



MID LAKES BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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

Missions and Ministry Together

Hello Mid Lakes Family.

One of the purposes of the Baptist Association is for churches to come alongside their sister churches and work together in spreading the gospel and helping each other. There are two things I want to share with you this month.



The first is, “**One Great Day of Evangelism**” coming up in October. The MBC is encouraging churches to take one day in October and have a focused evangelism event of some kind. A way to reach your community for Christ. I wanted to kick this off with a “Mid Lakes Day” event which would feature a block party style event for kids, a Hymn Sing for adults and families, and then a youth concert that evening. The only date that seemed to be available was October 3rd, however, that is SBU’s Homecoming, so it will not work. So hopefully we can look at a date next year to do something like this. However, I would encourage your church to consider something that could be done as an outreach event during the month of October. Use the theme, *One Great Day of Evangelism*, to motivate your members to reach the lost for Christ.

The other thing I want to mention, is us coming alongside on of our sister churches and help them make improvements to their church in order to advance God’s kingdom. *Caplinger Mills Baptist Church* is in need of some exterior work to their church. Our missions committee has met with them and are working out details to plan a **Caplinger Mills Mission Project starting in September**. There will be need for much help on this project. It will involve pressure washing, scraping, painting, building a deck and door canopy, along with a ramp and steps, replacing the front doors, and some concrete work for a sidewalk. Some call it curb appeal, but I call it God appeal. The first step for a church to grow is getting people in the door, and this is just a small part of that mission, but it is a necessary one. The opportunity will be there for anyone to come out and help however they can. Also, if a church would like to bless a sister church with financial assistance, that would be helpful also. Our missions committee is committing the MMO monies for the past two years to this project, and the church has some funding. We just have to see how far it reaches, and how much we can get accomplished with what we have. If you like to contribute, just contact Bro. John for more details.

I want to welcome Dr. Jacob Conner to FBC, Bolivar. FBC, Bolivar has voted him in as their senior pastor. He and his family will be on the field soon.

We love you all,

Bro. John and Mrs. Gayle



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Protecting Children. Empowering Adults.
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**SATURDAY
AUGUST
15
2026**



**9:00 AM –
12 NOON**



**MT OLIVE
BAPTIST CHURCH**

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FREE!

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➤ All Association Churches Are Invited! ➤



Learn how to prevent,
recognize, and respond
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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.

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**Mid-Lakes
Southern Baptist Association**

If you did not register but want to attend you can, just be aware a workbook may not be available, but you are welcome to join us. We have 48 registered.



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.





SOUTHERN BAPTIST

ACP



(ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILE)

Time

**ASAP or
Sooner**



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





Thank You to everyone who help support our camps each year. This year everything went smooth and God blessed. Special thanks to everyone who came and gave of their time to help!





Bring your own Breakfast and a Bible.

August 4th and 18th

8:30 AM

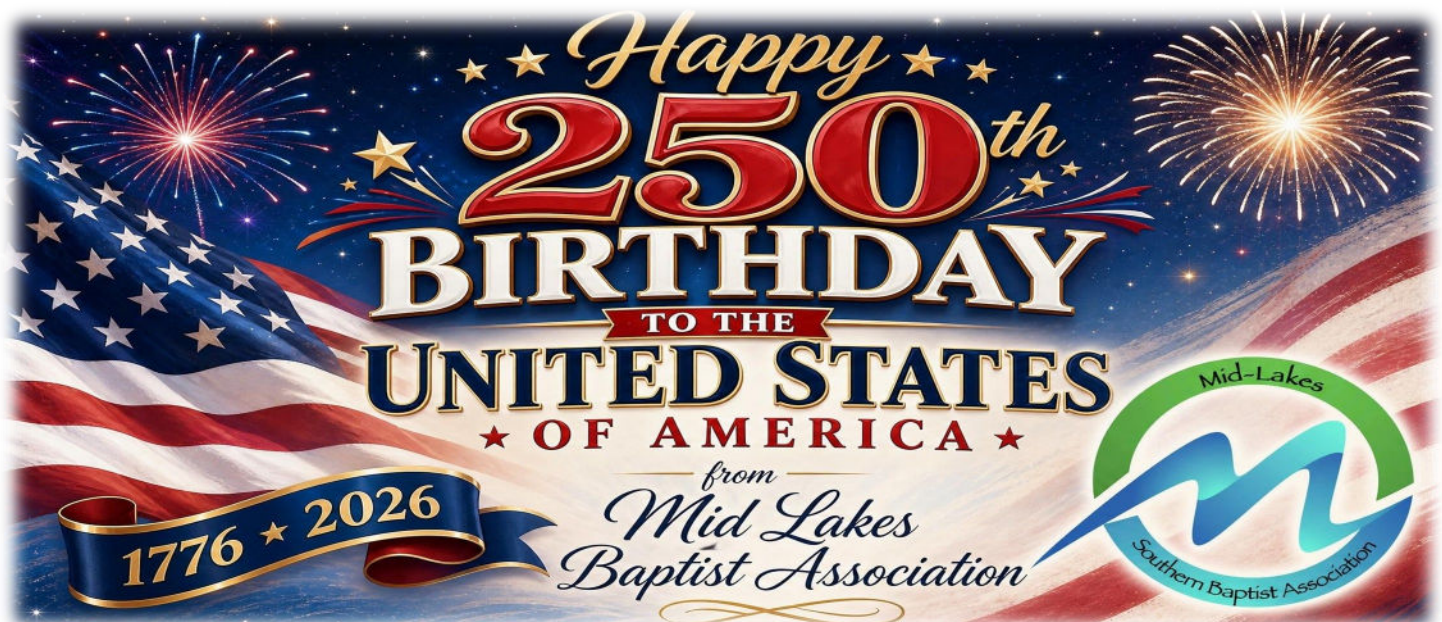
**Men's Breakfast and Fellowship
1st and 3rd Tuesday each month
at 8:30 AM.**

