



March 2023

MID LAKES BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



Missions and Ministry Together

By John Rhodes, AMS (Associational Missions Strategist)

Hello Mid Lakes Family.



How many of you are ready for SPRING? I know I am. I guess I love spring because it is a time we see life renewed. Just this week I saw buttercups blooming, and little sprouts of something coming from the soil. I love watching the grass turn green, and feeling the weather warm up. Just as spring brings about a sense of renewal in nature, I pray that spring brings with it a reminder of spiritual renewal in our lives. After a gloomy, cold winter, we all need some refreshing. To be honest, most of us need the spark of revival to brighten our daily paths as we go about serving the Lord. I believe God still is working in our churches and in people's lives. So ask God to start a spark in you, and in your church today! Also, encourage others in their spiritual walk. Be an encourager. Remember, you won't make your candle any brighter by blowing out someone else's.

I am excited for two events coming up in April.

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. Our theme this year is "Called to Connect", and we have three men who will be sharing with us concerning that theme. Bro. Ted Bachman, pastor of Southern Hills will be sharing "Connecting with Our Creator". Bro. Chadd Caldwell, pastor of Mt Olive Baptist Church, will be sharing, "Connecting with our Churches", and Bro. Jacob Miller, pastor of Shepherd's Way Church in Pleasant Hope will be sharing, "Connecting with Our Communities". Bro. Ron George Jr will be leading our music. So be sure to make plans now to attend!

2 - The second date 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 they communities. 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 asking everyone who serves on any committee in the association, or leadership position in the association, to help with the work that day. We will be putting together a planning committee of people to help plan this. If you would love to be involved, please let me know. 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.

God is good, and keep up the good work!!
We love you all,

Bro. John and Mrs. Gayle.

PASTOR'S WIVES APPRECIATION MONTH

celebrate her all month long

MARCH 1 - 31

Many denominations celebrate March as Pastors' Wives Appreciation Month. This is a great time to pray specifically for your Pastor's wife and family. An encouraging note or card sharing how they bless you personally is always treasured.



Pastor's Wives Facebook Group

Pastor's Wives: You are invited to join the Mid Lakes Pastor's Wives Facebook Group.

Gayle Rhodes hopes that this will be a good way for the wives to connect, get to know one another better, provide support and encouragement for each other, and share prayer requests. This will be a place to share funnies, resources, and even things that are happening in your life and family. Because this is a private group, you must be invited, and in order to be invited, you must be friends with someone in the group. Many of you are already friends with Gayle Rhodes, but if you are not, please send her a friend request and she will gladly add you to this group. She has already befriended those she knows are on Facebook, but there are some who she may have missed. You can call or text her on her cell at 573-803-7838. So come connect with us on Facebook!!!

Mid Lakes Camps - Spring Youth Retreat

March 3-4, 2023 \$15 per student

Place: FBC, Stockton

Registration soon @ www.midlakescamps.weebly.com



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



\$12,000

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

WE ALREADY HAVE \$2,400.00 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

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



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.

March 7th & 21st



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 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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