



MID LAKES
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
BOLIVAR, MO

Merry Christmas
Mid Lakes Family & Friends



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Missions and Ministry Together

By John Rhodes, AMS (Associational Missions Strategist)



Merry Christmas Mid Lakes Family. I trust your Christmas season will be filled with godly joy and rejoicing over the birth of our Savior and what He has done for all of us. December is always busy, but don't allow the business to cause you to miss the real purpose for the Christmas Season. We pray each of you will have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

This month I would like to introduce to you our theme for 2024. During our Annual Meeting, Dr. John Marshall challenged each of us to make sure holiness is foremost in our lives. That thought has challenged me and I pray it challenged you. So, for 2024 we will be using the theme, **Holiness is Everything!**, with a tag saying, **2024 - Time for Revival**. It is taken from **1 Peter 1:13-16** with *verse 16* being the focal passage.

Holiness to the believer is essential if we are to be spiritually successful for the Lord. God desires for our hearts to be seeking after His. Let's be honest, for many of us, we need revival in our lives. Now the word revival has somewhat lost its meaning in today's times. If a church has a "Revival", we think it is a time for lost people to come to church and get right with God. I call that a spiritual awakening. Revival is when those who are already born-again, take the time to revive their spiritual lives. It is so easy to be caught up in everything (even church) that we fail to maintain a proper relationship with God. Holiness does not just happen. Holiness comes from our submerging ourselves in God's Word, God's will, and God's presence. The Bible says we are to come before His presence with singing and into His house with praise. That is hard to do if we fail to prioritize God and His holiness above everything else.

When I was growing up, I remember going to revival services. They were one or two week long services where people deliberately set aside everything else in order to be challenged with the Word of God. I have seen churches change course just through the impact of revival. Question, do you need reviving? Does your church need revival? I would even suggest that your church consider having a revival service in 2024. I truly believe they still work. Covid may have stopped them, but why not let God restart them.

Even if you do not hold revival services, remember that when it comes to our serving God, Holiness is Everything.

God bless and may each of you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We love you all,
Bro. John and Mrs. Gayle.





DECEMBER HAPPENINGS



Bolivar Christmas Parade Camp Float

Saturday, December 2nd

Youth wishing to ride, be at SBU
to find our float by 4:30 PM.

For more information call Breanna Piper at 417-912-1152



MLBA YOUTH NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Date: Sunday, December 31st

Time: 7:00 PM - 12:30 AM

Cost: \$10 at the door.

Place: FBC Bolivar Rec Building

Once students check in at the welcome table, they will not be allowed to come and go from the building. We prefer for students not to drive themselves if possible, but rather be picked up by a parent or church leader.

Visit the camp website for more information and to pre-register for the New Year's Eve Party.

Midlakescamps.weebly.com



**Mid Lakes Baptist Association
Men's Breakfast and Fellowship**

**1st and 3rd Tuesday each month
at 8:30 AM.**

at Mid Lakes Baptist Association Office.

Bring you Breakfast and a Bible.

We will provide the coffee!

All men are invited to join us.

722 E. South Street, Bolivar, MO



Merry Christmas

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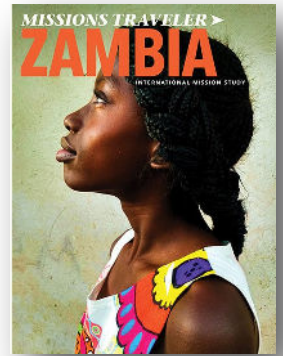
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**2023-2024
WEEK OF PRAYER
AND LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS OFFERING**

DEC 3-10



Zambia Mission Study at First Baptist Church, Bolivar December 4

5:30 PM in FBC, Bolivar Fellowship Hall

Guest Speaker: Dr. Shelley Kilpatrick

Cost for meal: \$5 per person

Open to everyone, Women, Men and Children : this year's WMU International Mission Study is on Zambia, Africa, December 4, 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our speaker is Dr Shelley Kilpatrick. Her husband was born in Zambia where her in-laws were missionaries for over 40 years. She will share about Zambia and her mission trip experiences there. The meal will represent food from Zambia and will be \$5 per person, Kids 12 and under \$3, preschool free. Register November 19 through December 1 on the FBC website or by calling the church office (417-326-2431). Preschool childcare will be available after the meal with registration.



WILL YOU BE BOLD? WILL YOU BE DIFFERENT?
SEND ME
 WILL YOU CALL OTHERS TO DO THE SAME?

Cost \$25 Per Person
To Register:

mb STUDENTS

EVANGELISM CONFERENCE
 JANUARY 14-15, 2023
 CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH, JEFFERSON CITY, MO

<https://mo.sbcworkspace.com/pub/event/register/55236589>



Hispanic Bible Study



There is a Hispanic Bible Study which now meets every Monday evening at the FBC, Bolivar Rose Building, at 114 Springfield Ave in Bolivar. Pastor Hazael Rodriguez is currently leading the class. Feel free to invite all your Spanish speaking friends to join in. You may say, What can I do?

- 1 - Pray, pray, and pray some more. Pray for God's will and for God's Word to be shared and for many to come to Christ through this ministry.
- 2 - Participate. Whenever a need is shared, jump in and help meet that need. If you speak Spanish, come participate in the Bible study. You may even want to take some Spanish classes.
- 3 - Give. Our prayer is for a church plant to develop from this Bible study. However, ministering to any group of people involves finances. Maybe your church would like to designate a certain amount to this ministry. Individuals may want to make a one time donation, or give to it monthly. Understand God is putting this together. We are just here to serve Him. So pray, participate where you can, and give.



Berean:

Now has a Transportation Ministry

FBC, Bolivar:

12/2 Christmas in Fellowship Park (following the Christmas Parade. Food, Hot Chocolate, Cookies, Live Music, Nativity Scene, and more.

12/4 5:30 PM Mission Study and Meal on Zambia \$5 per person for meal

12/10 Christmas Cantata 6 PM in Worship Center

12/24 Christmas Eve Service 5 PM & 6:16 PM (Duplicate Service)

FBC, Fair Play:

December 2nd & 3rd Christmas Village 6:00 - 7:30 PM Victorian Carolers; Santa's Workshop, including historical St Nicholas; Grandpa's Family Cabin; Bethlehem Inn; Nativity Scene; Cowboy Camp Scene; Hospitality Room with holiday treats and a family photo opportunity.

FBC, Humansville:

12/20 Children's Christmas Program

First Southern, Stockton:

Sunday December 3rd: Family Fun Night – A Night in Bethlehem 6:00pm-7:30pm

Sunday December 17th: Christmas Caroling 4:30pm

Sunday December 24th: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 5:00pm

Sunday December 31st: 5th Sunday Sing followed by Finger Food & Fellowship 6:00pm

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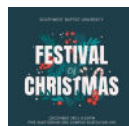
Sunday, December 24th - Christmas Eve Service

MLBA Camp:

12/2 Float in Bolivar Christmas Parade

12/31 New Year's Eve Party for Youth at FBC, Bolivar Rec Building

SBU: Dec 4 @ 6 PM 36th Annual Festival of Christmas





REV. CODY HALL

ORDINATION SERVICE

Bro. Cody Hall has been called as Pastor of Robberson Prairie Baptist Church, just off Hwy 13 south of Noble Hill Church. Bro. Cody has preached in several of our churches.

The Ordaining Council will meet Saturday, November 11 at 4 PM at Robberson Prairie Baptist Church

The Ordination Service will be Sunday, December 3rd at 2 PM at Robberson Prairie Baptist Church. Everyone is invited to join the Ordination Service.

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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