



2023 AUGUST

MID LAKES BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



Missions and Ministry Together

By John Rhodes, AMS (Associational Missions Strategist)

Greetings Mid Lakes Family,

What a busy summer it has been. Between all the Vacation Bible Schools, summer activities, mowing, and working on the association office, I feel like a dog chasing his tail. Mid Lakes Association has been blessed the past two years with some wonderful gifts which have allowed so much to happen.

Right now we are in the middle of remodeling parts of the association office. Some of this is out of necessity, and the other is out of need. Lol. Yet God is providing. Let me first say THANK YOU to the individual who donated \$1,000 so we could update our conference room (need). We will soon be remodeling the office bathroom (necessity), and then we will redo the kitchen due to a generous donation of some "like new" appliance that were given to us (Blessing). THANK YOU to that individual for giving to the Lord.

Our desire is for the Mission Center of the Association to be just that, a place on mission. A place where resources can be found, encouragement can be offered, and God Kingdom is expanded through God's people working hand-in-hand together.

I personally want to thank the youth of Heritage Baptist Church for dedicating several days working on the association office. They made a huge difference as they sanded, puttied, painted, and helped out in whatever way needed. They worked hard, never complained or said no, and took on their assigned task with vigor and excitement. Thanks to Bro. Gary Walton who work along side them the whole time!

On August 16th we will again be meeting with some leadership from the MBC looking to see if there is a need for a Hispanic church plant in this area. If you are aware of any Hispanic families who might be interested in a Hispanic church around Bolivar, please let me know ASAP.

Keep up the good work and keep sharing Jesus!!!

Blessing,



I want to wish my beautiful wife Gayle a Happy 40th Wedding Anniversary on August 8th. She is truly a Proverbs 31 Woman, and she deserves a giant crown for putting up with me all these years.





Berean - Going through a Series on the Gospel of Mark

Caplinger Mills Baptist Church - Received a letter of Congratulations from Governor Mike Parsons on their 100th Anniversary

FBC Bolivar - Senior Youth recently returned from a mission trip to El Salvador. Will be having a Ministry Fair Sunday, August 27th to help people find their passion so they can serve the Lord there.

FBC Stockton - Is now offering Right Now Media for their church members.

Mt Olive Baptist Church - Had a great VBS and is almost through with the remodel that was caused by flooding.

Rondo - Planning Ordination for Pastor Jeff Robidou on Sunday evening, August 27th.

Camp Committee - EXCITED FOR CAMP!!!!!!! Thanks to all who give to camp!!!!

8/1 Men's Breakfast, Smith's Restaurant

8/5-8 Children's Camp

8/9-13 Youth Camp

8/15 Nominating Committee Meeting

8/16 Meeting with MBC Church Planting Specialists

8/21 Budget Committee Meeting

8/27 Jeff Robidou Ordination Service, Rondo Baptist

9/4/ Office Closed for Labor Day

9/9 FBC Bolivar Kid's Create Craft Show

9/18-22 Mission Trip to Baptist Home in Chillicothe, MO

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**



Date: September 18-22, 2023

Place: Chillicothe, MO

*Purpose: To build resident shelving units for
The Baptist Home.*

*Cost: Mostly travel expense. They will feed
and house us. Email or call the MLBA Office
for more information.*



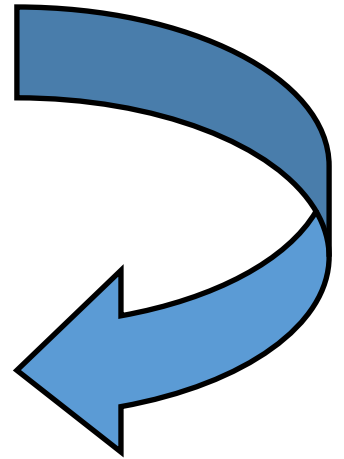


Monthly Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Men come join us **August 1st & 15th**
at Smith's Restaurant at 8:30 AM.



NEW IN SEPTEMBER



Our Men's Fellowship will move to a new TIME and PLACE.