**at Mid Lakes Baptist
Association Office.**

**MID LAKES ASSOCIATION
WMU GROUP MEETING
August 31 @ 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.





-LUNCH WITH A PURPOSE-

THE MINISTER'S MENTAL HEALTH

-WITH DR. BILLY RUSSELL-

DR. BILLY RUSSELL IS A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR AT EAGLECREST COUNSELING CENTER IN SPRINGFIELD, MO. HE IS A FORMER PASTOR OF FBC BOLIVAR, MO., WHERE HE STILL LIVES AND REMAINS AN ACTIVE MEMBER. HE LOVES, PRAYS FOR, CARES FOR AND COUNSELS PASTORS.



HAYNES MINISTRY CENTER
834 W. BATTLEFIELD



AUGUST 20TH, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

LUNCH IS \$5. SIGN UP AT GBAPTIST.ORG.



SAVE THE DATE

Friday, August 21, 2026

Scan here to
register & pay!



BAPTIST HOMES

of Shelbyna & Vandalia

GOLF TOURNAMENT

(4 person scramble)

**NORWOODS GOLF COURSE
HANNIBAL, MO**

Registration: 8:00 AM

Shotgun start: 9:00 AM

Cost: \$300 per team

For questions, contact Nick Davis, ndavis@bhhm.org

www.BHHM.org|(573) 822-4319

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)

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).

Keynote Speaker
Warren Gasaway



YOUTHLEAD CONFERENCE

Equipping Student Leaders

RSVP



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

JIM MELLERS CENTER | SBU BOLIVAR

2026
MMO

RHEUBIN L. SOUTH
MISSOURI MISSIONS OFFERING

because of your
**PARTNERSHIP
IN THE GOSPEL**

from the first day until now.

— Philippians 1:5 (CSB) —

2026 Offering for 2027 Missions

Statewide Goal: \$825,000

Eight Days of Prayer:

September 13-20

Because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

Philippians 1:5 (CSB)

10% of what we collect comes back to the association to use for local missions.

 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 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 about to begin a church renovation on the church exterior with the help of Mid Lakes Association Churches.

FBC, Bolivar: Has called Dr. Jacob Conner as their new Pastor.

FBC, Fair Play: First Baptist Church of Fair Play is pleased to be partnering with Polk County Health Center, on the Summer Lunch Program.

FBC, Humansville: Is continuing their pastor search.

FBC, Morrisville: In the pastor search process. They are also involved with the summer lunch program through their school.

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

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: Will be hosting a booth at Country Days again this year.

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

Wellspring Fellowship: Will be hosting the MLBA Annual Meeting October 12th.

MLBA Men's Fellowship and Breakfast: August 4 & 18 at the Association Office .

MLBA WMU Meeting: 2:30 PM Tuesday, August 31st at the Association Office.





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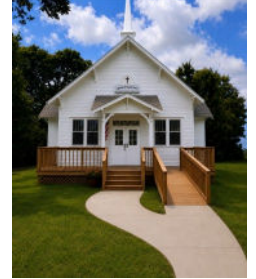
Help our Sister Church Mission Project

September / October

We will be assisting Caplinger Mills Baptist Church in some church renovation to the exterior of their building. Watch for more details in the near future.



Left: Current condition.
Right: Computer generated sample, but will have some variations.



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.



Mid Lakes Baptist Association

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9 AM - 4 PM