



MID LAKES BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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

Missions and Ministry Together

Hello Mid Lakes Family.

I trust God is blessing you with a summer full of ministry opportunities.

Everyone on the Camp Committee is gearing up for this Year's Mid Lakes Camps. I am excited about what God is going to do. For our Children's Camp, Bro. Salvador Gonzalez will be our camp pastor. This young man is 18 years old, but God has His hand upon his life, and I believe he will be an inspiration to our kids. This is a new experience for Salvador, but I know it is one that God will use to bless and grow him, along with our kids and camp workers.



For Youth Camp, Bro. Roy Reed will be our camp pastor. Bro. Roy is a faithful member of FBC, Bolivar, and has a heart for Jesus. His occupation has been (he is partially retired) pouring concrete for a living. So when we talk about having a firm foundation, Bro. Roy has plenty of practical applications he can use. His experience in life, and in the work of the church, makes him a person that the youth can look up to and learn from. I know he will connect well, and God will use Bro. Roy in a mighty way.

Please be in prayer for all the leaders and volunteers at camp. It takes a lot of people, giving of themselves physically and spiritually to make camp happen. I also want to thank all of you who support camp in so many ways. Some give financially, some give of their time and talents, and many give through your prayers, and for that we are grateful.

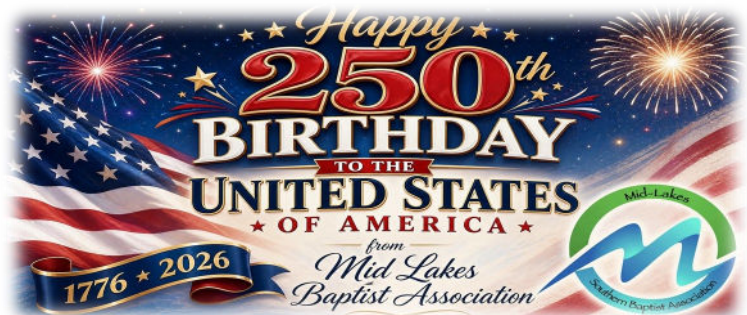
This month we celebrate America's 250th Birthday. We have much to be thankful for, and I hope you will join me in continuing to pray for this great nation. Is she perfect? No, not even close. I say this about pastors and I will say this about our nation; If you want a better pastor, pray for the one you have! If you want a better nation, pray for the one you have!

Also please continue to pray for the six churches we have that are looking for a pastor.

Happy 4th Everyone!

God bless and we love you,

John and Gayle Rhodes





SIGN UP TODAY to get your camp t-shirt.

Location: Camp Niangua, outside Marshfield, MO

To register:

www.midlakescamps.weebly.com

For more information contact:

Association Office at 417-326-4667

Breanna Piper 417-912-1152



JULY 4TH
SUNRISE PRAYER

★
**A NATION ON ITS KNEES.
A NATION UNDER GOD.**



**PRAYER AT
THE HEART**
A MOVEMENT OF HOPE

★ **JOIN US** ★

PRAYERATTHEHEART.ORG

**One Million People Praying for One Million Lost
Souls. Join the Nation on it's knees.**

PRAYERATTHEHEART.ORG



Bring your own Breakfast and a Bible.

