



# MID LAKES BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

BOLIVAR, MO

# 2024 FEBRUARY

## Missions and Ministry Together

By John Rhodes, AMS (Associational Missions Strategist)



The Bible says in **2 Corinthians 5:7** “*For we walk by faith, not by sight.*”, yet I sometimes find myself with a lack of faith. Last fall God had placed something on my heart that I felt would be a great resource for our churches. As I thought things through, I pretty much had everything figured out in my mind, like where the finances would come from and how everything would work. God had already made part of the resource available, however there were some things lacking. Well guess what, my plans didn’t go as expected. I’m sure no one else has ever experienced that, but it happens to me fairly regularly. I pretty much gave up and thought what I felt was God leading, must have been my desire but not His will. There was also another need which I hoped to address, but that need was more difficult that I realized. So what was I supposed to do? Part of me wanted to give up, yet something (or Someone) within me said just wait and don’t give up. Well guess what, in the time it took to open one envelope, God met both needs. I am amazed at God’s ability to work and provide when we least expect it. Over the past three years God has provided far beyond what we would think possible. I am glad we serve a God Who is big enough to meet our every need. So let me encourage all of us to, “Walk by faith and not by sight”, and remember that Holiness Matters.

We want to welcome Dr. Duke Jones as the new pastor of Mt Etna Baptist Church.

Please continue to pray for Caplinger Mills Baptist Church as they search for a pastor. For now, Bro. Larry Johnston and Bro. Harry Moore will be tag team interims.

Be sure to join us on Sunday evening, February 25th at Heritage Baptist Church as Dr. Wes Fowler joins us. He is the new Executive Director for the MO Baptist Convention. Come meet him and hear his heart for MO Baptist.



The Camp Committee has begun collecting items for the April yard sale weekend. The money goes to support camp and the scholarship fund so every child or youth who wants to go to camp has that opportunity. Please contact the association office or a camp committee member to donate items.

God bless and stay warm.  
Bro. John and Mrs. Gayle



**MLBA**  
**AN EVENING WITH**  
**DR. WES FOWLER**  
**SUNDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 25TH**  
**5 PM FELLOWSHIP**  
**6 PM SERVICE**  
**AT HERITAGE BAPTIST CHURCH**



Dr. Wes Fowler is the new Executive Director for the MO Baptist Convention. He was the Senior Pastor of FBC, Mayfield, KY. His church lost their campus to the December 10, 2021 Tornado. His passion is for churches and evangelism.

We would like for all our churches to come and hear his heart and vision for MO Baptist and also hear him share God's Word with us.

There will be a meet and greet time at 5 PM with refreshments before the service.







**Join us for our Raising Passionate  
Jesus Followers Event!**

**To register go to: [https://share.fluro.io/  
form/6578d48f09c9b000375788d1](https://share.fluro.io/form/6578d48f09c9b000375788d1)**



# RAISING PASSIONATE JESUS FOLLOWERS

## FEBRUARY 9 - 10

FRIDAY: 6-8 PM  
DINNER SERVED AT 5:15 PM

SATURDAY: 8:30-10:30 AM  
LIGHT BREAKFAST AT 8 AM

RAISING CHILDREN IN TODAY'S WORLD IS CHALLENGING. THROUGH OUR 2 SESSIONS WE WILL WALK THROUGH EACH STAGE OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT (BIRTH-22), HELPING YOU CULTIVATE PASSIONATE JESUS FOLLOWERS. WE EXPLORE AGE-SPECIFIC TOOLS, INTENTIONAL PRACTICES, AND BIBLICAL WISDOM TO NURTURE LOVE FOR GOD. FROM MANAGING MELTDOWNS TO NAVIGATING TEENS, DISCOVER SOLUTIONS FOR BUILDING STRONG FAITH FOUNDATIONS. LET'S LEARN HOW WE CAN EQUIP OUR CHILDREN TO OWN THEIR UNIQUE CALLINGS AND SHINE BRIGHTLY IN A WORLD THAT NEEDS THEIR LIGHT.



SCAN QR CODE TO SIGN UP!  
OR VISIT [THEHERITAGEBAPTIST.CHURCH](http://THEHERITAGEBAPTIST.CHURCH)

\*CHILDCARE PROVIDED FOR AGES 0-5

SPEAKER:

WANDA SHELLNBARGER  
MISSOURI BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME





**February 6th & 20th**

**February we will be looking at  
*Ministry Loneliness and how to battle it.***

**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 your own Breakfast and a Bible.**

**We will provide the coffee!**

**All men are invited to join us.**



## **MID LAKES ASSOCIATION WMU GROUP MEETING**

**Next Meeting:  
Tuesday, February 27th 1 PM**

Eight ladies gathered together for the first MLBA WMU Group Meeting. They had a wonderful time and are excited about the future.

All ladies are invited to join in.  
Mrs. Leidra Stunkel is leading the group.

The meeting will be at the Association Office.  
722 E. South Street, Bolivar, MO.



# Women's Ministry Training Clinic 2024



**Date:** March 8-9, 2024  
(Fri. 6p-9p | Sat. 9a-3p)  
**Location:** AmericInn by Wyndham Hotel and Conference Center  
275 Tanger Blvd | Branson, MO  
**Register:** [www.mbch.org](http://www.mbch.org) (click on link at top of site) \$40 per person  
(includes lunch on Saturday and all materials needed)  
**Hotel Room:** 417.334.8404 (ask for Women's Ministry Training Clinic)  
\$82 per room (includes breakfast and dessert)  
(Cutoff for rate is Feb. 8, 2024)  
**More Information:** Wanda Shellenbarger, Women's Ministry Specialist,  
417.529.0724 or Wanda.Shellenbarger@mbch.org

This is a new training clinic for those wanting to understand the new issues of the day and how to be prepared to do serious ministry in difficult and trying times! We'll look at key aspects of Women's Ministry AND training in the following areas:

Dealing Scripturally with Conflict  
Difficult Parenting Issues  
Training the Next Generation  
Ministry to Victims of Domestic Violence  
Preparing for the Next Season of Women's Ministry  
Biblical View and Ministry to Cultural Issues of our Day  
Effective Ministry to Those Grieving Various Types of Loss  
Resources and Trainings Availability and **much, much more!**

Seating is limited and registrations are already coming in. Register soon to secure your seat!



