



MID LAKES BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

BOLIVAR, MO

Missions and Ministry Together

By John Rhodes, AMS (Associational Missions Strategist)



Romans 12:2 *And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

This verse is our camp theme this year; however, it is a great verse for all of us to live by. To me, this verse screams OPPORTUNITY.

- 1 - Opportunity to get closer to God and to our brothers and sisters in Christ
- 2 - Opportunity to grow and learn as we transform our lives through the renewing of our minds
- 3 - Opportunity to prove how great God is by serving Him in a lost and dying world

In this newsletter, you will find opportunities to learn, grow and serve. Besides reintroducing Disaster Relief to our association and preparing for camp, you will find education opportunities, and opportunities to serve. There are also opportunities to give as we support the open door God has given us through the Hispanic Ministry. Our Executive Board Meeting is very important, so I encourage all our church's representatives to be there. Everyone is invited to attend.

Besides all the events happening in the association, it is wonderful to see our churches do so many wonderful ministries.

Congratulations to Shepherd's Way Church on the 5th Anniversary since forming.

We love you all,

Bro. John and Mrs. Gayle

PLEASE READ

Hispanic Ministry Update

On August 16, 2023, five people met at the association office to discuss the possible need for a Hispanic work in the Bolivar and surrounding areas. One month later we met again, along with some other leaders, and a plan was developed to host a Block Party for the Hispanic Community. On September 15th multiple people worked together to host a Hispanic Block Party. Through this effort, between 75—100 Hispanics attended the Block Party. The next Monday evening a Hispanic Bible study began with two people from the community attending. Now lets fast forward to today. Each Monday evening at 7 PM, a group of 20-25 Hispanics meet to study God's Word and fellowship. This group has developed into a good core group who have a passion for following Jesus.

Preparations are being made now for the NEXT STEP in the process. On May 22, 2024 I met with those who have helped lead the Bible studies and Pastor Rodriguez to discuss the next step of faith for the Hispanic Ministry and the association. I will try my best to explain this in bullet points.

- Plans are in the works to begin a Hispanic Worship Service very soon. Some people will attend a worship service who might not attend a Bible study.
- A young man by the name of **Hebel (pronounced A-bell) Gutierrez**, who has been leading many of the Bible studies, will become the coordinator and will begin the process of completing the NAMB Church Planter Training. During this six month process, this young man (in his upper 20's) will be working around 20 hours per week to help build the worship services and to reach out to the Hispanic community. He also will still be leading the Bible Study. During this time, we as an association of churches and individuals will have the opportunity to invest in his ministry. For this to happen, we must get involved. Because he and his wife currently live in Springfield, he will be driving two days a week for the Bible study and worship service, but he will also be here a lot of other days. Because of this, he will have expenses. For the first six months, we need to help provide \$500 a month for fuel and \$200 a month for other expenses. For example, he might take someone to lunch for the purpose of sharing the gospel. He will be under the oversight of Pastor Rodriguez, and we will also be appointing a committee to work with Pastor Rodriguez.
- After six months as coordinator, and the completion of his NAMB training, Hebel will be evaluated and if he feels this is where God wants him to serve, and if the committee recommends it, along with Pastor Rodriguez, then Hebel will be promoted to church planter. At this point NAMB will kick in some funds, (possibly up to \$1,000), but we would need to kick in some more to make his being on the field full time possible. The goal is to help the church grow so it can become self sufficient. The goal is for the church plant to become self sufficient as soon as possible. Anytime within the first five years.
- How can YOU be a part? 1 - If each church gives some, this goal can be easily met. Different size churches will give different amounts, and that's OK. Give as God directs your church. We also have many individuals in our churches who would love to support this ministry. Please help encourage this. This is all a step of faith, and I am excited to see how God is putting all the pieces together.
- I would like to say "Thank You" to FBC, Bolivar for taking the lead in supporting this ministry. They not only have allowed the Bible study group to use their facility each week to meet in, but have also provided coffee and refreshments and made this group feel welcome. Don Hodson and Gustavo Nix have been instrumental in supporting this ministry. It helps that they speak Spanish.
- As soon as they begin the church plant status, they will petition the association to be a church plant of the association. Pastor Rodriguez has stressed how important it is for us to teach who Southern Baptist are and why.
- **So here is what we need to pray for:**
 - 1 - **For God to provide the right place and time for the worship services to begin.**
 - 2 - **For God to direct each church in how they can help. If financially, then how much?**
 - 3 - **For God to place this ministry on the hearts of individuals. God can also use individuals to help finance this ministry.**
 - 4 - **For God to be glorified in everything we do. They already have individuals wishing to be baptized. How exciting!!**

Thank you for your prayers and support. I love watching people carry out the Great Commission together!!!!

Some churches have already pledged monthly support. We will share more after the July Executive Board Meeting.



MID LAKES BAPTIST ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 16 @ 7 PM
FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH,
STOCKTON

GUEST SPEAKER: NATHAN WHITE
UIMA MISSIONARY PILOT



Prayers for Mount Olive Baptist Church.

