



2022 Annual Meeting
Book of Reports

*Mid Lakes Southern
Baptist Association*

Monday, October 10, 2022 FBC, Fair Play

Tuesday, October 11, 2022 Mt Olive Baptist Church



Acts 14:27

“Now when they had come and gathered the church together, they reported all that God had done with them, and that He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.”

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MLBA 156th Annual Meeting

“Where Every Church Matters”

Monday, October 10, 2022 First Baptist Church, Fair Play

Meal begins at 6:00 PM Meeting 6:45 PM

Welcome – Ken Spurgeon

Opening Prayer – Chase Wagner, Vice Moderator

Call to Order: Ken Spurgeon, Moderator, Stockton First

Children’s Camp Video

Attendance Count and moves the Seating of the Messengers

Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to accept written reports.

Time of Worship: Bret Stanford, FBC Bolivar

Theme Introduction: Bro. John Rhodes

Message: David Stunkel – *“What the Church Should Mean to a Community”*

Worship: Bret Stanford, FBC Bolivar

Testimony: Ken Spurgeon

Message: Steve Ewing, First Southern, Stockton – *Outside the Four Walls of the Church*

Worship: Bret Stanford, FBC Bolivar

Presentation of Financial Report – Proposed budget (To be voted on Tuesday evening)

Nominating Committee Presentation (to be voted on Tuesday evening.) Moderator will nominate a person to serve on the Nominating Committee for a three-year term.

Old Business:

New Business:

Introduction of any new pastor or staff. Bro. John

Announce Tue. evening agenda and place: Mt Olive Baptist – Meal 6:00 PM , Meeting 6:45 PM

Closing Prayer

156th Annual Meeting

“Where Every Church Matters”

Tuesday, October 11, 2022 Mt Olive Baptist Church

Call to Order: Ken Spurgeon, Moderator

Prayer – Chase Wagner, Vice Moderator

Youth Camp Video

Worship: James Bohner, FBC Bolivar

Proposed Budget Vote

Nominating Committee Presentation Vote

Recognition of Lisette Shire (Treasurer) for the work she has done for the association.

Worship: James Bohner, FBC Bolivar

Message: Joe Rhoads, New Hope Baptist Church – *Bloom Where God has Placed You*

Worship: James Bohner, FBC Bolivar

Message: Gary Walton, Heritage Baptist Church – *“The NT Church in the Bible, and the Church Today – Same Call, Same Commission”*

Worship: James Bohner, FBC Bolivar

AMS Report: Bro. John – *Hearing the Voice of God Where You Are*

Video – Listen to the Voice by David Gibbs

Prayer time in Alter

Installing of New Officers (Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer)

Closing Prayer

- Memorial Slides and announcements will play before and after the session.

Calendar Dates October 2022 - 2023

October 10 & 11, 2022 MLBA Annual Meeting (FBC Fair Play & Mt Olive)

October 22, 2022 Pastor's Family Cookout

October 24-25, 2022 MBC Annual Meeting – St Charles

November 6, 2022 Time Change

November 11, 2022 Veteran's Day

November 24, 2022 Thanksgiving Day (Office Closed 24-25)

December 25, 2022 Christmas Day (Office Closed 23-26)

January 1, 2023 New Year's Day

January 10, 2023 MLBA Executive Board Meeting

January 15, 2023 YEC, Jefferson City

February 12, 2023 Super Bowl Sunday

February 14, 2023 Valentines Day

February 20, 2023 President's Day

March 12, 2023 Time Change

April 2, 2023 Palm Sunday

April 9, 2023 Easter Sunday

April 11, 2023 MLBA Executive Board Meeting

April 23, 2023 MLBA Semi-Annual Meeting

May 4, 2023 National Day of Prayer

May 14, 2023 Mother's Day

May 29, Memorial Day

June 11-14, 2023 SBC Annual Meeting, New Orleans

June 14, 2023 Flag Day

June 18, 2023 Father's Day

July 4, 2023 Independence Day

July 11, 2023 Executive Board Meeting

August 5-8, 2023 Children's Camp (Office Closed)
August 8, 2023 Bro. John & Mrs. Gayle 40th Wedding Anniversary
August 9-13, 2023 Youth Camp (Office Closed)
August 15, 2023 Nominating Committee
September 4, 2023 Labor Day (Office Closed)
September 12, 2023 Jamie Root Birthday
September 27, 2023 See You at the Pole
October is Pastor Appreciation Month
October 9-10, 2023 MLBA Annual Meeting
October 21, 2023 Pastor's Family Cookout
October 23-24, 2023 MBC Annual Meeting, Crossway Baptist Church, Springfield
November 5, 2023 Time Change
November 7, 2023 Election Day
November 11, 2023 Veteran's Day
November 24, 2023 (Office Closed)
December 25, 2023 Christmas Day (Office Closed 25-26)
December 31, 2023 New Year's Eve

Men's Breakfast is the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 8:30 AM.

Mid-Lakes Baptist Association – EX Board Minutes

****** The January 11, 2022 Executive Board Meeting was canceled because of a spike in Covid. In our area.**

Quarterly Executive Board Meeting, April 12, 2022, Southern Hills Baptist Church

(January meeting was cancelled)

Meeting was called to order by Moderator Ken Spurgeon, First Southern, Stockton. Opening prayer was led by Lyndall Sheldon, Southern Hills.

Richard Webb, Bethel, led the congregation in singing of He Keeps Me Singing with Jennifer Smith, Grace Fellowship, at the piano.

A devotion from 2 Timothy 4 was presented by Ted Bachman, Southern Hills.

The roll was presented of churches (attached). Twenty four persons from thirteen churches were in attendance.

The consent agenda of 1) approval of agenda for April 12, 2022; 2) approval of minutes for October 11-12, 2021; 3) approval of quarterly financial statement and 4) presentation of written reports for filing was presented. In addition to the written reports, Jill McCracken, Rondo, presented a WMU report, encouraging churches to use videos to promote and support the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Breanna Piper, Berean, made the motion the consent agenda be approved. Seconded by Josh Lobdell, Bethel. Motion carried. It is noted that accounts for the designated Kayak ministry and designated Camp Scholarship fund have been established as well as an account for the designated funds for Disaster Relief. The financial report is only through March 27th as the treasurer is out of the country.

In old business, a fireproof safe has been purchased for the office for storage of titles, building warranty and other important documents.

In new business, John Rhodes, AMS asked that all vehicle insurance, including trailers, be placed in one budget line and not be separated out into various ministries. All insurance would be considered an expense of the association. Lyndall Sheldon, Southern Hills, made the motion with a second by Shane England, Fender Chapel. Motion carried.

It is proposed that the host churches for the annual meeting to be held October 10-11 be FBC, Fair Play and Mt Olive Baptist Church. It will be determined closer to time as to which church will host which evening.

There was no other new business.

Breanna Piper, Berean, and Tim Cossins, FBC Bolivar, shared a video about the upcoming Youth Retreat to be held the weekend of April 22-24 at Camp Niangua. They also reported on the change of location for upcoming camps and answers to the question, "How has camp changed your life?" Prayer bracelets for the Youth Retreat were available.

Breanna also mentioned VBS materials would be available for churches to borrow from the association. Dates need to be turned in as soon as possible in order to coordinate the shared use of materials.

John Rhodes presented his report of events since the last meeting.

