



MID LAKES BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



Missions and Ministry Together

By John Rhodes, AMS (Associational Missions Strategist)



Happy New Year Mid Lakes Family!

If we were to ask ourselves the question, “What three things should we as churches be doing in 2023?”, what would your answer be? I am sure we could come up with many answers and they all be good. However, I would like to propose three answers which cover many areas.

The first year I was here, we used the theme, “*Iron Sharpens Iron*”, meaning we need each other. God’s church includes all born again believers. We need to be encouraging and lifting up each other. This year we used the theme, “*Where Every Church Matters*”, because regardless of size, if we are in God’s perfect will, we are in the most important place there is. This was an effort to encourage churches to embrace who we are in the Lord.

For 2023 we will be using, “*Called To Connect*”.

- 1 - We are to connect with our Creator
- 2 - We are to connect to our Churches,
- 3 - We are to connect to our Communities.

I hope this will be a challenge for our churches to make important connections. If the church is to be what God wants us to be, we **MUST** reach outside of our four walls. We must realize that we need each other, and we need to be there for one another, and we do it all through the power of the Holy Spirit.



Allow me to challenge you to make 2023 a year of CONNECTIONS for God, and with God!!!

God bless and Happy New Year,
Bro. John & Gayle Rhodes



Mid Lakes Association has one of the best camps there is!!!!

Our Camp Ministry Committee does a fabulous job!

Each year, camp struggles with finances because most of the camp fees come in after camp is over. The association budget line for camp helps some, but is not enough.

The Mid Lakes Personnel / Church Relations Ministry Committee has a plan! We would like to raise and maintain \$12,000 for the camp fund so camp can thrive rather than struggle every year. With a well supplied camp account and good budgeting, Mid Lakes Camps can continue to advance the Kingdom of Heaven and bless the churches of the Mid Lakes Association for a long time to come. What we are proposing is for every church in the association to take up a LOVE OFFERING in their Churches for camp, and bring that offering to our Semi-Annual Meeting on Sunday Evening, April 23rd at Noble Hill Baptist Church. With all 20 churches participating, this goal could easily be met.

We also would like to ask for the churches to help financially sponsor sending leaders to camp. We have to pay just as much for leaders as we do for the kids and youth.

Please join us in promoting this worth while goal!!!!!!



\$12,000

PLEASE ADD THIS GOAL TO YOUR CHURCH CALENDAR OR BUDGET!!!

Please join in Prayer for the following churches: First Baptist Church, Humansville, Rondo Baptist Church, and FBC, Pleasant Hope as they search for God's will in leadership.



It is not too late to sign up for the Contextualized Leadership Development Course

Cost: FREE

Place: Southern Hills Baptist Church

Dates and Times: Thursday, January 26, 2023 - Thursday, May 11, 2023

Instructor: Darren Bradley - Contact Darren if interested 916-218-8024

To Enroll: http://share.hsforms.com/1AOpuEj_eQfu9zymMa4H06A31ggp

Men's Breakfast at Brenda's Café - INVITE

Berean Baptist Church is hosting a men's breakfast on Saturday, 9:30 a.m. at Brenda's Cafe in Bolivar. All men from the Mid-Missouri area are invited to attend as we are wanting to encourage fellowships and support other events for men in our churches. Pastor Dennis Mays from Noblesville is the guest speaker. This is going to be something you won't want to miss.



**MLBA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 10TH AT 7:00 PM
BRIGHTON BAPTIST CHURCH.**



GUEST SPEAKER: JOE NOGALSKI, MBC CHILDREN'S HOME

Block Party Trailer

The MLBA has now purchased a trailer to use as our new Block Party Trailer. We are stretching the funds we have as far as we can in order to provide a quality ministry tool for the churches of the Association.

Listed below are several items we need that some of you may have, but are no longer using. If you would like to help the BP Trailer Ministry, please see if you have any of these items that you would be willing to donate.

P.S. We are already taking reservations for dates for next year's events. Reservations are first come first serve.

Camp gets first priority.



We will be voting on Guidelines for the Block Party Trailer at the January 10, 2023 Executive Board Meeting at Brighton Baptist Church.

- **Good undamaged, clean, heavy duty extension cords. We need some heavy 100' cords for our inflatables.**
- **(4) 5' or 6' Plastic Tables in real good condition.**
- **(3) 10' x 10' pop up tents**
- **Nice, clean, undamaged bean bags.**
- **(4 or 5) Hula Hoops**
- **Small floatable rubber duckies**
- **Receiver hitch with 2" ball**
- **Small (14") orange cones**
- **1/8" Metal plate - 16" x 60"**
- **1/8" Metal Plate - 12" x 60"**

YOUTH EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

**JAN 15 & 16
2023**

FRESHWATER CHURCH • JEFFERSON CITY



**ROMANS
10:14**

**OUT
LOUD**

\$25 PER PERSON

<https://mobaptist.org/student-ministries/youth-evangelism-conference/>



Dates to Remember



January 9 @ 4:30 PM - Personnel Committee Ministry Meeting

January 10 @ 7 PM - Executive Board Meeting, Brighton Baptist Church. Guest Speaker: Joe Nogalski of the MBC Children's Home.

January 15-16 MBC Youth Evangelism Conference, Freshwater Church, Jefferson City

March 21-22 DOM Spring Conference, Jefferson City

April 9 - Easter Sunday

April 11 @ 7 PM - Executive Board Meeting, Mt Etna Baptist Church. Guest speaker: Spencer Hudson, MBC Baptist Home.

April 23 Meal 5 PM, Service 6 PM - MLBA Semi Annual Meeting, Noble Hill Baptist Church. Bring your special offering for CAMP that evening.

May 4 - National Day of Prayer

May 14 - Mother's Day

June 11/14 - SBC Annual Meeting, New Orleans

June 18 - Father's Day

July 11 - Executive Board Meeting @ 7 PM (TBD)

August 5/8 - Children's Camp

August 9/13 - Youth Camp

August 15 - Nominating Committee Meeting 5 PM

August 21 - Budget/Finance Committee Meeting 5 PM

September 27 - See You at the Pole

October 1 - Cooperative Program Sunday

October 9 - MLBA Annual Meeting (Monday at FBC, Bolivar)

October 10 - MLBA Annual Meeting (Tuesday at Berean Baptist Church)

October 21 - MLBA Pastors/Family Cookout

October 23/24 MBC Annual Meeting, at Crossway Baptist Church, Springfield

November 23 - Thanksgiving Day

December 25 - Christmas Day



Reminder, the Men's Fellowship Breakfast is the 1st and 3rd Tuesday morning of each month at 8:30 AM at Smith's Restaurant.

THANK YOU Mid Lakes Churches for your faithful giving to the Association over this past year.



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!

January 3 & 17

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Berean Baptist; Bethel Southern Baptist; Brighton Baptist; Caplinger Mills Baptist; Fender Chapel Baptist; First Baptist, Bolivar; First Baptist, Fair Play; First Baptist, Humansville; First Baptist, Morrisville; First Baptist, Pleasant Hope; First Southern Baptist, Stockton; Grace Fellowship Baptist; Heritage Baptist; Mt Etna Baptist; Mt Olive Baptist; New Hope Baptist; Noble Hill Baptist; Rondo Baptist; Shepherd's Way Church; Southern Hills Baptist.



We want to Welcome Bro. Randy Hargis as the new pastor of Caplinger Mills Baptist Church.



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