings from Alpha House. After sharing a brief history of the ministry, she informed the group of various ministries through Alpha House: Free pregnancy tests; Earn While You Learn that gives the ladies "baby bucks" as they complete various components of the mentorship program which can be "spent" in the resource room to get needed items from diapers and wipes to clothes to other baby needs; Dad U which provides mentoring to the dads-to-be; ultrasounds; education in schools about healthy relationships and abstinence-based sex education; Post-Abortion mentoring; Crisis phone/text line. Opportunities to partner with Alpha House include becoming a mentor to a young woman or men to mentor a young man; volunteering to answer the crisis line or to be a receptionist in the center. Also needed are church liaisons to communicate between Alpha House and the local churches. She told about the Baby Bottle Boomerang which will be starting up Mother's Day and also expressed her gratitude for their new building and welcomed people to drop by and get a tour of their new facilities. She also asked people to pray for Alpha House.

In Old Business, an update was anticipated from the personnel committee regarding the search for an AMS. Since an AMS has been hired, there was no old business.

In New Business, Justin Guthrie, FBC Pleasant Hope, has submitted his registration from the Personnel Committee. Derrick Lewright, Berean, made the motion that his resignation be accepted. Seconded by Stacie Spurgeon, Stockton. Motion carried.

The Nominating Committee recommends Chase Wagner, Brighton, to the Personnel Committee. Since the motion comes from a committee, there is no need for a second. Motion carried.

Breanna Piper, Berean, and Tim Cossins, FBC, Bolivar, presented the camp report. The theme will be "After God's Own Heart" using 1 Samuel 16:7 as the Bible verse. Registration just opened and already there are 15 youth and 6 children registered along with 10 staff. Because of Covid restrictions, the registration is limited to 47 girls and 47 boys for each

camp. Kid's camp will be Saturday, July 24-Tuesday, July 27 and will cost \$110. Youth camp will be Wednesday, July 28-Sunday, August 1 and will cost \$125. Both camps will be at Baptist Ridge in Warsaw, MO. There is no paper registration; all registration is through [www.midlakescamps.weebly.com](http://www.midlakescamps.weebly.com) There is scholarship money available for camp through the associational office. Derrick Lewright, Berean, will be the pastor for youth camp; they are still seeking a pastor for kid's camp.

Breanna also announced there is VBS material available at the associational office for any church that needs to borrow such.

The Refuge, Stockton, has submitted a letter of withdrawal from the association. This was a church start in a home for people uncomfortable in a conventional church setting with the idea that as people were ready to move on to another church, The Refuge would work themselves out of the need to exist. The Refuge closed November 20, 2020. Gary Walton, Heritage, moved to accept their withdrawal with a second by Chase Wagner, Brighton. Motion carried.

No further new business was brought forward.

John Rhodes, AMS, presented his report, starting with the presentation to Mt. Etna, Mid-Lakes Baptist Association, as one of the highest per capita in giving to the Missouri Missions Offering in 2020. He announced the pastor's prayer breakfast the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 8:30 a.m. at Brenda's Café in Bolivar. A reimbursement accountability form has been developed and is available at the associational office. He also requests an information sheet from every church so he has current information regarding service times, pastor's name and contact information, and contact information for the church by phone, internet and on the web. April's newsletter has been sent electronically. Let the association know of events so they can be publicized. There are currently seven churches without pastors; four have interims. David May was introduced as the new pastor at Noble Hill. Bro. Rhodes also introduced the "I Love My Association" adopt-a-project program. Eighteen projects to repair, update or "spruce up" the associational office were presented. People were invited to take a project that they or their church can do for the association.

Following his report, Bro Rhodes shared a short devotion from Matthew 8:16. Sometimes people cannot help themselves. Like in a medical emergency they may need someone to put them in the ambulance so they can get help. So too, people need for us, as Christians, to bring them to Jesus. They are unable to come to Jesus on their own. They need us to find them, to share with them, to give them transportation, to give them the opportunity to come to faith in Jesus.

Announcements: May 6<sup>th</sup> is the National Day of Prayer. FBC, Bolivar has an event planned for 5:30 p.m. The Stockton community has an event at the park at noon. Members of the association are invited to both events.

Disaster Relief Appreciation Day is May 16<sup>th</sup>.

On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, First Southern, Stockton is hosting a Sportman's Banquet. All are invited but an RSVP through the church office is needed. The speaker will be Mike Smith, former teacher at Stockton, who has more recently been on the football coaching staff at Webb City.

Prayer requests were shared: Jim and Teresa Flora, IMB missionaries to Lesotho and Teresa's mother; David Chapman, pastor of Grace Fellowship; David and Leidre Stunkel's, FBC Fair Play, daughter Judith and baby girl; Harry Moore, pastor of Rondo; Stacie Spurgeon, First Southern Stockton; and Scott Pruitt, pastor of Mt. Etna. Chase Wagner, Brighton, shared how Charlton Miller and Olivia Skinner, both SBU students, are using music to teach the children and the children are wanting to come to church.

Appreciation was expressed to Heritage Baptist Church for hosting the meeting. The closing prayer was given by their pastor, Gary Walton. James Smith, Grace Fellowship, made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Dustin Vann, FBC, Bolivar, and the meeting was adjourned to the fellowship hall for refreshments provided by the host church.

## Mid-Lakes Baptist Association

Quarterly Executive Board Meeting, July 12, 2021, Esquire Theatre, First Baptist Church, Bolivar.

Meeting was called to order by Moderator Ken Spurgeon, First Southern, Stockton. Opening prayer was led by Joe Rhoads, New Hope, Stockton.

The roll was called of churches (attached). Twenty four persons from twelve churches answered the roll call. A total of 29 individuals were present.

A time of praise and worship was led by Richard Webb, Bethel, with Jennifer Smith, Grace Fellowship, at the piano. Selections for congregational singing were God of Grace and God of Glory and Have Faith in God.

