

2022 Mid Lakes Baptist Association Where Every Church Matters"

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Even in the midst of Covid and all the difficulties of 2021, 2021 has been a good year for Mid Lakes Baptist Association. Now were are facing 2022 and looking forward to what God has in store for us in the future. One focus I want us to make in 2022 is the theme, Mid Lakes Baptist Association, "WHERE EVERY CHURCH MATTERS". Big or little, God has a plan for you. Our goal should be for each church to follow God's plan for them. So I want to challenge you to look to God this next year and ask God to show you His plan for your church. When we follow His plans, we will never be disappointed.

Our Missions Committee, and our Associational Council will meet Thursday, January 6th, before our January 11th Executive Board Meeting to see what this next year might look like. Our Executive Board Meeting is set for Tuesday, January 11th at 7 PM at SBU in the Kaldi's Coffee Shop area located within the Student Union. Check the map for directions.



MLBA Executive Board Meeting Tuesday, January 11th

7 PM By Kaldi's Coffee Shop area located within the Student Union. See Map doe directions.

Guest Speaker: SBU President - Dr. Rick Melson



Mid Lakes Baptist Association

Love Offering Relief

Our association is adopting two young SBC Preachers who lost everything in the Mayfield, KY Tornado.

A Need Seen is a Mission Given!



This is Allen & Sydney Vinson and their baby. They attend Grace Baptist Church near Mayfield, KY. Allen preaches and does pulpit supply. They lost their home and his business (income), to the December 10th tornado that hit Mayfield, KY.

















This young man is Dylan Knight.
He is a young SBC preacher who
is an intern at Bethlehem Baptist
Church in Cunningham, KY. He
also lost his home and all he
owned in the December 10th
tornado that hit Mayfield, KY.





Any church that would like to receive a love offering or give a monetary gift to these individuals, can make their check to the association and mark it "KY Tornado Love Gift". Because one is a family who also lost a business, and the other an individual, we will divide all proceeds 2/3 for the Vinson's, and 1/3 for Dylan Knight. We would like to receive these love gifts by our Executive Board Meeting on Jan. 11th.

Thank You.

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Party Trailer

Fund



THANK You!

\$884.00

Summer Missions and **Ministries** are just Five Months Away.

Help us reach our goal!



MAYFIELD, Ky. – Debris is piled up in the parking lot of First Baptist Church here. The church building sustained significant damage in the small town where dozens were killed as tornadoes swept across five states in the wee hours of Saturday morning, Dec. 11. (BP photo)



UPDATE: DR teams deploy within Missouri, to Kentucky after tornadoes hit

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UPDATE (Dec. 15): As of Dec. 15, Missouri Disaster Relief (DR) crews are working in the Kentucky towns of Princeton and Dawson Springs. The operations may be shifting more to debris removal and mass feeding instead of chain saw work. MBC DR Assessors on the ground in those areas are reporting the tornado took a very narrow path and the affected areas are very clearly "totally destroyed" or "hardly touched." There were only two chain saw work orders turned in after assessing several areas on Tuesday, Dec. 13. Childcare will be offered by the MBC DR childcare unit.

So MBC DR officials, in cooperation with Kentucky Baptist DR leaders say their work will probably shift toward helping homeowners sift through and remove debris from their properties. Food and meals will be provided to the area by MBC units as needed. Chaplains are at work going though the area and praying with people, sharing the gospel.

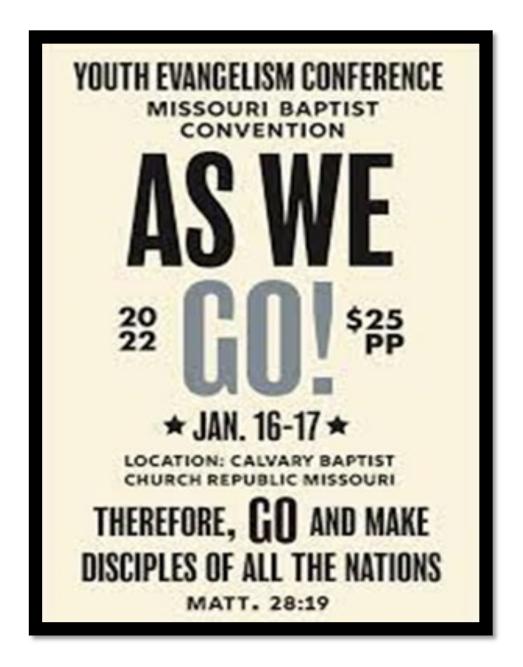
One MBC DR chainsaw unit leader, Tom Malott, told the following story on Tuesday, Dec 15: "A homeowner and her sister made it safely to the basement moments before the storm hit. They said their ears popped repeatedly, but there was not the usual 'train sound' heard. The sister said the homeowner has been totally distraught, wondering how she could afford the damage and debris to be removed. She said her insurance won't cover the cost. She drove over the top of a hill and said it was like a cloak lifted from her attitude and demeanor when she saw our DR unit in her driveway. She was very thankful for the team's help. They belong to First Baptist Church here in town (Princeton). They prayed and hugged us and cried with relief and gratitude."

