



# Mid Lakes Baptist Association

*"WHERE EVERY CHURCH MATTERS"*



**March 2022**



My three new little Mexico Missionaries!

## **Missions and Ministry**

**By John Rhodes**

**AMS (Associational Missions Strategist)**



Does anyone know what March 20th is? It is the first day of SPRING!!! I know most of you share my excitement in the arrival of spring. I love spring because it is full of new life. Our world becomes green again, and the temperatures draw us outward to enjoy the beautiful wonders of God's creation. Spring also brings about activity. As Southern Baptist, one of those activities is MISSIONS. Many are busy promoting, planning, and preparing for the missions of this year. Several churches are taking a whole month to look at what missions involve. I want to encourage all of us to be involved in 2022 in the mission work God places before us.

Allow me to share a few mission thoughts with you. I am writing this on February 23, but yesterday, 2/22/22, our daughter and her husband (Nathan & Kayla White, and their three kids, Nora, Hudson, and Sara) arrived in Tepic, Mexico to begin a mission adventure with UIM Aviation Mission Group. Nathan will be flying missionaries around the area, along with supplies. Please pray for them as God uses them in the Tepic area. They have spent the last 1-2 years preparing for this adventure, (included raising their own support, so if anyone would like to invest in their ministry, I can give you their information). Also pray for others, like the Sanderson's from FBC, Bolivar, who are also in the process of preparing for the mission field. They are in language school right now.

A mission trip to Casey, KY is in the works. Hopefully we will have information and dates for helping those who lost their homes in the December 10, 2021 tornado. Right now we may be looking at the week of, or the week before the Forth of July. I should know more after my trip to Casey, KY on March 5th.

I will be preaching on March 6th at Grace Baptist Church, Mayfield, KY, where I will also be presenting checks to both the preachers we collected for. I had hoped we could collect at least \$5,000, but we surpassed that greatly. As an association, we collected a total of **\$8,032.00**. THANK YOU Mid-Lakes Association for your GENEROUS GIVING.

Camp is another major mission adventure for our association. Please take a look in this newsletter at the page about camp. There are some changes (including dates), so check it out and put it on your calendars.

Also in this newsletter, you will find all the dates for Disaster Relief Training across the state for this year. Disaster Relief is a great way we can share God's love with a lost and dying world. If your church would like for someone to bring the DR Trailer over for display, just let me know.

Don't forget about our MLBA Semi-Annual Meeting, Sunday evening, April 24th. Meal 5 PM, Service 6:30-8:30. At Noble Hill Baptist Church.

Remember, "A need seen, is a mission given!"

Bro. John & Mrs. Gayle



# LOVE OFFERING FOR KY Preachers



**We collected a total of \$8,032.00**

**Bro. Alex Vinson and Family will receive \$5,354.67**

**Bro. Dylan Knight will receive \$2,677.33**

**Thank You for your Generous Giving!!!**



## THE INAUGURATION OF RICHARD J. MELSON, PH.D.

AS 26<sup>TH</sup> PRESIDENT

Wednesday, March 2, 2022  
10 a.m.  
Pike Auditorium

The Presidential Inauguration Ceremony is at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 2, in Mabee Chapel on the Bolivar campus. An Inaugural Reception is afterward at 11:30 on the Hammons Court in the Meyer Wellness and Sports Center on the Bolivar campus. The public is invited to both events.

Read more about Inauguration Week events: <https://www.sbuniv.edu/news-events/2022/presidential-inauguration-events.php>

**Sunday, March 13 @ 2 AM**

**SPRING  
FORWARD**



# Block

# Party

# Trailer

# Fund



MLBA

HELP

**\$8,000**

Our goal

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

**\$3,065.00**

THANK  
YOU!

**We will begin our search  
for a 10'-14' enclosed  
trailer to purchase for  
our Block Party Ministry.  
Please help us be on the  
"lookout". We are  
praying for a good deal  
on a used one. If some-  
one has one you would  
be willing to part with  
(or even donate),  
please let  
Bro. John know.**

## Help us reach our goal!



# MISSOURI MUSIC MEN

*A Concert of Praise and Singing*

**6:30 PM | MARCH 10TH  
FBC WORSHIP CENTER**

*This is a free event, but a  
love offering will be taken*



# VBS Team Training

Vacation Bible School Training for Associational VBS Teams to help them prepare to lead their Associational VBS Clinic.



