



APRIL 2025

MID LAKES BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

BOLIVAR, MO (POLK, CEDAR, HICKORY, AND GREENE COUNTIES)

Missions and Ministry Together

By John Rhodes, AMS (Associational Missions Strategist)

With Spring here, is it time to wake up? With spring comes all the extra business of activities; mowing, spring cleaning, gardening, yard work, and as the daylight gets longer, we tend to stay busier. The problem is we get so busy that we leave less time for the Lord. Actually, sometimes when it comes to spiritual things, we can get a little lazy. I was reminded of this a few weeks ago when our five year old grandson Ryker spent the night with us. It was a morning that I slept in (just a little bit), and all the sudden I felt a presence near me. I opened my eyes, and standing at the side of my bed was Ryker just staring at me. Then he says in a very pronounced voice, "Grandpa, the sun is up, get up. We have to get up when the sun is shining, There is stuff to do. When the sun goes down, then you can sleep." So naturally I got up. Later that day, I was studying and thinking, and I thought, how do we apply this spiritually? For us, the "Son" is shining and there is work to do. When the day ends (translated, when this life is over) then we can rest. I am afraid too many believers have started resting early. Let me encourage you and your family and church to "get up for the SON is shining" and get about the Father's business.



Matthew 5:14-16 ¹⁴ *Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.* ¹⁵ *Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.* ¹⁶ *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

In service together,

Bro. John and Mrs. Gayle

Semi-Annual Fellowship Meeting

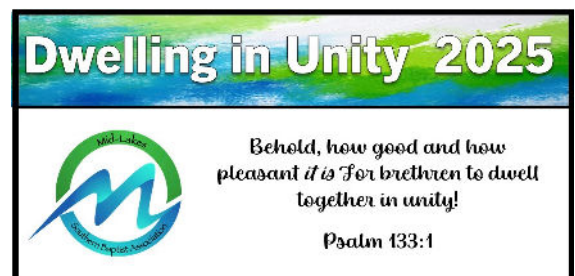
Sunday Evening, April 27

At Noble Hill Baptist Church

Meal 5:00 PM (Fried Chicken)

Service 6:00 PM

**Come join us as we Dwell together in worship
and fellowship! Everyone is Invited!**





Mid Lakes Baptist Association 4th Semi-Annual Fellowship Meeting

Sunday, April 27th

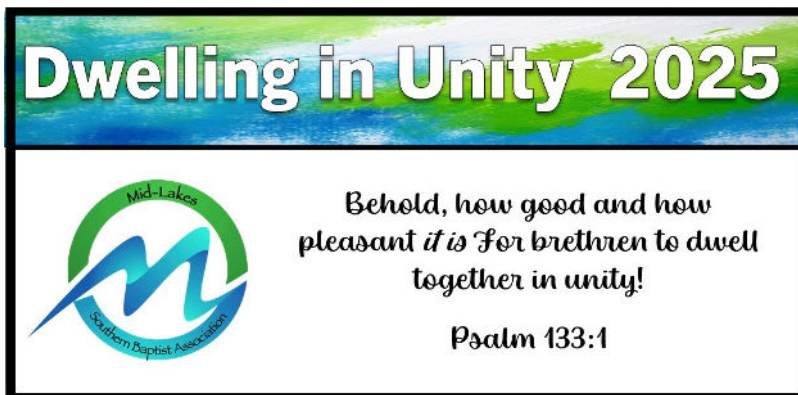
Location: Noble Hill Baptist Church

Meal 5:00 PM

Service 6:00 PM

**NO Business
Just Worship**

**For Everyone
Of ALL Churches**



GUEST SPEAKERS

DR. ALAN BROCK - THE PRECIOUSNESS OF DWELLING TOGETHER

REV. JOSH HALL - THE IMPORTANCE OF DWELLING TOGETHER

REV. BILL JETTON - THE EXPECTANCY OF DWELLING TOGETHER

ALAN BROCK - RETIRED DOM FOR SHOAL CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, , NEOSHO, MO

JOSH HALL - DOM FOR GREENE COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

BILL JETTON - DOM FOR OSAGE PRAIRIE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, LOCKWOOD, MO

MUSIC LEADER: RON GEORGE JR.