The consent agenda of 1) approval of agenda for July 12, 2021; 2) approval of minutes for April 12, 2020 (with correction presented by Ken Spurgeon that Kaylee Campbell was the accompanist rather than Alexa Campbell); 3) approval of quarterly financial statement and 4) presentation of written reports for filing was presented. Breanna Piper, Berean, made the motion the consent agenda be approved. Seconded by Chase Wagner, Brighton. Motion carried.

Diana Gallamore, Director, Center for Global Connections presented partnering opportunities with SBU. Diana had slides from various mission trips in which SBU students have engaged and presented the process of selection and training that students undergo before going on a mission team experience. Due to Covid, international travel has been suspended but they hope to go overseas again in January 2022. Meanwhile, their focus has shifted to more local ministry opportunities and opportunities with the United States. Local teams serve with Community Outreach Ministries, Exodus Ministries, disaster relief (local and around the state/region) and "SBU Glocal" to the international community at SBU. Churches were encouraged to 1) have students speak before/after their trip to groups at church, 2) "adopt" a student and assist with their financial need for the mission experience, 3) pray for students and teams as they engage in missions activities and 4) participate in mission team experiences. Churches are also encouraged to help think of other ways students can be engaged in the local community and share needs with the CGC.

Kevin Caudle, retired FBI investigator and retired school resource officer, presented considerations for church security – especially for the types of situation that might include an active shooter. He used the ALICE acronym as a way to respond to a situation: Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate. The components may not go in the ALICE order, depending on the situation at the time. Suggestions include locking exterior doors during services, having people at all entrances with some being armed, having a written protocol in place – as minimal as possible so that it is always met. He stressed that churches must consult with their insurance carrier as their policy may dictate what their safety or security team is called and what they can/cannot do/provide. He indicated a lot of churches contract with a local police department or sheriff's department for security. He also stressed that people on the team must be prepared for the changes to one's self – emotional, mental, and spiritual – in the event the unthinkable happens and they are required to shoot another individual.

Breanna Piper, Berean, and Tim Cossins, FBC, Bolivar, presented the camp report. There are 56 youth registered for youth camp (compared to 55 in 2019) and 36 children (compared to 90+ in 2019). In addition a church from Holden is sending 10 kids and 4 leaders to camp. Breanna also shared dates and times for the shuttle between FBC, Bolivar, and camp. The shuttle will leave FBC on Saturday, July 24 at 12:30 p.m. and will return on Tuesday, July 27 between 1:30 and 2:30. The shuttle will leave Wednesday, July 28 at 11:30 and return about 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 1. Bro. Rhodes alerted meeting attendees that Hwy 83 north of Hwy 54 is closed and so alternate routes will be needed to go to camp. Breanna also announced Fair Play, FBC, will be helping in the kitchen on Monday but that helpers would be appreciated for youth camp on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Breanna also shared bracelets that Sarah Spurgeon Lewright, Berean, had made for camp. Each bracelet bears the name of a worker or camper so that they can be prayed for from now through camp. Each church as encouraged to get bracelets after the meeting to distribute among their congregation.

There was no Old Business.

In New Business, Bro. Rhodes present information about a trailer for sale that would be for disaster relief to replace the box truck the association is wanting to sell. He shared pictures of the trailer and announced the asking price, since it is for disaster relief, is \$3000. Tim Cossins, FBC, Bolivar, made a motion the association buy the trailer. Seconded by Joe Rhoads, New Hope, Stockton. Motion carried, unanimously.

Bro. Rhodes presented the agreement he has worked out between SBU and the association whereby the association can park and store equipment at the Cribbs Athletic facility, free of charge. This is needed as the equipment has been stored on private property and the individual is becoming advanced in years with health issues and the reality is that the arrangement may not be able to continue. Joe Rhoads, New Hope, Stockton, made the motion we approve the agreement. Seconded by Breanna Piper, Berean. Motion carried, unanimously.

Bro. Rhodes read a letter from Judy Coppedge, widow of former DOM, sharing the love that Joe Coppedge had for camp and their desire that any student (or worker) wanting to go to camp would be able without a financial barrier. Attached to the letter was a check for \$5000 to start a Camp Assistance Fund. It was suggested the fund be named the Joe Coppedge Camp Assistance fund. There are plans to honor Judy at camp and at the annual meeting in October, thanking her for her generosity. This will require a new line item for accounting.

Bro. Rhodes also presented his vision of starting a fund for Block Party Trailer with the goal of having a block party trailer in the association to be used by the churches for outreach activities. A block party trailer would include bounce houses, popcorn machines, games, and other activities for a block party. This would also be a line item for accounting.

Mike Shire, Rondo, mentioned a line item is also needed for maintenance for the kayak ministry. Lisette Shire, Rondo, made the motion that these three line items be created – the camp assistance fund, the block trailer fund, and the kayak fund. Seconded by Chase Wagner, Brighton. Motion carried, unanimously.

No further new business was brought forward.

John Rhodes, AMS, presented his report, indicating he has been visiting and preaching in several of the churches of the association in the past few months. He has also been working on the web site, and while it is not in the condition it should be in yet, there is information available and more to come.

Following his report, Chase Wagner, Brighton, shared a short devotion from Ephesians 1:3-6 and also referenced some other verses. He likened the gift of salvation and the Holy Spirit to the gift of a new car. We need to read the owner's manual so we know the capabilities of the gift. Otherwise it is like thinking the car can only function in "day mode" but not "night mode" not realizing those designations are drive and neutral; or thinking the car cannot operate when raining, not realizing there are windshield wipers. Too often, by failing to read our Bibles, we may not realize the power and promises we have in salvation and with the Holy Spirit in our lives. After sharing with attendees, he led in prayer.

