



# MID LAKES BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

BOLIVAR, MO



**2024**

## Missions and Ministry Together

**By John Rhodes, AMS (Associational Missions Strategist)**



Hello Mid Lakes Family,

On February 25th we were blessed to have Bro. Wes Fowler share with us his love for the church. In his message on grace, we were reminded of the responsibility we have for growing God's Kingdom. Regardless of size, all our churches can make a difference for Jesus Christ.

Remember March 3-10 is the Week of Prayer for North American Missions. Our Annie Armstrong Easter Offering helps makes North American Missions possible.

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. Items can be dropped off at the association office. Please contact Bro. John to arrange a drop off. The office phone rings to Bro. John's cell phone.

Be looking for the possibility of a May mission trip. The mission committee now has available to all our churches an eight foot long enclosed missions trailer which churches can check out and use for any church mission opportunity need.

It is time for our churches to look at their calendars and begin reserving any items they may need. At the office we have the Block Party Trailer, Missions Trailer, Shuttle, and the Kayak Trailer available for check out. Our projector is being returned to the company (because it quit working) and they will be sending us an upgraded model. Once it arrives, the projector and giant inflatable movie screen will be available. The screen is available now if you have a large projector already. Items are reserved on a first come basis.

Our Executive Board Meeting will be Tuesday, April 9th at FBC, Morrisville. Luke and Chrissi Lower will be our guest missionary speakers.

Please continue to pray for Caplinger Mills Baptist Church as they search for a pastor.

God bless,

Bro. John and Mrs. Gayle





## MBC VBS Spring Trainings

### OPTION #1

**Multi-Curriculum Overview:** featuring training in curriculum from Answers in Genesis, Group, and Lifeway VBS Curriculum.

Locations:

- First Baptist Church, Chillicothe
- First Baptist Church, Ozark
- First Baptist Church, Troy
- First Baptist Church, Deslodge

### OPTION #2

**Lifeway Overview:** featuring training in VBS curriculum from Lifeway only, similar to previous offerings

Locations:

- Temple Baptist Church, Poplar Bluff
- Memorial Baptist Church, Columbia
- Baptist Ridge Camp, Warsaw
- First Baptist Church, Owensville

Use this link to register for any of these events.

<https://mobaptist.org/vbs/>



**March 5th & 19th**

**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.**

**722 E. South Street, Bolivar, MO**



We want to welcome Bro. Duke Jones as the new Pastor of Mt Etna Baptist Church.

Dr. Jones is also a professor of Christian Ministry at Southwest Baptist University.



## MID LAKES ASSOCIATION WMU GROUP MEETING

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 19th 1 PM**

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.

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## Disaster Relief Training

**Next Opportunity:**

**March 8-9 Concord Baptist, Jefferson City**

**April 5-6 FBC, Bethany**



### Trainings Offered:

- ♦ Chaplaincy\*\*
- ♦ Mass Care/Feeding
- ♦ Assessment\*\*
- ♦ Floor Recovery
- ♦ Childcare
- ♦ Chainsaw
- ♦ Communication
- ♦ Shower/Laundry
- ♦ Heavy Equipment Safety\*\*
- ♦ Incident Management (IMT)\*\*
- ♦ Advanced IMT \*\*

**\*\*Prerequisites Required**

**Register online at [MODR.ORG/DR-TRAINING](http://MODR.ORG/DR-TRAINING)**

First time \$45

Recert./Cross Training \$25

## 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  
Cheryl Stahlman, WMU Executive Director and Consultant,  
[cstahlman@mobaptist.org](mailto:cstahlman@mobaptist.org)  
Becca Moore, Ministry Wives, [beccaw30@gmail.com](mailto:beccaw30@gmail.com)

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

Sponsored by:



Women's Ministry



WMU Ministry Wives



Registration opens  
01/01/24.

