



November 2025

Happy Thanksgiving

MID LAKES

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

BOLIVAR, MO (WITH CHURCHES FROM POLK, CEDAR, AND GREENE COUNTIES)

Missions and Ministry Together

By John Rhodes, AMS (Associational Missions Strategist)

Greetings from your associational missionary. Happy Thanksgiving.

First I want to say THANK YOU to Heritage Baptist Church and Shepherd's Way Church for hosting this year's MLBA Annual Meeting. We had two wonderful nights of meetings, and were blessed by all the fellowship and encouragement. Tuesday night was camp night, and we had several youth share testimonies, our youth camp director shared about camp, and Salvador Gonzalez (age 18) from First Southern Baptist Church in Stockton did a wonderful job bringing the annual sermon. We did vote to go to a one night annual meeting beginning in October 2026. We hope to decide what day, in the January Executive Board Meeting.

I am saddened to report that November 2, 2025 is the last service for Bethel Southern Baptist Church in Pittsburg. The church is closing her doors due to low attendance. Please pray for those who will be seeking new church homes, and pray that the facility can become a new ministry of some type which can reach that community. The property will go to the MO Baptist Convention, per Bethel's Constitution and By-laws.

Mt Olive is having Revival Services on November 9-12. 8:45 am Sunday, 6:30 pm Monday- Wednesday. Bro. Bill Jetton, DOM for Ozark Prairie Baptist Association, Lockwood, MO will be the evangelist. Mt Olive gives everyone an invite to attend.

Mt Olive would also like to express thanks for those who came and helped with storm repair on the church. Because of the wonderful help we had, we are now able to open the baptistry again.

There will be a Bi-vocational Pastoral Care Event on January 23-24, 2026 held at the Comfort Inn & Suites in Springfield. Guest speakers will be John Marshall and Matt Kimbrough. Friday 5 PM, Saturday 8:30 am - 12 noon. This event is provided at NO COST to you by the partnership of Southwest Baptist University and the MO Baptist Convention. Registration is limited to 50 guests. For questions email Alan Brock at abrock2485@gmail.com or call him at 660-707-2485.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving,

Bro. John & Mrs. Gayle

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Breakfast

Bring your own Breakfast and a Bible.



November 4th & 18th 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
at the Association Office.**

722 E. South Street, Bolivar, MO.

Camp Committee Meeting—Sunday, November 16th, 1 PM at the Associational Office.

The Camp Committee and leadership wish to thank everyone who came and supported Camp Night at the Annual Meeting, and also to those who support the camp year around.



Youth New Year's Eve Party

December 31, 2025 at FBC Rec Building.

Watch the MLBA Camp Website for more details.

midlakescamps.weebly.com



Revival
HOMECOMING

November 9-12, 2025

Sunday Morning 8:45 AM

Sunday after Church and Sunday School, a carry in meal will be enjoyed and Homecoming Singing around 12:30 or 1 PM.

Monday - Wednesday 6:30 PM Nightly

Evangelist: Bro. Bill Jetton,

DOM for Ozark Prairie Baptist Association

**Music: Bro. Rocky Simmons and
Ms. Barbara Wegrzyn**



Bill and Judy Jetton

A Love Offering will be received nightly to go to the Evangelist

Everyone is Invited to Attend!!!

4079 Hwy D, Bolivar, MO 65613

Bro. John Rhodes, Pastor

For more information call 573-579-5993

MLBA Church News

Bethel: Their last service is November 2. They are closing.

Caplinger Mills: Bro. Harry Moore has resigned as pastor due to health reasons. His grandson-in-law has been filling in and will continue to fill in for now.

FBC Bolivar: On November 2, Dr John Marshall will begin as interim pastor.

Heritage: Still searching for a Senior Pastor. Gary Urich is their Interim.

Hispanic Ministry: Bible Study every Monday evening at 7 PM at the Rose Building. Average attendance around 25. Still searching for a pastor to lead in worship services.

Mt Etna: Bro. Duke Jones has resigned as their pastor. Please pray for Mt Etna as they begin their search for a new pastor.

Mount Olive: Revival services are set for November 9-12 with Bro. Bill Jetton being the evangelist.

AMS: Even though Bro. John is pastoring Mt Olive, he is still available to preach in our association churches. That is why Mt Olive has an early service and has moved Wednesday nights to Thursdays. He is glad to work with you and help out any way he can.

MLBA Men's Fellowship and Breakfast: October 7th & 21st

MLBA WMU Meeting: 2 PM Monday, October 27 at the MLBA Office

Dates to Remember in 2025

November 1- Time Change

November 11 - Veteran's Day

November 27th - Thanksgiving Day

December 25 - Christmas Day

December 29-Jan 2 Office Closed

December 31 - MLBA Youth New Years Eve Party, FBC, Bolivar Rec. Building.



We are excited to be welcoming Wellspring Baptist Fellowship into our association this year at the Annual Meeting.



Hispanic Bible Study

Every Monday Evening at 7 PM

At FBC, Bolivar's Rose Building.

Everyone is invited.

Berean 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 Fellowship



Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9 AM - 4 PM

Dwelling in Unity 2025



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

Psalm 133:1

MLBA Annual Meeting

Monday October 13 - Heritage Baptist Church, Bolivar



Tuesday, October 14 - Shepherd's Way Church, Pleasant Hope

Everyone is Invited to Attend.
Meal 6 PM, Service 6:45 PM each night

Reminder: If you have used the Block Party Trailer this year and have not paid the \$35 maintenance fee, please remember to do this. We are not trying to make money from this, but we do try to keep it in good working condition for all our churches, and this helps us do that.

Thank You

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