**On June 26th a Micro Burst hit the church with
estimated 85 mph winds.**

The church sustained substantial damage.



ACP



Annual Church Profile

The Annual Church Profile (ACP) Forms have been mailed to each association church from the MBC. Please take time to fill out the document and return it to the MBC. This helps us with the record keeping process. If your church did not receive an ACP Form in the mail by mid-July, please let Bro. John know.

Thank You.



U-MN 201 CLD Personal Evangelism and Discipleship

Contextualized Leadership Development (CLD)

Location: Mid-Lakes Baptist Association

3 Credit Hours

Fall 2024

Cost: FREE

Logistics:

Start and End Dates: August 29, 2024 — December 12, 2024

Class Times: Thursday Nights from 6:00 pm – 7:15 pm

Class Location: 722 E. South Street, Bolivar, MO (Mid-Lakes Baptist Association Conference Room)

Contact Information:

***Instructor:* Darren Bradley, Instructor, M.A. Educational Leadership (Gateway Seminary); PhD Student – Applied Theology,**

Leadership Emphasis (Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary).

Instructor Contact Info: 916-218-8024

Additional Contact Info: cldcoursework@gmail.com

Link for Enrollment: [CLD Personal Evangelism and Discipleship Enrollment](#) (Only use this link if you want college credit for the course. If you want to audit the class, contact the instructor directly).

II. Course Description

An introduction to personal evangelism and discipleship, including basic methods of personal Bible study, discipleship, and evangelistic witness in multi-cultural settings.

This course offers 3 units of credit at Spurgeon College. These credits are transferrable to other colleges/universities (depending on their willingness to accept Spurgeon College credits).

This course is for anyone who desires solid biblical training from an accredited institution (from a junior in High School and up).



Vacation Bible School

Rondo Baptist Church

July 8-12th

5:30—7:30 PM

Vacation Bible School

Mount Olive Baptist Church

4079 Highway D,

Bolivar, MO 65613

July 22-24th, 6-8pm

Ages 3-12

You can go to their Facebook Page to Register Online.

Grace Fellowship VBS



July 22-26, 4 year old - 6th grade



MLBA CAMPS

**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

Camp registration is now
available online.

<https://midlakescamps.weebly.com/>





Hello Midlakes Churches,

It is Camp season again and the Camp Committee is very excited to see what the Lord has in store for His student ministry. We are very grateful to be a part of this Kingdom work and we want to invite you to be a part as well!

Here are some ways to get plugged in and make an impact on Midlakes Camp 2024:

1) Youth Camp Cabin leaders- especially women!

Several of our current awesome lady leaders now have little ones of their own and can't be in the cabin at night with our youth girls. We are asking pastors and youth ministers to consider your congregations. Please help us find Godly women who love Christ and love teaching students about Him! We would love to add some new faces to our camp leadership family.

Kids camp is Aug. 3rd - 6th

Youth camp is Aug. 7th - 11th

2) Day Kitchen Staff-

Kay Vann from FBC Bolivar is our new head cook. She will be planning the meals and preparing all the ingredients. We just need willing hands to help cook and clean during the day. Ideally, we are looking for 3 people per day to help in the kitchen. Talk with your congregation to see if there is one day out of the week that your church could volunteer. Lodging accommodations for kitchen helpers wanting to stay at camp are available but absolutely not required, check with Tim or Bre for more information.

3) Item Donations-

Thank you all so much for making Midlakes Camps possible each year. Most of all, please be praying for Camp as it draws closer. Our desire is to glorify the Lord and make His name known!

Every year there are some basic staples we always are in need of. These include paper/plastic cups, plates, silverware, napkins, self sealing water balloons, Gatorade/ Poweraid.

Sam's Club often has these items in bulk (and on sale right now) if you have a Sam's membership. Here is an Amazon Wish List for more ideas. All items can be dropped off or shipped to the MLBA office. (722 E. South St. Bolivar, MO 65613)

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/5GY003ME8YA6...>

-Bre Piper & Camp Committee

Tim: (417) 327-5395

Bre: (417) 912-1152

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<https://midlakescamps.weebly.com/>

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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?????



July 2nd & 16th

Men's Breakfast and Fellowship

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

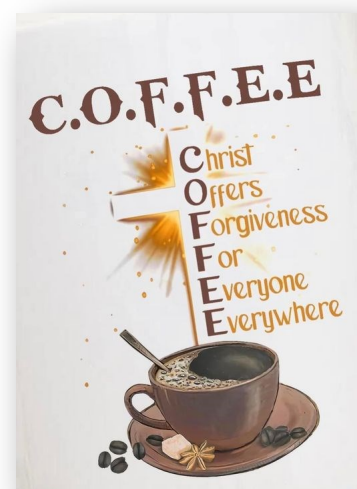
at Mid Lakes Baptist Association Office.

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



MID LAKES ASSOCIATION WMU GROUP MEETING

Last Tuesday of each month at 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.