# The Mid Lakes Baptist Association

## Missions Committee

The Missions Committee would like to introduce you to our new (to us) Missions Trailer. This trailer is available for our churches to check out to help meet their ministry needs. It would be great for mission trips, delivery of resources to their needed location, etc. Our goal is to encourage our churches to be on mission for God. Please call the association office to reserve your dates to use it.





# MLBA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

## TUESDAY, APRIL 9TH AT 7 PM

### AT FBC, MORRISVILLE.

OUR GUEST FOR OUR APRIL MLBA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING WILL BE LUKE AND CHRISSI LOWER. THEY WORK WITH CRU (FORMALLY KNOWN AS CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST) IN WESTERN AFRICA THEY WORK WITH COLLEGE STUDENTS. THEY ARE SEEKING TO SHARE THE GOSPEL WITH STUDENTS, HELP THEM GROW IN THEIR FAITH, AND COACH THEM TO GO SHARE THEIR FAITH WITH THEIR PEERS.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.





# **Mid Lakes Baptist Association**

## **SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING**

**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 netted 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.

# DONATED ITEMS NEEDED

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## MLBA Spring Youth Day Event

Saturday, March 9th 11AM - 4 PM

Place: Mt Olive Baptist Church

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

Registration will be open soon.

**Cost is FREE**



- Berean:** Host a weekly podcast called the 17:11 podcast that deals with current and relevant subjects which affect the church. They also host a 4 PM Wednesday Facebook Bible Study.
- Bethel Southern:** Recently had new carpet placed in their foyer, and have made many improvements to their building over the last year.
- Brighton Baptist:** Provides weekly Wednesday evening meals for youth in their community.
- Caplinger Mills:** Searching for new pastor. Bro. Larry Johnston and Bro. Harry Moore will serve as tag team interims.
- FBC, Bolivar:** Hosting the MLBA Hispanic Bible Study each Monday evening.
- FBC, Fair Play:** Ministers to their community through their clothing store ministry.
- 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.
- FBC, Morrisville:** Will be showing the movie Courageous on Sunday, March 3 at 6 PM as outreach to their community. They will also be hosting the MLBA April Executive Board Meeting.
- First Southern, Stockton:** Will be helping deliver for Meals of Wheels in March.
- Fender's Chapel:** Has been seeing numerical growth lately.
- Grace Fellowship:** Is assisting with snacks for our upcoming MLBA Youth Event
- Heritage Baptist Church:** Recently hosted our MLBA Event with Dr. Wes Fowler. Thank you Heritage Baptist Church.
- On Saturday, March 23 from 10 AM to 12 noon, will Host the Event Journey to the Cross. To learn more about Jesus Journey to the Cross, be sure to join in. More information can be found on their web site. [Theheritagebaptist.church](http://Theheritagebaptist.church)
- Mt Etna:** Called Dr. Duke Jones as their new pastor. Welcome Bro. Jones
- Is assisting with snacks for MLBA Youth Event
- Mt Olive:** Hosting Associational Youth Event March 9th 11 AM - 4 PM
- Is assisting with snacks for MLBA Youth Event
- Noble Hill:** Recently installed new play ground equipment for their church to minister to the many young families.
- Rondo Baptist Church:** Added playground equipment for the children to enjoy.
- Shepherd's Way: Church** Has remodeled their sanctuary, and have built a large pavilion on their property next to the Pleasant Hope School. They are now hosting the local farmer's market there.
- Southern Hills:** Their Awana's Ministry is reaching out in their community and a large number of children and youth attend each week. They also host the local Farmer's Market on a regular basis.

## Dates to remember:

3/5 & 3/19 - Men's BYOB Fellowship at 8:30 AM at MLBA Office

3/3-10 Week of Prayer for North American Missions (Annie Armstrong Easter Offering)

3/9 MLBA Youth Event at Mt Olive 11 AM - 4 PM

3/16 Time Change (Spring Forward)

3/19-20 DOM Conference, Jefferson City, MO

3/26 MLBA WMU Group to meet at office 1 PM

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



## **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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