



March 2026

MID LAKES BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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

Missions and Ministry Together

Bro. John Rhodes, AMS (Associational Missions Strategist)



Hello Mid Lakes Family,

Greetings Mid Lakes Family.

March is a wonderful month because it ushers in springtime, and I am sure most of us are ready for winter to be over. With spring comes signs of new life blooming everywhere. I also believe it can bring with it a spirit of refreshing in the church. Church members are ready to get out and do something, and that presents an opportunity for us to encourage our churches to get out into the community and invite folks to join us in worship. It also gives us opportunity to minister to one another.

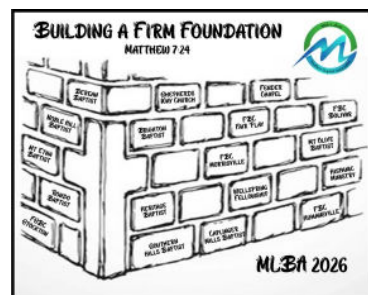
Our Missions Committee sent out a survey asking our churches where and when they would like to join together and serve the Lord with each other through missions. They also would like to reach out to our churches and say, “*How can we help you*”. Is there something, or some project you need help with? We even have some funds that can be used to help with some projects or mission adventures. Please fill out the survey and send it back to the association or drop in and pick up a form if you do not have one. Also, let us know if you have a need.

We continue to have five churches who are seeking a pastor. Heritage Baptist, FBC Bolivar, Mt Etna Baptist, Caplinger Mills Baptist, and FBC Morrisville. Please join me in praying for these churches.

Don't forget to put on your calendar our Semi-Annual Fellowship Meeting on Sunday evening, April 26th at Noble Hill Baptist Church. The meal is at 5 and the meeting at 6 PM. There is a flier in the newsletter which you can print and advertise in your church.

We love you all,

Bro. John and Gayle Rhodes





MLBA 2026 CAMP DATES

KID'S CAMP - \$160

JULY 25 - 28TH (SATURDAY - TUESDAY)

YOUTH CAMP - \$170

JULY 28 - AUGUST 1.

(TUESDAY-SATURDAY)

**START TELLING YOUR KIDS AND YOUTH,
AND THEIR PARENTS TODAY!**

CAMP LOCATION: CAMP NIANGUA OUTSIDE MARSHFIELD, MO.

PLEASE PRAY ABOUT VOLUNTEERING.

WE WILL NEED CABIN LEADERS, HELPERS, AND KITCHEN HELP.

**WE ALSO HAVE A SCHOLARSHIP FUND YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO,
AND WE ALWAYS TAKE DONATIONS FOR THE CAMP FUND
WHICH HELPS US KEEP THE COST DOWN.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE ASSOCIATION OFFICE.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

MODR

Spring 2026 Opportunities:

Monett

New Site Church

March 6-7

Maryville

Laura Street Baptist Church

April 10-11



REGISTER

Visit Our Website
www.modr.org/training



Bringing Help, Hope, and Healing

You must Register. There are some changes so please check out their website. Orientation is going to be online.

<https://modr.org/disaster-relief-training-sign-up/>



GOD'S JOB DESCRIPTION

New Date: March 6-7

~~January 23-24~~



John Marshall

Former pastor of Second Baptist
Springfield; Past MBC President



Matt Kimbrough

Associate Professor at SBU; Lay
Pastor of Springhill Baptist Church

Register online at
resoundnetwork.com/register

5:30 pm Fri - noon Sat

Comfort Inn & Suites,
Springfield, MO

Free

Meals provided by Whole Hog Cafe & Mr Goodcents

This training is limited to 50 people.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Breakfast

Bring your own Breakfast and a Bible.



March 3rd & 17th 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.

**March 17th Meeting
will be at Smith's
Restaurant**

**Hosted by the MBC
Resound Network**



**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.

**MLBA Executive Board Meeting will be April 21st
at Mt Olive Baptist Church at 7 PM**



**Guest Speaker will be Omar Segovia, MBC Missions
Mobilization Liaison for our region.
He will be sharing about a recent Africa Mission Trip.**

