



BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

BOLIVAR, MO

MID LAKES

Missions and Ministry Together

By John Rhodes, AMS (Associational Missions Strategist)



Hello Mid Lakes Family,

As we head into spiring and then summer, all our plates fill up quickly. Priorities have to be established, and planning begins or continues. I thank God that we have people in our association of churches who are already preparing for what God wants to do this spring and summer. Our camp committee is already praying for God to reveal the camp pastors we need, and our missions committee is praying and seeking God's will for ministry opportunities we can do together. Even more exciting is watching many of our churches as they look outside the four walls of their churches and into their communities. Area churches in Bolivar are even banding together to see how they can reach the entire Bolivar community with the gospel of Jesus. So as you make your plans, don't forget to look at your church calendar, and even the association calendar, and make your plans by placing God as your first priority, and then let everything else fall into place.

I am looking forward to our Semi-Annual Meeting on Sunday evening, April 21st at Noble Hill Baptist Church. The meal is at 5 PM and the service at 6 PM. There will not be any business at the gathering, just churches coming together to fellowship and to worship our great God. Our theme this year is "Holiness Matters", and we will have four youth pastors who will challenge us with messages on Holiness. Bro. Braden Jones (Berean Baptist Youth Pastor) will be sharing about the Holiness of God. Bro. Noah Taylor, (Noble Hill Youth Pastor) will be sharing about the Holiness in Man. Bro. Jed Bond (FBC, Bolivar Youth Pastor) will be sharing about How We Should Put on Holiness, and Bro. Tim Cossins (MLBA Youth Director) will be sharing How Our Holiness Should Affect Others. These four messages combined will make one big message that we, the church, need to hear. There will also be special music between messages. Mrs. Sarah Lewright from Berean, and the George Family from Noble Hill will be sharing music with us. Be sure to come out and support these youth pastors, and bring your youth and church along.

There is an opportunity for a few carpenter skilled men to travel to Jefferson City and help The Baptist Home offices with some construction in April. If you are interested, please let the association office know ASAP.

The camp will have another yard sale at the office on Saturday, April 27th. If anyone has items you would like to donate, please contact Bro. John to arrange drop off, or bring it by the office on Sunday afternoon, April 21 from 1-3 PM. If anyone would like to help with the yard sale, just let the office know. The committee would appreciate any help.

God bless, and we love you all,

Bro. John and Mrs. Gayle



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 by Sarah Lewright and The George Family.

Bring Your Entire Church Family







April 2nd & 16th

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

> YOU ARE INVITED! RONDO BAPTIST CHURH APRIL 7TH @ 6 PM. 5TH BUNDAY BINGING A WEEK LATE DUE TO EASTER





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 where 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.



Women's Conference Bloom Where You Have Been Planted Saturday, Apríl 13, 2024 – 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

> Guest Speaker Karen Banta

Lunch Provided

Personal Testimonies

RSVP 417-741-2531

FREE!

Bethel Southern Baptist Church 23011 Highway J – Pittsburg, MO



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—April 13, 2024

OPTION #2

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

Locations:

- Temple Baptist Church, Poplar Bluff
- General Baptist Church, Columbia
- Baptist Ridge Camp, Warsaw
- First Baptist Church, Owensville—April 6, 2024

Use this link to register for any of these events.

https://mobaptist.org/vbs/



Noble Hill Baptist Church will be celebrating their 85th Anniversary as a church, Sunday, April 14th

All former members and interested people are invited to attend this special day.

Rev. Dennis Mays, Sr. Pastor





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.



Drop off date: Sunday, April 21 from 1-3 PM at the association office, or contact Bro. John to make other arrangements to drop items off.

Helpers are needed to prepare for the yard sale and to work the yard sale. Please contact to office to volunteer.

Camp registration is now available online. Register for Camp https://midlakescamps.weebly.com/

Kids Camp: Saturday, August 3rd @ 2pm - Tuesday, August 6th @ 2PM. \$140 per student

Youth Camp: Wednesday, August 7th @ 2 PM - Sunday, August 11th @ 2PM. \$150 per student

Leader registration is also ready. Have you thought about helping at camp?????

