



MID LAKES BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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

Missions and Ministry Together

Hello Mid Lakes Family.

First I would like to say **Thank You** for all the prayers and support during the death of my mother. Mt Olive Baptist Church was very gracious to us, and Brighton Baptist Church donated ten Gideon Bibles in my mother's honor. That meant so much.



The next two months host several opportunities and events within our association churches. Be sure to look through the newsletter and see what great events are coming.

Just a few reminders,

See you at the Pole is September 23

Our **Annual Meeting is coming up October 12th** at Wellspring Baptist Fellowship Church in Bolivar. Be sure to elect your messengers and make plans on attending. We will be voting on some changes to our Constitution and By-laws.

The first **"One Great Day of Evangelism"** is 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 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.

Plans are in the works for a **local mission trip to Caplinger Mills in October /November**. We will be coming alongside on of our sister churches and help Caplinger Mills Baptist Church 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 October**. There will be need for much help on this project. 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 Bro. Lindell Shelden to Mt Etna Baptist Church as their new pastor.

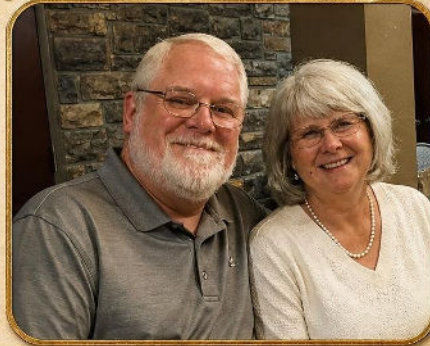
We love you all,
Bro. John and Mrs. Gayle

Welcome New Pastors

FBC, Bolivar
welcomes
Pastor Jacob
Conner, his
wife Melissa,
and his
daughter Emma.



Mt Etna
Baptist Church
welcomes
Pastor Lindell
Sheldon and
his wife
Brenda.



We at Mid Lakes Association
look forward to serving together in ministry.

A vibrant poster for the Mid Lakes Baptist Association Block Party Trailer Ministry. The scene is set at night with a warm sunset glow in the background. A large white trailer with "BLOCK PARTY" written on its side is the central focus. To the left, a man is cooking food on a large grill. In the foreground, two boys are playing a game on a wooden board. To the right, a group of people are sitting at a picnic table, and a large inflatable slide is visible. A popcorn stand is also present. The text "MID LAKES BAPTIST ASSOCIATION BLOCK PARTY TRAILER MINISTRY" is prominently displayed at the top. Below it, the tagline "FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY. BUILDING COMMUNITY. SHARING HOPE IN CHRIST." is written. At the bottom, there are three icons with text: a cross for "LOVING GOD SERVING OTHERS", a group of people for "STRONGER TOGETHER", and a heart for "SHARING HOPE MAKING A DIFFERENCE". A call to action "JOIN US! LET'S MAKE OUR COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE—TOGETHER!" is in the bottom right corner.

MID LAKES BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
BLOCK PARTY
TRAILER MINISTRY

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.
BUILDING COMMUNITY.
SHARING HOPE IN CHRIST.

EVERYONE WELCOME!
• GAMES
• FOOD
• PRIZES
• FUN

JOIN US!
LET'S MAKE OUR COMMUNITY
A BETTER PLACE—TOGETHER!

LOVING GOD
SERVING OTHERS

STRONGER
TOGETHER

SHARING HOPE
MAKING A DIFFERENCE

25TH *Pastoral Anniversary*
and retirement from Tracker

COME CELEBRATE WITH US
in honor of Pastor David Stunkel
on Sunday, Sept 13 2026
immediately following the 10:30 service



At First Baptist Church of Fair Play
500 N. Walnut, Fair Play, MO 65649

Meal will be served, so
RSVPs are appreciated, to help us
in meal planning. Please RSVP
to 417-507-1707 by Sept 6



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
**RETIREMENT
PARTY**
IN HONOR OF
Martha Hale
AND HER 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO
SOUTHERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH
AS OUR CHURCH SECRETARY.