Announcements: VBS at FSBC, Stockton is this week; VBS at Fender Chapel for this Saturday is postponed. Kid's camp is July 24-27 and Youth Camp is July 28-August 1. Saturday, August 7 will be a work day at Mount Olive beginning at 8 a.m. The church will serve lunch. Saturday, August 14 from 8:30-noon is a disaster relief meeting at Mount Olive. Volunteers are needed from the association to man the State Fair Ministry Tent on Friday, August 20. A sign-up sheet is in the lobby. Volunteers will work in the tent from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. The Mid Lakes Baptist Association annual meeting will be October 11 and 12 with a meal at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting to follow. The location is still to be determined.

Prayer requests were shared: Shane England, Fender Chapel, is recovering from Covid. Phil Guthrie, FBC, Pleasant Hope, and his whole family are ill with Covid. Stacie Spurgeon, FSBC, Stockton, is recovering from her cancer surgery and has also had an appendectomy. Continue to pray for her as she mends.

Appreciation was expressed to the Esquire and First Baptist Church for hosting the meeting. A special thank you goes to Robert Courtner, FBC, Bolivar, for operating the sound booth. The closing prayer was given by Gary Walton, Heritage.



**Working Agreement between**  
**Mid Lakes Baptist Association Disaster Relief Ministry &**  
**Southwest Baptist University Collegiate Disaster Relief Ministry.**

This agreement by and between Mid Lakes Baptist Association, 722 E. South Street, Bolivar, MO  
and Southwest Baptist University, 1600 University Avenue, Bolivar, MO.

This agreement between Mid Lakes Baptist Association Disaster Relief Ministry and The Southwest Baptist University Collegiate Disaster Relief Ministry, will take effect **October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021**, and will continue until written notice is given by either party.

- 1 - It is hereby agreed to between both parties, that we will work corporately in the ministry of Disaster Relief.
- 2 - Mid Lakes Association will call upon the SBU Collegiate DR Team to work with us on DR callouts, local and beyond, and are willing for SBU Collegiate DR Team to use MLBA DR equipment if they respond to a callout.
- 3 - The leadership of Mid Lakes DR Ministry must be contacted before any equipment is taken.
- 4 - A Liability Release and Indemnity Form must be filled out by each SBU DR volunteer, before join in a response.
- 5 - Those responding must care for the equipment in a responsible manner and to place the equipment where it belongs before it is returned.
- 6 - We acknowledge that general wear and tear will occur, and if an equipment need if found, that SBU DR Ministry will notify us upon their return so we can fix or correct the problem.
- 7 - User agrees to hold harmless Mid Lakes Baptist Association or its representative for any injury which might occur while operating said equipment.
- 8 - This is a Non-Fee Agreement. SBU DR Collegiate Ministry will not be charged a fee for the use of the ministry.
- 9 - All regulations pertaining to the MBC Disaster Relief Ministry and the SBC Disaster Relief Ministry are to be followed and failure to follow said regulations will bring about forfeiture of this agreement.
- 10 – In the event that Mid Lakes Baptist Association must cancel this agreement, The Mid Lakes Baptist Association will not be liable to SBU DR Collegiate Ministry or volunteers for any loss profits, or incidental, indirect, special, or consequential damages that may occur due to the inability to use said above described equipment.

Dated approved by the MLBA Messengers: October 11, 2021

Owner: Mid Lakes Baptist Association

MLBA Authorized representative: \_\_\_\_\_

John Rhodes, AMS MLBA

User:

Southwest Baptist University DR Ministry

SBU authorized representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Kelly Rehm, SBU DR Coordinator



## ASSOCIATION OFFICERS 2020-2021

Associational Missions Strategist	John Rhodes
Moderator	Ken Spurgeon
Vice-Moderator	Steven (Chase) Wagner
Clerk	Jennifer Smith
Assistant Clerk	Jamie Root
Treasurer	Lisette Shire
Assistant Treasurer	Breanna Piper

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### Ministry Leaders

Disaster Relief	Kevin Bailey
Music Director	Richard Webb
W.M.U. Director	Jill McCracken
Evangelism Director	
Youth Director	Tim Cossins
Children Director	Breanna Piper

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### **Bethel**

Richard Webb, Christy Dablemont

### **Brighton**

Sarah Grant, Ron Myers, Steven Wagner

### **Caplinger Mills**

Kent Johnson

### **Fender Chapel**

Shane England, Kirsten England, Alejandro Falig

### **FBC, Bolivar**

### **FBC, Fair Play**

Paula Crook, David Stunkel

### **FBC, Humansville**

David Cloud

### **FBC Morrisville**

Carl Hampton, Georgia Hampton, Charles Jackson

### **FBC, Pleasant Hope**

Phil Guthrie

### **First Southern, Stockton**

Stacie Spurgeon, Ken Spurgeon, Steve Ewing

### **Grace Fellowship**

Jennifer Smith, David Chapman

### **Heritage**

Gary Walton

### **Mt Etna**

Scott Pruitt, Justin Doty, Betty Payne

### **Mt Olive**

Chadd Caldwell

### **New Hope**

Cindy Rhoads, Joseph Rhoads

### **Noble Hill**

Dennis May

### **Pomme De Terre**

John Rodgers, Tim James

### **Rondo**

# Executive Board Members

<b>Berean</b>	Derrick Lewright
<b>Bethel</b>	Christy Dablemont, Richard Webb, Joshua Lobdell
<b>Brighton</b>	Sarah Grant, Nancy Myers, Steven Wagner
<b>Caplinger Mills</b>	Kent Johnson
<b>Fender Chapel</b>	Shane England, Kirsten England, Mark Shadwick
<b>FBC, Bolivar</b>	
<b>FBC, Fair Play</b>	David Stunkel, Paula Crook
<b>FBC, Humansville</b>	David Cloud
<b>FBC, Morrisville</b>	Carl Hampton, Georgia Hampton, Charles Jackson
<b>FBC, Pleasant Hope</b>	Phil Guthrie
<b>First Southern, Stockton</b>	Steve Ewing, Stacie Spurgeon, Ken Spurgeon
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<b>Heritage</b>	Gary Walton
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<b>Mt Olive</b>	Chadd Caldwell
<b>New Hope</b>	Joeseph Rhoads
<b>Noble Hill</b>	Dennis Mays
<b>Pomme De Terre</b>	John Rodgers, Tim James
<b>Rondo</b>	Harry Moore, C Kay Pitts, Bob Pitts
<b>Southern Hills</b>	Ted Bachman, Lindell Shelton