Apologetics Conference 2024: Contend & Connect

Friday, April 26, 6 - 9pm & Saturday, April 27, 8 AM-5 PM

First Baptist Church, Bolivar

Join us for our second apologetic conference! Contend & Connect will be on April 26-27, 2024 in our worship center. Our keynote speakers will be Dr. David Allen (Preaching Professor, Linguist & New Testament Scholar) and Dr. Jim Parker (Biblical Archaeologist and Old Testament Scholar). We will dive into the trustworthiness of God's Word. How can we trust the Bible to be true? Register now and invite your family, friends, and neighbors! Everyone from students to adults are invited and can benefit from what we will learn. Desserts, Breakfast, and Lunch will be provided.

> \$10 Super Early Bird Price \$15 after April 1st \$20 after April 14th

To register, go to: https://fbcbolivar.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2074933

316 N. Main Ave Worship Center Bolivar, MO 65613



MID LAKES ASSOCIATION WMU GROUP MEETING

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 30, 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.

Guest speaker: Joe Nogalski of the MBC Children's Home

Disaster Relief Training

Next Opportunity: 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

First time \$45

Recert./Cross Training \$25

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.



The trailer made its voyage trip to OK and did great! Others are booking it to use. Why not your church! Go On Mission!!!!

MLBA Church News

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. Berean just finished their Missions Month in March with different missionaries sharing each week about their ministries.

Bethel Southern: Bethel continues to make improvements to their facilities, and recently hosted a Fishers of Men Banquet and service for the local fishing tournament. What a great opportunity to share the gospel.

Caplinger Mills: Is diligently praying for a pastor. It looks like God will answer that prayer soon.

FBC, Bolivar: Hosting the MLBA Hispanic Bible Study each Monday evening. Will be hosting a Contend and Connect Conference on April 26-27. Register at fbcbolivar.org/events to attend. See the MLBA newsletter for more information.

FBC, Fair Play: Ministers to their community through their clothing store ministry.

FBC, Humansville: Pastor David Cloud is still live streaming messages for the church on a weekly basis but they to return home soon. Bro. David is in LA with his wife as she seeks answers for her MS. Please keep Mrs. Karol in your prayers.

FBC, Morrisville: FBC Morrisville will also be hosting the MLBA April Executive Board Meeting, April 9th at 7 PM. They continue to do monthly events to encourage outreach and they are seeing God bless the outreach.

Fender's Chapel: Has been seeing numerical growth lately.

Heritage Baptist Church: Just went through *Journey to the Cross*. Sharing with families the meaning of love, forgiveness, and grace which came about because of what Jesus did upon the cross.

Mt Etna: Called Dr. Duke Jones as their new pastor.

Mt Olive: In the process of planned outreach through their church family.

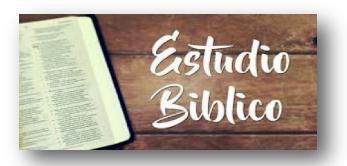
Noble Hill: Noble Hill will be hosting our MLBA Semi-Annual Meeting on Sunday evening, April 21. They feed us (to which we say THANK YOU), as we gather together for fellowship and worship! They also are celebrating their 85th Anniversary on April 14th.

Rondo Baptist Church: Will have the singers, 3D Gospel, on Sunday, April 7th at 6 PM.

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.

Dates to remember:

- 4/1 Personnel Committee Meeting 5 PM at MLBA Office
- $4\!/\!2$ & $4\!/\!16$ Men's BYOB Fellowship at 8:30 AM at MLBA Office
- 4/9 MLBA Ex Board Meeting, FBC, Morrisville 7 PM
- 4/21 MLBA Semi-Annual Meeting, Noble Hill Meal 5 PM, Service 6 PM
- 4/21 Camp Yard Sale Drop Off time 1-3 PM or call office to make arrangements
- 4/27 MLBA CAMP YARD SALE
- 4/30 MLBA WMU Meeting, 1 PM at MLBA Office
- 5/2/ National Day of Prayer
- 5/12 Mother's Day
- 5/27 Memorial Day



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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