**Date:** May 3-4, 2024 (Fri. 6p-9p | Sat. 9a-3p)  
**Location:** AmericInn by Wyndham Hotel and Conference Center  
275 Tanger Blvd | Branson, MO 65616  
**Register:** [www.mobaptist.org](http://www.mobaptist.org) | \$45 per person (early bird rate) \$50 after April 5th. (includes lunch on Saturday)  
**Hotel Room:** 417.334.8404 (ask for The Gathering)  
\$82 per room (includes breakfast and dessert)  
(Cutoff for rate is April 15, 2024)  
**More Information:** Wanda Shellenbarger, Women's Ministry Specialist,  
417.529.0724 or Wanda.Shellenbarger@mbch.org  
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Becca Moore, Ministry Wives, [beccaw30@gmail.com](mailto:beccaw30@gmail.com)

*Great worship segments, multiple breakout sessions and lunch fellowship on Saturday.*

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Women's Ministry



WMU Ministry Wives



Registration opens  
01/01/24.



# **Mid Lakes Baptist Association SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING**

**No MLBA Business is conducted at this meeting. It is all worship.**

**Sunday, April 21  
Noble Hill Baptist Church  
Meal 5 PM  
Service 6 PM**

**Theme: Holiness Matters**

**20 minute sermons**

**God's Holiness - Braden Jones, Berean Baptist**

**Man's Lack of Holiness - Noah Taylor, Noble Hill Baptist**

**Putting on Holiness - Jed Bond, FBC, Bolivar**

**How our Holiness Affects Others - Tim Cossins, MLBA Youth Director**

**Special Music will also be presented.**

**Bring Your Entire Church Family**





## CAMP FUND RAISER YARD SALE Collection time

**Camp Yard Sale will be  
Saturday, April 27th**

**At MLBA Office**

All proceeds from the yard sale will help with extra camp expenses and to build up the Joe Coppedge Memorial Scholarship Fund. Please bring **nice, clean** donated items to the association office. Please contact Bro. John to arrange for drop off. 573-579-5993

In last year's Yard Sale we brought in over \$2,200 for camp. Thank you to all who donated items then.

Besides the Yard Sale Items, we will be collecting **donated paper and plastic products** to be used for camp. (Example, plates, spoons, forks, paper towels, trash bags, etc.) Those can be dropped off at the association office as well.

Thank you for your support of camp.

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We has over 80 people attend our Camp New Year's Eve Party. It was a great night of fellowship. Thank you FBC, Bolivar for providing the facilities for us to use.



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## MLBA Camp Spring

# LOCK-IN

## March 8-9 (Friday 6 PM - Saturday 8 AM)

## PLace: Mt OLive Baptist Church

Visit <https://midLakescamps.weebly.com> for more information.

Registration WILL be open soon.





**Berean:**

Attended Men's Retreat in OK with 15 men attending.

**Caplinger Mills:**

Searching for new pastor. Bro. Larry Johnston and Bro. Harry Moore will serve as tag team interims.

**FBC, Bolivar:**

Marriage Weekend coming up February 16-18,

Hosting the MLBA Hispanic Bible Study each Monday evening.

**FBC, Humansville:**

Pastor David Cloud has been live streaming messages for the church on a weekly basis until they are able to return home. Bro. David is in LA with his wife as she seeks answers for her MS. Please keep Mrs. Karol in your prayers.

**Heritage Baptist Church:**

Will be hosting a MBCH Conference, "Raising Passionate Jesus Followers. February 9-10.

**Mt Etna:**

Called Dr. Duke Jones as their new pastor. Welcome Bro. Jones.

**Dates to remember:**

2/6 & 2/20 - Men's BYOB Fellowship at 8:30 AM at MLBA (Discussing Ministry Loneliness and How to Battle It).

2/18h - Camp Committee Meeting - 1 PM at MLBA Office

2/25 MLBA - A Night with Wes Fowler at Heritage Baptist Church 5 PM meet and greet, 6 pm service

2/27 - MLBA WMU Group Meeting at 1 PM.

3/8-9 MLBA Youth Lock-in at Mt Olive

3/16 Time Change (Spring Forward)

3/31 Easter Sunday

4/9 MLBA Ex Board Meeting, FBC, Morrisville 7 PM

4/21 MLBA Semi-Annual Meeting, Noble Hill Meal 5 PM, Service 6 PM

4/27 MLBA CAMP YARD SALE



## **MBCH SELECTS JUSTON GATES AS NEW PRESIDENT**



BRIDGETON – Missouri Baptist Children's Home (MBCH), a Cooperative Program supported entity of the Missouri Baptist Convention, selected a new president at the January 2024 board meeting. On January 23, 2024, the MBCH board selected Dr. Juston Gates to lead, guide, and steward this ministry.



### **Hispanic Bible Study**

Each Monday Night at 7 PM

at FBC, Bolivar Rose Building

How can you help? Pray, Participate, Give

**Help us invite our Hispanic neighbors to attend.**

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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