



MID LAKES BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



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Missions and Ministry Together

By John Rhodes, AMS (Associational Missions Strategist)



Hello Mid Lakes Family.

I am excited about the good things happening in Mid Lakes Baptist Association Churches. I would like to share just a few things that I am aware of. I know there are probably many other things, and if there are, I would love to hear about them.

- Bethel Baptist Church has a new sign for their church and attendance has been good. They recently had a baptism, and they called their Interim to be their pastor. Congratulations Pastor Josh Lobdell.
- Berean Baptist Church had a great turn out for a Men's Missions Breakfast recently. They also opened it up to other churches with five association churches represented. They have also begun a reading the Bible through in a year program through their church app and have around 60+ people participating. This includes asking questions and encouraging one another. Their monthly prayer night service is also off to a good start. All this is great!
- Brighton Baptist Church now has a Wednesday evening meal, a class for kids, and a Bible study class.
- Caplinger Mills recently received new (to them) pews which look great, and now they have a new pastor. They called Bro. Randy Hargis as pastor. He started in December.
- FBC, Bolivar has had recent baptisms, are using the Esquire Building to have Friday night movie nights as an outreach, and are seeing growth in numbers.
- FBC Morrisville has had an increase in attendance, and had one to join by letter and another came for baptism. They also have a number of children attending. Plans are for a future Wednesday night kid's class.
- First Southern in Stockton is excited to see their attendance increasing. They had 141 recently, and look for the numbers to increase. They also will be hosting our MLBA Camp Youth Spring Retreat in March.
- Heritage Baptist Church has moved into their fellowship hall so they can finish the expansion of their sanctuary! What a blessing. They also had an ordination service in January.
- Mt Olive Baptist Church has had another baptism and are about to remodel their fellowship hall after a water pipe burst and did much damage. However, even with this disaster, God is still doing great things!
- Shepherd's Way Church will begin having services in the FBC, Pleasant Hope building. At the first of the year, FBC, Pleasant Hope closed and deeded all their property to Shepherd's Way Church so the gospel can continue in the Pleasant Hope community through that facility. Shepherd's Way Church is the newest church in our association.
- MLBA Camp Committee is working hard, and will be hosting a Parent's Night Out Fundraising Event on Saturday, February 11th. Details are in the newsletter. Also the Youth Spring Retreat is March 3-4.
- I am excited about the Block Party Trailer we are working on! It will be great to see God use it for His glory!
- Our MLBA Association Semi-Annual Meeting will be Sunday evening, April 23rd at Noble Hill Baptist Church. I hope you will join us. More information is in the Newsletter.

These are just some of the great things God is doing. God bless and keep up the good work! We love you!

Bro. John and Mrs. Gayle

MID-LAKES CAMPS PRESENTS

Valentine's Day

Parents' Night Out

Proceeds benefit
operational costs
and scholarships for
Mid-Lakes Camps

First Baptist Church, Bolivar
Rec Building

Ages 2-12 years

11TH
FEB

4p -10p

\$20/child
\$50/family of 3

Register at

WWW.MIDLAKESCAMPS.WEEBLY.COM

Mid Lakes Camps - Spring Youth Retreat

March 3-4, 2023 \$15 per student

Place: FBC, Stockton

Registration soon @ www.midlakescamps.weebly.com



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!!!!



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

WE ALREADY HAVE \$2,400.00 GIVEN TOWARD OUR GOAL.



Please be in Prayer for
First Baptist Church, Humansville,
Rondo Baptist Church as they search
for God's will in a pastor.

We had a great time of fellowship at our Men's breakfast at Brenda's Café in January. Thank you Berean Baptist Church for your passion for Men's Ministry and for inviting the churches on MLBA to join you. We look forward to the next opportunity to meet with you!



THE OUTSIDE OF THE BLOCK PARTY TRAILER IS READY!
NOW TO FINISH WORKING ON THE INSIDE!!!

THANKS SOUTHERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH FOR COVERING
THE COST OF LETTERING THE BP TRAILER FOR US!



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.



- **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"**



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.

CLOUDS WITHOUT WATER

Saturday April 15

Session #1

"The Duty of Discernment"

Session #2

"Dangerous Doctrines"

Sunday April 16

Session #3

"Mangled Manifestations"

Session #4

"The Hurt of Healing"

**Saturday – Sunday April 15-16
6pm each night**

**New Hope Baptist Church
425 N. Ward Stockton Missouri
Joe Rhoads, Pastor
417-619-6843**

This seminar is free, but registration is required.

A freewill offering will be taken each night.



**Justin Peters
Evangelist and President of justinpeters.org**

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!

February 7 & 21

CALLED TO CONNECT:
Connect to Our Creator.
Connect to Our Churches.
Connect to Our Communities.



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.



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