



# MID LAKES BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

POLK, CEDAR, AND HICKORY COUNTIES IN MO



## Haggai 1:14

<sup>14</sup> *So the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and worked on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God, <sup>15</sup> on the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month, in the second year of King Darius.*

**We need God to do some stirring!**

## Nehemiah 4:6

<sup>6</sup> *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.*

**God will do the stirring, but we must do our part!**

*“For the people had a mind to work.”*

**I love this because they all worked TOGETHER!**

*Phil. 2:14-16 <sup>14</sup> Do all things without complaining and disputing, <sup>15</sup> that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine **as lights** in the world, <sup>16</sup> holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.*

**What is on your mind today?**



# Missions and Ministry Together

By John Rhodes

**AMS (Associational Missions Strategist)**

Hello Mid Lakes Family.

With the arrival of fall soon, and school starting back, life again fills itself with opportunities and blessings. Mom's celebrate the sound of little feet getting on the school bus. Dad's are thankful for cooler days where the heat of the day doesn't make him feel like a melting popsicle. The kids celebrate being able to see old and new friends. Deer hunters celebrate the fact that deer season is almost here!!!! But what does the church celebrate?

I am afraid that there are times when the church should be celebrating when we are not. The church has much to celebrate. Of course we all know the Sunday School answers to this question; we celebrate a risen Savior, we celebrate salvation in Jesus Christ, we celebrate God's blessings, and we should be celebrating all these things. However today, I would like to suggest another answer. It is an answer that we know, and I believe understand, but often we don't take advantage of it's availability. I think we should celebrate opportunities, opportunities which God places before us. One great thing about being part of an association family is being able to do things together (opportunities). Take advantage of the opportunities God provides. There are several opportunities coming up in the next few months that I hope you will consider.

1 - On Saturday, September 10th, MLBA is hosting a **Pastor/Elder/Deacon Conference** at First Southern Baptist Church in Stockton. I hope all pastors, elders, and deacons will come and have their ministries together encouraged and challenged. RSVP is required for the meal.

2 - September 28th is **See You at the Pole**. Prayerfully consider joining with a group, or leading your own prayer group and pray for our country, county, and local communities.

3 - October 2nd is **Cooperative Program Sunday**. What makes Southern Baptists unique is the cooperative way in which we give and work in missions. Take time to educate your church and help them see the importance of working and giving together.

4 - On Friday and Saturday, October 7-8, there will be a **Disaster Relief Training Event** at FBC Marshfield. Prayerfully consider attending and then join up with our DR Unit as we reach out with the gospel through the servant ministry of Disaster Relief. Together we can do more.

5 - Our **Mid Lakes Annual Meeting** will be October 10th and 11th. This is a time we come together to celebrate, encourage, and prepare for what God will do in the future. Check out our Annual Meeting page later in the newsletter.

6 - On Saturday, October 22nd, all the pastors and their families are invited to a **Pastor's Family Cookout** at Bro. John and Mrs. Gayle's house. This is simply a time of fellowship, fun, and encouragement. Bro. Adam Hughes (the new pastor at FBC Bolivar) will bring a devotion. I hope all our pastors and their families will attend.