COME JOIN US FOR:

- A Home-style Breakfast beginning at 8:00 AM – Lunch items available at 10:30 AM
- Preview Beautiful, handmade Quilts and Crafts before the auction (8:00 – 10:00 AM)
- A Concert by “The Long Time Runnin Band” begins at 9:00 AM
- The Live Auction of “Prize Winning” Quilts and Crafts begins at 10:00 AM
- A Variety of Woodworking and Craft Items is on sale all day (8:00 – 3:00 PM)
- Delicious Food and Beverages (8:00 AM – 3:00 PM)
- Homemade Cobblers and Pies, with Ice Cream (9:00 AM – 3:00 PM)
- Children’s Activities available
- Air Conditioned Facilities – All Indoor Activities
- Parking Lot – Shuttle Service – Handicapped Accessible



Women's Ministry in Missouri

Truth F O R Girls

and the Mom's
and leaders
who love them

Event

2024



Psalm 25:5

*Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Savior,*

August 9-10, 2024

Friday: 10a-4p

(Evening is Free time to enjoy on your own.)

Saturday: 9a-3p



Branson, MO

Registration: \$45 per person (Inc. lunch on Fri and Sat)
(Register at [MBCH.org](https://www.mbch.org). Click on Events tab | Women's Ministry)

Hotel Reservations: \$92 per room. Call 417.334.8404.



This is a NEW and EXCITING event for **tween girl's in grades 3-6 and mom's and leaders**. Worship segments will be together and the girl's will experience fun and interactive sessions that expose the lies of the culture and the truths from the Word of God. Women will study how to effectively share the truths of the Word of God with this new generation living in a toxic culture.



For more information contact Wanda Shellenbarger, Women's Ministry Specialist
at Wanda.Shellenbarger@mbch.org or 417.529.0724.



Mid Lakes Baptist Association Introduces

Disaster Relief Ministry

With all the recent tornados, we have a **severe shortage** of DR Volunteers. Come learn more about Disaster Relief, see our equipment trailer, and pray about being a part of this great ministry.

(Trained and untrained individuals are encouraged to attend, regardless what area you wish to serve.)

Dallas County Association and Ozark Prairie Association
have a special invitation to join us.

Saturday, August 24, 2024

At Grace Fellowship Baptist Church, Bolivar, MO

9 AM - 12 Noon

4395 S 82nd Road, Bolivar, MO

(at the intersection of S 82nd and Hwy 32)

Call John Rhodes at 573-579-5993
for more information.



MISSOURI BAPTIST DISASTER RELIEF training dates

2024



Additional training information and online registration can be found by visiting MODR.ORG/DR-TRAINING, emailing disasterrelief@mobaptist.org, or by calling 800-736-6227 ext 317.



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MLBA Church News

Caplinger Mills: Is in the process of adding new bathroom and kitchen facilities.

FBC, Bolivar: Hosting the MLBA Hispanic Bible Study each Monday evening.

FBC, Fair Play: Has a WMU group who uses their sewing skills to minister to different ministry groups.

FBC, Humansville: Is still praying for the doctors to figure out what is causing their pastor's wife's seizures. Please continue to pray for Bro. David and Mrs. Karol Cloud and for the church as they navigate this uncertain time.

FBC, Morrisville: FBC Morrisville has been seeing an increase in attendance. VBS July 18-20

Fender's Chapel: VBS Saturday, July 20 10 AM - 2:30 PM

Grace Fellowship: Held a Celebration of Freedom event at the end of June. VBS July 22-26

Heritage: VBS Pre-registration June 1, VBS 9-14

Mt Olive: VBS July 22-24 Sustained major damage from Micro Burst on June 26, 2024

Rondo: VBS July 8-12

Shepherd's Way: Church Hosts the local Farmer's Market. Celebrated their 5th Anniversary as a church on Sunday, June 30th.

MLBA: Kayak Ministry ministered to the MO Deaf Camp, June 24 & 27

Camp Committee: Almost ready for camp. Kids, youth, and leaders need to sign up ASAP to help us plan. Register at <https://midlakescamps.weebly.com>.

Hispanic Ministry: Bible Study every Monday evening at 7 PM at the Rose Building. Worship services beginning soon.

Disaster Relief Introduction: August 24, 2024 at Grace Fellowship Church. 9 AM–12 Noon

Dates to remember:

7/1 Finance Committee Meeting, 5 PM
7/4 Independence Day
7/7-13 Noble Hill using Mission Trailer
7/8-12 VBS, Rondo Baptist
7/14 DR Trailer at Bethel Baptist
7/16 EX Board Meeting, First Stockton
7/18-20 FBC, Morrisville
7/20 VBS, Fender Chapel
7/19-20 MBC DR Blue Hat Roundtable
7/22-26 VBS, Grace Fellowship
7/22-24 VBS, Mount Olive
7/29 Regional DOM Meeting
7/30 MLBA WMU 1 PM



Hispanic Bible Study

Each Monday Night at 7 PM
at FBC, Bolivar Rose Building

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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Office Hours

Monday—Wednesday

9 AM - 4 PM

