



MID LAKES BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Missions and Ministry Together

By John Rhodes, AMS (Associational Missions Strategist)



Hello Mid Lakes Family.

Called to Connect. Have you thought about what that means for you and your church?

I am finding that connecting is vital if ministry is going to happen. Throughout my life, the people who made the biggest impact in my life were the people who connected with me. They invested time, talents, and treasures into my life. As your AMS, I am thankful for those who take time out of their busy schedule to invest in God's work in the association. April is a month full of opportunities to invest. Please take the time to be a part of what God is doing.

1 - Our **Semi-Annual Meeting**, Sunday, April 23rd at Noble Hill Baptist Church. We want to encourage all our churches to join us for a night of food, fellowship, and feasting on God's Word. Noble Hill will be providing a meal for us at 5:00 PM. Then around 6:30 we will begin our worship time together. There will be no business conducted except any business individuals might have with God. Speakers will be Bro. Ted Bachmann, Bro. Chadd Caldwell, and Bro. Jacob Miller. Music will be led by Bro. Ron George. Don't miss it.

2 - Another day to invest in is Saturday, April 29th. On that day, we are planning an **Associational Block Party for our Churches!** This will be a time when all our churches can come together and see what God has blessed us with in our new Block Party Trailer. To see the trailer is nice, but hopefully to see everything set up will cause our churches to see the potential in this ministry tool for their churches. We will have it at FBC, Bolivar's Fellowship Park (the old White House lot on the east side of the church). We will set up at 1 PM, host the Block Party from 2-4 PM, and tear down from 4-5 PM. This will allow folks to see how everything works. We will be serving hotdogs, popcorn, and sno-cones. In case of rain, we will move it into the church gym. That Saturday is also the Bolivar yard sale day, so many people will be in town already. If people from the community stop in, GREAT. We will share with them the love of Jesus and the gospel. Bring your church, youth, kids, and yourself. Be watching for more details.

3 - **Easter Sunday**, April 9th. This Easter, let's commit to inviting as many lost people as possible to hear God's Holy Word. Can you think of a better time to invite people to God's house?

4 - **Executive Board Meeting**, April 11th, 7 PM at Mt Etna Baptist Church. Special Guest Speaker, Spencer Hutson, MBC Baptist Homes.

God is good, and keep up the good work!!

Bro. John and Mrs. Gayle.





Berean - We all know how important prayer is. We know it's important for us as individuals. It's important for our families. It's important for our community, our nation, and our churches. It's for this reason that Berean Baptist is hosting it's third annual Prayer Encounter. The Prayer Encounter is a time to be renewed in prayer and more focused in our relationship with Christ. The Prayer Encounter runs from Saturday, April 1st, through Saturday, April 8th, from 7:00 a.m. till 8:00 p.m. daily at Berean Baptist Church. You're invited to come and experience prayer unlike ever before. Without exception, everyone who has gone through the Prayer Encounter in the past has left changed, challenged, and more inclined to prayer than before they came in. This really is something you don't want to miss. To sign up for a one-hour time slot, please contact the church office at (417) 770-2960.

Caplinger Mills Baptist Church - 100th Year Anniversary Celebration 6/3/23

FBC Bolivar - June 5-9 VBS

FBC Fair Play - June 26-30 VBS

FBC Humansville - They called David Cloud as their pastor. 7/9/23 VBS Block Party, July 10-13 VBS,

Heritage Baptist Church - 4/22/23 Trip to Branson, VBS June 12-16. Moving back into their expanded sanctuary soon.

Mt Olive Baptist Church - July 10-13 VBS, Remodeling fellowship hall after flooding

Rondo Baptist Church - Sunday Afternoon, April 30 Block Party / Fish Fry / Singing

4/11/23 - Executive Board Meeting @ Mt Etna

4/14-15 DR Training, FBC Clinton

4/23 Semi-Annual Meeting at Noble Hill

4/29 - Associational Block Party

5/4 - National Day of Prayer

6/11-14 SBC Annual Meeting, New Orleans

7/11 Executive Board Meeting - TBA

8/5-8 Children's Camp

8/9-13 Youth Camp

8/15 Nominating Committee Meeting

8/21 Budget Committee Meeting

9/27 See You at the Pole

10/9 Annual Meeting - FBC Bolivar

10/10 Annual Meeting - Berean Baptist

10/21 - Pastor's Family Cookout

10/23-24 MBC Annual Meeting, Crossway, Springfield, MO



Mid Lakes Baptist Association
Semi-Annual Meeting

Sunday Evening, April 23, 2023

5:00 PM Meal (Provided by Noble Hill Baptist Church.)

6:30 - 8:30 Service

Place: Noble Hill Baptist Church

Please join us for a time of food, fellowship and worship.

We will have three great messages using our theme, Called to Connect.

Connect to our Creator - Bro. Ted Bachmann

Connect to our Churches - Bro. Chadd Caldwell

Connect to our Communities - Bro. Jacob Miller

Music by Ron George, Jr.

Everyone is Invited!!!



Please help us reach our goal for raising \$12,000 in operational funds for camp. This is a one-time offering designed to help us cover operating expenses until all our funds come in from churches and individuals.

Churches can take a love offering, or individuals can give directly to the association. Please make checks out to Mid Lakes Baptist Association, and put in the memo Camp Offering. Send checks to Mid Lakes Baptist Association, 722 E South Street, Bolivar, MO 65613.