1. Chadd Caldwell, Mt Olive, and Chase Wagner, Brighton, have been ordained to the gospel ministry. Dustin Vann, FBC Bolivar, has been ordained as a deacon.
2. The missions committee is working on two projects:
 - a. Bethel Baptist is needing work on their building. They have put on a new roof. Ray Leininger, FBC Bolivar, is working on a crew to do other outside work. The SBU Disaster Relief team will be asked to do some pressure washing. Then volunteers will be requested for painting the exterior.
 - b. A trip is being planned to Cayce Kentucky for June 25-July 2. This is a site of one of the December tornadoes. The group will be working on construction of a home and others will help with a Vacation Bible School in Cayce. The team will stay at Calvary Baptist Church, Union City, Tennessee, and will be working with them.
3. A couple has contacted Bro. Rhodes to donate a 2020, 35' travel trailer, an approximate \$30K - \$35K value, to the association to be sold and proceeds to go for missions. Monies could be used for the block party trailer, for disaster relief, for the mission trip, etc. The consensus of the group was to accept the gift with no naysayers.
4. The Disaster Relief Ministry was able to upgrade (trade) our 1999, 6' enclosed "Big Dog" trailer for a 2006, 8' enclosed trailer that is taller and will hold a pole saw. The only expense was to put new permanent tags on the new trailer.
5. Shepherds Way, a church plant in Pleasant Hope, is talking about entering the Mid Lakes Association.
6. A letter from Pomme de Terre Baptist Church, Pittsburg, was present, requesting to withdraw from the association, the Missouri Baptist Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention. Richard Webb, Bethel, made a motion, seconded by Josh Lobdell, Bethel, that the resignation be regretfully accepted.
7. A statement from Dr. Yeats, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, was presented regarding the law firm retained by the SBC and subsequent discoveries of their involvement in LGBTQ+ activities. A copy of the letter is attached. Bro. John passed along information that was shared with the state Director of Missions concerning these matters.

In announcements, the next Executive Board meeting will be July 12, 2022, at Berean Baptist Church. George Hutchings from Heron Fund Ministries will be our guest.

There is information in the lobby about the National Day of Prayer on May 5th.

Prayer requests were shared and Duncan Meadows, Southern Hills, led in a closing prayer. Appreciation was expressed to Southern Hills for hosting the meeting. Jamie Root, Nobel Hill, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by David Stunkel, FBC Fair Play. After the meeting, refreshments and a time of fellowship was enjoyed in the lobby.

Mid-Lakes Baptist Association

Quarterly Executive Board Meeting, July 12, 2022, Berean Baptist Church

Meeting was called to order by Moderator Ken Spurgeon, First Southern, Stockton. Opening prayer was led by Jamie Root, Noble Hill.

Richard Webb, Bethel, led the congregation in singing of "There Is Power in the Blood" with Jennifer Smith, Grace Fellowship, at the piano.

A devotion from Hebrews was presented by Derrick Lewright, Berean.

The roll was presented of churches (attached). Twenty-five persons, including four visitors, from twelve churches were in attendance.

The consent agenda of 1) approval of agenda for July 12, 2022; 2) approval of minutes for April 12, 2002, and June 28, 2022, E-mail vote; 3) approval of quarterly financial statement and 4) presentation of written reports for filing was presented. Chase Wagner, Brighton, made the motion the consent agenda be approved. Shane England, Fender, seconded. The motion carried.

There was no old business.

In new business, the Missouri Baptist Convention is requesting all associations contribute \$200 to help fund the evangelistic outreach conducted by the MBC at the State Fair each August. John Rhodes, AMS, indicated this has been requested in the past and the Association has contributed in the past. This ministry falls under the direction of the Director of Missions in the state. Shane England, Fender, made the motion to approve the donation and that it be placed in the budget as an ongoing expense. Lisette Shire, Rondo, seconded. The motion carried.

John Rhodes, AMS, requested \$300 be allocated for honorariums for a Pastors/Deacons/Elders Conference to be held in September (tentatively calendared for Saturday, September 10th). These honorariums would be for two guest speakers. Lisette Shire, Rondo, made the motion to approve the request, which was seconded by Chase Wagner, Brighton. The motion carried.

The trustees are taking care of overseeing the damages to the associational building during the recent hailstorm. Damages totaled \$24,143.85. The association received \$16,737.90 from insurance (after deductibles, depreciation, and etc). The trustees are working to keep repairs within that budget. The roof should be replaced within the next couple weeks. It will be a while before the siding can be replaced. The building will have a metal roof and vertical siding to look more like commercial property and not residential. Since this was a point of information, no action was needed, and no action was taken.

There was no other new business.

George Hutchings spoke regarding The Heron Fund. He told how God miraculously rescued him in Vietnam and the events that brought him to Christ as a young adult. He surrendered to ministry at that time. For years he collected shoes that were sold to an organization that helped people in Africa set up their own business selling used shoes. Plus, the money collected from the sale of the shoes was used to provide wells that would give good drinking water in Africa. More recently, The Heron Fund oversees

donations and support for Juanita School for Girls in Jungle, Kenya. Mr. Hutchings distributed literature about the school and the needs they have. Juanita School for Girls not only provides an education but shares Christ with the girls. The first item a new student receives is her own Bible.

John Rhodes presented his report of events since the last meeting.

1. The mission trip to Cayce, Kentucky, was canceled as there were not enough volunteers to go for the job that was intending to be done. As it turned out, with so much rain this spring, the foundation was only recently poured for the house that is to be built. There was not work to do at the time we planned to go.
2. During the last quarter, Bro. John has been in all of the churches of the association.
3. Bro. John helped members of Grace Fellowship and First Baptist, Morrisville, with needed repairs to The Purpose Place in Morrisville.

A video was shown about the upcoming Associational Camps. Children's Camp will be August 6-9, 2022, with Scott Pruitt, Mt. Etna, as camp pastor; and Youth Camp will be August 10-14, 2022, with Chuck Lentz, Wellspring Baptist Fellowship, as camp pastor.

John Rhodes introduced Jacob Miller, pastor of Shepherd's Way, Pleasant Hope, and Evan Allen, elder, from Shepherd's Way. He also read a letter from Dr. Mike Haynes, Director, Greene County Baptist Association recommending Shepherd's Way for membership in our Association. Shepherd's Way is a church plant out of Greene County Baptist Association but since they are located within Polk County, they are looking to become a part of Mid-Lakes Baptist Association. Bro. John asked members of the Personnel/Church Relations committee who were present at the meeting to visit with Mr. Miller and Mr. Allen after the adjournment.

In announcements, the Annual Meeting will be conducted Monday, October 10, 2022, at First Baptist Fair Play; and Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at Mount Olive. Two pastors will speak Monday night along with a testimony. An additional two pastors will speak Tuesday night and Bro. John will give his report/message to the association. Each meeting will begin at 6:45 p.m., following a meal at 6:00 p.m.

It was also announced that several churches are still having Vacation Bible School. Prayers were requested for VBS activities as well as several other requests from the floor. David Stunkel, First Baptist Fair Play, led in the closing prayer.

Appreciation was expressed to Berean Baptist Church for hosting the meeting. Chase Wagner, Brighton, made a motion the meeting be adjourned. Richard Webb, Bethel, seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

Mid-Lakes Baptist Association

Executive Board Meeting, June 28, 2022, vote conducted via e-mail

This meeting was called by Moderator Bro. Ken Spurgeon.

The Trustees and Missions Committee are bringing before you in the form of a motion and second, to approve the following business concerning the travel trailer that was donated to our association.

- That the Executive Board approves an asking price of \$29,000, and a minimum price of \$25,000.
- Secondly, that the Executive Board approves allowing the Trustees and Missions Committee to be authorized to go ahead and promote, accept any offer that falls within these parameters, and complete any such sale when a buyer is found.

We already have someone who has inquired three times about the travel trailer, and we don't want to miss a potential sale. The approval of these motions will allow these committees to move forward in a timely manner.

Thank you for your IMMEDIATE response.

The resulting vote was 17 in favor, 0 against; representing 13 churches of the association. Therefore a quorum was met.