July 7th and 21st

8:30 AM

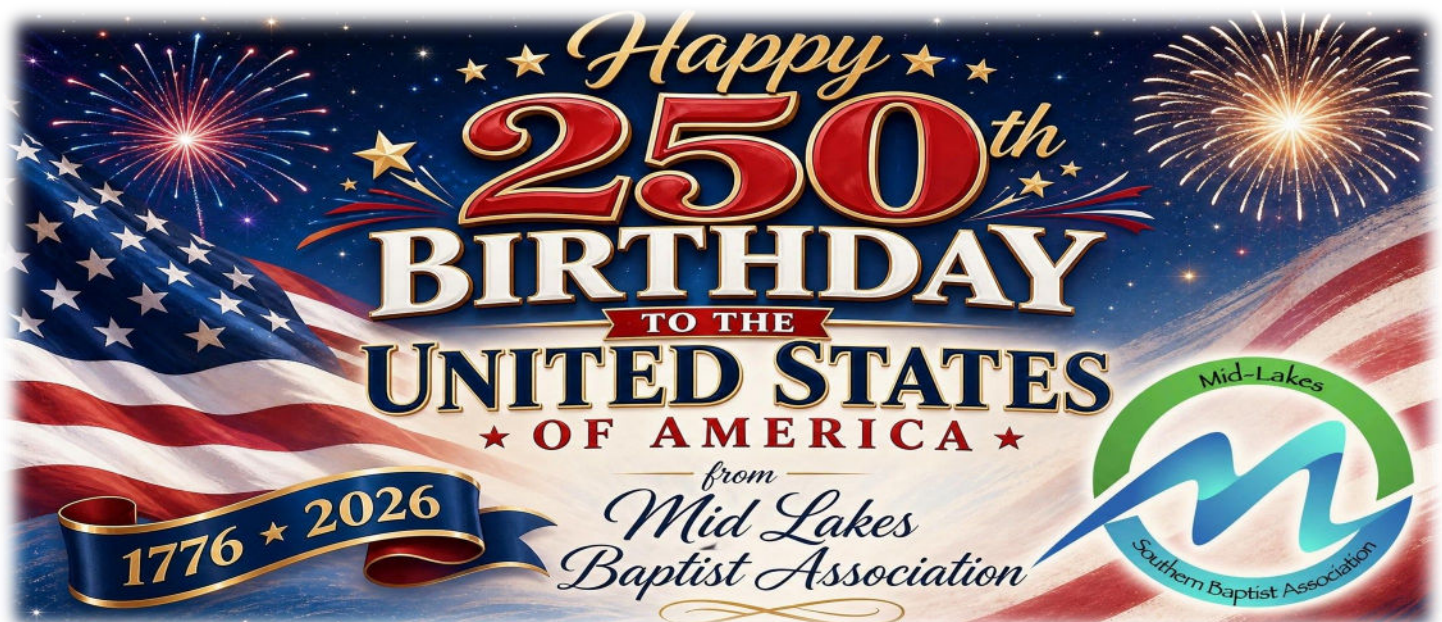
**Men's Breakfast and Fellowship
1st and 3rd Tuesday each month
at 8:30 AM.**

**at Mid Lakes Baptist
Association Office.**

**MID LAKES ASSOCIATION
WMU GROUP MEETING
July 27 @ 2:30 PM**

Last Monday of each month at 2:30 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.





SOUTHERN BAPTIST

ACP



(ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILE)

Time



The ACP's have been mailed to the churches.



Please have your church clerk fill out the forms and return them to the MBC.

This helps us greatly.



Please list current Executive Board Members and Messengers to the Association in the report.



If you have questions please contact the Association Office.