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<b>Mt Etna Baptist Church, Bolivar</b> 1390 Highway NN, Bolivar, MO, 65613-8309, (417) 718-8030	<b>Charlotte Booth</b>
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<b>First Baptist Church Pleasant Hope</b> 705 N Main St, Pleasant Hope, MO, 65725, (417) 467-5225	<b>Phillip Guthrie</b>
<b>First Southern Baptist Church Stockton</b> 405 Englewood Rd, Stockton, MO, 65785-9602, 417-276-3441	<b>Mrs Barbara Murphy</b>

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<b>Rondo Baptist Church</b> E 340th Rd off Highway 83, Rondo, MO, 65650,	<b>Jill McCracken</b>

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<b>Bethel Southern Baptist Church, Pittsburg</b> 23011 Highway J, Pittsburg, MO, 65724, 417-852-4690	<b>Mr Richard Webb</b>
<b>Brighton Baptist Church</b> 5449 Highway K, Brighton, MO, 65617-7258,	<b>Mr Joe Grant</b>
<b>Fender Chapel Baptist Church, Brighton</b> 1563 E 565th Rd, Brighton, MO, 65617-7173, (417) 824-8355	<b>Mr Bob Rosenow</b>
<b>First Baptist Church Fair Play</b> 500 N Walnut St, Fair Play, MO, 65649-5104, (417) 507-1707	<b>Paula Crook</b>
<b>First Baptist Church Humansville</b> 307 S Ohio St, Humansville, MO, 65674, 417-754-2317	<b>Margaret Payne</b>
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<b>Grace Fellowship Baptist Church, Bolivar</b> 4395 S 82nd Rd, Bolivar, MO, 65613-8193,	<b>Janet Hensley</b>
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<b>First Baptist Church Fair Play</b> 500 N Walnut St, Fair Play, MO, 65649-5104, (417) 507-1707	<b>Mr David Stunkel</b>
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<b>First Southern Baptist Church Stockton</b> 405 Englewood Rd, Stockton, MO, 65785-9602, 417-276-3441	<b>Mrs Melissa Wallen</b>
<b>Grace Fellowship Baptist Church, Bolivar</b> 4395 S 82nd Rd, Bolivar, MO, 65613-8193,	<b>Mrs Jennifer Smith</b>
<b>Mt Etna Baptist Church, Bolivar</b> 1390 Highway NN, Bolivar, MO, 65613-8309, (417) 718-8030	<b>Mrs Jane Hudson</b>
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## Adults on Mission Leader(s) Directory

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## Children in Action Leader(s) Directory

<b>Bethel Southern Baptist Church, Pittsburg</b> 23011 Highway J, Pittsburg, MO, 65724, 417-852-4690	<b>Miss Christy Dablemont</b>
<b>Bethel Southern Baptist Church, Pittsburg</b> 23011 Highway J, Pittsburg, MO, 65724, 417-852-4690	<b>Miss Becky Dampier</b>

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<b>Bethel Southern Baptist Church, Pittsburg</b> 23011 Highway J, Pittsburg, MO, 65724, 417-852-4690	<b>Pastor Joshua Lobdell</b>

<b>Brighton Baptist Church</b> 5449 Highway K, Brighton, MO, 65617-7258,	<b>Mrs Sarah Grant</b>
<b>Brighton Baptist Church</b> 5449 Highway K, Brighton, MO, 65617-7258,	<b>Mr Ron Myers</b>
<b>Caplinger Mills Baptist Church, Stockton</b> 14560 E 676 Rd, Stockton, MO, 65785-8125, 417-326-4667	<b>Kent Johnson</b>
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<b>Mt Etna Baptist Church, Bolivar</b> 1390 Highway NN, Bolivar, MO, 65613-8309, (417) 718-8030	<b>Justin Doty</b>
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<b>New Hope Baptist Church, Stockton</b> 425 N Ward St, Stockton, MO, 65785-8502,	<b>Rev Joseph Rhoads</b>
<b>Pomme De Terre Baptist Church, Pittsburg</b> Hwy 64, Pittsburg, MO, 65724,	<b>Mr John Rodgers</b>
<b>Rondo Baptist Church</b> E 340th Rd off Highway 83, Rondo, MO, 65650,	<b>Jan Vanish</b>
<b>Rondo Baptist Church</b> E 340th Rd off Highway 83, Rondo, MO, 65650,	<b>Ray Varnish</b>

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<b>Bethel Southern Baptist Church, Pittsburg</b> 23011 Highway J, Pittsburg, MO, 65724, 417-852-4690	<b>Mr Richard Webb</b>
<b>Brighton Baptist Church</b> 5449 Highway K, Brighton, MO, 65617-7258,	<b>Mrs Nancy Myers</b>

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# Missouri Baptist Convention

## Executive Board Staff Reports

### *Collegiate Ministries*

Gene Austin, Director

What a year! But God was still at work in students' lives on campuses around Missouri. Our metro area campuses were, for the most part, shut down due to Covid-19. These restrictions dramatically changed the way our campus missionaries did ministry. They used social media, Zoom, and word of mouth to engage students with the gospel and help them grow in Christ. Campuses in smaller communities also were affected but generally had fewer restrictions. Even in these locations, campus missionaries used creative ways to reach and disciple students.

Even with all the restrictions, the gospel was presented 900 more times than the previous year, and 188 students and others received Christ. The number of students mentored and disciplined increased by 160, and those involved in leadership training went up by 60. There were 60 percent more students engaged in evangelism and 167 percent more involved in summer and semester missions.