Those voting in the affirmative were:

Breanna Piper – Berean

Josh Lobdell - Bethel

Tim Cossins – FBC Bolivar

David Stunkle – FBC Fair Play

Leidra Stunkle – FBC Fair Play

Paula Crook – FBC Fair Play

Charles Jackson – FBC Morrisville

Ken Spurgeon – FSBA Stockton

Stacie Spurgeon – FSBA Stockton

David Chapman – Grace Fellowship

Jennifer Smith – Grace Fellowship

Gary Walton – Heritage

Scott Pruitt – Mt Etna

Chadd Caldwell – Mt Olive

Dennis Mays – Noble Hill

Lisette Shire - Rondo

Lindel Shelton – Southern Hills

Committee Members

Trustees: Bob Brown – FBC Bolivar, Raymond Vanish - Rondo, Josh Lobdell - Bethel

Missions Committee: Kay Vann – FBC Bolivar, Bill Lower – FBC Fair Play, Mike Shire - Rondo

Ken Spurgeon, Moderator _____

Jennifer Smith, Clerk _____

Memorial Page

We extend our deepest sympathy to the families of these beloved brothers and sisters, and their respective churches. The following members have passed away since our last annual meeting.

Bethel Southern

Ralph Shiverdecker
Norma Jean Morrow
Sarah King
Gary Simpson

Brighton

Jim Walker
Shyla Fisher
Billy Boswell

First Baptist Church, Bolivar

Cheri Becker, Carol Bevier, Rosie Cain,
Judy Dutile, John Falcone, Harlie Gallatin,
Bobbie Gothard, David Grant, Billie Hutcheson,
Margaret Kort, Mary Lou Edmondson,
John Matchell, Julian Pace, Florian Toma,
Yin Watson,

First Baptist Church, Fair Play

Shirley Shook
Beatrice Lucille Little

Grace Fellowship

Bob Roberts

Mt Etna

Darrel Cunningham

¹² Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you." Matthew 5:12



Associational Missions Strategists Report

2022 Annual Meeting

This past year has gone by so fast and so many things have occurred. There is no way I can possibly cover everything that has happened over this year, so allow me to share some high-lights.

- Last October we held our first Pastor's / Family Cookout at my house. It had a great attendance and was a great way to bring some of our leadership together. We are looking forward to hosting it again.
- Over the past year I have preached, been invited to speak, or taught at least 46 times. I have led music 5 times and have preached 3 funerals. I have attended 11 regional DOM meetings, and several other MBC event and meetings. When not preaching, I have enjoyed visiting with our Mid Lakes Church Families.
- Our association adopted two young preachers from KY that had lost everything to the multi-state tornado that hit in January. We collectively collected over \$9,000 to minister to these young men of God.
- I attended the DOM Spring Conference in Jefferson City.
- Some of our DR Leadership attended Blue Hat Leadership Training in Jefferson City.
- Our camp committee hosted a fall and spring retreat and did a fabulous job with our summer camps. I enjoyed the nine days I spent at camp with them in August. Camp is one of our most important and vibrant ministries that we do together as an association.
- We were involved in the ordination of two of our pastors, and had an associational leader ordained as a deacon.
- We held our first Semi-Annual Meeting on April 24th at Noble Hill Baptist Church. It was a great night of fellowship and worship. Despite flooding rain, it was well attended.
- Our association received a gift of a 2020 Cherokee Travel Trailer which was donated so we could sell it and use the proceeds for missions. We are in the process of building a block party trailer with part of that money. The rest will be used for Disaster Relief operating funds, and in a mission fund overseen by the Missions Ministry Committee.
- Our mission trip fell through, but we did learn some things for next year. One need we have is to enlist younger generations to join us in ministry.
- We are excited about voting in Shepherd's Way Church into our association. Shepherd's Way is a church plant the is in Pleasant Hope.
- We assisted Caplinger Mills in obtaining new (to them) pews for their sanctuary.
- I was blessed to attended numerous VBS's and watch as God did great things.
- Our associational office building sustained \$24,000 in damage from the hailstorm. I have been working with the trustees as they work to have the damage repaired.
- Beyond this there have been multiple committee meetings, different community events, and opportunities to help in ministering to some of our churches.

Now allow me to paint a picture for this next year. With Covid moving farther in our rear-view mirror, we are hoping to see more involvement in ministry opportunities. This next year will find renewed excitement with the creation of our Block Party Trailer. This tool can help our churches reach out in their communities in a very affordable and tangible way. I expect a great year!!!

Gayle and I would like to thank everyone so much for all the love, support, and encouragement we have received since I became your associational missionary.

In God's great service together, Bro. John



Mid Lakes Camps Annual Meeting Report 2022

Midlakes Camps 2022 was amazing to say the least! We had tons of fun, really enjoyed the new campus with the opportunities it holds and spent so much quality time with the Lord!

We had a total of 47 campers attend kids camp with 23 awesome leaders. One of our girl campers from FBC Bolivar accepted Christ as her Savior while at camp. She was baptized in the pool alongside another young man from FBC Bolivar who had been saved prior to camp. Our kids camp speaker, Scott Pruitt (pastor of Mt. Etna Church) did a wonderful job bringing scriptures and truth to the kids and he was able to baptize both students. We praise the Lord for His mighty work in these children's lives.

At youth camp we had a total of 55 students in attendance with 22 fantastic leaders. Dr. Chuck Lentz and Cheyenne Yates from Wellspring Baptist Church were our youth Pastor and Bible Study leader. They presented the Gospel very well and really challenged our students to search the Bible for answers to hard questions. Justin Guthrie from FBC Pleasant Hope was gracious to lead worship for us, we appreciated him very much! Out of our 55 youth campers, 3 of them found Salvation at camp and 2 were baptized. These three students were from Bethel Baptist Church, New Life Church (Holden, MO), and The Heights Church. Please continue to pray for these students as they begin their school year and walk in relationship with Christ Jesus.

Kids and Youth Camp videos can be found on YouTube by searching Midlakes Camps 2022 or you can find the links on Facebook.

To continue the ministry towards our youth students, we will be hosting a Fall Retreat at Camp Niangua on October 28th - 30th for student's grades 6th through 12th. The retreat will begin at 6pm on Friday evening and close at 2pm on Sunday afternoon. We are really looking forward to having our same awesome team of speakers and worship leader there with us. Last year we were amazed with how attentive the students were during the teachings of the retreat events. We are excited to see how God moves in their hearts again this fall. Please be spreading the word in your congregations about this event!

Thank you so much for all your continued support of our Association Camp. We truly couldn't do it without the love and support of our churches.

-Breanna Piper

MID-LAKES ASSOCIATION WMU REPORT FOR 2022



First Baptist Church, Bolivar continues to have active GA and RA programs through 6th grade.

They also have one WMU groups who meet monthly.

A group of women from Bolivar and surrounding communities meet on the third Monday sewing quilts that are distributed through various local helping organizations.

Fair Play and Grace meet at Fair Play to make bags, and/or quilts or meet other needs.

Six representatives of MBLA Churches attended the SW District WMU meeting at North Nixa Baptist Church in August. It is always inspiring to visit with and hear from missionaries who are on furlough.

I think we will have two or three missionary families within 50 miles of us during this school year. If you know of a furloughing Missionary Family, please take advantage of the opportunities to hear them tell of their Missions work. Missions support grows when we KNOW real LIVE Missionaries.

I encourage all of our churches to continue supporting missions on a local, state, and convention (world wide) level. In the words of song writers Greg Nelson and Phil McHew ,

“People Need the Lord”

People need the Lord, people need the Lord
At the end of broken dreams, He's the open door
People need the Lord, people need the Lord
When will we realize that we must give our lives?
For people need the Lord, people need the Lord

Respectfully submitted,

Jill McCracken

MLBA WMU Director



MLBA Disaster Relief Report

This past year our disaster relief ministry has worked on preparing our equipment, trailer, and leaders for responses. One issue we face is a lack of volunteers. Many of our volunteers have now reached an age where they are no longer able to respond. So our focus now is on reaching new recruits and reaching out to the associations around us and inviting them to become involved with us. Ozark Prairie nor Dallas Associations have DR Units, so it would work well for them to work with us. One issue is in order to respond a person needs to attend the MBC Dr training, and their has not been a training in our area until this month (October 2022). It is our hope that many will attend this training and then become involved and be willing to respond.

