



# MID LAKES BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



## **Missions and Ministry Together**

**By John Rhodes, AMS (Associational Missions Strategist)**

*Matthew 15:32 “Now Jesus called His disciples to Himself and said, “I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat. And I do not want to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way.”*

One of the key components to Jesus ministry was His compassion for people. The people Jesus was referring to here had a physical problem, hunger. They also had a spiritual problem, lostness. Jesus understood the importance of caring for the physical as well as the spiritual. He truly did care for them. From our Semi-Annual Meeting and our Association-wide Block Party, we saw the need for connecting, and caring. May this summer be full of caring connections that count for our Lord Jesus Christ.

I want to thank everyone who has given to the Camp Offering. It is so important that we remain faithful stewards in all we do, and this helps us to do that. As of this writing, we have \$6,942.51.

As the school year winds down, VBS's are gearing up. Please pray for, support, and help your church reach out with love and compassion through VBS. If your church does not have VBS, volunteer to help another church. If you know of a church that needs help with VBS, then see what you can do to help. You can also reach out to us for help too.

Camp will be here before we know it. Please lift up in prayer our camp committee, camp directors, camp pastors, camp worship leaders, and all our camp volunteers. Registration is already open for camp. Also thank you to the churches who send kids and youth to camp. Just to plant a seed, our workers also have to pay the same amount as the kids to stay at camp, so I would encourage you to adopt a camp worker too! Scholarships are available to help kids who want to go but need financial assistance. You can also donate anytime to the camp scholarship fund, to help continue to make sure kids in the future have a way to come to camp.

Special thanks to Noble Hill Baptist Church for hosting our Semi-Annual Meeting on April 23, and to the men who brought challenging messages and led in worship. It was a great evening with around 80 in attendance. Also, thanks to FBC, Bolivar for hosting our MLBA Block Party at their Fellowship Park on April 9th, and to all the wonderful people who volunteered to help. The Block Party Trailer is available on a first come basis.

Remember we can always do more together! God is good, and keep up the good work!!!  
Bro. John and Mrs. Gayle.



**Berean** - On Sunday morning at 9:30 and 10:30, the church is focusing on Evangelism through the month of May!

**Caplinger Mills Baptist Church** - 100th Year Anniversary Celebration 6/3/23 Beginning at noon. All kinds of fun activities, along with free food, and an outdoor movie that evening.

**FBC Bolivar** - Mother's Day Women's Choir in the 11:00 service on Sunday, May 14, VBS June 5-9

**FBC Fair Play** - June 26-30 VBS

**FBC Humansville** - 7/9/23 VBS Block Party, July 10-13 VBS,

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

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

**Rondo** - Still searching for a Pastor. Hit by powerful hailstorm. Much damage to the church building.

**Mid Lakes Association:** May 1-3 the office will be closed while Bro. John takes a few vacation days.

**We want to welcome Mrs. Dot Soldivini as our new MLBA Treasurer. We thank Mrs. Leidra Stunkel for the wonderful job she did during her time as treasurer.**

5/4 - National Day of Prayer—FBC, Bolivar,  
5:30 PM in the Rose Building

5/14 - Mother's Day

6/11-14 SBC Annual Meeting, New Orleans

7/11 Executive Board Meeting - Grace Fellowship

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

**Congratulations to all area Graduates!**



# 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**

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AND TO LEARN MORE INFORMATION.**



**KID'S CAMP PASTOR: ZACH FOWLER**

**YOUTH PASTORS:  
ADAM HUGHES, SENIOR PASTOR, FBC BOLIVAR  
JED BOND, YOUTH PASTOR, 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 of 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.

**May 2nd & 16th**

**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; Noble Hill Baptist; Rondo Baptist; Shepherd's Way Church; Southern Hills Baptist.

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