Blanche Wallen Concert Series

Meyer Recital Hall 7:30pm

Free Admission - Donations Appreciated

Vocal Spectrum, Barbershop Quartet

Saturday, March 7th



Vocal Spectrum has been singing together since 2003. The members of the quartet come from various musical backgrounds, from classical vocal training to jammin' in rock-n-roll bands. These 4 young men, who graduated from Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Missouri, all majored in different fields of study. V.S. was originally formed as a one-time educational quartet to sing for a local high school and has never stopped singing since! V.S. has traveled to Germany, Holland, Sweden, Russia, England, Japan, New Zealand and throughout the United States singing for various shows and conventions as well as teaching high school students about barbershop harmony. Vocal Spectrum has had the privilege of singing for both Russian and China National Television. Jim Henry and David Wright assist with coaching and arrangements for the quartet. In July of 2004, Vocal Spectrum won the 2004 International Collegiate Quartet Contest held in Louisville, KY. And on July 8th, 2006 won the coveted International Barbershop Quartet Contest – becoming the first quartet in history to win all 3 possible medals (Collegiate Quartet, Men's Quartet, and Chorus Medal). The quartet was honored to be inducted into the Central States District Hall of Fame and in 2023, Vocal Spectrum was inducted into the Barbershop Harmony Society's Hall of Fame. Current Members are Jonny Moroni, Chris Hallam, Eric Dalbey, and Tim Waurick.



Grand Oak Mission Center in Springfield, MO – a ministry of Greene County Baptist Association – seeks a full-time director to help our churches minister in Jesus' name to those in need in our community. This position will begin in November of 2026. For more information and/or to apply, please visit gbaptist.org.

Application deadline is March 15.

SPRING FORWARD
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

Set Your
CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026



**North American
Mission Board**

NAMB Evangelism Training

Kansas City

March 9, 2026

10:30 AM - 1:30 PM

First Baptist Church of Blue Springs

4500 Little Blue Parkway

Independence, MO 64057

To register go to:

<https://web.event.com/event/544863ab-e242-437a-bced-01a3b8f0c512/summary>

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CONFERENCE

THE
Worship
TARGET

MARCH 13-14, 2026

WORSHIP LEADER
TRAVIS COTTRELL

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
DR. BRAD NEWBOLD

\$50 PER ATTENDEE, INCLUDING SATURDAY LUNCH
(early bird rate of \$35 by Jan. 1, also available for groups
of 10 or more and those only attending Saturday)

PRESENTED BY THE MISSOURI BAPTIST CONVENTION & MBC WORSHIP LEADERS
HOSTED BY CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH, JEFFERSON CITY
REGISTER AND FIND MORE INFORMATION AT CONCORDJC.ORG

Children's Workers Invite!

FBC, Bolivar invites all Children's Workers from all our churches to join them in a Children's Ministry Leader's Group.

Thursday, March 19th at noon.

At FBC, Bolivar Rose Building.

Bring your own lunch or take out and join them.

Contact Julie DuVall for more information.

Children's Ministry Luncheon

JAN. 15 | NOON | ROSE BUILDING
114 N Springfield Ave
Bolivar, MO 65613

You're Invited to be a part of a Children's Ministry Leader Group! Connect, support & share vision for how to reach children in Polk County. Bring your own brown bag lunch or take out!



TO:

FROM:

ADDRESS:

Julie DuVall

FBC BOLIVAR CHILDREN'S MINISTER

417-326-2431



KNOW GOD | SHOW LOVE | GO SERVE



RA CONGRESS 2026

April 17-18, 2026 - Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia

\$14 registration
deadline 4/7/26

\$19 late/on-site
registration

 Missouri WMU
missions for life®

T-shirts are available at an additional cost when you register by 4/7/26.

SEND TO A FRIEND

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**But seek first the kingdom
of God and His righteousness,
and all these things shall
be added to you.**

MATTHEW 6:33

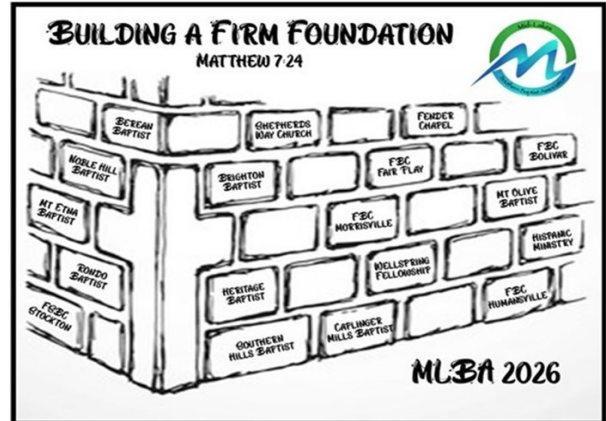
faithsharer.com





Mid Lakes Baptist Association 5th Semi-Annual Fellowship Meeting

Sunday, April 26th
Noble Hill Baptist Church
Meal 5:00 PM
Service 6:00 PM



Guest Speakers



Wesley Vance
MBC President &
Associate Pastor at
Crossway Baptist
Church

Buddy Funk

MBC Church
Renewal
Team Leader



Music:

Brad & Cindy Hall



**Please be sure to invite your
whole church to join us.**

MINISTRY WIVES RETREAT

RENEW HER
Heart

MARCH 27-28

BEGINS
FRIDAY
@ 7 PM

ENDS
SATURDAY
@ 3 PM

COST
\$50
(SCHOLARSHIPS
AVAILABLE)

MISSOURI BAPTIST CONVENTION
JEFFERSON CITY, MO

Register at mbcwomen.org



Women in Ministry
MISSOURI BAPTISTS

Missouri Baptist Convention
PRAYER & EVANGELISM

mobaptist.org/prayer-evangelism

CALLED TO THE HARVEST

MATTHEW 9:37-38



Date: April 27-28, 2026 |

Monday 6:00pm - Tuesday 4:00pm

Location: Second Baptist Church, Springfield
(3111 E Battlefield St, Springfield, MO 65804)

This conference is **FREE** through the Cooperative Program and Missouri Missions Offering.



July 6-10, 2026

Southwest Baptist University

1460 S Pike Ave, Bolivar, MO, 65613, United States



**For more information and to register:
[https://centrikid.lifeway.com/camp/
southwest-baptist-university-3/](https://centrikid.lifeway.com/camp/southwest-baptist-university-3/)**

MLBA Church News

Berean Baptist: Will be starting another Celebrate Recovery Class in March.

Caplinger Mills: Is in search for a pastor to lead them to reach their community for Christ.

FBC, Bolivar: Dr John Marshall is serving as interim pastor. Will host a Women's Conference March 6-7

FBC, Fair Play: Pastor Stunkel is now our new Associational Moderator.

FBC, Morrisville: Pastor Charles Jackson has resigned and is retiring at the end of January. They are receiving resumes.

First Stockton: Are now livestreaming their sermons on YouTube: FSBC Stockton

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. Will host a Thank You for Your Support meal and service at the Casa de Oracion Hispanic Church in Springfield February 21st.

Mt Etna: Please pray for Mt Etna as they begin their search for a new pastor.

Mount Olive: Will have Spring Green Sunday March 15th, with a GREEN Meal that evening.

Noble Hill: Bro. Dennis Mays is now our new associational Vice-Moderator.

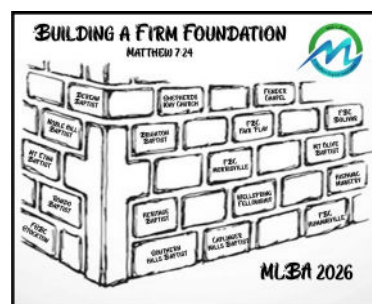
Rondo: Rondo Baptist have begun a church history class on Wednesday evenings. Jeff Robidou is Pastor.

Southern Hills: Our Sunday sermons will now be uploaded as podcasts to Spotify in addition to the website!

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: March 3rd & 17th. at the Association Office.

MLBA WMU Meeting: 2 PM March 30th at the Association Office.



The Apologetics Newsletter

Of the Missouri Baptist Convention



Join their email mailing list and sign up for the Apologetics Newsletter, along with other ministry information.

https://visitor.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?v=001-jPUaCOg2sC0Dhz5EyBEewXN5OCbALFokhUJ3nLYnj-n_KrRoBsju_Yc20ZkU0UusbVH1bfpOtAyWI3G7pkxmLG0iZ3z4ByikwOnc-kywFM%3D



Hispanic Bible Study

Every Monday Evening at 7 PM
At FBC, Bolivar's Rose Building.
Everyone is invited.

Reminder: Churches are already beginning the process of reserving the Block Party Trailer for this year. As we do each year, for those using the trailer, we need a Certificate of Insurance from the church's insurance company listing Mid Lakes as a secondary insured. Your insurance agent can provide this document for you. He can also email it directly to the MLBA Office. midlakessba@gmail.com

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. Plus our Hispanic Ministry meets on Monday evenings at 7 PM at the FBC, Bolivar Rose Building.



Office Hours
Monday - Thursday
9 AM - 4 PM

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