We had three of our leaders (the only three we have) who attended the MBC DR Blue Hat Leadership Training earlier this year in Jefferson City. We would like to encourage all of our churches to promote DR in your churches and encourage people to get involved.

We do have donated money that has been designated for operational funds for our DR Ministry. This was given through the sale of the Travel Trailer that was donated to the association. We want to say THANK YOU to the couple who made these funds possible.

We look forward to being able to minister more through Disaster Relief as God grows this ministry.

Kevin Bailey, Director

John Rhodes, DR Coordinator

MLBA Personnel/Church Relations Committee Report

With John Rhodes in place as the AMS and doing very well we had a relatively quite year. John sends weekly reports of what is going on in the association and what is coming up. We met several times this year to discuss personnel matters of the association as a committee along with the moderator and John.

We established a review process for John and schedule of when he would formally be reviewed. Overall, a good year for the committee. We are very thankful for John's leadership and direction for the association. Looking forward to many years ahead with John's leadership.

On the Church Relations side of the committee, we met with Shepard's Way leaders in Pleasant Hope. After visiting with them we discussed and voted to recommend Shepard's Way acceptance into the Midlakes Baptist Association at the annual meeting. Shepard's Way is excited to partner with the association on multiple projects in the future.



Lisette Shire and Dustin Vann

Co-Chairs - Personnel/Church Relations Committee

On the next two pages you will find two recommendations which we received recommending Shepherd's Way as members for our association.



GREENE COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

July 7, 2022

Dear John and Mid-Lakes Association,

I'm writing to commend Pastor Jake Miller and Shepherd's Way Church in Pleasant Hope to you.

I'm aware that Pastor Jake has been in contact with you about Shepherd's Way moving their affiliation from Greene County Baptist Association to Mid-Lakes Association. I support that move.

Jake and Shepherd's Way are solid doctrinally and active in ministry and missions. The church has had a good beginning, come through the COVID period strong and has a terrific future. I believe the church and Pastor Jake would be wonderful additions to the Mid-Lakes Association family.

They are still officially considered a mission of Freshwater Springfield Church even though they are autonomous in governance and financially. However, they are obviously ready to move to church status through whatever process you use to assist churches in doing that.

If I can answer any further questions, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mike Haynes, Director
Greene County Baptist Association

Greene County Baptist Association glorifies God by assisting its churches in fulfilling Christ's mission.



Hello John,

From what I understand you are needing a reference for Shepherd's Way. As you may know they have already been in the Greene County Baptist Association and have walked through the process with them, which I hope gives you the confidence you need already, but I am happy to recommend them as their sending church.

It would be a benefit to your association to have such a faithful church among your fellow churches.

In Christ,

JT Patton

Pastor - Freshwater Church, Springfield, MO

MLBA Nominating Committee Ministries Recommendations for 2023
From MLBA Nominating Ministry

Each position begins at the close of the 2022 Annual Meeting and lasts until the end of the 2023 Annual Meeting.

Budget Ministry

David Soldavini (23) FBC Fair Play

Chadd Caldwell (P) (24) Mt Olive

_____ (25)

Camp Ministry

Jose' Hernandez (23) FBC Bolivar

Jesse Toombs (24) First Stockton

Jana Cossins (25) FBC Bolivar

Constitution Ministry

Kim Stephens (23) Berean

Ray Leininger (P) (24) FBC Bolivar

Charles Jackson (P) (25) FBC Morrisville

Missions Ministry

Bill Lower (23) FBC Fair Play

Mike Shire (24) Rondo

Barbara Studt (25) FBC Bolivar

Historical Ministry

Leidra Stunkel (23) FBC Fair Play

Lindel Shelton (P) (24) Southern Hills

Kent Johnson (25) Caplinger Mills

Nominating Ministry

Jamie Root (23) Noble Hill

Ted Bachman (P) (24) Southern Hills

Gary Walton (P) (25) Heritage (Appt by Moderator)

Personnel/Church Relations Ministry

2 Pastor Minimum

Chase Wagner (P) (23) Brighton

Richard Webb (23) Bethel

Dennis May (P) (24) Noble Hill

Vicki Bock (24) FBC Fair Play

Leta Gass (25) Mt Olive

Brad Hall (25) Heritage

Technology Ministry

Braden Jones (23) Berean

_____ (24)

Derrick Lewright (P) (25) Berean

Trustees Ministry

Ray Vanish (23) Rondo

Josh Lobdell (P) (24) Bethel

Shane England (P) (25) Fender's Chapel

(22), (23), (24) (25) = Year term expires

(P) = Pastor/Reverend/Minister

MLBA Officers 2022

Associational Mission Strategist.....	John Rhodes
Moderator.....	Chase Wagner
Vice-Moderator.....	David Chapman
Clerk.....	Jennifer Smith
Assistant Clerk.....	Jamie Root
Treasurer.....	_____
Assistant Treasurer.....	Breanna Piper
Disaster Relief.....	Kevin Bailey
Music Director.....	Bret Stanford
WMU Director.....	Jill McCracken
Evangelism Director.....	Josh Lobdell
Youth Director.....	Tim Cossins
Children's Director.....	Breanna Piper

