



**MID LAKES
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
BOLIVAR, MO**



9/5 & 19 MENS FELLOWSHIP 10 AM AT MLBA OFFICE

9/15 HISPANIC BLOCK PARTY

9/18-22 MISSION TRIP TO CHILLICOTHE, MO

9/27 SEE YOU AT THE POLE

9/30 YOUTH RALLY, BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH

10/1 COOPERATIVE PROGRAM SUNDAY

10/3 & 17 MENS FELLOWSHIP 10 AM AT MLBA OFFICE

10/6-7 DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING, HOUSTON, MO

10/9 MLBA ANNUAL MEETING, FBC, BOLIVAR

10/10 MLBA ANNUAL MEETING, BEREAN BAPTIST

10/14 MULTICULTURAL CELEBRATION, CROSSWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

10/17 ALPHA HOUSE BANQUET

10/21 PASTORS FAMILIES COOKOUT

10/23-24 MBC ANNUAL MEETING, CROSSWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

REMINDER: OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Missions and Ministry Together

By John Rhodes, AMS (Associational Missions Strategist)



Have you ever wondered what it must have been like for those who watched Jesus ascend back to heaven? It must have been an amazing site. However, I believe God still does amazing things. God puts pieces together that only He can do. Just yesterday, as I shared with a brother in Christ, I used the example of praying for him if her were to _____ and I said, “looking to buy a car tomorrow”, just as an example. I was just making an illustration, but he informed me that he was taking his daughter out looking for a car the next day. It was as if God was affirming He still is in control and still puts the pieces of our lives together.

That is how I am feeling about the potential for a Hispanic ministry in our association. God will have to do it because I can't, I don't even care for Mexican food. Yet, God seems to be working that way very quickly. I am so blessed to watch God at work. Between the fellowship of our churches, the ministries that each of our churches are doing, and the way God continues to constantly bless our association, I truly stand in awe, and, I am having trouble just keeping up.

Our Annual Meeting will be here quickly and I am excited about our theme, “*Connecting the Called*”. This is a challenge for our churches to purposefully challenge each member to seek out what God is calling them to do. Dr. John Marshall will be with us both nights, challenging us with God's Word.

We had a wonderful camp this year. Thank You to everyone who works so hard to make camp a success.

Thank you Mid Lakes Association for all you do for the Kingdom of God!

Blessings and we love all of you,

Bro. John and Mrs. Gayle



“Connecting the Called”

**What is God Calling
YOU to do?**



Hispanic Block Party

Friday, September 15th

5-8 PM

FBC Bolivar Fellowship Park

MLBA is hosting a Hispanic Block Party and you can be a part!!! Our prayer is for an evangelistic Southern Baptist Hispanic Church Plant to begin in our area. The Block Party is a way for us to get word out about a Bible Study that will begin on Monday, September 25th for all Hispanics who wish to attend. From there we see what God does, and we join Him!!!

We will begin to set up for the Block Party at 3:30 PM. We can use help setting up, tearing down, and serving popcorn, snow cones, and working the games. There will be others there who can speak Spanish. Don't miss a chance to be part of this evangelistic opportunity.



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.*

See Bro. John for more details!



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 Annual Mtg Focus



“Connecting the Called”

**What is God calling
YOU to do?**



Monthly Men's Fellowship Breakfast



**NEW IN
SEPTEMBER
5TH & 19TH**

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





Saturday, Sep. 30th

Youth Rally

Coming up on Saturday, Sep. 30th, Berean Baptist Church will be hosting a Youth Rally for all of the youth, jr. high and high school, of the Mid-Lakes churches. This great youth event will start at 5:00 p.m. and go until 8:00 pm. There will be games, pizza, music by Breakaway from Baptist Bible College, and guest speaker Justin Palmer from First Baptist, Bolivar.

This will be a time that challenges and motivates our young people to follow after Christ with their whole hearts, and lead others to do the same. For more information, contact Berean at Berean@windstream.net. Our hope is that this will be the first of many similar Youth Rallies hosted by other Mid-Lakes churches as well.





Dear Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packers and Project Leaders,

It's that time of year again! Our East Springfield Area Team is excited to invite you to attend our Operation Christmas Child season kick-off and Project Leader Workshop!

Here's the Details

**East Springfield Area Team Project Leader Workshop
Saturday, September 9, 2023, 9:00-11:30a.m.**



**Crossway Baptist Church
Youth Worship Center
2900 N. Barnes Ave.
Springfield, MO 65803**



We're looking forward to seeing you!

This year's workshop is designed to provide valuable information for both new and seasoned **Project Leaders and **Shoebox Packers**.**

General Sessions will inspire and update you.

Small Group Sessions will focus on both **The Basics** and more **Advanced Topics**.

As always, there will be refreshments, door prizes, and some pre-printed shoeboxes to help get you started.

Please click on the **RSVP button to help us plan, or you can simply email or text Area Coordinators Debby & Rod Williams at (417)234-6850/6860**

ltcwilly777@gmail.com or superdebw@yahoo.com

Invite your team, friends and pass this on to other Shoebox Packers!

RSVP



Berean - Hosting MLBA Youth Rally, September 30th. More details in the Newsletter.

FBC Bolivar - FBC will host their annual Kid's Craft Show of Saturday, September 9th.

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

Fender Chapel - Recently had a young couple join and a youth baptized in the river.

Rondo - Ordained Jeff Robidou as Pastor and recently had a baptism at the lake.

Camp Committee - Camp was great!!! Thank you to everyone who supported camp.

Disaster Relief - Our Disaster Relief Unit responded to Baptist Hill Camp, Mt Vernon in August after a major windstorm downed many gigantic trees. We also responded to Golden City which was affected by the same storm.

Mid Lakes Association - We will be hosting a Hispanic Block Party, Friday, September 15th at FBC, Bolivar's Fellowship Park..

9/1 Meet with MBC Leadership to finalize Hispanic Block Party

9/4 Office Closed for Labor Day

9/5 the very first Men's Fellowship to be hosted at the MLBA Office at 10 AM.

9/9 FBC Bolivar Kid's Create Craft Show

9/15 MLBA Hispanic Block Party, Fellowship Park 5-8 PM

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

9/27 See You at the Pole

9/30 MLBA Youth Rally Berean Baptist Church

10/6-7 DR Training, Houston, MO

10/9 Annual Meeting - FBC, Bolivar - Meal 6 PM, Meeting 6:45 PM

10/10 Annual Meeting - Berean Baptist - Meal 6 PM, Meeting 6:45 PM

10/14 MBC Multicultural Celebration 12noon—6 PM Crossway Baptist Springfield

10/21 Pastor's Family Cookout

10/23-24 MBC Annual Meeting, Crossway, Springfield, MO





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.

<p>FIFTH ANNUAL</p>  <p>Big God Little Church Uplift, Practical Tools, Network</p>	<p>SAVE THE DATE!</p> <p>REGISTER AT: ALESHA@SPRINGRIVERBAPTIST.COM OR CALL 417-782-3770</p>	
<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 4883 CONNECTICUT AVE JOPLIN, MO</p> <p>SUNDAY OCTOBER 1, 2023 4:00 - 8:00 PM</p>	 <p>GUEST SPEAKER: REV. ERIC HOLCOMB</p>	<p>FREE</p> <p>INCLUDES CONFERENCE AND MEAL</p> <p>QUESTIONS? CONTACT MANNY PARKER 405-705-2406</p>

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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