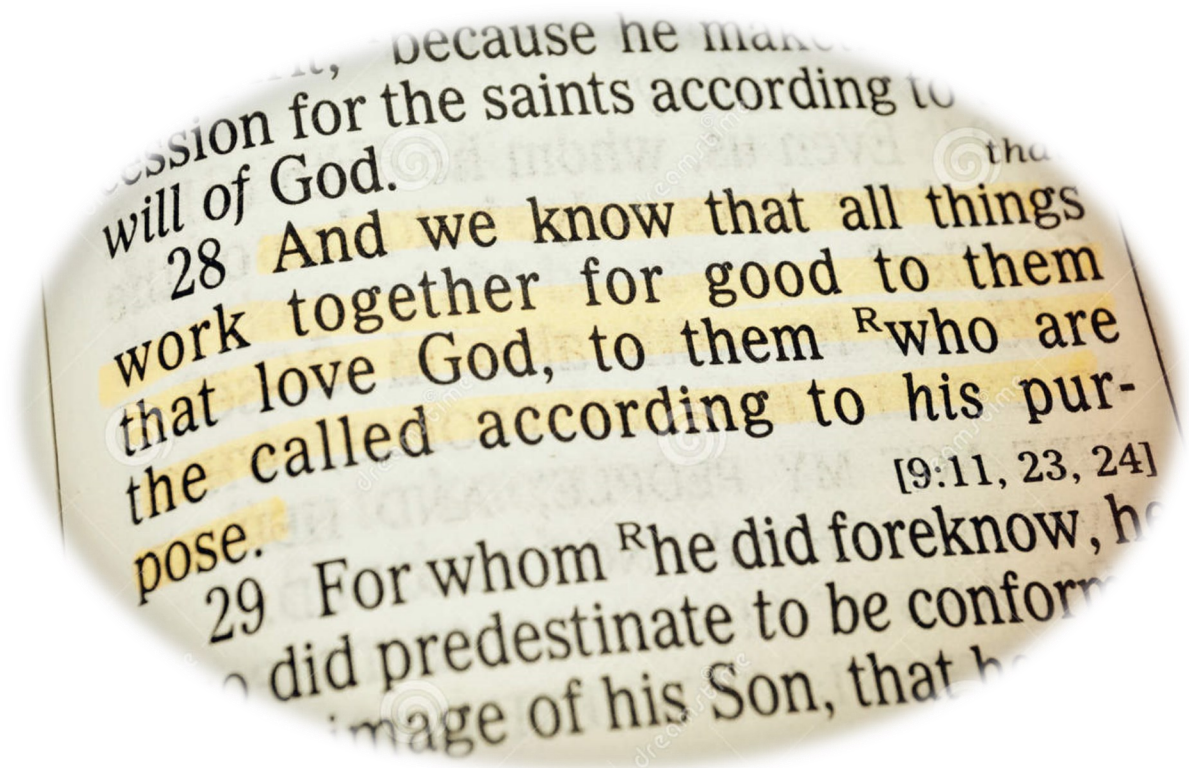




# MID-LAKES BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

June 2022

*"Mid Lakes, Where EVERY Church Matters"*



As an Association, I would ask that we all be much in prayer for this year's Southern Baptist Convention's Annual Meeting in Anaheim, CA on June 14 - 15. Pray this will be a time for God to speak, and that we as a convention seek His face in all we do.



# Missions and Ministry Together

By John Rhodes

AMS (Associational Missions Strategist)



Hello Mid Lakes Family.

As I write this article, I am reminded of an Old Testament passage which is one of the greatest miracles in the Old Testament. **Nehemiah 4:6** says, “*So we built the wall, and the entire wall was joined together up to half its height, for the people had a mind to work.*” To me the building of the wall was not the great miracle, but the unity in which God’s people joined together and worked together for the honor and glory of God. One thing that all the people did that made this possible, was they did not allow themselves to be distracted from the mission at hand. Even with the enemy coming against them, they did not stop working together for the Lord. Each person actively did their part, and had they not worked together, they would not have succeeded.

Today we as Southern Baptist find ourselves at a crossroads. After an intense investigation, it has been discovered that a few Southern Baptist leaders have “covered up” (or ignored) the sinful, lustful behavior of some in the ministry. Without a doubt sexual predators need to be held accountable and those who have been preyed upon need to be ministered to. No doubt, at this year’s SBC Annual Meeting, the process will begin of how to prevent this from happening again, and what measures need to be put in place to make sure the cause of Christ faces no more disgrace.