Messengers to the Association

Berean – Derrick Lewright

Bethel - Josh Lobdell, Richard Webb, Trudy Webb

Brighton - Sarah Grant, Ron Myers, Steven Wagner

Caplinger Mills - Kent Johnson

Fender Chapel - Shane England, Kirsten England, Dawson England

FBC, Bolivar - Adam Hughes

FBC, Fair Play – David Stunkel, Paula Crook

FBC, Humansville - Bob Payne

FBC, Morrisville - Carl Hampton, Georgia Hampton, Charles Jackson

FBC, Pleasant Hope - Phil Guthrie

First Southern, Stockton - Stacie Spurgeon, Ken Spurgeon, Steve Ewing

Grace Fellowship - Jennifer Smith, David Chapman

Heritage - Gary Walton

Mt Etna - Scott Pruitt, Clara Cunningham, Jane Hudson

Mt Olive - Chadd Caldwell

New Hope - Joseph Rhoads, Cindy Rhoads

Noble Hill - Dennis Mays, Jamie Root

Rondo - Harry Moore, Jan Vanish, Raymond Vanish

Southern Hills – Ted Bachman, Lindell Shelton

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Berean – Derrick Lewright

Bethel – Josh Lobdell, Richard Webb, Trudy Webb

Brighton - Sarah Grant, Nancy Myers, Steven Wagner

Caplinger Mills - Kent Johnson

Fender Chapel - Shane England, Kirsten England, Dawson England

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Association Church List

Mid-Lakes Baptist Association

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email / Website</u>	<u>Address</u>
Berean Baptist Church, Bolivar	Pastor Derrick Lewright	(417) 326-7758	berean@windstream.net http://www.bbcbolivar.com/	4450 Scenic Ave , Bolivar, MO 65613-3138
First Baptist Church Bolivar	Adam Hughes	417-326-2431	info@fbcbolivar.org https://fbcbolivar.org/	316 N Main Ave , Bolivar, MO 65613-1559
Grace Fellowship Baptist Church	David Chapman			4395 S 82nd Rd , Bolivar, MO 65613-8193
Heritage Baptist Church, Bolivar	Rev Gary Walton	417-777-2509	theheritagebaptistchurch@yahoo.com https://www.theheritagebaptist.church/	4853 S 135th Rd , Bolivar, MO 65613-8160
Mt Etna Baptist Church	Rev Scott Pruitt	(417) 718-8030		1390 Highway NN , Bolivar, MO 65613-8309
Mt Olive Baptist Church, Bolivar	Chadd Caldwell	417-326-2805	mobc.bolivar@gmail.com https://mobcbolivar.org/	4079 Highway D , Bolivar, MO 65613-8305
Southern Hills Baptist Church	Ted Bachman	417-326-7474	mhale@southernhillsbolivar.org	1220 S Springfield Ave , Bolivar, MO 65613-2514
Brighton Baptist Church	Mr Steven Wagner		brightonbaptistoutreach@gmail.com	5449 Highway K , Brighton, MO 65617-7258
Fender Chapel Baptist Church, Brighton	Rev Shane England	(417) 824-8355	mshadwick14@gmail.com	1563 E 565th Rd , Brighton, MO 65617-7173
First Baptist Church Fair Play	Mr David Stunkel	(417) 507-1707	davidstunkel@windstream.net	500 N Walnut St , Fair Play, MO 65649-5104
First Baptist Church Humansville	Pastor David Cloud	417-754-2317	fbchumansville@centurytel.net	307 S Ohio St , Humansville, MO 65674
First Baptist Church Morrisville	Charles Jackson			5334 S Main Ave , Morrisville, MO 65710-9120
Bethel Southern Baptist Church	Pastor Joshua Lobdell	417-852-4690	greatlake1983@gmail.com	23011 Highway J , Pittsburg, MO 65724
First Baptist Church Pleasant Hope	Phillip Guthrie	(417) 467-5225		705 N Main St , Pleasant Hope, MO 65725
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Caplinger Mills Baptist Church	Larry Johnston	(417) 276-7009	ljclarkson1953@gmail.com	15901 E Highway N , Stockton, MO 65785-8135
First Southern Baptist Church Stockton	Pastor Steve Ewing	417-276-3441	fsbcstockton@windstream.net http://fsbcstockton.org/	405 Englewood Rd , Stockton, MO 65785-9602
New Hope Baptist Church, Stockton	Rev Joseph Rhoads		newhopestockton@hotmail.com	425 N Ward St , Stockton, MO 65785-8502
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Mid-Lakes Summary Information For ACP Year 2022

Congregation	Total Members	Total Baptisms	Other Additions	Worship Attendance	SS Avg. Attendance	Church VBS Enrollment	Mission Project Participation	Total Receipts
Bolivar, Berean								
Bolivar, First	1,540	14	36	587	496	202	0	\$2,145,028
Bolivar, Grace Fellowship	27	0	1	22	12	0	0	\$54,829
Bolivar, Heritage								
Bolivar, Mt Etna	0	0	0	20	14	17	0	\$35,288
Bolivar, Mt Olive	130	1	3	35	25	15	0	\$95,014
Bolivar, Southern Hills	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0
Brighton, Brighton	45	1	8	28	8	63	0	\$37,135
Brighton, Fender Chapel	152	3	0	25	20	35	0	\$23,630
Fair Play, First	190	0	2	35	25	0	0	\$104,115
Humansville, First	497	2	3	32	10	34	0	\$108,055
Morrisville, First	60	0	2	28	21	38	0	\$32,513
Pittsburg, Bethel Southern	33	6	0	27	22	0	0	\$62,101
Pleasant Hope, First								
Rondo, Rondo	167	0	0	44	15	0	0	\$42,317
Stockton, Caplinger Mills								
Stockton, First	224	3	5	109	53	15	0	\$190,742
Stockton, New Hope								
Willard, Noble Hill	85	1	0	70	60	40	0	\$120,000
Mid-Lakes	3,150	31	60	1,062	781	459	0	\$3,050,767

Mid-Lakes Baptist Association

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Men's Ministry Coordinator/Contact: Bill Schroder, 23336 County Road 325, Pittsburg, MO, 65724-7809, momto3inmo@gmail.com	(417) 309-1259
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Discipleship Training Director: Becky Dampier, 124 Cahoochie Rd, Urbana, MO, 65767-9261, jesusmatters@yahoo.com	417-298-4991
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Other Church Leader: Kirk Bradley, 24714 Reynards Cir, Pittsburg, MO, 65724-7716, kikibrad53@gmail.com	(471) 838-2906
Other Church Leader: Wesley Grunow, 25513 Highway RD, Pittsburg, MO, 65724	
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Brighton Baptist Church**5449 Highway K, Brighton, MO, 65617-7258****Fax: N/A****Email: brightonbaptistoutreach@gmail.com**

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Pastor's Spouse: April Wagner, 5449 Highway K, Brighton, MO, 65617-7258, cajwagner@icloud.com	(417) 224-9075
Church Treasurer: Jimmy Cossins, 3618 W Farm Road 14, Brighton, MO, 65617-9477	(417) 844-2538
Chairman of Deacons: Jimmy Cossins, 3618 W Farm Road 14, Brighton, MO, 65617-9477	(417) 844-2538
Sunday School Director: Wes Campbell, PO Box 55, Pleasant Hope, MO, 65725-0055, cwesc@sbcglobal.net	(417) 839-4763
WMU Church Director: Cynthia Walker, 5490 S 154th Rd, Brighton, MO, 65617-7186	417-376-2951

Caplinger Mills Baptist Church**(417) 276-7009****15901 E Highway N, Stockton, MO, 65785-8135****Fax: N/A****Email: ljclarkson1953@gmail.com**

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Minister of Youth: Larry Clarkson, 6280 S Highway N, Stockton, MO, 65785-8132	(417) 276-7948
Church Secretary: Larry Clarkson, 6280 S Highway N, Stockton, MO, 65785-8132	(417) 276-7948
Church Treasurer: Maria Huebner, 14560 E 676th Rd, Stockton, MO, 65785	
ACP Contact Person: Larry Clarkson, 6280 S Highway N, Stockton, MO, 65785-8132	(417) 276-7948
Church VBS Director: Larry Clarkson, 6280 S Highway N, Stockton, MO, 65785-8132	(417) 276-7948
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Representatives on Assn Board: Kent Johnson, 4479 S 132nd Rd, Bolivar, MO, 65613-2584	417-326-7620

Fender Chapel Baptist Church, Brighton**(417) 824-8355****1563 E 565th Rd, Brighton, MO, 65617-7173****Fax: N/A****Email: mshadwick14@gmail.com**

Pastor: Shane England, 11927 N Northern Hts Dr, Brighton, MO, 65617-8103	(417) 327-2616
Pastor's Spouse: Kirsten England, 11927 N Northern Heights Drive, Brighton, MO, 65617	(417) 300-5306
Minister of Music: Mark Shadwick, 9605 N Dove Ln, Willard, MO, 65781-8455, mshadwick14@gmail.com	(417) 459-8564
Minister of Music: Alejandro Falig, 1749 E 567th Rd, Brighton, MO, 65617-7178	(417) 522-4459
Church Secretary: Rita Shadwick, 9605 N Dove Ln, Willard, MO, 65781-8455, rshadwick@mcestaff.com	(417) 824-8355
Church Treasurer: Anita Gott, 1352 E 559th Road, Morrisville, MO, 65710	
Church Clerk: Rita Shadwick, 9605 N Dove Ln, Willard, MO, 65781-8455, rshadwick@mcestaff.com	(417) 824-8355
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Pastor: Phillip Guthrie, 2259 State Highway U, Rogersville, MO, 65742-8732, pgu3isme@hotmail.com	(417) 467-5225
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Church Clerk: Susan Cross, PO Box 52, Pleasant Hope, MO, 65725	
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Children's Choir Leader(s): Kimberly Guthrie, PO Box 66, Pleasant Hope, MO, 65725-0066	
Church Library Team Leader: Elvena Johnston, 2037 E 530th Rd, Pleasant Hope, MO, 65725-8116	417-267-2661

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Church Instrumentalist(s): Stephanie Wheeler, 11724 S Highway J, Stockton, MO, 65785-9664, dwheels47@yahoo.com	417-276-7624
Church Instrumentalist(s): Drew Wheeler, 11724 S Highway J, Stockton, MO, 65785-9664	(417) 276-7624
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Church Organist: Phil Holdeman, PO Box 534, Stockton, MO, 65785-0534	417-276-4329
Handbell Choir Director: Kelly Creek, 19340 E 1200 Rd, Stockton, MO, 65785	417-276-7850
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Church Deacon(s): Jeff Wheeler, 405 Englewood Rd, Stockton, MO, 65785-9602	
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Church Clerk: Nancy Bewley, 910 Highway V, Flemington, MO, 65650-9511

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Executive Board Staff Reports

Collegiate Ministries

Gene Austin, Director

The pandemic is over – kind of. Unfortunately, it’s still affecting our campuses. Over the past two years, many incoming students have spent significant time in an online school. Even so, we saw an increase in almost every area of ministry we track.