Two new initiatives have begun. We now have formal agreements with HLGU and MBU with a campus missionary on each campus. SBU also is considering a partnership. In addition, we held meetings in Springfield and Kansas City with church-based college ministries. Feedback indicates a desire for more connection with each other and an opportunity to learn and grow.

### Buildings

The MBC partnered with local associations, alumni, and friends of the Baptist Student Union in Rolla for a remodel of the facility. There is now new carpet, a stained floor in the large room, fresh paint, inside and outside lighting, and a repaved parking lot.

Together, Baptists can accomplish more, and this makeover of the BSU facility is another example. We celebrate with an open house on homecoming weekend.

In Springfield, Hood Rich Architecture completed the drawings for a multi-purpose building near the Missouri State University campus. Integrity Development acquired the bids, and the fundraising committee raised the money to begin the MSU building

project.

God is faithful, and His timing is always perfect. This project provides stable income and presence for the ministry to campuses in Springfield. We envision thousands of students impacted with the gospel and even more as they move out into the world on mission. We are humbled to be part of this great work of God.

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### *Developing Leaders*

Jim Misloski, Director

The Developing Leaders Group transforms lives and communities by helping associations and churches multiply leaders who minister to and through others in every sphere of influence for God's glory.

The Developing Leaders Group, along with the other MBC ministry groups, attempted to contact every MBC church during the Covid-19 pandemic, and provide assistance and resources to help MBC associations and church leaders adjust ministry practices and glorify God during the crisis.

The Resound Network effectively engaged all four levels of Baptist life (local church, association, state, and national partners) to work together in their complementary lanes to achieve the common goal of church revitalization. The Developing Leaders Group worked alongside the other MBC directors this year to develop similar approaches in Making Disciples, Multiplying Churches, Collegiate Ministries, and Cooperative Program giving. Consultant Bob Bickford, who was instrumental in the architecture of the Resound Network, has been enlisted to coach the directors in each area. This new initiative is already garnering improvements, such as the renegotiated partnership between MBC and NAMB in church planting.

Through [mobaptist.com/helpforleaders](http://mobaptist.com/helpforleaders), the Developing Leaders Group has helped 12 church leaders or church leader couples secure counseling. The partnership with StandingStone has ministered to or is ministering to 17 ministry couples in MBC churches. Helpforleaders is a new initiative in the Developing Leaders Group spurred by Executive Board action. It is committed to helping MBC church leaders get well, live well, and finish well.

Brandon Moore, Church Revitalization & Replanting

Prayerfully seeking a movement of God, the Resound Network has mobilized leaders across Missouri to catalyze revitalization and replanting through partnerships in a

variety of contexts. The network focuses on three priorities: equipping leaders, engaging churches, and encouraging multiplication.

The Resound Network Summit hosted 50 pastors and directors of missions (DOMs) for equipping as revitalizers and consultants, and launched a second Summer Cohort with 10 participants, six of whom are receiving credit through Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. DOMs from across the state received training from Bill Henard and Resound Network leaders during their annual DOM Conference. Rob Peters with Corpus trained five leaders in the Refocus process to help churches clarify their vision, mission, and strategy. Peters also trained 15 leaders as coaches for pastors across Missouri.

The Resound Network hosted its first annual panel at the MBC annual meeting, during which 60 pastors and lay leaders were introduced to the network's process to help churches pursue revitalization or replanting. Ten churches have embraced recommendations to revitalize, replant, or repurpose. Also, five churches have engaged the first Refocus Intensive. Lastly, to encourage multiplication, the network developed

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the Partner Profile Tool that helps healthy churches consider and pursue the right kind of partnership for them.

#### Gaylon Moss, Disaster Relief

Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief (MODR) transforms lives and communities with the gospel by bringing help, hope, and healing. Churches participate in MODR by praying, giving, and going. MODR helps churches by providing leadership, discipleship, and sending opportunities. MODR is a platform for ministry.

Cleanup teams served in Colorado to help homeowners affected by a scorching fire. By the end of summer 2021, at least nine teams were expected to participate. In addition, volunteers distributed approximately 100,000 pounds of USDA food (meat, dairy, produce) to those affected by Covid-19.

Hurricane Laura devastated Louisiana, where MODR managed one of three major sites. Thirteen salvations were recorded. Hurricane Delta struck the Lafayette area, where MODR volunteers prepared approximately 23,000 hot meals for survivors. DR collegiate interns traveled to North Carolina to help with Hurricane Florence (2018) rebuild efforts. The collegiate disaster relief internship program grew to 14 participants – highest level ever.

A *derecho* struck Iowa, and MODR volunteers helped homeowners with cleanup.

Unprecedented flooding in St. Joseph, Mo., gave MODR volunteers opportunities to share the gospel and clean up 80 homes.

An Oklahoma ice storm, several smaller wind events, and a flood provided MODR with an average of one response every four weeks over the last 12 months.

#### *Executive Office*

Dr. John Yeats, Executive Director-Treasurer

Don Hinkle, *The Pathway*

*The Pathway* set another circulation record this past year, approaching 30,000 subscribers, making it the fourth largest paid circulation newspaper in Missouri.

Additionally, more than 40,000 Missourians visited *The Pathway* website over the past year, along with another 10,000-plus coming from other states and nations. Estimated total readership of *The Pathway* has topped 100,000, with 60,000 due to the print edition. *The Pathway* is read in 115 countries.

In April, *The Pathway's* Associate Editor Dr. Ben Hawkins won a writing award for news from the Evangelical Press Association. Copies of *The Pathway* are sent to missionaries around the world. In addition, the newspaper is in three state prison libraries, the Missouri State Capitol, and is provided to every member of the Missouri General Assembly and statewide officeholder. It is also provided to the presidents of every Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) entity and to members of the SBC Executive Committee.