**PLEASE BRING YOUR CHURCH FAMILY AND JOIN US AS WE
DWELL TOGETHER FOR CHRIST KINGDOM.**



April 1st & 15th at 8:30 AM

Men's Breakfast and Fellowship

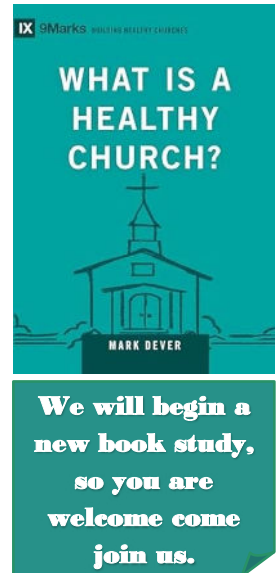
1st and 3rd Tuesday each month at 8:30 AM.

at Mid Lakes Baptist Association Office.

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.

JOURNEY

TO THE

CROSS

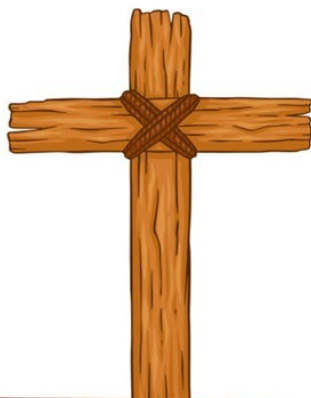


An Easter Experience for Families

Saturday, April 12th

11 AM - 1 PM

JOURNEY WITH JESUS LEADING UP TO HIS DEATH, BURIAL AND RESURRECTION. WITH HANDS ON ACTIVITIES AND EXPERIENCES TO SHOW YOU AND YOUR FAMILY THE MEANING OF TRUE LOVE, FORGIVENESS, AND GRACE.



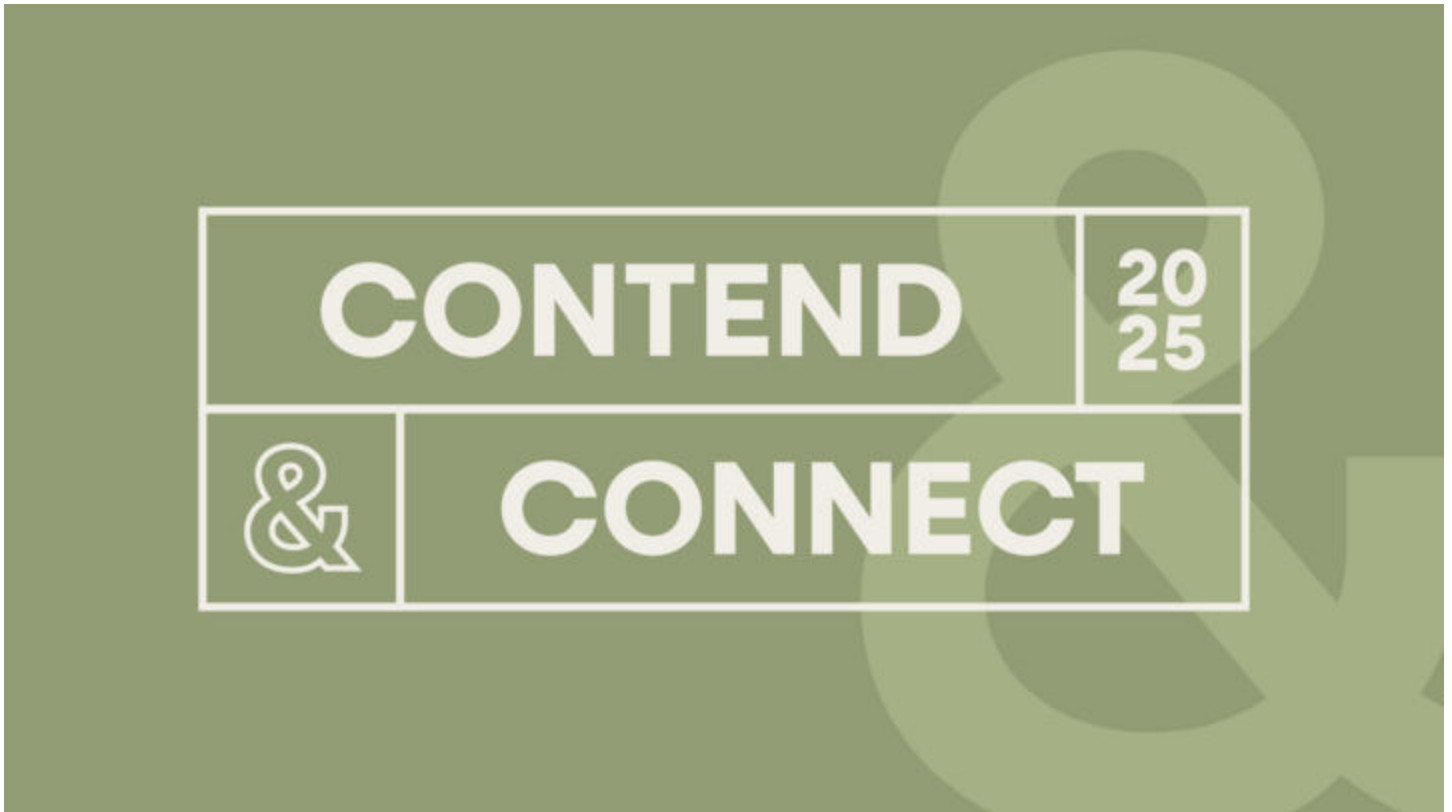
- Journey to the Cross Tours
- Free Lunch
- Inflatables and Activities for All Ages!



