



MID LAKES BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

"Mid Lakes, Where EVERY Church Matters"

NOVEMBER 2023



Missions and Ministry Together

By John Rhodes, AMS (Associational Missions Strategist)



Happy Thanksgiving.

Despite all the craziness in our world today, we as believers have so much to be thankful for. For me, I am thankful for the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ which He applied to my life as a 13 year old boy. Then I am thankful for my wife and my family. Beyond that I am thankful for being allowed to minister to the churches of the Mid Lakes Baptist Association. My hearts desire is to see God bless our association churches, and our association as a whole.

Currently we have two churches who are in search of a pastor. FBC, Humansville is looking for a bi-vocational pastor, and Rondo Baptist Church is looking for a bi-vocational pastor. Please help me in praying for these churches as they seek the Lord's will for leadership.

Our Annual Meeting was well attended and we had a good representation from the churches. We again want to thank FBC, Fair Play and Mt Olive Baptist Church for hosting us.

I realize we are entering one of the busiest seasons of the year, but there is one thing I would like for us to consider as churches. ***How healthy is your church?*** Church health is essential if a church is going to have an effective ministry, and it is a must for God greatest potential to be achieved. Of course, church health is dependent on the personal spiritual health of it leadership and church family. As we venture into 2023, I would like for us to focus on church health, and it's importance.

Gayle and I would like to thank all the pastors and their families who attended the cookout at our home. We had a great time, in spite of the windy conditions.

Gayle and I would like to thank the association for the Pastor Appreciation Gift which you gave us in October. We appreciate your kindness.

God bless and Happy Thanksgiving,

Bro. John and Mrs. Gayle



Mid-Lakes Camps

WORSHIP, LEARN, GROW

Fall youth Retreat

We had a great time at the fall retreat. We had 44 kids from nine churches and 25 leaders. As always great group of kids. We are blessed with the leaders that pour into these kids. Each and every time we have an event. We couldn't do it without each and every one. Chuck lentz and Cheyenne Yates did The teaching for the retreat. Just like Camp this summer fantastic job. These kids listen very well. We want to thank all of our churches for supporting Midlakes camps. The way that you do. We are planning New Year's Eve party again this year and we look forward to having a big group of kids join us. Our goal is to give the students a safe and fun option to ring in the new year. Be watching for more info on this fun event.

Tim Cossins



Please be in Prayer for
Humansville First Baptist
Church and Rondo Baptist
Church as they search for the
next pastor God has for them.

Bro. Adam Hughes shared this funny Thanksgiving poem, and I thought I would share it with you.

A turkey is a funny bird,
It head goes wobble, wobble, wobble,
All it knows is just one word,
"Gobble, gobble, gobble."

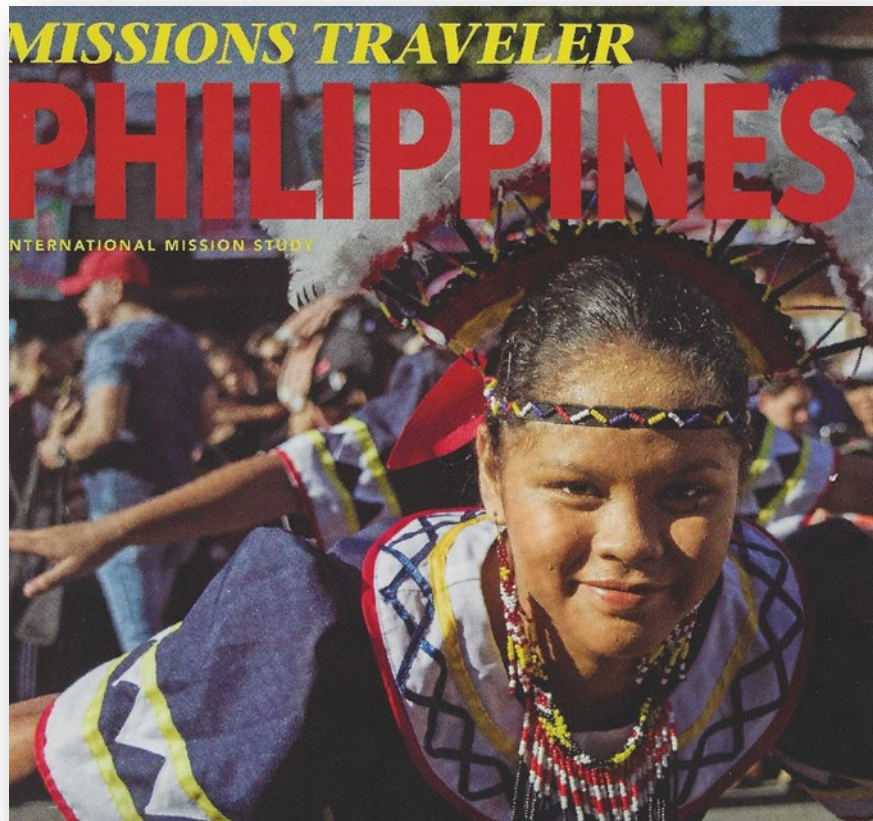
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**PERSONAL AND CHURCH RELATION
COMMITTEE MEETING**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7 AT 4:30 PM





First Baptist Church, Bolivar
invites the Mid-Lakes Churches
to join them for the
Annual Lottie Moon Mission Study Dinner
Speakers will be Phil and Pam Beasley
Retired IMB Missionaries to the Philippines
Dec, 5, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m.
Adults \$7.00
Child \$4.00
Family maximum \$20.00
RSVP: Ann Brown- 417-326-7872
or FBC 417-326-2431 by Nov. 30

Happy
THANKSGIVING

**Daylight
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Ends**

2022
**6th
November**



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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!

November 1, 15





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
- Shepherd's Way Church
- Pomme De Terre Baptist Church
- Rondo Baptist Church
- Southern Hills Baptist Church



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