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Don Hinkle completed his 19th year as the only editor *The Pathway* has ever had. It has become a nationally respected publication for espousing a biblical worldview approach to journalism.

*The Pathway* is made possible at no cost to subscribers through the support of Missouri Baptists to the Cooperative Program.

#### *Business Services & Properties Management*

Samantha Spencer, Controller

The Business Services Group is the Cooperative Program's entry portal for the MBC. The group accounts for all church receipts and allocates the monies to the appropriate ministries and missions. The receipts processed by Business Services for the year ending Dec. 31, 2020 are as follows:

**Cooperative Program \$14,628,637**

**Rheubin L. South Missouri Missions Offering \$ 736,628**

**Lottie Moon Offering \$ 4,009,756**

**Annie Armstrong Offering \$ 1,717,980**

Auditors issued a clean audit opinion for the year ending December 31, 2020.

Gene Foster, Church Benefits Specialist

Church Benefits Specialist Gene Foster assisted many Missouri Baptists with individual needs such as retirement options and applications. And he helped church finance, personnel, and pastor search committees with payroll tax questions, retirement plan set up, and church compensation and financial issues.

Paula Earls, Human Resources & Special Projects Coordinator

Paula Earls, the MBC's human resource and special projects coordinator, administered the MBC retirement plan, property and casualty insurance policy, personnel policies, and benefits.

Over the past year, she has completed insurance applications, assisted with claim requests, responded to insurance-coverage questions, and more.

Earls' other work included organizing several statewide meetings such as the MBC Annual Meeting and Minister's Retreats. She also serves as the point person for leases for the MBC, and additionally assists with various other special projects.

Brooks Crawford, Properties Management Specialist

The Properties Management staff maintains the Jefferson City convention building, High Point Road Conference Center, Disaster Relief warehouse, six BSU buildings, and the MBC fleet of vehicles and trailers.

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The staff serves by cleaning, setting up for meetings, conducting light construction, and doing repairs and regular maintenance at these locations.

Staff members are working to update/renovate most parts of the Baptist Building, with the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh floors completed.

Spencer Hutson, Liaison/Strategic Partners

Spencer Hutson has served as liaison to Missouri Baptist associations. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, he began regular Zoom calls with directors of missions to discuss the governor's conference calls with members of the clergy, how to navigate shut downs, social distancing, and online worship. Out of this, we formed working relationships with

DOMs across the state sharing ideas and solving problems together that didn't exist before. These calls have continued on a monthly basis with great participation.

Hutson, who now works with Baptist Homes, continues to serve as a contract worker with the MBC under the framework of the Leadership Development team and alongside Brandon Moore. In addition, he works with the DOM Fellowship and assists in planning DOM conferences in the spring and fall. He also assists churches with facilities needs and stewardship ministry.

Cheryl Stahlman, Missouri WMU Executive Director/Consultant;

Abigail Moore, Missouri WMU Age Level Consultant;

Cheryl Stahlman, Missouri WMU my MISISON Consultant

Missouri Woman's Missionary Union has been amazed at God's faithfulness this past year and all that He has allowed us to be a part of as we lived out Hebrews 10:39, sharing the love of Jesus and making disciples on mission for Him.

This year, Teri Broeker retired as preschool/children/student mission consultant, and we added three new positions: children's mission consultant with Abigail Moore; R.A./Challenger consultant with Travis Webb; and student mission consultant with Sarah Schmitt.

Over the last year, MWMU has accomplished our mission in many ways. Many of our groups had to figure out new ways to meet, and how to meet the needs of those in their communities. This included providing food, clothing, and encouragement through collection and distribution ministries. They also made and sent encouragement gifts to essential workers around the state, and ministered to IMB missionaries who were stateside because of the pandemic. We still had new MWMU groups started. All our groups learned and prayed about what God is doing around the world, from Washington, D.C., to South Asia.

*Missouri Prayerways* continues to impact our International Mission Board and North American Mission Board missionaries from Missouri. They know their state is praying for them.

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MWMU's partnership with MBC campus missionaries has grown this year, with groups adopting 15 college campus ministries. Those mission groups are helping with meals, prayer, collections of supplies for college students, offering encouragement, and more. The staff and students involved in Spurgeon College's Fusion program were impacted

with the love and encouragement of Jesus through MWMU groups and individuals adopting their students and sending notes of encouragement, and providing some of their needs as they prepared to go overseas to hard places to share the gospel this past summer.

R.A. Congress was held in April with more than 150 participating in sports activities, archery, pine cars, mission run, and more. They were challenged by missionaries and collected items for the Missouri Baptist Children's Home.

Our three offerings met or exceeded their goals this year, with MMO at \$736,628, Lottie Moon at \$4,009,756, and Annie Armstrong at \$2,012,104. This is great news as we partner together to make disciples for Christ.

### *Making Disciples*

Brad Bennett, Director

The Making Disciples Group's (MDG) overarching objective is to assist Missouri Baptists in developing biblical strategies and processes to make disciples who make disciples. Our area of expertise includes evangelism and age-graded ministries such as children, students, and Sunday school.

The group continues to develop the LIFE initiate, which includes LIFE outreach events that equip Missouri Baptists in disciple making and invite people to know Christ as Lord and Savior.

In the last year, the group held numerous evangelism and discipleship equipping events.

### **Super Summer Camp**

In June 2021, the MDG hosted two sessions of Super Summer at Hannibal-LaGrange University. One hundred and seventy-four attended session one, and 195 joined the second session. Many students surrendered their lives to Christ.

### **Youth Evangelism Conference (YEC)**

In December 2020, a youth evangelism weekend was held at Second Baptist Church in Springfield. Ninety-five students attended in person; 275 attending virtually. YEC was held to inspire, instruct, and encourage students to share their faith.

### **Vacation Bible School**

Christy Nance continues to serve as state VBS coordinator to oversee VBS training for associational VBS directors and their teams. The MBC held four associational trainings in 2021, with 134 in attendance.