Saturday, March 12, 2022

First Baptist Church of Ozark, MO

1400 W. Jackson Street

Ozark, MO 65721

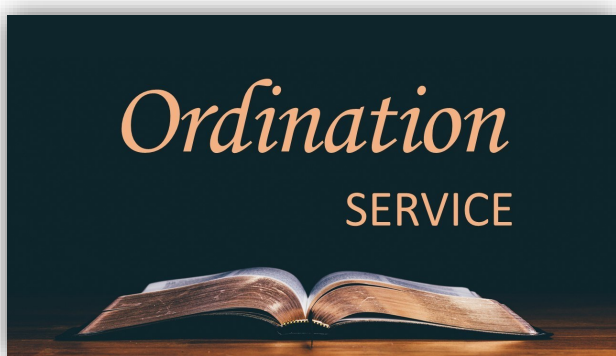
To register: <https://mo.sbcworkspace.com/Pub/Event/Register/55234201>

Our MLBA VBS Director is Mrs. Breanna Piper.

For more info you may contact her at (417) 912-1152.



BRIGHTON BAPTIST CHURCH  
GROW.DISCIPLE.TOGETHER



**Brighton Baptist Church invites  
everyone to join us for a special service,  
the Ordination of our**

**Pastor, Bro. Chase Wagner.**

**Sunday, March 13th, 2022**

**Ordaining Council 3:00 PM**

**Ordination Service 3:30 PM**

**All ordained men are welcome to join us for the council.**





- Online Registration: **\$35** (deadline March 4th)
- Late Registration: **\$45**
- One Day Registration: **\$20**
- Student fees (Grades 7th – Collegiate): **\$15**
- Saturday Lunchbox (must be pre-ordered): **\$8/each**



<https://mo.sbcworkspace.com/Pub/Event/Register/55234550>



## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING



### **MID-LAKES BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

**APRIL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 12TH, 7:00 PM**

**SOUTHEN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH**

**1220 S. SPRINGFIELD, MO 65613**

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US.**



ANDREW PETERSON

# Resurrection Letters TOUR



## **ANDREW PETERSON CONCERT**



FIRST BAPTIST  
*Bolivar, Missouri*

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

BOLIVAR, MO

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

7:00 PM

TICKETS \$15

FAMILY TICKETS \$40

[FBCBOLIVAR.CHURCHCENTER.COM/  
REGISTRATIONS/EVENTS/1181513](http://FBCBOLIVAR.CHURCHCENTER.COM/REGISTRATIONS/EVENTS/1181513)





# **Mid-Lakes Baptist Association**

***"Where Every Church Matters"***



## **Announcing Mid-Lakes Baptist Association Semi-Annual Meeting**

**Sunday Evening, April 24, 2022**

**We will have our Regular Executive Board Meeting, April 12th.**

**The Semi-Annual Meeting is all about Food,  
Fellowship, and Worship! (No business)**

**Place: Noble Hill Baptist Church**

**Time: Meal 5:00 PM (Provided by Noble Hill)**

**Worship at 6:30 PM**

**End around 8:30 PM**

*Don't dismiss, move your worship  
to Noble Hill that night!*



**SPEAKERS: (20 minutes each)**

- \* Rev. Dennis May( Noble Hill Baptist)
- \*Rev. Dave Becker (FBC, Bolivar)
- \*Dr. Rick Melson (SBU President)
- \*Bro. Harry Moore (Rondo Baptist)

# MIDLAKES SPRING RETREAT



**Register at: [midlakescamps.weebly.com](http://midlakescamps.weebly.com)**

**When?** Friday, April 22nd - Sunday, April 24th

**Where?** Camp Niangua (7627 State Highway M, Niangua, MO 65713)

**Who?** Students grades 7th - College Freshman

**Why?** Dive into God's Word, have a BLAST, connect with friends

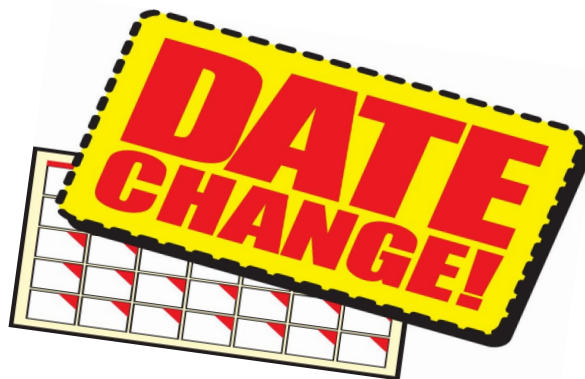
**How much?** \$50 - you can pay your church, pay on the registration form, pay when you get there, or send a check to 722 E. South St. Bolivar, MO. Talk to a director if a scholarship is needed.

