



**MID LAKES
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**
BOLIVAR, MO

DECEMBER
2024

Missions and Ministry Together

By John Rhodes, AMS (Associational Missions Strategist)



2024 has been a very busy year. Many have been baptized in our churches, camps were such a blessing, and many good things have happened. The Hispanic Ministry is looking to begin worship services soon, and it is so encouraging to see the excitement in all who are attending that ministry. We do have three churches searching for pastors, however, I am confident God is working to lead them to the person that He has prepared for them.

Gayle and I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Your kindness and encouragement is such a blessing.

As we think about Christmas, let us reflect on the word Emmanuel, meaning, God with Us. We should be thankful that through the Holy Spirit that we always have God with us! May this Christmas be filled with family, food, worship, and God with us!

**We love you all,
Merry Christmas from
Bro. John and Mrs. Gayle**





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December 3 & 17 8:30 AM

Men's Breakfast and Fellowship

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

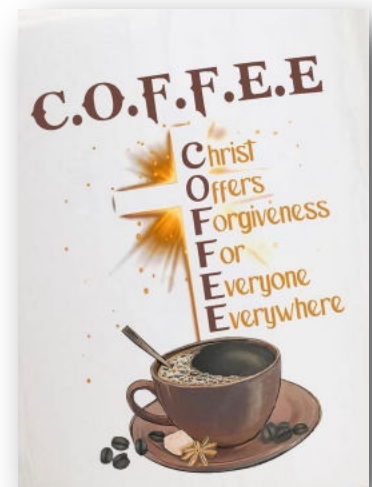
at Mid Lakes Baptist Association Office.

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 Monday of each month at 2 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.

**NO Meeting in
December.**



Your MLBA WMU ladies have been busy. We met on November 25, at the MLBA office, and celebrated CHRISTmas. We have been collecting for CMH Hospice and prepared 10 large Christmas gift bags with items to be given to Hospice patients for Christmas.

We celebrated with a time of fellowship, including snacks, and had fun exchanging gifts. We had 5 churches represented and distributed promotional items for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to be used in your church.

We will not meet in December but want to invite ladies to attend in January. We will meet at the MLBA office on Monday, January 27, 2025 at 2p.m..

Hope to see you there.

Leidra Stunkel

WMU Associational Director

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Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

Christmas

Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 22nd. 6:30 PM

Refreshments / Finger foods to follow.

You are Invited!





Christmas *at* Fellowship Park

December 7th | 6:30-8:00 p.m. | 210 E Locust St.

live nativity

live music

food & fun

CHRISTMAS VILLAGE

Please come join us for this free event!



***Saturday, December 7 & Sunday, December 8
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm***

**First Baptist Church of Fair Play
500 N Walnut, Fair Play**

**Grandpa's Cabin * No Room at the Inn * Nativity
Cowboys at the Campfire**

Live animals, Caroling

Free Coffee, Hot Cocoa, Cookies

Mid Lakes Youth New Years Eve Party



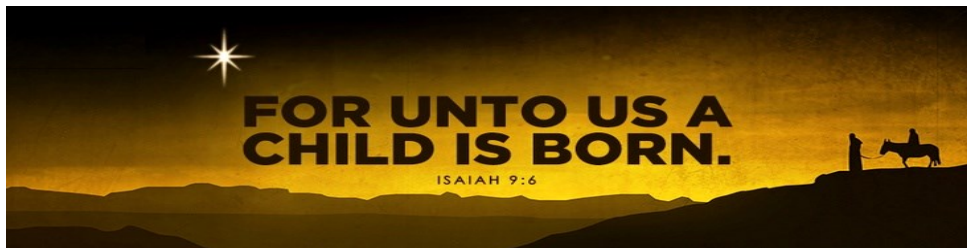
Our Annual New Year's Eve Party will be held at FBC, Bolivar Rec Building. The party begins at 7:00PM and ends at 12:30AM. Cost is \$10 at the door. Once students check in at the Welcome Table, they will not be allowed to come and go from the building. We prefer for students not to drive themselves if possible, but rather to be picked up and dropped off by either a parent or church leader.

For students 6th grade through college freshman. Party begins at 7:00PM and ends at 12:30AM. Cost is \$10 at the door. Join us for a fun, safe night of ringing in the new year! 🎉

To register:

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For unto us 
a child is born,
unto us a Son
is given.
...His name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor,
The Mighty God,
The Everlasting Father,
The Prince of Peace.
Isaiah 9:6

Tuesday, January 21st

MLBA Executive Board Meeting

at Berean Baptist Church. 7:00 PM

**Guest Speaker: Derrick Lewright sharing about their
Columbia Mission Trip.**

MLBA Church News

Berean: Had a great Mission Trip to the country of Columbia at the end of October.

Bethel: In the process of collecting resumes for a new pastor and have new gym doors installed.

FBC, Bolivar: Christmas at the Park,. Following the Bolivar Christmas Parade.

FBC, Fair Play: Will host their annual Christmas Village, Saturday, December 7 and Sunday December 8 5:30 - 7:00 PM each evening.

FBC, Humansville: Beginning a search for a new pastor.

Fender Chapel: Attendance has been picking up, and there is a great spirit of unity in the church and had another creek baptism.

Grace Fellowship will be holding a Christmas Candlelight Service, Sunday December 22 at 6:30 PM.

Heritage: Taking resumes for a new pastor. Heritage is also hosting the middle school and high school grades of the Polk County Christian School.

Mt Olive: Looking forward to getting their sanctuary repaired soon.

Camp Committee: Hosting New Years Eve Party, December 31, 7-12:30 at FBC, Bolivar rec building.

Hispanic Ministry: Bible Study every Monday evening at 7 PM at the Rose Building. They hope to begin worship services soon.



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- Embrace the role and responsibilities of a Send Network Sending Church
- Articulate a vision for leading your church to plant churches
- Develop a pathway to discover, develop, and deploy a church planter
- Access the resources available through the Send Network
- Use the Sending Map to plan your next steps

■ January 22 | 9a-4p

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Saturday, March 22, 2025

Merry Christmas

*From Your Mid Lakes
Baptist Association
Officers*

John Rhodes, AMS

Charles Jackson, Moderator

David Stunkel, Vice-moderator

Jennifer Smith, MLBA Clerk

Dot Soldavini, MLBA Treasurer



Dates to remember:

12/1-8 Week of Prayer for International Mission Board Missionaries

12/3 Men's Fellowship 8:30 AM

12/7/24 Bolivar Christmas Parade

12/7/24 Christmas at Fellowship Park, FBC Bolivar

12/7-8 Christmas Village, FBC Fair Play 5:30 - 7 PM

12/17 Men's Fellowship 8:30 AM

12/20 MLBA WMU Meeting 2 PM

12/22 Grace Fellowship Candlelight Service 6:20 PM

12/25 JESUS BIRTHDAY (Christmas Day)

12/31 MLBA Youth New Years Eve Party

NOTE: Camp Dates for 2025

Kid's Camp: July 26 - 29

Youth Camp: July 30 - August 3



A Peek at Next
Year's Theme.

Dwelling in Unity 2025



Behold, how good and how
pleasant *it is* For brethren to dwell
together in unity!

Psalm 133:1



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; Wellspring Baptist Church (in the process of joining)



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9 AM - 4 PM