Thank You,

Bro. John



Exploring God's Galaxy

Vacation Bible School 2026

July 6 – 10, 2026 8:00 am – 11:30 am

Ages 5 - 12

First Baptist Church of Fair Play

500 N Walnut, Fair Play, MO 417-507-1707

Come join us for Bible lessons, crafts, music, outdoor games/inflatables

Light breakfast and lunch will be provided

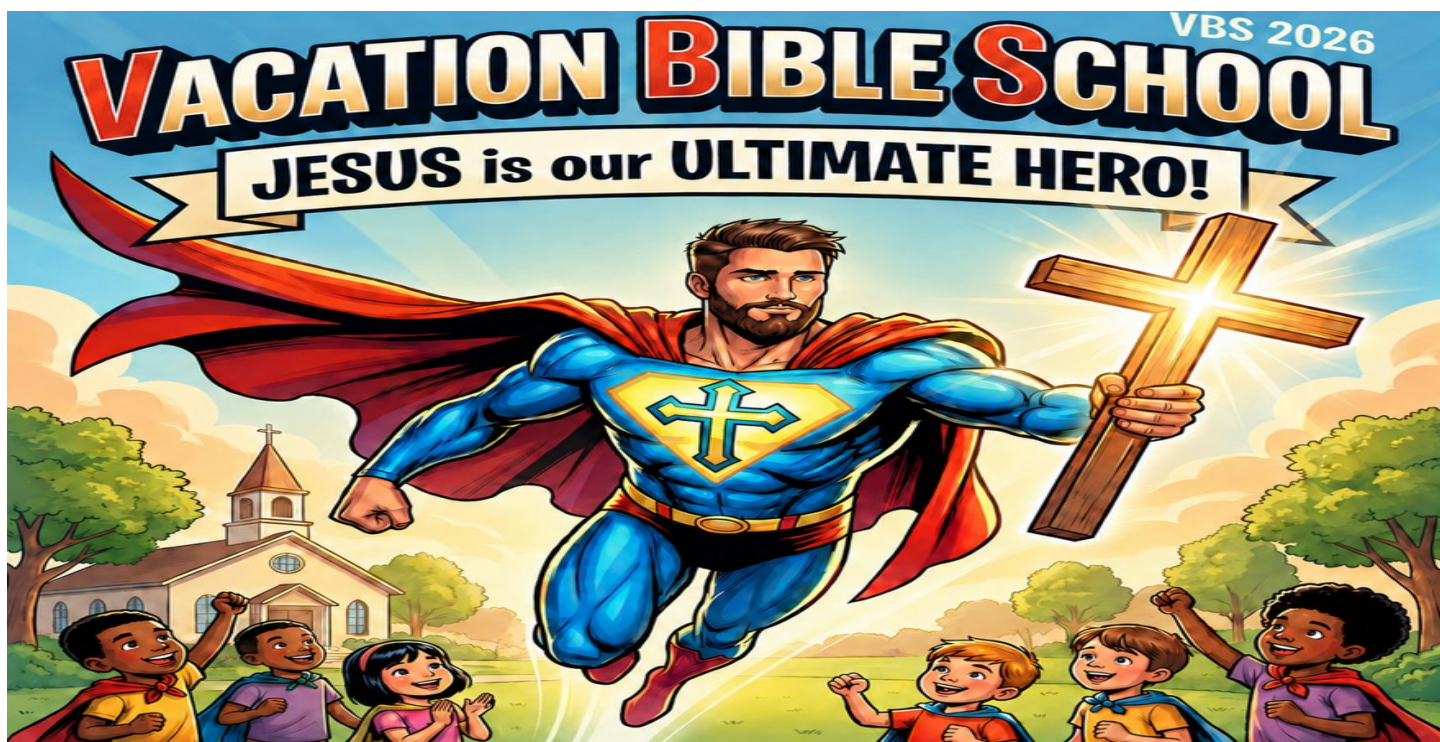


SIGN UP FOR VBS 2026 NOW!

Kids ages 4 through just completed 5th grade are invited to join us for VBS 2026 this **July 13-17** from 9 a.m. – noon daily. Registration for **Vacation Bible School 2026** is now open! Kids ages 4 through just completed 5th grade are invited to join us for an Irish-themed adventure through Psalm 23. Sign up now at wellspring-baptist.org.

wellspring
BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP





WHEN:
Saturday, July 11

ADDRESS:
 4079 Hwy D,
 Bolivar, MO

SCHEDULE:
 - Kids (K-5th Grade): 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
 - Family Time (All Welcome!): 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Come join the fun!
 Games, music, stories, and more!

