



MID LAKES BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

BOLIVAR, MO



Thanksgiving and praise brings God on the scene, puts challenges in perspective, focuses your mind on God, strengthens your faith in Him and allows you to combat negative spiritual forces that come against you.



Every Monday Night – Hispanic Bible Study 7 PM at FBC, Bolivar Rose Building

11/5 Time Change (Fall Back)

11/7 Election Day

11/7–9 Second Mission Trip to Chillicothe, MO

11/11 Veteran's Day

11/21 Missionary Pradeep from India to share with Men's Fellowship Group 8:30 AM

11/23 Thanksgiving Day

11/23–24 Office Closed



12/2 Camp Committee Float in Bolivar Christmas Parade

12/5 Men's Fellowship Mtg 8:30 AM at the office

12.19 Men's Fellowship Mtg 8:30 AM in Office

12/25 Christmas Day 1/1 Office Closed

12/31 Camp New Year's Eve Party 7 pm – 12:30 Am

Missions and Ministry Together

By John Rhodes, AMS (Associational Missions Strategist)



Hello Mid Lakes Family,

First allow me to say Thank You to all the pastors and their families who came out for our cookout. We had a wonderful time and great weather. Also, thank you Personnel Committee for the Pastor Appreciation gift.

For the rest of this year I will be preaching on Sunday mornings at FBC, Humansville while Bro. David Cloud is on a sabbatical for his wife's health. Hopefully this will give the doctors time to find the right medication to get her MS under control.

With the cooler weather and shorter day, my prayer is for our zeal and desire to reach others for Jesus to not suffer, but become energized.

Our mission team will be headed back to Chillicothe, MO to the Baptist Home on November 7th - 9th to finish nine more cabinet units to be placed in resident rooms. Please pray for safe travels and a good trip. It is also not too late to join us.

As I reflect back on this year's Annual Meeting, I want to say "Thank You" to FBC, Bolivar, and Berean Baptist Church for being great hosts. Dr. John Marshall and Pastor Hazael Rodriguez brought messages that were challenging and encouraging. Also special thanks to Bro. Scott Hudgins for translating for us on Tuesday. He did a superb job.

I am excited to see what next year holds, especially in the Hispanic ministry.

Blessings and Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

Bro. John and Mrs. Gayle





Date: November 7-10, 2023

Place: Chillicothe, MO

Purpose: To finish building 9 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!





The Midlakes Fall Retreat was a brisk weekend at Baptist Ridge, but we still had a great time! We had 26 youth students join us and several amazing leaders. Braden Jones from Berean Baptist was our event speaker and we really appreciate him for bringing truth through Bible studies and chapel times. I also want to give a shout out to Sarah Lewright for not only leading worship, but filling in many leadership roles this weekend! Jana and Carolyn Cossins were absolutely wonderful to keep everyone's bellies full and us all taken care of. We are extremely blessed to have such an amazing group of leaders and students to spend time together with the Lord. God is so good all the time and we are so very glad to be able to draw near to Him through events like this.

The students were able to participate in packing **Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoeboxes** this year again. With the partnership of Berean Baptist Church and the fantastic ladies that made it possible, we were able to pack **87 shoeboxes**. Each box had several gift items and a handwritten note from a student. If you would like to help our students send these boxes around the globe to share the gospel through Operation Christmas Child, **we would appreciate any contribution to help pay for the shipping costs. Each box is \$10 to ship through this ministry.**

Thank you so much for your support of Midlakes and our wonderful youth students!

-Bre Piper



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP CHANGES

The 10 AM time slot has not worked well for several who have attended our fellowship meetings in the past.

So, in response to this, we will make TWO CHANGES:

1 - We will return to the 8:30 AM time slot on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.

2 - Instead of eating at a restaurant, we will continue meeting at the association office and the men can BYOB.

That is **NOT, "Bring your own beer".**

It is Bring Your Own ~~BEER~~ Breakfast & Bible!

So join us November 7 & 21 at 8:30 AM at the Association Office and bring your own breakfast and Bible!

We will provide COFFEE!!!

On November 21st we will have Pastor Pradeep from India with us sharing about his ministry.

**Men's
Fellowship**



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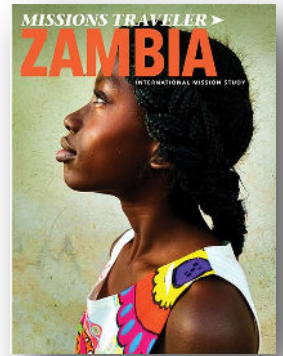
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**2023-2024
WEEK OF PRAYER
AND LOTTIE MOON
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DEC 3-10



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.



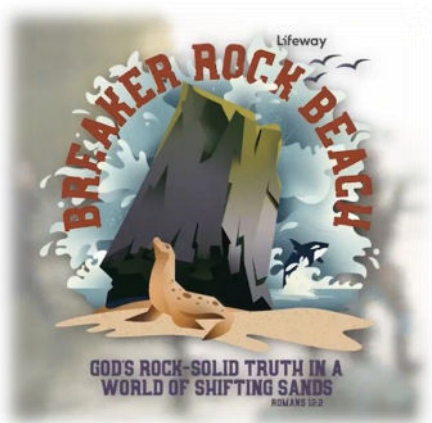


NOVEMBER 17, 2023

9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

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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.



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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