However, I again want to remind us of a few things.

- Southern Baptist working together have made a difference because of the way we cooperatively work together.
- Probably 95% of the great things happening in the SBC are seldom talked about, but the 5% (or less) of negative things get most of the attention.
- We cannot allow a handful of people to ruin what God has put together over the past 177 years.
- One person told me this week, “We need to remember that we are still stronger together”. They are so right.
- Do Southern Baptist have problems? Sure we do because we have human beings involved, but we are still the strongest denomination when it comes to evangelism, humanitarian aid ministries, and in sending out missionaries.
- Don’t forget about doctrine. Southern Baptist stand strong on the Word of God and what God says.

I want to encourage all of you, DON’T JUMP SHIP, but do the opposite, become more involved! Make a difference. We live in a sinful world full of distractions and sin. Choose to be part of something where you can make a positive eternal difference. That includes being faithful (and even more faithful) to the church God has placed you in. A sweet lady told me this week, “I think one problem is we don’t hear preachers preaching about sin anymore”. Sadly, she has a point. It is the acceptance of sin which has brought about moral failure in our nations, and in our denomination. Let’s raise the bar back up. Let’s call sin, sin. Let’s devote ourselves to God and God’s Word instead of the world.

I also want to remind you that instead of harboring a condemning spirit, let’s pray for those who have fallen. Let’s restore those who have fallen and remember that we are just as capable of falling into temptation as they are.

I praise God for the churches of our association, and I truly believe that we are stronger together. So let’s pray for one another, encourage, and help one another so the kingdom of Heaven can be expanded.

# THE WORD FOR TODAY

## Ephesians Chapter 4

<sup>4</sup> I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, <sup>2</sup> with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> *There is* one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.

<sup>7</sup> But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup> Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men."

<sup>9</sup> (Now this, "He ascended"—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup> He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

<sup>11</sup> And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; <sup>14</sup> that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, <sup>15</sup> but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

<sup>17</sup> This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as <sup>1</sup>the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, <sup>18</sup> having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; <sup>19</sup> who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

<sup>20</sup> But you have not so learned Christ, <sup>21</sup> if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: <sup>22</sup> that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, <sup>23</sup> and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, <sup>24</sup> and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

<sup>25</sup> Therefore, putting away lying, "*Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,*" for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup> "*Be angry, and do not sin*": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, <sup>27</sup> nor give place to the devil. <sup>28</sup> Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with *his* hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. <sup>29</sup> Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. <sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, <sup>1</sup>clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. <sup>32</sup> And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.



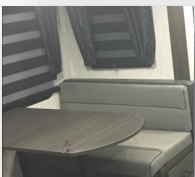
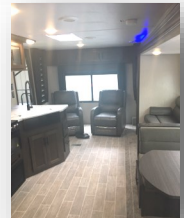
# MISSIONS

A sweet couple has donated a gift to the association for us to sell and put the money towards MISSIONS. Especially Disaster Relief, Block Party Trailer, Mission Trips, etc.

**FOR SALE**

**Call if Interested! 417-3264667**

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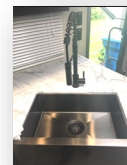
**Money Goes to Missions**  
Let us know if you are interested.



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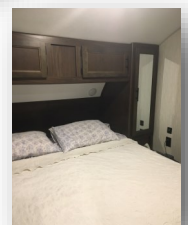
**2020 Cherokee Travel Trailer**  
**35' with one slide out.**  
**Est. Value \$30,000 - \$35,000**



**FOR SALE**



*To this Anonymous Couple  
we say **THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!***