CONTACT:
 Christy Dablemont
 417-777-0670

MOlive
 Baptist Church
 Bolivar, MO



Ozark Berry Festival
A SWEET TRADITION OF FAITH, FAMILY & COMMUNITY

mbch
MISSOURI BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Macedonia Baptist Church
— Springfield, MO —
July 18, 2026

FOR MORE INFO VISIT:
<https://mbch.org/ozarks-berry-festival/>

 FRESH BERRIES |  LIVE MUSIC |  VENDORS & CRAFTS |  FOOD & FUN |  FAMILY FRIENDLY



Ozark Berry Festival
A SWEET TRADITION OF FAITH, FAMILY & COMMUNITY

mbch
MISSOURI BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Macedonia Baptist Church
— Springfield, MO —
July 18, 2026

Gospel Hymn Sing
— at —
9:15 AM

FOR MORE INFO VISIT:
<https://mbch.org/ozarks-berry-festival/>

 FRESH BERRIES |  LIVE MUSIC |  VENDORS & CRAFTS |  FOOD & FUN |  FAMILY FRIENDLY



**DARKNESS TO LIGHT'S
STEWARDS
OF CHILDREN®**

Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training



**MISSOURI BAPTIST
CHILDREN'S HOME**



STEWARDS *of Children*

**Protecting Children. Empowering Adults.
Building Safer Churches.**



**SATURDAY
AUGUST
15
2026**



**9:00 AM –
12 NOON**



**MT OLIVE
BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Come be equipped to help
keep children safe!**

FREE!

**No Cost to
Attend!**

➤ All Association Churches Are Invited! ➤



**Learn how to prevent,
recognize, and respond
to child sexual abuse.**



**Meets the training
requirements for
church leaders and
volunteers.**



**Important information for
anyone who works with
or around children.**



REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Register with your church office or contact your association office.

Sponsored By:



&



**Mid-Lakes
Southern Baptist Association**

**Please Email the Office by July 15th with the number of people from
your church who will be attending. so workbooks can be ordered.**



MEANT for the **MISSION**

SW REGION MWMU EQUIP

AUGUST 15

9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

FIRST BAPTIST OF MT. VERNON
602 S. Hickory St.

If you are interested in missions--YOU are invited. Missionary testimonies, ministry ideas, lunch, WMU bookstore. Offering taken for Madge Truex Fund, Alberta Gilpin Fund and Baptist Hill camps. Join us for a day meant to encourage you to be on mission for Christ.

Feel free to call (417-399-2918) or email (pearlenebreshears@gmail.com) if you have questions.

Register by scanning the QR code. Registration is also available by mail. Registration is required along with a \$20 fee. Please register by August 4, 2026.



2026
BSAAM
CONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 14 & 15

*Rooted in Reverence,
Growing in Wisdom*

HOPEDALE BAPTIST CHURCH, OZARK, MO

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS AND WORSHIP BY
HOSEA AND DEBBIE BILYEU

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all
those who practice it have a good understanding. His
praise endures forever! Psalm 111:10 (ESV)

alpha^house
pregnancy resource center

NOW HIRING: STAFF NURSE

We are seeking a qualified candidate to serve on our mobile unit as our part-time staff nurse. The mobile unit staff nurse rides along the unit to various locations and performs pregnancy testing and ultrasounds. There may be some days where the staff nurse serves at the center. The staff nurse will receive the appropriate paid training in order to be certified to perform limited first and second trimester ultrasounds in pregnancy centers.

Duties include: intakes, charting, pregnancy testing (urine based), ultrasounds, training volunteers. The staff nurse is also responsible for making sure the mobile unit is presentable for guests.

Qualifications: Agree to AH statement of faith; at minimum be a licensed RN in the state of Missouri (RDMS credential in OB/GYN is also acceptable), at least one year of volunteer experience (in any capacity). Ability to handle crisis situations and troubleshoot issues well are highly recommended.

Resumes can be dropped off @ Alpha House (419 W. Broadway St) or e-mailed to alphahouse@windstream.net. Call 417-777-5433 for questions.