10 AM at the Association Office

We will still meet the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month, but we will now meet at 10:00 AM at the Association Office. This will allow us more privacy to be able to look deeper into God's Word and to give us more flexibility with our meetings. At the office we have access to technology which can be used for presentations which will hopefully enhance our time together. Afterwards, all who want to can gather together at a restaurant for lunch (which gives us variety). So if someone can't or doesn't want to eat, they don't have to. I look forward to seeing God use this to grow our group spiritually, and numerically.

Remember, all men are invited to join us!



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





FIRST BAPTIST
Bolivar

Men's Conference

A CHAOTIC WORLD

SAVE THE DATE

GODLY MEN IN A CHAOTIC WORLD

FALL 2023 MEN'S CONFERENCE

SEPT. 22-23

SAVE THE DATE

SPEAKER:
DR. JEFF IORG





Caplinger Mills Baptist Church received this very nice congratulatory letter from Gov. Mike Parsons, congratulating them on their 100th Anniversary as a church.

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Michael L. Parson

GOVERNOR
STATE OF MISSOURI

July 10, 2023

Dear Members of the Caplinger Mills Baptist Church:

Greetings from the Governor's Office!

I am pleased to congratulate Caplinger Mills Baptist Church on your 100th anniversary.

Since its establishment in 1923, Caplinger Mills Baptist Church has been sustained by grace through the years and has been richly blessed by God. The church has been a vital part of the Caplinger Mills community and throughout its ministry has continued serving the physical and spiritual needs of the community.

We hope your celebration will be a wonderful time of inspiring message and fellowship.

Teresa and I wish a blessed time as members of your congregation, past and present, gather in celebration.

Sincerely,

Michael L. Parson
Governor

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

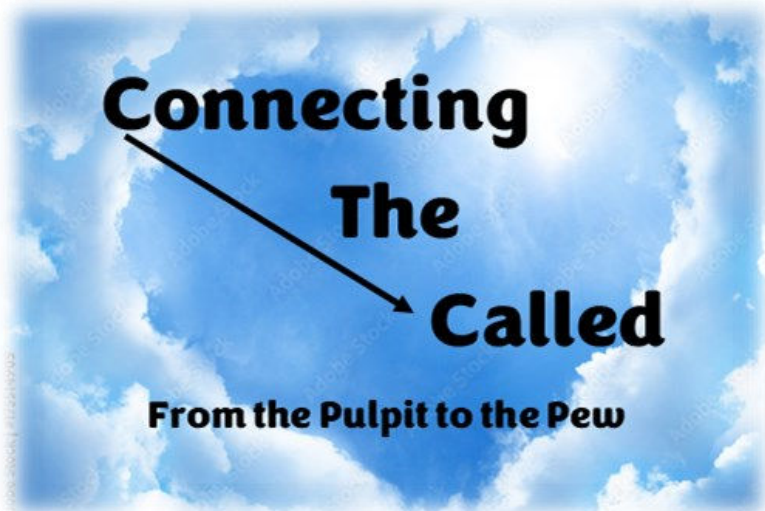
**Retired Pastor from 2nd Baptist
Church, Springfield, MO**



Our Fall Focus

**Connecting
The
Called**

From the Pulpit to the Pew



Revival

Robberson Prairie Baptist Church

3244 W Farm Rd. 50

Willard, MO 65781

August 4-5-6, 2023

6:30 p.m.



Bro. Cody Hall Family

Bro. Cody Hall will be bringing the message each night.
Special Music nightly.

For more information: Bro. Cody Hall 417-299-7761

Bro. Cody is a fine young preacher who has preached in several of our association churches. We pray God blesses Bro. Cody as he begins his first pastorate at Robberson Prairie Baptist Church, located just off Hwy 13 on the way to Springfield.

Caddy's ministry integrates faith, art

JULY 25, 2023 BY **TIM HOWE**

STORY PUBLISHED BY THE PATHWAY NEWSPAPER



WALNUT GROVE – For 25 years, Kurt Caddy served as the Director of University Ministries at Southwest Baptist University. After retiring in 2022, Caddy formally launched Fourwinds Faith and Art, a ministry designed to inspire the church to use art for discipleship, worship, and evangelism. The ministry derives its name from Ezekiel 37:9 where God tells Ezekiel to call upon the four winds to bring life to the valley of dry bones.