## **Missouri Children’s Ministers’ Retreat**

In November 2020, the MDG held a minister’s retreat for children’s ministry leaders. The event featured training sessions, along with time to relax and recharge. Sixteen attended.

## **Kids Min Lab**

Over the past year, the MDG has held six Kids Min Lab equipping events. Experts in the field of children’s ministry invested in 49 Missouri Baptist children’s ministry leaders.

### *Ministry Support & Apologetics*

#### **Rob Phillips, Director**

The Ministry Support & Apologetics Group provides the state missionary staff with creative services, media and technology support, and assistance with the staging and production of MBC events.

Creative Services promotes the Cooperative Program through ads, videos, articles, and social media, partnering with MBC entities to show the value of our cooperative ministries. The group also promotes the Missouri Missions Offering, producing print and electronic resources that show the impact of 24 mission projects across the state.

Creative Services continues to improve the speed and functionality of the MBC’s website; add features to proprietary apps; expand the role of video in MBC ministries; and keep the convention’s presence on social media one of the most active among SBC state conventions.

Creative Services recently released a new apologetics resource, *What Every Christian Should Know About Satan*, through the MBC’s High Street Press.

In Media, Technology & Events, the staff continues to improve the speed and reliability of information networks, enhance the convention’s database, increase participation in the Annual Church Profile, and lower the cost of IT services.

MT&E also provides audio-visual and set design support for all major MBC events.

### *Multiplying Churches*

#### **Rick Hedger, Director**

The Multiplying Churches Group focuses on transforming lives and communities with the gospel in Missouri, across the U.S., and around the world. From May 2020 through April 2021, funded church plants shared the gospel 6,752 times. They saw 72 baptized, averaged 43 in weekly worship, gave \$54,622 to the Cooperative Program, \$17,713 to associations, \$5,266 to state missions, \$3,567 to Annie Armstrong, and \$2,549 to Lottie

Moon.

Missouri Baptists saw 26 commit to serve as missionaries through the IMB. Grateful for those called to serve on the mission field through the IMB, Missouri Baptists still pray

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that God will send 100 individuals from MBC churches to serve around the world by the end of 2025.

Though Covid-19 kept most Missouri Baptists from serving in missions internationally the past year, more than 55 MBC churches have expressed interest in connecting in Montana to advance the gospel. Exciting days are ahead in Minnesota and Wisconsin as we remain in partnership together.

These are historic days as MBC and NAMB have agreed to a new partnership. NAMB's Send Missouri funded church planting and the MBC's organic disciple-making church planting strategies have just begun.

Strategic Partners Reports

*Missouri Baptist Children's Home*

Russell Martin, President and Treasurer

*"Missouri Baptist Children's Home is committed to serving God by responding to the needs of children, youth and families to make a lasting difference in their lives."*

Approximately 93 percent of all ministries were provided in community-based programs rather than on a residential campus.

In 2020, MBCH touched the lives of 2,935 children and families. One hundred thirtythree children found loving, forever families.

Thirty-eight youth were served in therapeutic group homes.

Three hundred forty-eight mothers and babies were served through pregnancy services provided by MBCH and The LIGHT House.

One hundred thirty-nine children were in treatment family care homes, and 405 children and youth were in family foster homes. MBCH maintained 332 foster/adoptive and/or relative/kinship homes.

Fifteen young women were served through the human trafficking rescue ministry.

Transitional living programs in Bridgeton, Springfield, and Mt. Vernon served 45 young people as they prepared to leave foster care and become independent.

Sixteen adults with developmental disabilities received care at Country Haven or The Branches at Brookline.

The Counseling Center provided services to 110 clients. Six hundred seventy-six people were trained in Stewards of Children sexual abuse prevention.

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There were four professions of faith by children served in residential programs of MBCH.

### *Baptist Homes & Healthcare Ministries*

Rodney A. Harrison, President and CEO

This year the Ashland campus staff dedicated new residential (independent living) apartments on the same day they broke ground for the new continuum of care facility.

That event illustrates the pace of ministry taking place. Many of these changes are reflected in our new name: Baptist Homes & Healthcare Ministries.

New construction, and the acquisition of existing facilities crippled by the coronavirus, are fueling growth. The plan, which has been bathed in prayer, is to turn these underperforming nursing homes into vibrant senior communities. These additions will double the number of residents served at all levels of care.

Hospice will soon be provided under the Baptist Homes umbrella of ministries.

Providing Christlike, compassionate care during the final season of one's earthly journey is in perfect alignment with the values established in 1913 by BHHM Founder Dr.

Milford Riggs.

The corporate office in the Baptist Building in Jefferson City is under 2.5 hours from each campus and is an ideal location to advocate for the sanctity of life "until natural death" (BFM 2000).

Finally, the cooperative spirit Missouri Baptists envision is alive and well at BHHM!

From the financial management provided by the Missouri Baptist Foundation to the unique partnerships with the Missouri Baptist Children's Home and MBC universities, BHHM is proud to be part of the Missouri Baptist Convention family of entities.

### *Christian Life Commission*

Timothy Faber, Chairman

A godless culture continues to present challenges to God's people and to God's church.

While the Scriptures speak of our liberty in Christ, when it comes to issues such as the sanctity of human life, foster care and adoption, human trafficking, traditional/biblical marriage and families, and gambling, Missouri Baptists have spoken clearly and forthrightly. The Christian Life Commission seeks to communicate the position

espoused in Scripture and repeatedly affirmed by Missouri Baptists in regard to each of these issues.

To this end we have once again been sponsoring the “Unlocking Biblical Truth” conferences at various locations throughout the state. These had been suspended since February 2020 due to Covid-19 but are once again occurring.

We also partnered with Concord Baptist Church in Jefferson City to sponsor the Legislative Prayer Breakfast. This is an annual event to encourage our state’s elected officials by praying for them and admonishing them to be true to biblical values.