7 - Also, remember that **October is Pastor Appreciation Month!**

God bless and we love all of you,

Bro. John & Gayle Rhodes

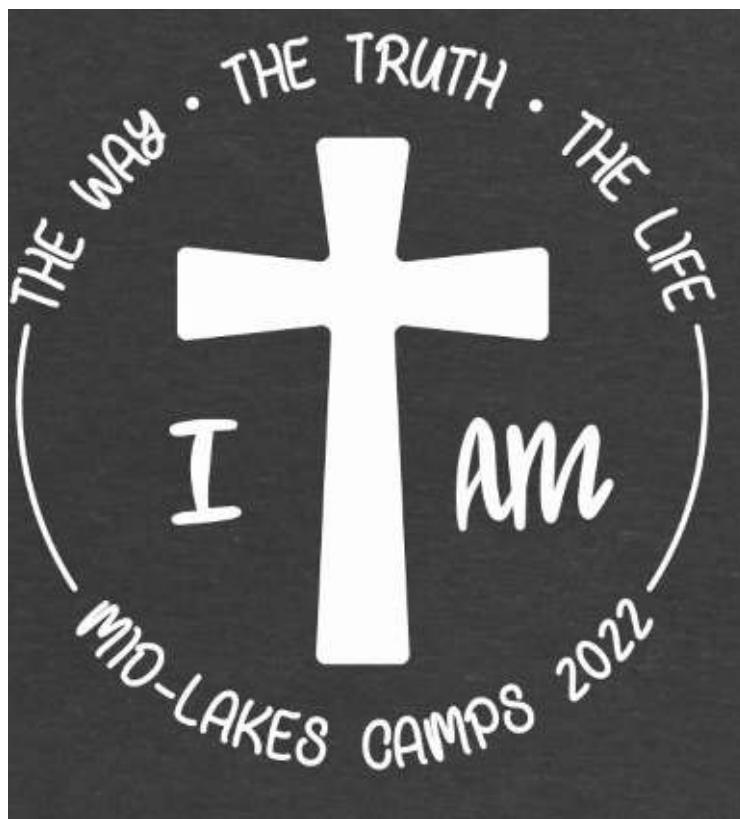
# Mid Lakes Camps 2022

At Camp Niangua

Children's Camp: 1 Salvation / 2 Baptisms

Youth Camp: 3 Salvations / 2 Baptisms

All baptisms are with the parent's permission and their church's blessing.



Thank You to everyone who helped make camp a special event.

Our camp pastors and leaders all did a GREAT job!

Also, Thank YOU to everyone who donated financially or in other ways to camp!

**Be watching for upcoming news on our Fall Retreat this fall.**



# **Pastors, Elders, and Deacons Conference**

**Saturday, September 10th**

**First Southern Baptist Church  
405 Englewood Road, Stockton, MO**

**Meal 5 PM**

**Breakout Session 6 PM**

**Combined Session 7 PM**

**Main Speaker: Rev. Bill Jetton,  
DOM, Ozark Prairie Baptist Association**

**Deacon Breakout Leader: Bro. Craig Cunningham,  
Chairman of Deacons for FBC, Huntsville, MO**

**Ozark Prairie  
Association  
You are Invited!**



**Sponsored by  
Mid Lakes Baptist  
Association**

**RSVP REQUIRED—by 9/6/22**

**Please RSVP to [midlakessba@gmail.com](mailto:midlakessba@gmail.com)  
or call John Rhodes, AMS at 573-579-5993.**



Spurgeon College, through the Contextualized Leadership Development (CLD) program, is offering an opportunity to earn college credit here in Bolivar, MO. For a \$25 registration fee, you can earn 3 units of credit toward an undergraduate degree. This fall, Introduction to Hermeneutics (Biblical Interpretation), will be offered. This is a 15-week course designed to equip you to interpret Scripture and better apply God's word. To register click on one of the links below:

To come to **class on Thursday** nights choose this link:

Start Date: 09/08/22

End Date: 12/15/22

Meets: Thursday nights from 7 PM until 8:15 PM

Location: 1220 S. Springfield Ave, Bolivar, MO, 65613 (SHBC)

Instructor: Darren Bradley

Cost: \$25 Registration Fee

Link to Register: Enrollment Link - Thursday (Sec 1, MOB1)

<https://share.hsforms.com/10y0vn4GuQxeTFnrAqiKqTw3lggp>

To come to **class on Sunday** mornings choose this link:

Start Date: 09/11/22

End Date: 12/18/22

Meets: Sunday mornings from 9 AM until 10:15 AM

Location: 1220 S. Springfield Ave, Bolivar, MO, 65613 (SHBC)

Instructor: Darren Bradley

Cost: \$25 Registration Fee

Link to Register: Enrollment Link - Sunday (Sec 2, MOB2)

<https://share.hsforms.com/13UgzbewoTIKv0ufrTTVPgw3lggp>

Call Darren Bradley for more information: 916-218-8024





# KIDS 1ST-8TH GRADE!

**DO YOU LIKE BEING CREATIVE?  
HOW ABOUT SELLING YOUR HANDMADE ITEMS AT A  
CRAFT SHOW THAT'S JUST FOR KIDS?**

The Kids Create Ministry Team of FBC Bolivar presents:

**ENTREPRENEURSHIP WITH A MISSIONS EMPHASIS**

# KIDS CREATE CRAFT SHOW

**9/10/22**

1. Create a product or service to sell. (No food products)
2. Complete the online application with a fee of \$15, which includes a t-shirt!
3. Attend mentor nights.
4. Show up ready to go on September 10th! We'll provide the tents and tables!