We saw a 37 percent increase in students that had some contact with one of our ministries. This resulted in 58 more college students coming to faith and following Jesus. Our mission trips and other activities saw more than 200 people receive Christ. The number of students involved in Bible study or small groups was over 1,000, up from about 400. International student involvement went up by 150 percent. More than 100 summer missionaries served at Super Summer, associational camps, VBS, and other ministries around the state.

God was and is moving in the ministries of mbCollegiate and the MBC. We give Him praise for what He did and continues to do. Our campus missionaries on 28 different campuses were a massive part of these results and continue to faithfully and effectively serve.

New ministries

Our agreement with Concord Baptist Association enhances the effectiveness of the ministry to the Lincoln University campus. The association has deeded its building back to the MBC and moved its offices to the Baptist Building. This allows Lincoln’s BSU to have full-time space for ministry and outreach on campus. In addition, Soma Community Church also uses the facility to reach the community, including the campus.

We are also excited about launching two new ministries: one at Mizzou and another at State Tech in Linn. At Mizzou, connections are already happening with students and churches in the Columbia area. This ministry is partnering with the Heart of Missouri Baptist Association to see a dynamic ministry calling students to become multiplying disciple-makers, servant leaders, and missionaries wherever they are.

Pastors in the area prayed for a ministry at State Tech for many years, and now it is a reality. It is exciting for area churches and the association to partner to reach these college students.

God is moving at Mizzou, State Tech, and all the ministries of mbCollegiate.

Developing Leaders

Jim Misloski, Director

The Developing Leaders Group is composed of the Resound Network for church revitalization, Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief, and the MBC Leader Care Network.

The MBC Leader Care Network exists to help leaders get well, lead well, and finish well. Members cooperate with Missouri Baptist associational leaders to create a network of support for Missouri Baptist church leaders and their families. The network of support includes resources for coaching, counseling, conflict resolution, assistance with planning pastoral wellness retreats and sabbaticals, and equipping through the Midwest Leadership Summit. Detailed information about the MBC Leader Care Network is available online at mobaptist.org/helpforleaders.

In the 2021-2022 season, the MBC Leader Care Network provided support to more than 320 MBC churches and leaders. Requests to the network continue to increase in each successive season. The greatest challenge is the limited capacity of the network.

In the spring of 2022, the Developing Leaders Group partnered with the Montana Southern Baptist Convention to provide a leadership development initiative to 35 Montana Baptist church leaders. Missouri's part in the initiative ended in July 2022 and resulted in the formation of two regional pastoral cohorts, who continue to encourage and develop Montana Baptist church leaders.

Brandon Moore, Church Revitalization & Replanting

Prayerfully seeking a movement of God, the Resound Network has mobilized leaders across Missouri to catalyze revitalization and replanting through partnerships in a variety of contexts. The network focuses on three priorities: equipping leaders, engaging churches, and encouraging multiplication.

The statewide Resound Network Summit hosted more than 70 pastors and directors of missions (DOMs) for equipping as revitalizers and consultants. Three Regional Summits and pastoral luncheons were hosted across the state to equip more than 100 local leaders. The Resound Summer Cohort equipped 17 leaders for revitalization and replanting, including five MBC collegiate interns receiving credit through Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The Resound Network hosted its second annual panel at the 2021 MBC Annual Meeting, during which 60 pastors and lay leaders were challenged to develop revitalizers and replanters in their own churches. Nine churches have embraced recommendations to revitalize, replant, or repurpose, and an additional 11 churches have started the Resound process. Lastly, to encourage multiplication, the network hosted the first Partnership Summit with more than 40 pastors and DOMs who worked together to utilize the principles discussed to determine next steps toward partnering with struggling churches.

Gaylon Moss, Disaster Relief

Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief (MODR) transforms lives and communities with the gospel by bringing help, hope, and healing. Churches participate in MODR by praying,

giving, and going. MODR helps churches by providing leadership, discipleship, and sending opportunities. MODR is a platform for ministry.

From July 2021 – June 2022, MODR teams served in-state, nationally, and internationally. During this timeframe, 11 people became new believers.

Hurricane Ida provided MODR the challenge of securing, preparing, and serving approximately 23,000 hot meals without support from traditional national partners.

A deadly tornado outbreak in December saw MODR serving in Missouri and Kentucky. Since then, we have launched an effort to repair/rebuild four homes in the Missouri Bootheel affected by this tornado outbreak.

MODR provided fire recovery in Colorado and New Mexico, raised funds to help with the 2021 Haiti earthquake, and provided funds for domestic reception of Afghan refugees.

The war in Ukraine was a worldwide disrupter. We saw four teams of MODR volunteers serve Ukrainian refugees on the Romania/Ukraine border. In addition, Missouri Baptists provided 40,000 meals for Ukrainians through national and international partners. The food was purchased and prepared in Ukraine and distributed by Ukrainian Baptist churches, and the gospel was shared.

Executive Office

Dr. John Yeats, Executive Director-Treasurer

Don Hinkle, The Pathway

On June 8, *The Pathway* marked its 20th anniversary, and it once again set another circulation record, approaching 30,000 subscribers, making it the fourth-largest paid circulation newspaper in Missouri. Additionally, more than 40,000 Missourians visited *The Pathway* website over the past year, along with another 10,000-plus coming from other states and nations. Estimated total readership of *The Pathway* has topped 100,000, with 60,000 due to the print edition. *The Pathway* is read in 115 countries.

In April, *The Pathway's* Associate Editor Ben Hawkins won a writing award for news from the Evangelical Press Association. Copies of *The Pathway* are sent to missionaries around the world. In addition, the newspaper is in three state prison libraries, the Missouri State Capitol, and is provided to every member of the Missouri General Assembly and statewide officeholder. It is also provided to the presidents of every Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) entity and to members of the SBC Executive Committee.

Don Hinkle completed his 20th year as the only editor *The Pathway* has ever had. It has become a nationally respected publication for espousing a biblical worldview approach to journalism.

The Pathway is made possible at no cost to subscribers through the support of Missouri Baptists to the Cooperative Program.

Business Services & Properties Management

Samantha Spencer, Controller

The Business Services Group is the Cooperative Program's entry portal for the MBC. The group accounts for all church receipts and allocates the monies to the appropriate ministries and missions. The receipts processed by Business Services for the year ending Dec. 31, 2021 are as follows:

Cooperative Program	\$15,470,934
Rheubin L. South Missouri Missions Offering	\$ 824,446
Lottie Moon Offering	\$ 4,154,582
Annie Armstrong Offering	\$ 2,410,452

As directed by MBC Bylaws, the financial statements have been audited by a certified public accountant for the year ending Dec. 31, 2021.