Scan QR Code to Sign Up!

Or Visit

theheritagebaptist.church



Contend & Connect: A Biblical Worldview Conference

A two day event at First Baptist Bolivar emphasizing an apologetic view to contend with world views and connect with the world around us.

Friday evening will kick off our event, opening the doors at **5:30 pm**. We will include coffee and snacks this evening as well! Saturday doors open at **8:00 am**. Throughout the day we will have insightful sessions, breakout topics, and of course we will have a light breakfast and lunch!

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

Adam Groza
Rhyne Putnam
Adam Hughes

Breakout Session Leaders:

Amy Davison (from Mama Bear Apologetics)
Dave Quackenbos
Phil Kallberg
Jonathan Woodyard
Cary Vaughn

APRIL 25, 2025 6-9 PM

APRIL 26, 2025 8:30 AM-5 PM

FBC WORSHIP CENTER

ATTENDEES \$ 15

FRIDAY CHILD (5 AND UNDER) FREE

SATURDAY CHILD (5 AND UNDER)

FREE

To Register: <https://fbcbolivar.churchcenter.com/login?return=https://fbcbolivar.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2680027/reservations/new>



The Week of Prayer for North American Missions is

Partner with us in this Great Commission work by:

- ➔ Sharing the stories all week long from our social channels
- ➔ Mobilizing people in your ministry to pray the daily prayer points
- ➔ Sending letters of encouragement to our missionaries through <https://bit.ly/4hqiOUj>



Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering®

FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

STEP INTO THE
STORY



**North American
Mission Board**

Every gift to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering – 100 percent – goes to train, resource and send thousands of missionaries involved in church planting and compassion ministries across the United States, Canada and their territories. The partnership of the North American Mission Board with Missouri Baptist Convention churches and individuals makes this work possible.

STEP INTO THE STORY



Kevin Ezell, President
North American Mission Board

2025 promotional resources are now available at AnnieArmstrong.com

We are surrounded by gospel opportunities. It's estimated there are 286 million lost people in North America. **Reaching that mission field is why we unite and generously give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering every year.**

Last year, our Southern Baptist family gave the highest Annie offering ever—\$74.7 million. That outpouring of support went to work immediately fueling the ministries of more than 3,000 missionary families as they plant churches, meet physical needs, and share Christ with unreached people across the U.S. and Canada.

These missionaries have inspiring stories of how God is at work transforming lives from Provo, Utah, to Flint, Michigan, and beyond. **In this new giving season, I ask you to step into these stories. You can find 2025 promotional resources and missionary features at AnnieArmstrong.com that will help you do just that.**

Thank you for your faithful support and for your advocacy that is leading many others to join this mission. Together, let's step into the story that God is writing right here in North America.

