



JUNE 2023

MID LAKES BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



Missions and Ministry Together

By John Rhodes, AMS (Associational Missions Strategist)

Greetings Mid Lakes Family,

There have been a lot of great things happening in the Mid Lakes Baptist Association. Our churches on average have seen their attendance increasing, baptisms are happening, and churches are gearing up for summer activities, especially Vacation Bible School. On our church news page you will find a list of churches having VBS (ones that I am aware of), and other events.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to everyone who helped make our association block party a great success. We had three families that just dropped in to ask for a Baptist Church to pay them a visit. PTL We are unsure of the total number attending, but we believe somewhere between 300-400 people were there. With everyone coming and going it is hard to get a count. We did have 14 out of 18 churches represented. I want to especially thank those who I gave leadership roles to, and they performed them with all excellence: Kay (and Dustin) Vann, Jed Bond and Braden Jones, Lindsey Winder, and Chad Caldwell. Thank you all so much.

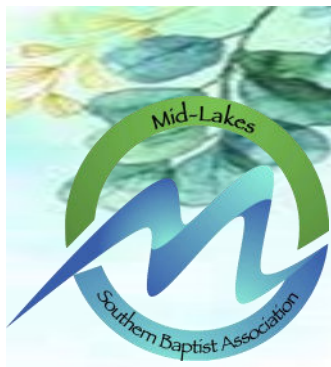
The block party trailer's calendar is filling up fast. We have had many request already come in. Remember it is on a first come basis.

With the onset of summer, everyone is busy. My grass just keeps growing. However, let me remind all of us that summer time is a great time to seek out those opportunities God has for us. I truly believe God has a plan for each church in our association, and we have a responsibility to be about our Father's business. Just think about it, how often do we lack real joy, and it is all because we are so wrapped up in things of this world, that we forget about finding joy by being about our Father's business.

Be sure to check out some of the things happening in the newsletter, especially camp preparation. Also, THANK YOU for giving to our camp maintenance fund. All together we have received \$7,842.51 for the camp offering. This amount will help us get off to a good start, and of course, we will do our best to be good stewards of what God has provided.

Have a happy and safe summer,

Bro. John and Mrs. Gayle



Church and Associational News

Berean - VBS June 29 - July 1 9-11:30 AM

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 - VBS June 5-9

FBC Fair Play - June 26-30 VBS

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

Heritage Baptist Church - VBS June 12-16. 6:30—8:30 PM Have moved back into their expanded sanctuary.

Mt Olive Baptist Church - July 10-12 VBS, Remodeling fellowship hall after flooding

Rondo - Voting on Pastor June 11, VBS July 17-21 5:00 - 7:30 PM

Camp Committee - Yard Sale for Camp June 10th at the association office.

Kayak Ministry - Serving Deaf Camp at Warsaw June 26 and 29

MLBA - Executive Board Meeting July 11th at Grace Fellowship - Speaker Kelly Rehm (Child Evangelism Fellowship)

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



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



YARD SALE

June 10th
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
722 E. South St.
Bolivar, MO 65613

Donations for sale can
be dropped off at MLBA office
Monday-Wednesday

Proceeds benefit MidLakes Camps

SEE YOU THERE!

No
furniture
please

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

VOLUNTEERS

NEEDED

We Need Help With

- ☐ Cooking
10-11:30
- ☐ Serving
11:30-1:30

Come help us make sure that no kid goes hungry this summer! Several families rely on school free and reduced lunches, and without it children are at risk of food insecurity, but summer lunches can help

Contact Abigail Hovey to sign up at
417.326.7250 or email
abigail.hovey@polkcountyhealth.org
Volunteer whenever works best for you



Can you really think of anything better to do this summer?

Mon-Fri July 6th-August 12th



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 Pray for the SBC's
Annual Meeting this year in
New Orleans June 12-14



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.

June 6th & 20th

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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