



July 2023

MID LAKES BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



Missions and Ministry Together

By John Rhodes, AMS (Associational Missions Strategist)

Greetings Mid Lakes Family,

Happy Independence Day. With the introduction of summer are many activities. It is wonderful to watch as God plants seeds of hope, healing, and help in our churches and in the association. There are a number of things we all need to pray about, encourage, and yes, even get involved in.

1 - CAMP is almost here. August 5-8 Kid's Camp; August 9-13 Youth Camp. You can go to the camp website and register your kids and youth, and here is a link to an Amazon Wish-List where you can help support camp by purchasing certain items which camp is in need of. <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/5GY003ME8YA6?type=wishlist>

2 - We want to Congratulate Caplinger Mills Baptist Church on the celebration of their 100th Anniversary as a Church.

3 - Rondo Baptist Church has called Bro. Jeff Robidou to be their pastor. Jeff and his wife Kristin, and two sons are excited for this new chapter of ministry in their lives.

4 - Disaster Relief Blue Hat Training will be July 21-22. Any DR Volunteers who may be interested in being a Blue Hat leader, please see Bro. John.

5 - Our Executive Board Meeting is Tuesday, July 11th at Grace Fellowship Baptist Church at 7 PM. Bro. Kelly Rehm with the Child Evangelism Fellowship will be our featured speaker.

6 - VBS's are going strong in the association. Please pray for all our churches who are reaching out with the gospel to the children in their communities.

7 - The Block Party Trailer is being used and churches are enjoying using it as a ministry tool. If you would like to reserve it, you may not want to put it off, the dates are filling up quickly.

8 - There is more work to be done at the association office. Please check out the newsletter which will have more details.

We love and appreciate all of you,

Bro. John and Mrs. Gayle.



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

Caplinger Mills Baptist Church - Looking at doing some interior construction to benefit the church.

FBC Bolivar - VBS June 5-9

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

Mt Olive Baptist Church - July 10-12 VBS

Rondo - Called Jeff Robidou as Pastor. +

Southern Hills - Men's Conference September 23

Camp Committee - Yard Sale for Camp was a success. They raised around \$2,200.

Kayak Ministry - Available for our churches to use.

7/4 Office Closed

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.**



Mid-Lakes Camps

WORSHIP, LEARN, GROW

KIDS CAMP PASTOR: ZACH FOWLER

YOUTH PASTORS:

ADAM HUGHES, SENIOR PASTOR, FBC BOLIVAR

**JED BOND, YOUTH PASTOR, YOUTH PASTOR,
FBC BOLIVAR**



MASCULINITY AND FRIENDSHIP

2023 SHBC Men's Conference

Date: Saturday, September 23, 2023

Time: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Location: Southern Hills Baptist Church

Cost: TBD

Speaker: Bret Capranica, Pastor – Summit Woods Baptist Church

Schedule:

8-9 am Breakfast (Provided) / Registration

9 am Welcome and Worship

9:30 am Session 1 – Cultivating Biblical Friendship

10:30 am Break

11-12 am Breakout Sessions:

Sanctifying Friendship

Evangelism and Friendship

Influence of Friendship

12-1:30 pm Lunch (provided)

1:30 pm Session 2

Keeping Each Other in Christ (Heb. 3)

For more information call the church office. 417-326-7474





Berean Baptist Church does a wonderful job with their “17:11” Podcast. Bro. Derrick and Bro. Braden do a wonderful job addressing current day issues while looking at them through the lens of the gospel. I would encourage you to check them out. Recently I was listening to Podcast Episode #92 on Spotify on the topic, “Should the Church be Beautiful?” What a great reminder of balance and of being good stewards in the church.

I realize the Association Office is not a church, but it is a ministry representing our churches, and I believe it needs to represent our churches and Lord well. I share this to say: 1) THANK YOU to our Trustees who have given oversight to the building repair after the April 2022 hail storm. We still have a little work to finish on the outside. The building looks much better now.

2) However on the inside, we have needs. At our last Executive Board Meeting we approved \$2,000 to remodel the bathroom and to replace the front window in the conference room. Since then, someone has given \$1,000 to be designated to updating the conference room. (especially a bigger TV). We also still have insurance money left over which can be used to continue to improve the building God has provided for us. If you or a team from your church would be interested in a project, we have several we could use help on. Please let Bro. John know if you are willing to help.

3) We want to say THANK YOU to Bro. Bob Brown who donated the building in the back of the office to be used for Disaster Relief, Camp, or whatever we need it for. That was so kind of him. We now have it underpinned and looking much better.

Who knows what God has in store next, but we are praying about a major ministry need. All in God’s timing.





Several Churches in the association use this media tool. Check it out.

Macedonia Baptist Church
 3110 W. Sunshine Street |
 Springfield, MO 65807

Ozark BERRY FESTIVAL 2023
 MBC Children's Homes

Saturday, July 22
8am - 3pm

BAPTIST HOMES & HEALTHCARE MINISTRIES

GOLF TOURNAMENTS

Save the Date

August 25, 2023	September 22, 2023
Baptist Homes- Ashland	Baptist Homes- Ozark
Tanglewood Golf Course	Rivercut Golf Course
Fulton, MO	Springfield, MO

Annual Church Profile



If you do not receive this packet,
please let the Association Office know.

Your Church should be receiving from the MBC the Annual Church Profile Report soon. **PLEASE** be sure to fill this out as complete as possible. We use this information for many things. This year we hope to use this information to put together an app that church leaders can use find information that may need.

SAVE THE DATE



Mid Lakes Baptist Association

Annual Meeting

Monday, October 9th FBC, Bolivar

Tuesday, October 10th Berean Baptist

Meal at 6 PM each night

Service begins 6:45 PM

Guest Speaker Each Night: Dr. John Marshall

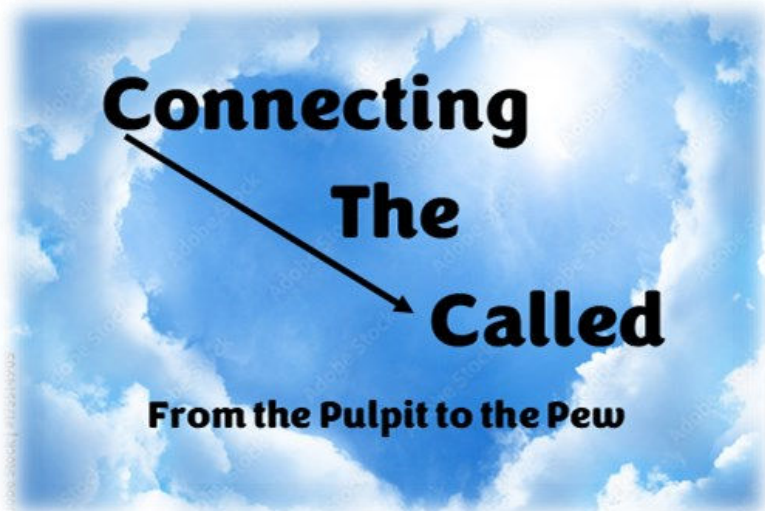
**Retired Pastor from 2nd Baptist
Church, Springfield, MO**



Our Fall Focus

**Connecting
The
Called**

From the Pulpit to the Pew



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.



We want to Welcome Bro. Jeff Robidou and his wife Kristin and their two boys into the Mid Lakes Family. Bro. Jeff is the new pastor of Rondo Baptist Church.



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.

(No Meeting July 4th) July 18th

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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