## APPLY ONLINE AT FBCBOLIVAR.ORG

10% of the sales you make that day will go to the missions emphasis from FBC's 2022 Vacation Bible School, Phillip and Brook Sneed.

**FOLLOW ON FACEBOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION!**

**GOT QUESTIONS?  
CONTACT CHERI JONES AT  
CHERIJONES@WINDSTREAM.NET**

**THE KIDS CREATE CRAFT SHOW IS HOSTED  
BY FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH BOLIVAR**  
[FBCBOLIVAR.ORG](http://FBCBOLIVAR.ORG)





# Annual Church Profile

IF YOUR CHURCH HAS NOT FILLED OUT AND SENT IN THEIR ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILE, **PLEASE** COMPLETE THIS **ASAP**. THIS NOT ONLY HELPS THE SBC WITH INFORMATION FOR PLANNING, IT HELPS THE ASSOCIATION IN MANY WAYS. IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT BRO. JOHN RHODES.

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## Mid Lakes Baptist Association 156th Annual Meeting



**Monday, October 10, 2022**

**FBC, Fair Play**

**Tuesday, October 11, 2022**

**Mt Olive Baptist Church**

Meal begins at 6 PM. Service starts at 6:45 each night.

This Year's Speakers:

Rev. David Stunkel, FBC ,Fair Play (Monday)

Rev. Steve Ewing, First Southern, Stockton (Monday)

Rev. Joe Rhoads, New Hope, Stockton (Tuesday)

Rev. Gary Walton, Heritage (Tuesday)

In case you haven't heard or have forgotten, we are fundraising for an ADA Shower Unit in order to be able to provide shower opportunities for those with access and functional needs. Our initial campaign goal which will cover the manufacturing cost of the trailer is \$60,000. Due to a record breaking MMO (Missouri Missions Offering) in 2021, the donated funds will be matched 1:1. Every dollar given up to \$26,500 will be matched by the MMO funds.

As of this morning, we have surpassed 90% of our goal. Meaning if we receive approximately \$3,000 more in donated funds, the matching gifts will put us over our goal!

If you or your church would like to give to the ADA Shower Unit to push us past our goal, check out the information on the webpage (<https://modr.org/modr-ada-shower-unit/>) or give in any of the ways listed in the Image below!

Caring for the most vulnerable is a value of the MBC and of MODR, and providing ADA compliant shower stalls during times of disaster is just one more way that we can do that.

Please pray for this campaign and praise the Lord for all he has already done!

# ADA SHOWER UNIT UPDATE

## 90% funded!

Help us with our final push!  
We are so close. You can donate  
in the ways listed below. Every  
dollar will be matched until the  
goal is met!



TEXT: ADA to 573-433-8286  
and follow prompts



Go to [www.modr.org/give](http://www.modr.org/give)  
and select "ADA Shower Campaign"  
from the fund menu



Mail a check to:  
MBC  
400 E High St.  
Jefferson City, MO 65101  
with ADA in the memo line





# 2022

## MISSOURI BAPTIST DISASTER RELIEF *TRAINING DATES*

### **Southwest Region**

**Marshfield, MO**

**First Baptist Church**

**October 7-8**

**Go to <https://modr.org/dr-training/2022-marshfield/>**

**To Register TODAY**

**Mid Lakes Chainsaw / Flood Recovery  
Unit will be there.**

Our Mid  
Lakes Unit  
needs more  
people to  
"Get on  
Board"!



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.