Another great "God moment" story was relayed by MBC DR volunteer, Mike Hibbard. He is the incident commander of the unit located at First Baptist Church, Princeton. He drove to nearby Dawson Springs to assess damages and help with locating a generator unit there to provide some power for the operations.

He related in a text that they set up the generator unit in the downtown area of Dawson Springs to provide power for an MBC DR shower trailer located there. There is no power in town the town currently. Hibbard noticed the power cord to the town's Christmas tree was close by so he asked if he could light it up, and the town officials agreed. It is providing a bit of Christmas cheer in a town seriously damaged by tornadoes.

Gaylon Moss, MBC DR director always reminds the volunteers that they are trying to bring "help, hope and healing" in times of disasters. These are a few of the tangible ways Missouri Baptists are trying to share the love of Christ with folks in Kentucky.

Moss said if anyone would like to contribute to the tornado relief efforts they can do so through the website at www.modr.org.



This event is an opportunity for your students to be encouraged and trained to advance the gospel in their world with the good news of Jesus Christ.

- Date: January 16-17, 2022
- Location: Calvary Baptist Church, Republic, MO
 - Cost: \$25 per person
- Registrations received by 12/4 will receive a free t-shirt!
 - Registration closes January 12, 2022



Straightway Holdings Inc., Missouri Baptist Foundation sign lease-purchase agreement with Encounter Ministry

ROACH, Mo. (SHI/MBF) – Straightway Holdings Inc. (SHI) and the Missouri Baptist Foundation (MBF) are pleased to announce they have signed a lease-purchase agreement with Encounter Ministry based in Lebanon, Mo., for the 350-acre property here formerly known as Windermere Baptist Conference Center.

The agreement does not include the surrounding 970 acres the Missouri Baptist Convention purchased from a third party in 2014. The agreement is effective on Jan. 1, 2022. The new name of the camp ministry will be Encounter Cove.

Encounter Ministry has hosted weekend retreats averaging nearly 1000 people at the camp ten months out of each year since September 2020 and has been a significant ministry partner of SHI helping to operate and make needed repairs to the camp. "Encounter Ministry has been and continues to be instrumental in helping restore the camp property since a fire destroyed a building and an ice storm caused enough damage to prevent the camp from opening for the summer 2021 season," said MBF President Neil Franks.

Jeff Brawley founded Encounter Ministry (Encounterministry.org) as a platform to reach and restore men to God. It started with weekend retreats for men and expanded over the years to host women's retreats, along with an annual marriage retreat in Branson. They have been looking to expand to include youth and children's summer camps but could not find a suitable facility, until now.

In addition to hosting its own ministry events, they anticipate hosting additional church groups, youth camps, a Christian school along with families and individuals throughout the year. They will be working diligently to restore and prepare the camp for reopening in early summer of 2022. The camp will be open to hosting former groups as well as new clients.

"We at Encounter Ministry are very excited to be able to continue the dreams and vision of ministry that started Windermere decades ago, a place where so many people have and will continue to Encounter Jesus and grow in their relationship with Him," Brawley said. "Encounter Cove will be a place to grow people that will impact the world from our neighbors to the nations with the power of the Gospel, Isaiah 43:18-19."

Becky Brown, a member of First Baptist Church, Branson, said, "Windermere has held a special place in my heart since the mid 60's when I worked as a summer staffer in College. Over the years, we've continued to participate in various camp activities. Jack and I returned in early 2019 to volunteer and we soon found ourselves serving on staff once again. For decades, Windermere has played a life-changing role in the spiritual journey of so many Baptists and beyond. We are excited to see ministry continue at Windermere under the excellent leadership of Encounter Ministry."

SHI purchased the property in December 2019 at a public foreclosure auction. Franks said, "We believe the property is in good hands, and God has more in store for this piece of property, even if it will no longer be called Windermere." We encourage everyone to consider supporting Encounter Ministry as they continue the legacy Baptist's began so many years ago."



"For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them." (Psalm 139:13 -16, ESV)

"Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." (Psalm 51:5)

"Then the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations." (Jeremiah 1:4-5)

Men's Breakfast



1st Tuesday of each month 8:30 AM

Men's Lunch

3rd Tuesday of each month 12 Noon

Smith's Restaurant

All men are invited to join us!



Mid Lakes Baptist Association Churches

Berean Baptist Church Bethel Southern Baptist Church Brighton Baptist Church Caplinger Mills Baptist Church Fender Chapel Baptist Church First Baptist Church, Bolivar First Baptist Church, Fair Play First Baptist Church, Humansville First Baptist Church, Morrisville First Baptist Church, Pleasant Hope First Southern Baptist Church, Stockton Grace Fellowship Baptist Church Heritage Baptist Church Mt Etna Baptist Church Mt Olive Baptist Church New Hope Baptist Church Noble Hill Baptist Church Pomme De Terre Baptist Church Rondo Baptist Church Southern Hills Baptist Church



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