**Contact:**

Tim Cossins (417) 327-5395 or Bre Piper at (417) 912-1152



# MID-LAKES SUMMER CAMP



**Children's Camp: Saturday, August 6th - 9th**

**Youth Camp: Wednesday, August 10th - 14th**

**Place: Camp Niangua**

**(7627 State Highway M, Niangua, MO 65713)**

**After much thought and prayer, we are excited  
about the new opportunities this camp offers  
and the room it has for us to expand!**

**For more information and to register (when it  
opens): [www.midlakescamps.weebly.com](http://www.midlakescamps.weebly.com)**

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Dear Missouri Pastors and Ministry leaders

Each year the Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief organization offers an excellent opportunity for students to serve as collegiate interns. The ten-week paid program will take students from where they are to being proficient in the major areas of disaster relief, develop leadership skills, and grow spiritually. This collegiate team may serve locally, within our state, or possibly go to surrounding states to serve the people who have been affected by the recent tornados, fires, flooding, and other disasters. Each week will be something different and offer new and exciting challenges. I've included our promotional flier, two documents that will help explain more about the program, and a link to our webpage. I would greatly appreciate any help in getting these documents to your interested students. If you have an interested student please don't hesitate to have them or someone else contact me.

<https://modr.org/dr-internships/>

[Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief Internship Flyer](#)

[Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief Job Description](#)

[Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief FAQ](#)

Aaron Werner  
Disaster Relief Collegiate Coordinator  
Developing Leaders  
573.395.6878



**RA CONGRESS  
2022**

**April 22-23, 2022**

**Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia**

- Online Registration: **\$14** (deadline April 7<sup>th</sup>)
- Late Registration: **\$19** at the door. (Limited Numbers, by phone only — call Travis at 417-230-6211)
- T-Shirts (with registration by 4/7/20): **\$8**

<https://mo.sbcworkspace.com/Pub/Event/Register/55234200>



# MBC to hold children's ministry training events monthly through April

JANUARY 20, 2022 BY **STAFF**

**JEFFERSON CITY** – The Missouri Baptist Convention's Making Disciples group will host two-hour, regional training events during the next few months for Missouri Baptist leaders involved in childhood ministries.

The event, called Kids Min Lab, will occur one Saturday each month between January and April. Childhood ministry leaders around the state will gather for networking and equipping opportunities that are specifically designed for children's ministers, Sunday school teachers, midweek ministry leaders and other childhood ministry volunteers in the local church.

Each Kids Min Lab will feature guest speakers experienced in children's ministry, who will share from their own experiences about a range of topics at each session. The sessions will also provide lab opportunities for participants by offering engaging content, combined with hands-on applications. Participants will also have the opportunity to network with like-minded servant leaders, sharing ideas about how to improve their ministries.

The first Kids Min Lab is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 22, at Union Hill Baptist Church, Holts Summit. It features Luke Harding, the next gen pastor at Ridgecrest Baptist in Springfield. Harding has served in children's ministry for the past nine years in North Carolina, Arkansas and Missouri.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend one or more of these Kids Min Lab sessions:

- January 22 at Union Hill Baptist Church, Holts Summit, from 10 a.m. to noon.
- March 26 at South Gate Baptist Church, Springfield, from 10 a.m. to noon.
- April 23 at First Baptist Church, St. Clair, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Churches and interested individuals can find a location near them to attend in person or zoom in to engage in the Kids Min Lab. To stay up-to-date on topics, locations and speakers, or to register for each session, visit <https://mobaptist.org/childhood-ministry/kids-min-lab/>.

Find Kids Min Lab on Facebook, and join the group: [www.facebook.com/groups/mbckidminleaders/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/mbckidminleaders/). For more information on these Kids Min Lab sessions or for other inquiries related to kids ministry, email Jamie Brown, childhood ministry strategist, at [jbrown@mobaptist.org](mailto:jbrown@mobaptist.org).

# 2022

## MISSOURI BAPTIST DISASTER RELIEF *TRAINING DATES*



Additional training information and online registration can be found by visiting <https://modr.org/dr-training/>, emailing [disasterrelief@mobaptist.org](mailto:disasterrelief@mobaptist.org), or by calling 800-736-6227 ext 317.





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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



## Mid Lakes

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