You can also bring your offering to the Semi-Annual Meeting, Sunday, April 23 at Noble Hill.

Thank You



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

WE ALREADY HAVE ~~\$4,100~~ GIVEN TOWARD OUR GOAL.

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Block Party



SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH

SET UP 1 PM / BLOCK PARTY 2-4 / TEAR DOWN 4-5.

FBC, BOLIVAR FELLOWSHIP PARK
FORMERLY THE WHITE HOUSE LOT.

THIS IS FOR ALL OUR CHURCH FAMILIES!

INVITE EVERYONE, ESPECIALLY YOUTH, BUT BE SURE TO BRING THOSE WHO WILL GET EXTRA EXCITED ABOUT USING THE BP TRAILER IN YOUR CHURCH COMMUNITY.



MARRIAGE RETREAT



WHAT: PASTORS & WIVES
MARRIAGE RETREAT

WHEN: APRIL 13-15, 2023

WHERE: STONE CASTLE HOTEL
& CONFERENCE CENTER

COST: \$80 PER COUPLE!

FOR REGISTRATION AND EVENT INFORMATION
VISIT WWW.BLAIRCENTER.ORG/EVENTS



Pastors & Wives Marriage Retreat

When: **April 13-15, 2023**

Where: Stone Castle Hotel and Conference Center, Branson, MO

Cost: \$80 per couple

Limited to first 30 couples to sign up!

Register Now!



DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING

APRIL 14-15, 2023

FBC, CLINTON, MO

First time: \$45

Re-certification and cross training \$25

Dinner, Breakfast, and Lunch Included.

Lodging Available

Trainings We Offer:

- **Mass Care / Feeding**
- **Chainsaw**
- **Flood Recovery**
- **Communications**
- **Shower / Laundry**
- **Childcare**
- **Incident Management**
- **Assessment**
- **Chaplaincy**



Register at: modr.org/dr-training

AN INVITE FROM NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

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

SIGN UP NOW FOR SUMMER CAMP

MID LAKES CAMPS

CHILDREN'S CAMP: AUGUST 5-8

FOR STUDENTS ENTERING 3RD— 6TH GRADE

\$135 PER STUDENT

YOUTH CAMP AUGUST 9-13

FOR STUDENTS ENTERING 7TH - COLLEGE FRESHMAN

\$150 PER STUDENT

FULL AND PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE

**SIGN UP AT WWW.MIDLAKESCAMPS.WEEBLY.COM
AND TO LEARN MORE INFORMATION.**



KID'S CAMP PASTOR: ZACH FOWLER

YOUTH PASTORS:

ADAM HUGHES, SENIOR PASTOR, FBC BOLIVAR

JED BOND, YOUTH PASTOR, FBC BOLIVAR



MID LAKES MINISTRY



Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Twice Monthly) - All men are invited to join us for a time of fellowship and encouragement the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at Smith's Restaurant at 8:30 AM.

Mid Lakes Camps - For years Mid Lakes Association has built a quality, safe, and affordable camp program which focuses on the need for salvation, spiritual growth for the campers, and yes FUN! We have a great camp ministry team which works together to make sure our kids and youth camp experiences have eternal significance, and are safe and enjoyable.

Disaster Relief Ministry - Mid Lakes partners with the MO Baptist Convention in offering Help, Hope, and Healing to those who in need during times of disaster. However, we are always in need on more volunteers.

Block Party Trailer Ministry - This new ministry was made possible by a couple who has a heart for missions. Because of their generosity, our churches now have a ministry tool available to us to help us reach the communities in which we live with the love of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Kayak Ministry - This unique ministry can be used as outreach and as a great way to fellowship. It is available for all our churches to use. Since Covid, this ministry has been almost at a stand still. Just know it is still available for use. Contact the office for more details.

WMU Ministry - Our WMU Ministry has been instrumental these past few years in providing hand sewn bags to be used by the Disaster Relief Childcare Units around the nation along with some of our local crisis pregnancy centers. Currently we are in need of a new WMU Director in our association since ours just moved to OK. If you or someone you know is interested in this ministry leadership position, please let the office know.

Pastoral Ministry - One blessing I have as the AMS for Mid Lakes is trying to be there for our pastors. Whether it is pulpit supply, finding resources, or lending a listening ear, ministering to our pastors and to the churches is a joy and blessing. Another aspect of this ministry is encouraging churches to come and work and worship together. After all, we will spend eternity together, so why not start now. Remember, iron sharpens iron.

Cooperative Program Partnership - The churches on Mid Lakes Baptist Association work in cooperation with the MO Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention to do ministry. The joint partnership which we call the Cooperative Program enables us to have a part in sending missionaries around the world, feeding the hungry, educating those called into ministry, helping those who have faced disaster, and sharing the gospel to the uttermost parts of the world. Something we can not do alone. Are Southern Baptists perfect, no, but we do serve a perfect God Who has guided us as we do our best to be the hands and feet of Jesus to a lost and dying world.

Shuttle Ministry - Mid Lakes Association has a 25 passenger (including the driver) shuttle which is available for our churches to use for ministry to your churches. The driver must have a CDL Class C License with a passenger endorsement to drive it. We also use the shuttle each year to transport kids and youth to camp.

Please be in Prayer for Rondo Baptist Church as they search for God's will in a pastor. FBC, Humansville has called Bro. David Cloud as their pastor again.



Monthly Men's Fellowship Breakfast

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

April 4th & 18th

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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 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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