Gene Foster, Church Benefits Specialist

Gene Foster, church benefits specialist, helped churches with retirement plans this year. He held compensation-planning seminars and church tax-filing seminars for different associations throughout the state.

He assisted Missouri Baptists with church-finance, personnel, pastor-search, and payroll tax questions, retirement plan set up, and church compensation and financial issues.

Paula Earls, Operations Manager

Paula Earls, the MBC's operations manager, administers the MBC retirement plan, property and casualty insurance policy, and personnel policies and benefits. She serves as the main point person for the activities and leases at the Baptist Building in Jefferson City.

Over the past year, she completed insurance applications, assisted with claim requests, responded to insurance-coverage questions, and much more.

Other work includes planning the MBC Annual Meeting and other statewide meetings throughout the year. She additionally assists with various special projects as assigned.

Brooks Crawford, Properties Management Specialist

The Properties Management staff maintains the Jefferson City convention building, High Point Road Conference Center, Disaster Relief warehouse, six BSU buildings, and the MBC fleet of vehicles and trailers.

The staff serves by cleaning, setting up for meetings, conducting light construction, and doing repairs and regular maintenance at these locations.

Staff members are continuing to update/renovate most parts of the Baptist Building, with the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh floors completed. Remodeling of the ground floor is nearly completed.

Spencer Hutson, Liaison/Strategic Partners

Spencer Hutson serves as liaison to Missouri Baptist associations. He works closely with the DOM Fellowship in planning the spring and fall conferences that provide continuing education, best practices, and fellowship opportunities. The group continues to have regular Zoom meetings, and most regions have additional collaboration within the region.

Hutson, who now works with Baptist Homes & Healthcare Ministries as the church relations specialist, continues to serve as a contract worker with the MBC under the framework of the Leadership Development Group and alongside its director, Jim Misloski. In addition, he assists churches with facilities needs and stewardship ministry.

Cheryl Stahlman, Missouri WMU Executive Director

Missouri Woman's Missionary Union has been blessed by God this past year through opportunities to build up its leadership team.

The MWMU held its 98th Annual Missions Celebration at First Baptist Church in Lake St. Louis, Mo, on Sept. 10-11, 2021, after having to postpone it from the traditional dates in April. This meeting was well attended as we heard from National WMU Executive Director/Treasurer Sandy Wisdom-Martin, IMB and NAMB missionaries, and more. Just seven months later, MWMU held its 99th Annual Missions Celebration at Concord Baptist Church in Jefferson City, hearing from National WMU President Connie Dixon, IMB and NAMB missionaries, and others.

Over the last year, MWMU has been able to help Oasis International with a HEART Grant from the WMU Foundation to help provide gift cards to refugees coming into St. Louis.

Missouri PrayerWays continues to impact our International Mission Board and North American Mission Board missionaries from Missouri. They know their state is praying for them, and many plan events and services on their birthdays with that in mind.

Missions Exploration was held in October 2021 with 69 in attendance. G.E.M.(Girls Experiencing Missions) was held in October 2022 at Concord Baptist in Jefferson City.

MWMU state staff, president, and vice president were blessed to be trained one-on-one with the National WMU in November 2021 after two years of training online.

R.A. Congress was held in April with more than 150 participating in sports activities, archery, pine cars, mission run, and more. They were challenged by missionaries and collected items for the Missouri Baptist Children's Home.

Three offerings met or exceeded their goals this year, with MMO at \$824,446, Lottie

Moon at \$4,154,582, and Annie Armstrong at \$2,410,452. What an amazing testimony of how God uses us as we partner together to make disciples for Christ.

Making Disciples

Brad Bennett, Director

The **mission** of the Making Disciples Group is to cultivate a gospel-centered culture and community of disciple making in Missouri Baptist churches.

In the past year, the Making Disciples Group has held numerous age-graded disciple-making equipping events. Below are just a few:

LIFE Outreach

LIFE Outreach is a community-wide equipping and outreach event. A LIFE Outreach was held this year in Caruthersville, Mo., with more than 500 in attendance and 55 people surrendering their lives to Christ. There are eight scheduled events this fall in various Missouri communities.

Super Summer Camp

In June 2022, the Making Disciples Group hosted two weeks of Super Summer on the campuses of Hannibal-LaGrange University and Southwest Baptist University. More than seven hundred attended and many surrendered their lives to Christ.

Youth Evangelism Conference

The 2022 Youth Evangelism Conference was held at Calvary Baptist Church of Republic, Mo. More than 400 attended in person. YEC was held to inspire, instruct, and encourage students to share their faith.

Vacation Bible School

The Making Disciples Group held four VBS associational trainings in 2022, with 125 in attendance.

Ministry Support & Apologetics

Rob Phillips, Director

The Ministry Support & Apologetics Group provides the state missionary staff with creative services, media and technology support, and assistance with the staging and production of MBC events.

Creative Services (CS) promotes the Cooperative Program through ads, videos, articles, and social media, partnering with MBC entities to show the value of our cooperative ministries. The group also promotes the Missouri Missions Offering, producing print and electronic resources that show the impact of more than two dozen mission projects across the state.

CS named Tony Boes group leader, and welcomed videographer Neil Sneed and graphic designer Ryan Lake early in 2022. CS continues to add features to proprietary apps;

expand the role of video in MBC ministries; and keep the convention's presence on social media one of the most active among SBC state conventions.

CS also works closely with High Street Press, the MBC's publishing imprint, releasing four books in 2022, including *Understanding The Baptist Faith & Message*.

In Media, Technology & Events (MT&E), the staff continues to improve the speed and reliability of information networks, enhance the convention's database, increase participation in the Annual Church Profile, and lower the cost of IT services.

MT&E also provides superior audio-visual and set design support for all major MBC events.

Multiplying Churches

Rick Hedger, Director

Envision a day when it would be impossible for a people to dwell within the borders of Missouri without an MBC church owning the responsibility to evangelize and plant a church among them. This is the mission impossible guiding the Multiplying Churches Group.

Providing demographic reports to any church or association is a beginning step to discovering the peoples that have come to dwell within their sphere of influence. Once a people are discovered, the Multiplying Churches Group strategically develops interested local churches and associations in an appropriate strategy to engage, evangelize, and establish a fledgling church among the people. Once developed, the interested churches are guided in engaging the people with the gospel. This is called a discipleship-oriented church planting strategy.

Additionally, the MBC has in excess of 200 churches without a pastor on a weekly basis. The Multiplying Churches Group has a goal to encourage and assist 50 pastors to mentor potential pastors who may step into one of these churches, start a disciple-oriented church start, or join NAMB in its funded church-planting model. Interested pastors could receive \$2,400 to assist with this strategy.

Strategic Partners Reports

Missouri Baptist Children's Home

Russell Martin, President and Treasurer

"Missouri Baptist Children's Home is committed to serving God by responding to the needs of children, youth and families to make a lasting difference in their lives."

More than 90 percent of all ministries were provided in community-based programs rather than on a residential campus.

In 2021, MBCH and The LIGHT House touched the lives of 4,707 children and families. Two hundred and six children found loving, forever families.

Thirty-six youth were served in therapeutic group homes.

Two hundred fifty-six mothers and babies were served through Pregnancy Services provided by MBCH and The LIGHT House.

One hundred thirty-five children were in treatment family care homes and 347 children and youth were in family foster homes. MBCH maintained 356 foster/adoptive and/or relative/kinship homes.

Twenty-two young women were served through the human trafficking rescue ministry.

Transitional living programs in Bridgeton, Springfield, and Mt. Vernon served 57 young people as they prepared to leave foster care and become independent.

Sixteen adults with developmental disabilities received care at Country Haven or The Branches at Brookline.

The Counseling Center provided services to 96 clients. Six hundred ninety-five people were trained in Stewards of Children sexual abuse prevention.