Caddy described the fourfold purpose of Fourwinds: educate the church, equip the Christian artist, engage the culture, and express creatively. Caddy explained that God could have easily created human beings without the ability to see color, feel texture, and perceive form. Yet God designed humans to relate to Him through beauty and to experience his beauty in visual and tangible ways. In a culture that values the visual, Caddy believes art provides Christians a practical bridge to engage unbelievers with the Gospel.

“It is my conviction that the church must reengage the arts and reclaim them for the glory of God,” Caddy said. “I know that before that can happen, the church must have a biblical understanding of art and aesthetics.”

Caddy sees an integral part of his calling as helping Christian artists grow in both their craft and theology. Most artists do not have formal theological training, and most theologians do not have artistic training. Caddy’s background includes both.

“My artwork is only as good as my theology,” Caddy said.

“The church needs to be educated about the integration of faith in art so it can give permission to the creative artists to create to the glory of God. The church should unleash the artist to make art for God’s sake. The church could once again be a major patron of the arts.”

Caddy argued that Christians are much more comfortable with artistic expression in church music than in visual arts, a trend he hopes to reverse. Christians rightly notice how much modern visual art denigrates God, but the response, according to Caddy, should not be to abandon visual art to those who deny the source of beauty. Instead, Christians should engage the culture and the world of art from a biblical perspective. Caddy pointed especially to the visual beauty of the Tabernacle in the book of Exodus as evidence that God desires art to enhance worship and draw people to himself.

As a part of his ministry, Caddy, quite literally, brings art to church. From creating commissioned works to leading seminars and workshops, Caddy’s desire is to serve churches.

“I desire to come to churches to teach them about the role of art, and how to help, equip, and encourage artists. I do this through sermons, Bible studies, and lectures designed to educate the church on the role of art and theological aesthetics,” Caddy said.

One of Caddy’s most popular workshops for churches features kintsugi, a Japanese artform of recreating broken pots using precious metal lacquers. In the workshop, Caddy leads participants in creating their own kintsugi pots, using the art form to illustrate Gospel truths. The workshop, in turn, leads to dialogue with Christian artists about how they can use their own art for the glory of God.

“If artists will feel like the church gives them permission to go create beautiful things, they will,” Caddy said.

To learn more about Fourwinds Faith and Art, to schedule Caddy to lead a seminar, workshop, or Bible study at your church, or to arrange private lessons or commission an art piece, you can contact him at 4windsart.kurt@gmail.com or by phone at 417-399-2896. You can also keep up with his art and ministry by following his Facebook page, Four Winds Art.



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.

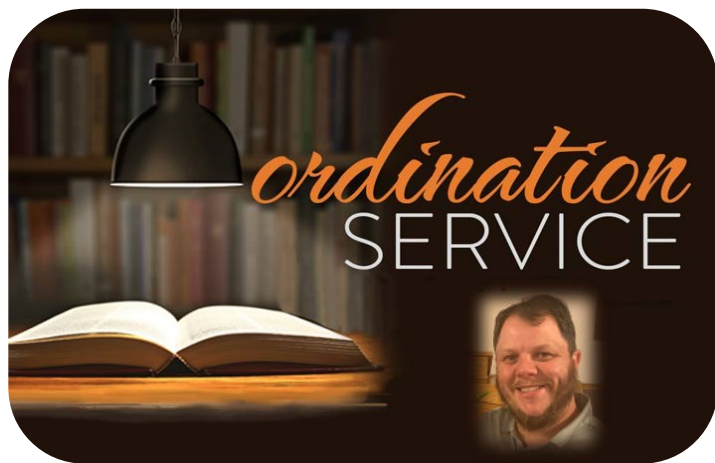
Kayak Ministry - This unique ministry can be used as outreach and as a great way to fellowship. It is available for all our churches to use. Since Covid, this ministry has been almost at a stand still. Just know it is still available for use. Contact the office for more details.

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.



**Rondo Baptist Church will be ordaining
Bro. Jeff Robidou into the Gospel
Ministry, Sunday, August 27th.
Ordaining Council will meet at 5 PM
Ordination Service is at 6 PM.
All ordained men are invited to
join in the council session.**

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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