@MOBAPTISTSDR

# **Pastors and their Families Cookout**

**Saturday,  
October 22nd**

**(Rain date 29th)**

**Place: Bro. John  
& Gayle Rhodes'  
House**

**Time 6:00 PM  
Pastor's, put this on  
your calendars  
today!!!**





FREE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE  
LIVE AT CROSS CHURCH PINNACLE HILLS, ROGERS, AR

# CALLED TO *LEAD*

A CONFERENCE ABOUT CHURCH LEADERSHIP

SPEAKERS:



NICK FLOYD

SENIOR PASTOR  
Cross Church  
Northwest Arkansas



R.T. KENDALL

AUTHOR  
Cross Plains, TN



JARRETT STEPHENS

SENIOR PASTOR  
Champion Forest Baptist Church  
Northwest Houston, TX



NOE GARCIA

SENIOR PASTOR  
North Phoenix Baptist Church  
Phoenix, AZ

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2022 / 11:30 AM-4:30 PM / LUNCH PROVIDED  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED AT [WWW.CALLEDTOLEAD.LIVE](http://WWW.CALLEDTOLEAD.LIVE)

In Cooperation with the Arkansas Baptist Convention

**988**  
SUICIDE  
& CRISIS  
LIFELINE

New 988  
suicide, crisis  
lifeline  
active, ready  
to help  
everyone.

You can find this  
article in the  
Baptist Press

# Save the Date!

4PM TO 8PM

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, JOPLIN

## THE BIG GOD LITTLE CHURCH CONFERENCE

ENCOURAGEMENT • TRAINING  
DINNER • FELLOWSHIP

## OCTOBER 2

## FREE

INCLUDES CONFERENCE AND MEAL

KEYNOTE

**DR. JOHN YEATS**

Executive Director, Missouri Baptist

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

[alesha@springriverbaptist.com](mailto:alesha@springriverbaptist.com)  
417-782-3770

Questions? Call Manny Parker  
405-708-2406





**PASTORS, HERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY THAT SOME OF YOU MAY FIND APPEALING. MY FORMER CHURCH HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS FOR SEVERAL YEARS. THEY ALWAYS WELCOME MORE PASTORS AND CHURCHES TO GET INVOLVED. LOOK AT IT, PRAY ABOUT IT, AND SEE ME IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.**

**BRO. JOHN**

Crossroads Baptist Association Pastors,

God has provided a great opportunity for Crossroads Baptist Association pastors to participate in a Mexico mission trip, October 9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2022. This would be an opportunity for our pastors to connect with one another while serving our Lord Jesus Christ.

Casas Por Cristo has been around since 1993. They build homes for low-income families in Mexico, Dominican Republic, Guatemala and Nicaragua. Their stated purpose is to open the door for local pastors and churches to share the love of Jesus Christ by serving. On average, each of their builds sees 2 salvations.

CBA pastors have been given the opportunity to participate in a Legacy build. The cost per individual is literally the cost of traveling down and back and the food while traveling. We would leave Sunday afternoon October 9th from FBC Moberly, stay Sunday night in a hotel or host church and travel the rest of the way down Monday. Tuesday-Thursday we would build one house. Friday October 14<sup>th</sup>, we will begin the drive home staying in a hotel or host church that evening arriving home Saturday. Food and housing are provided once we arrive on site.

Our hope and prayer is to have 10 or more CBA pastors or missions leaders join us on this trip. If interested, and for more information, please contact:

Michael Hunt [timexmaster@gmail.com](mailto:timexmaster@gmail.com) or Steven Nelson [steven.nelson49@yahoo.com](mailto:steven.nelson49@yahoo.com).

In Christ

Steven Nelson

Interim Director of Missions





**MO BAPTIST CONVENTION  
ANNUAL MEETING  
OCTOBER 24-25, 2022**

St. Charles Convention Center, St. Charles, MO

- Be sure to elect and register your messengers NOW. (They must be elected by a church vote.)
  - Be sure to pray for this year's Annual Meeting of the MBC.
  - Send your pastor and his wife and consider paying their expenses. Allow them to experience fellowship with our MO Baptist Convention brothers and sisters.
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Don't forget that October is Pastor Appreciation Month!!!





## Monthly Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Men come join us on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each  
month at Smith's Restaurant at 8:30 AM!

**Dates for August - 2nd & 16th**





**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

Pomme De Terre Baptist Church

Rondo Baptist Church

Southern Hills Baptist Church



### Mid-Lakes Baptist Association

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