There were five professions of faith by children served in residential programs of MBCH.

Baptist Homes & Healthcare Ministries

Rodney A. Harrison, President and CEO

At Baptist Homes & Healthcare Ministries, we address the challenges of growing older by providing Christlike care that honors God, minimizes fear, and maximizes peace of mind for you and your loved ones. At our core, we believe in the sanctity of life regardless of age or ability. We realize life transitions can be scary and confusing, which is why Baptist Homes has offered Missouri Baptists trusted guidance and care for nearly 110 years.

With campuses currently in Adrian, Arcadia Valley, Ashland, Chillicothe, Independence & Ozark – and coming soon to Smithville – Baptist Homes provides a variety of housing and care options for seniors. New for 2023 will be very affordable independent living studios in Arcadia Valley, new assisted living apartments in Ozark, and care geared to veterans in Smithville.

We are also pleased to launch our Welcome Home Campaign, celebrating our restoration as a Missouri Baptist Convention entity and our expansion at each and every location. At Baptist Homes, we seek to provide Missouri Baptists peace of mind, knowing that you have made the best decision for yourself or a loved one by choosing a lifecare home that is in a safe and supportive Christian environment.

Christian Life Commission

Timothy Faber, Chairman

Supreme Court decisions from this past year have given God's people much reason for rejoicing! However, we must remember that while God is sovereign, and He can work

through any entity He so chooses, the court is a secular body that does not base its decisions on the Bible. As such, we would be wise to remember the declaration of the psalmist, “Some boast in chariots and some in horses, but we will boast in the name of the Lord our God” (20:7).

Through these court decisions, religious liberty and life have prevailed. But there is still much work to do in regard to life, adoption and foster care, human trafficking, gambling, religious liberty, marriage, and more. The Christian Life Commission seeks to communicate the position espoused in Scripture and repeatedly affirmed by Missouri Baptists in regard to each of these issues.

One way we communicate is through our website: mbcclc.com. Another way is through our Unlocking Biblical Truth Conferences. We have had two this year – one in Chillicothe and one in Potosi. Both were very well attended.

We have also continued to partner with Concord Baptist Church in Jefferson City for the Legislative Prayer Breakfast in January. This affords us a connection with leaders in our state government. But more importantly, it affords us an opportunity to intercede for them and with them to our heavenly Father.

Missouri Baptist Foundation

Neil Franks, President and Treasurer

The Missouri Baptist Foundation has seen tremendous growth over the last year despite challenging market conditions.

Through strategic market gains, the restoration of relationships, and a radical commitment to reaching new clients, for the first time in MBF history, total assets under management remained above \$200 million for multiple months.

MBF’s commitment to its Redemptive Institutional Investing strategy continues to bear fruit. Whether investments in biotech that treat disease, Midwest farmland, or church buildings in Kansas City, your investments not only return financial gain but are making the world a better place.

One of our new partners, Encounter Cove, has also seen tremendous growth as they restore and renovate the former Windermere property. Via monthly ministry gatherings with thousands of attendees, and new and exciting summer camps for children and youth, we expect Encounter Cove to have a break-out year in 2023.

MBF continues to assist people as they form *Family and Kingdom Plans*, providing a playbook for the financial provision of loved ones while also leaving a legacy of ministry support. Our tools, strategies, and partnerships are for a singular purpose: to advance the gospel. To learn more, call 573.761.0717 or visit mbfn.org.

Historical Commission

Tony Jones, Chairman

The Missouri Baptist Historical Commission awarded the Baptist Heritage Scholarship to Southwest Baptist University (SBU) freshman Hannah Roy of Raymore, Mo. The

scholarship is for \$2,000 and is provided by funds from the Cooperative Program and matching monies from SBU. Roy submitted a winning research paper titled “The Importance of Sunday School for Missouri Baptists in the Antebellum Era.”

Alexis Royal and BreAnne Hamby were each awarded \$100 honorable-mention scholarships. Both are students at SBU. The commissioners are encouraging students at other Missouri Baptist universities to apply for scholarships next year. A fourth scholarship for current or incoming students of Spurgeon College is being offered next year. Guidelines and submission forms may be found online at baptistparchments.org.

Finally, the installation of permanent restroom facilities at Old Bethel has been completed. The commissioners are grateful for the tireless work of many Missouri Baptists to restore these facilities. Old Bethel is available to tour or for special events. Interested parties should stop by the Historical Commission booth in the exhibit hall at the St. Charles Convention Center.

Higher Education Institution Reports

Hannibal-LaGrange University

Dr. Rodney A. Harrison, Transitional President

The title “transitional president” accurately conveys the reality that Hannibal-LaGrange University is undergoing a season of transformation. Just as churches can be in decline for years before the grim realities of impending disaster are realized, the university awoke to the harsh reality of a decade of declining enrollment and a massive budget crisis during the past academic year.

To stay alive required CPR: confession, prayer, and repentance. Confession for years of spending more than the university received in tuition, fees, gifts, and the Cooperative Program. Prayer for forgiveness, mercy, wisdom, and renewal. Repentance in the form of a new direction that reduced expenses and restored integrity related to our financial obligations.

This is a new day for HLGU. Building upon the foundation laid and lessons learned over 164 years of serving Missouri Baptists, the university is well-positioned to train and equip men and women seeking to integrate Christian faith and values into the marketplace. Degrees are accessible online, on-campus, or at our Poplar Bluff extension. All programs are grounded in a biblical worldview by professors who affirm *The Baptist Faith & Message*.

Finally, let me express a heartfelt “Thank you!” to our alumni, churches, and friends for your support of Christian higher education. In our time of need, your prayers, cooperative giving, and special gifts sustained Missouri Baptist’s oldest college.

Southwest Baptist University

Rick Melson, Ph.D., President

This past year, the focus for SBU has been the three D's of student-focused initiatives: dining, dorms, and discipleship. SBU has partnered with a new food service called Provider. Our dorm lobbies are being renovated to continue to create a sense of belonging in the place our students call home. And finally, discipleship; SBU hired a campus pastor and director of discipleship, Stedman Valentine, to lead new initiatives on campus.

With the hiring of Senior Fellow Dr. Daniel DeWitt, the Center for Worldview Analysis and Cultural Engagement is coming to SBU. And with the help of the Blair family, SBU will establish The Blair Endowed Center for Training and Pastoral Health. The center will be utilized to support and encourage pastors and other leaders in ministry to navigate the stressors and demands that accompany leadership and ministry.

For the second consecutive year, SBU continues to be a College of Distinction. The Great Lakes Valley Conference Office announced Southwest Baptist University as the recipient of the James R. Spalding Overall Sportsmanship Award for the 2021-22 season. Additionally, SBU recently was named one of Missouri's two 2022 editor's picks for Best Online and Campus-Based Christian Bachelor's Degrees in America, as selected by ChristianMinistryEDU.org.

Let's Go, Bearcats!

Missouri Baptist University

Dr. Keith Ross, President

The past few years have highlighted the growing need for healthcare professionals, especially those with a Christian worldview. Missouri Baptist University is rising to meet that need.

MBU's new Master of Science in Nursing degree equips individuals to combine clinical expertise and a passion for patient care, while the new Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing program allows students to expedite the RN licensure process, helping fill the growing number of healthcare vacancies.

On the mental health side, recent accreditation by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Proposals validates MBU's rigorous counseling program, which is one of the only faith-based counseling degrees in the region.

Finally, one example of the blending of faith, learning, and practice is a recent School of Nursing mission trip to the Republic of Liberia. Students taught resuscitation with a bag and mask device to local midwives to help newborn babies breathe more effectively. They also hosted a medical clinic to treat ailments ranging from nausea to malaria.

These highlights provide but a few examples of the many ways MBU is enriching students spiritually, intellectually, and professionally, preparing them for lives of service and leadership all over the world.