***Mid Lakes  
Baptist Association***

**Cayce, KY  
Mission Trip**

**GET  
INVOLVED!**

**June 25 - July 2 (Saturday - Saturday)**

**Type Ministry: Construction of new home,  
& VBS at Cayce Baptist Church.**

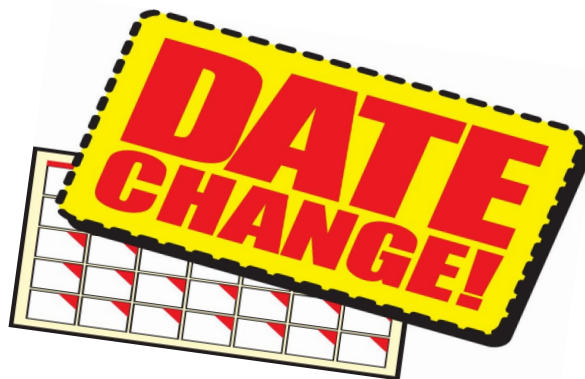
**Estimated cost per person: \$150.00**

**There should be something for everyone. If you are interested, let us know. We will begin a mission trip email for all those going or expressing interest. We encourage churches, who are able, to sponsor those who will be going. For more information or to sign up, please contact the association office at 417-326-4667, or [midlakessba@gmail.com](mailto:midlakessba@gmail.com), or see Kay Vann, Bill Lower, Mike Shire, or AMS John Rhodes.**





# 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  
(Registration will be open SOON!)  
[www.midlakescamps.weebly.com](http://www.midlakescamps.weebly.com)**

For more information contact:  
Tim Cossins (417) 327-5395 or Bre Piper at (417) 912-1152

# Block

# Party

# Trailer

# Fund



MLBA

HELP

**\$8,000**

Our goal

**Summer Missions  
and Ministries are  
just almost here.**

**\$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!





VBS season is almost here. Be sure to pray for all our churches as they reach out in their communities.

**First Southern Baptist Church, Stockton**

**June 5th & 12th 5-7 PM 4years old—6th grade**

**FBC Bolivar**

**June 6-10 2:30 - 5:30 PM**

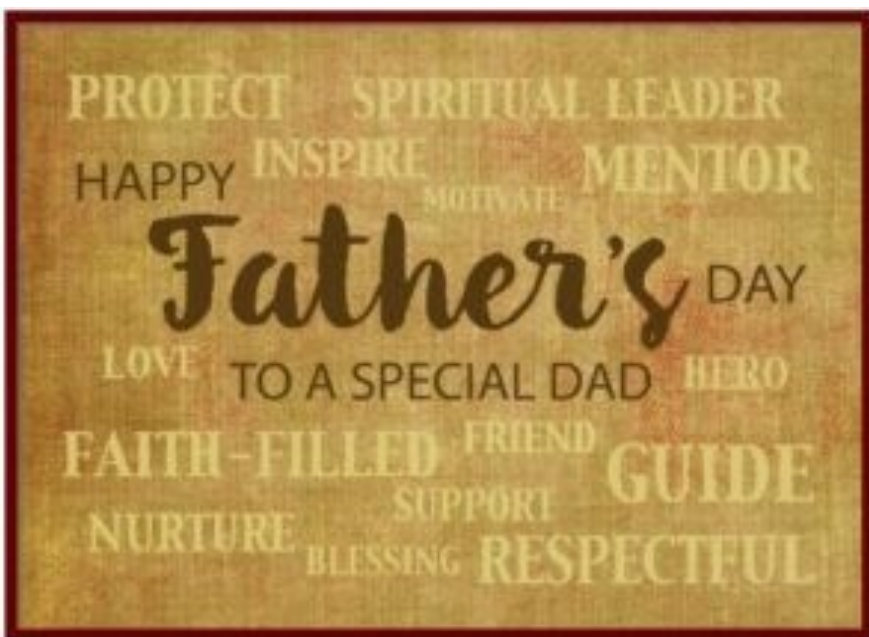
**Brighton Baptist Church**

**June 6-10 6-8 PM**

**Heritage Baptist Church**

**June 13-17 6:30—8:30 PM K-5th Grade**

Please let the office know if we can help in any way.



**FATHER'S DAY**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 19TH**

**Ephesians 6:4: "**

*Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord."*

**Proverbs 1:8:**

*"Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching."*



**Please pray for the Southern Baptist Convention's  
2022 Annual Meeting when they meet in June.**

**May God be glorified in all we do!**



**Baptist Homes – Ozark Charity  
Golf Tournament  
Registration Details  
June 24, 2022  
Rivercut Golf Course,  
Springfield, MO**