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We also serve as the public policy advocates for the churches of the MBC and file amicus briefs for legal cases related to the issues enumerated above.

The commission is developing a website (mbcclc.com) to provide both news and resources for our churches regarding biblical issues in our culture.

#### *Missouri Baptist Foundation*

Neil Franks, President and Treasurer

The Missouri Baptist Foundation (MBF) has seen tremendous growth over the last year, due in large part to partnerships with Missouri Baptists. Here are just a few highlights: MBF reoriented its investment pools around biblical themes and frameworks, offering a Kingdom Fund for long-term investing, a Harvest Fund for mid-term investment, and a Storehouse Fund helping maximize gain in these low-interest days to help churches grow their resources.

The Foundation also added a new level of positive screening to its investments. MBF always sought to screen out morally objectionable investments, specifically seeking to avoid gambling, pornography, alcohol, tobacco, and abortion. This year, the Foundation is making morally positive investments in causes such as cures for schizophrenia and muscular dystrophy.

The MBF also is making investments in Midwest farmland and preserving old church buildings in Kansas City. In addition, the Foundation has screened out investments in China, Russia, Saudi Arabia, and other nations that engage in religious persecution.

The Foundation also invested in people. This year, the MBF is sponsoring more than 50 pastors to complete Financial Peace University, providing various scholarships across the state, and sponsoring almost a dozen students from MBC-affiliated churches to tour Israel.

## *Historical Commission*

David Updegrave, Chairman

The commission met at First Baptist Church of Jackson and continued the meeting at Old Bethel. After reviewing a record number of scholarship applicants' papers, three students were awarded \$2,000 scholarships, one from each Missouri Baptist university. The recipients are: Gabe Gard, Hannibal-LaGrange University; Rebekah Haas, Missouri Baptist University; and Delaney Sawyer, Southwest Baptist University. Three additional students earned honorable mentions for their papers – Madyson Brown, Hannibal-LaGrange University; Katelyn Hunziker, Southwest Baptist University; and Sarah Johnson, Southwest Baptist University.

At Old Bethel, plans for access for handicapped visitors were shared and photos were shown of the work and development of the property. The restrooms were nearly

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completed and the grounds and building are a sight to behold. Old Bethel is an incredible asset as it preserves history and reminds us of the importance of missions outreach in an ever-changing world. Policies and procedures are being updated for Old Bethel and a new mission statement for the Historical Commission.

Commissioners are writing articles for *The Pathway* about the three MBC higher education institutions, as well as Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (Spurgeon College). The articles are designed to inspire more people to engage with these schools, recruit students, give funds to support, and attend events they sponsor.

### Higher Education Institution Reports

#### *Hannibal-LaGrange University*

Dr. Anthony Allen, President

Hannibal-LaGrange University is committed to the primary task of Christian higher education, which is to help students learn to think Christianly — that is, to approach every issue of life with the intent to understand, evaluate, and respond in a manner consistent with normative biblical teaching. Our highest commitment as an academic institution is the desire to educate students to love God with their heart, soul, and mind. Students who enter the university receive a high-quality Christian education that seeks to integrate faith and learning as well as equipping students with a biblical worldview. Our prayer is that once students receive an education, they are able to serve Christ in meaningful ways through their vocations and the church.

Two important executive staff positions were filled this year. Dr. Robert Matz will serve as vice president for academic affairs, and professor of preaching and theology. Tad Wingo joins the executive cabinet as vice president for enrollment management and marketing.

We covet your prayers for our work in higher education. The past 18 months have been filled with many challenges due to the Covid-19 outbreak. God has been good to us this year even though we still feel the effects of Covid. Through these challenges, the Lord has provided for us, kept our students, faculty, and staff safe. We have had a strong year financially.

### *Southwest Baptist University*

Brad Johnson, Ed.D., Interim President

Amidst the challenges presented by the Covid-19 pandemic, the faculty and staff of Southwest Baptist University made many adjustments to facilities and procedures for in-person classes during the 2020-21 year.

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Students were not able to travel to international locations for mission trips, but many transitioned to missions within the U.S. to continue living out the Great Commission by sharing the gospel.

The Master of Arts in Christian Ministry degree now has six concentrations and is available to complete online, with just two weeks of on-campus classes required.

Christian Ministry is a new concentration available for Master of Business Administration students.

New Global Education degrees for elementary or middle school certification are part of the SBU Global initiative. Students will explore intercultural studies and complete the student-teaching semester abroad.

Other new degrees being launched include Cybersecurity Management, a Cultural Studies concentration within Christian Ministry, and a minor in Agriculture. SBU added articulation agreements in education and business with a local community college.

The first cohort of the nursing degree on the Bolivar campus graduated in May. Nursing degrees are available on three SBU campuses, making SBU one of the leading nurse education institutions in the state.

### *Missouri Baptist University*

Dr. Keith Ross, President

Despite a season of unprecedented challenges, Missouri Baptist University continued to be a light and source of hope for students and the community this past year.

The university successfully navigated the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, developing and executing a comprehensive university-wide safety plan while continuing to offer the on-campus experience so many MBU students desired.

MBU continues to launch in-demand academic programs and partnerships. This past year, MBU received approval from the Higher Learning Commission to offer an online Master of Science in Nursing program, which includes tracks in Family Nurse Practitioner, Executive Leadership and Nurse Educator. The MSN, which helps meet a growing need in the healthcare industry, is set to begin this fall.

The university continues to pursue strategic partnerships with organizations in an effort to meet workforce needs. This past year, the university developed agreements with Southern Baptist seminaries, allowing MBU alumni to enter into the Master of Divinity program with advanced standing. The university developed several other partnerships with organizations and corporations, including the Missouri Baptist Children's Home and BJC HealthCare.

Along with enhanced dining options and a new food service provider, both the MBU Dining Hall and The Perk coffeehouse underwent renovations.