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/>

Keynote Speaker
Warren Gasaway



YOUTHLEAD CONFERENCE

Equipping Student Leaders

RSVP



CONFERENCE | SEPT 19TH 9AM-3:30PM

JIM MELLERS CENTER | SBU BOLIVAR

TENTH AVENUE NORTH



at **SBU** 

August 18th, 2026 | 7pm | Pike Auditorium

Ticket Information

This event is open to alumni
and the community!

Purchase General
Admissions tickets here!

Tickets are \$20



SBU Students and Employees

Purchase your discounted ticket
for \$10 by emailing
christina.hardt@sbuniv.edu

*Discount only applies to the student/employee
ticket, family members must purchase general
admission tickets to attend. Please email Christina
Hardt to ensure seats are together if purchasing a
discounted ticket plus general admission ticket(s).

 **GREENE COUNTY**
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Artificial Intelligence

FOR MINISTRY:

Learning the Nuts and Bolts

Led by Dr. Keith Mathis

One-Day Hands-On Ministry Tech Seminar

Discover how to use AI as a tool for ministry,
not to replace your people,
but to support your calling.

Saturday, September 12, 9 am - 3 pm*

Haynes Ministry Center

Bring your laptop

*lunch break at noon

Register @ gbaptist.org

MID LAKES BAPTIST ASSOCIATION 2026 160TH ANNUAL MEETING

BUILDING A FIRM FOUNDATION



**MONDAY,
OCTOBER 12**



**MEAL
6 PM
SERVICE
7 PM**



**PLACE:
WELLSPRING
BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP
2110 S SPRING ST
BOLIVAR, MO 65613**



Guest Speaker:
Dr. Rodney Harrison
former President of the MO Baptist Homes



Mid Lakes Association Church News

Caplinger Mills: Is in search for a pastor to lead them to reach their community for Christ. Has voted to updating the front of their facility. Local Mission Trip opportunity coming soon.

FBC, Bolivar: Dr John Marshall is serving as interim pastor.

FBC, Fair Play: VBS July 6-10.

FBC, Humansville: Is beginning their pastor search. VBS July 8-10

FBC, Morrisville: In the pastor search process.

First Stockton: Are now livestreaming their sermons on YouTube: FSBC Stockton. VBS July 5-9

Heritage: Still searching for a Senior Pastor.

Hispanic Ministry: Bible Study every Monday evening at 7 PM at the Rose Building.

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

Mt Olive: VBS July 11th

Noble Hill: Had one saved in VBS!

Rondo: VBS July 13-16 Jeff Robidou is Pastor.

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

Wellspring Fellowship: VBS July 13-17.

MLBA Men's Fellowship and Breakfast: July 7 & 21 at the Association Office .

MLBA WMU Meeting: 2:30 PM TUESDAY, July 27th at the Association Office.

MLBA Camps: July 25 - 28 Kids, July 28 - August 1 Youth



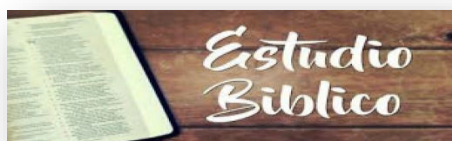


Mid Lakes Baptist Association July Executive Board Meeting

**July 21, 2026 at First Baptist Church, Fair Play
7:00 PM**

Guest Speaker: Nathan White, UIMA Missionary to Tepic, Mexico

Also, the Constitution Committee will be presenting the changes to the Constitution and By-laws which will then be voted on at the October 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. 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

Mid Lakes Baptist Association

722 E. South Street, Bolivar, MO 65613

Associational Missions Strategist: John Rhodes

Office 417-326-4667, AMS Cell 573-579-5993

Website: www.midlakesba.com

Email: midlakessba@gmail.com

Facebook Page: *Mid Lakes Baptist Association*

John Rhodes, AMS