**Format: 4-Person Scramble (White  
Tees / Red tees will be played by  
65+ years/ladies)**

**Event Schedule:**

**Registration – 7:30am**

**Driving Range – 7:30am**

**Welcome/Introductions – 8:30am**

**Shotgun Tee Off – 9:00am**

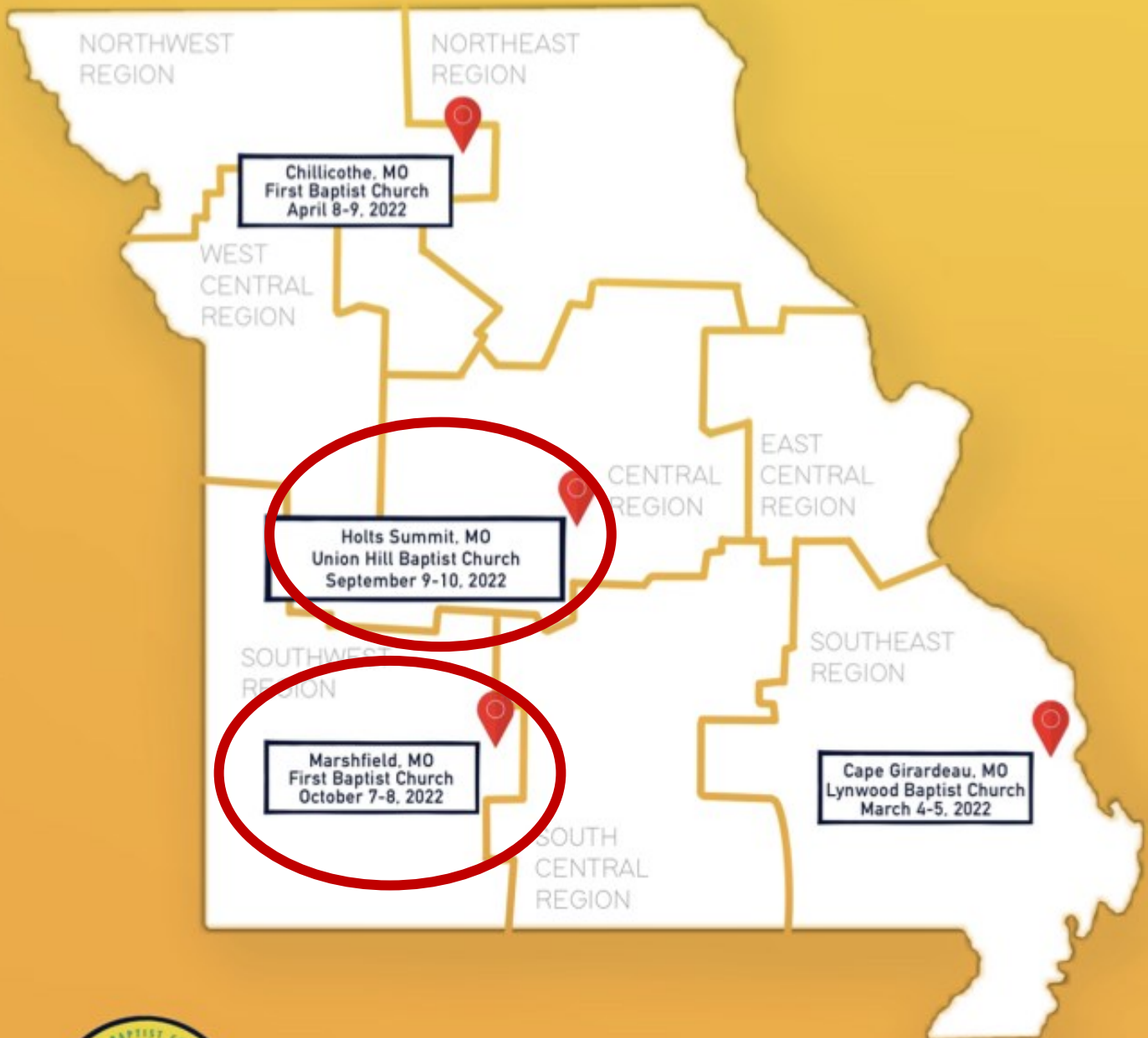
**Lunch/Awards – Following  
end of play**

**Contests:**

- **Hole-in-One Contest for \$10,000**
- **Longest Drive, Closest to the Hole  
and Longest Putt contests**

# 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.



## Monthly Men's Fellowship Breakfast

We tried doing Breakfast one week and lunch the other, but the lunch crowd was dwindling, so starting in June we will return to doing **BREAKFAST** for both meetings. Men come join us on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at **Smith's Restaurant!**




**2022**

**Mid Lakes Baptist Association**  
**Where Every Church Matters!**

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
  
- Rondo Baptist Church
- Southern Hills Baptist Church



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