Serving together,



BRANSON STARS

April 5, 2025

Benefit Concert & Silent Auction

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**10 am to 12 pm (Silent Auction starts at 9 am)
Clay Cooper Theater
Branson, MO**

Branson Stars is a fun, high-energy show featuring a variety of Branson's best performers. An additional feature of this annual event is a silent auction featuring over 70 items. Clay Cooper generously donates his time as event emcee and the use of his theater and his wife, Tina Cooper, works to arrange for an amazing variety of Branson entertainers to perform in the show. All proceeds go to support the many different programs of Missouri Baptist Children's Home.

Ticket Information

For more information or questions contact MBCH Special Events: 417.410.9033 or email specialevents@mbch.org

FROM PROTECT MY MINISTRY

(This is the organization we do background checks through.)



**COMING
SOON!**
New Child
Safety Training

Empowering **Safe** Environments for Churches

We've been hard at work revamping our Child Safety Training Program to ensure it meets the highest standards and addresses key safety concerns.

On **January 21**, we will be releasing all new Volunteer and Staff versions of our Child Safety Training with updated statistics, graphics and guides.

Less than 38% of child victims disclose they've been abused. It is critical that our program empower churches to mitigate potential incidents by recognizing the signs of abuse and grooming early.

Our mission at Protect My Ministry is to provide you with the tools and services to make your church a safe haven for worship. Our employee training is approved by the Texas Department of State Health Services for child sexual abuse prevention. At the end of each training participants must pass a quiz with at least a 70% to earn a Certificate of Completion. An updated Spanish version will also be available.

Updated: Design; Statistics; New Content; Updated Guides

Need to Add Child Safety Training to Your Program? Contact us today!

Protect My Ministry: www.sales@protectmyministry.com

MLBA Church News

Berean: Just finished Mission Awareness Month

Bethel: Still searching for a new pastor.

FBC Bolivar: Will have their Children's Choir 80s Night of Worship April 9 at 6:15 PM. April 13 Lindley Creek Concert 6-7:30 PM. April 25-26 Contend and Connect Conference

Fender Chapel: Enjoying great fellowship

Heritage: In the process of narrowing down pastoral candidates. Hosting Journey to the Cross on April 12th. See flier in the newsletter. Heritage is also hosting the middle school and high school grades of the Polk County Christian School.

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

MLBA Men's Fellowship and Breakfast: April 1 & 15

MLBA WMU Meeting: Monday, April 28th at 2 PM

Semi-Annual Fellowship Meeting, Sunday, April 27th at Noble Hill. Meal 5 PM, Service 6 PM.

Dates to Remember in 2025

April 12 - Heritage Baptist Church, Journey to the Cross

April 15 - MLBA Executive Board Meeting (FBC Bolivar Rose Building.)

April 25 & 26 FBC Bolivar Contend and Connect Conference

April 27 - Semi-Annual Meeting, at Noble Hill Baptist Church

April 28 - MLBA WMU Meeting

May 1 - National Day of Prayer

June 8-11 SBC Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX

July 15 - MLBA Executive Board Meeting

July 26 - 29 Children's Camp

July 29 - August 3 Youth Camp

August 12 - Nominating Committee Meeting

August 18 - Budget Committee Meeting

September 24 - See You at the Pole

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

October - 13 & 14 MLBA Annual Meeting

October 18 - Pastor's Family Event

October 27-28 MBC Annual Meeting, Branson



NOTE: Camp Dates for 2025

Kid's Camp: July 26 - 29

Youth Camp: July 30 - August 3



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL OUR CHURCHES WHO FAITHFULLY GIVE TO THE MINISTRY OF THE MID LAKES BAPTIST ASSOCIATION. WITHOUT YOU, THIS MINISTRY WOULD NOT EXIST.



MLBA Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 15th @ 7 PM

FBC, Bolivar Rose Building

Duke Jones will be sharing about his recent mission trip to Thailand.



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; 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).



Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday

9 AM - 4 PM

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