We had 50 people attend our Stewards of Children Conference representing 7 of our associational churches. For our association, that is a good number. Thank You to everyone who attended.



Fall Mission Trip to Caplinger Mills Baptist Church



**Watch for more details as we
(Mid Lakes Association
Churches) help Caplinger Mills
Baptist Church transform from
the top picture to the bottom
picture. The first step in
church renewal there.
Let the association office know
if you and your church want to
be involved.**





August 1 st and 15th

8:30 AM

**Men's Breakfast and
Fellowship**

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

**at Mid Lakes Baptist
Association Office.**

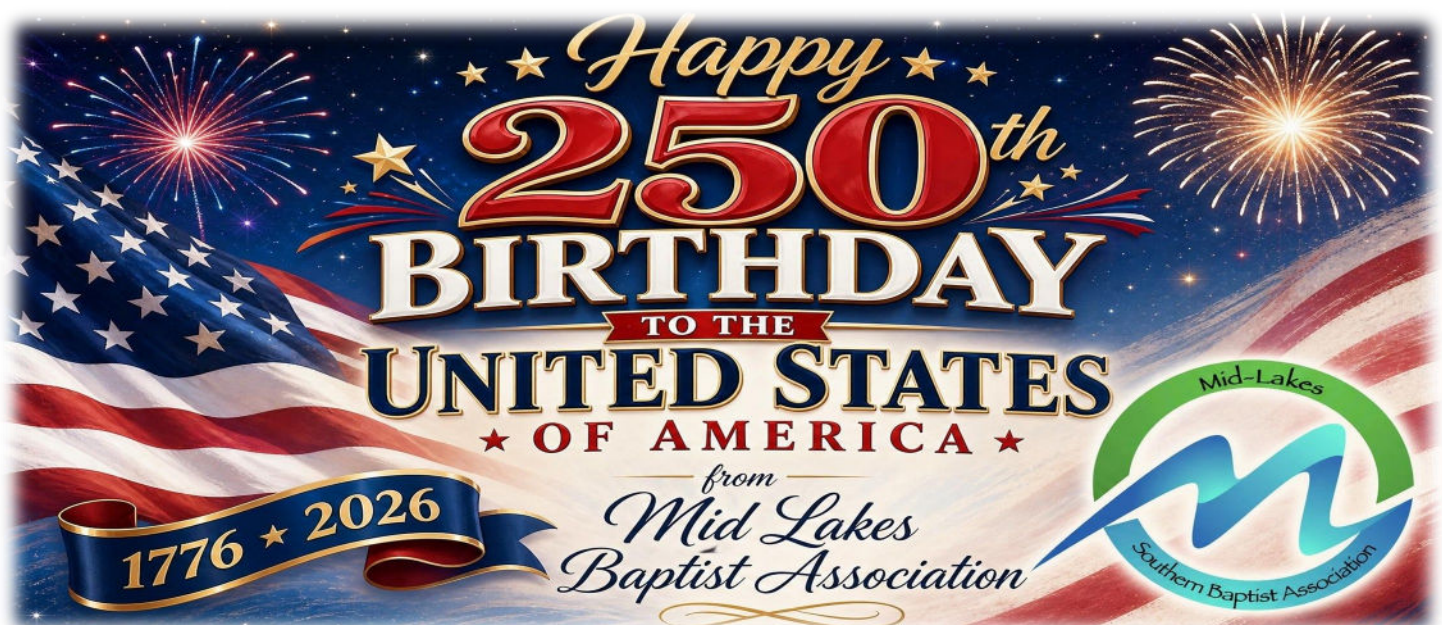
**MID LAKES ASSOCIATION
WMU GROUP MEETING
September 28th @ 2:30 PM**

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.



The poster features a dark background with a subtle floral pattern. At the top, two spotlights illuminate the text. Below the text, a wooden table is set with several brown paper lunch bags, some containing sandwiches and apples. A colorful children's book titled 'GARDEN OF EARTHLY DELIGHTS' is also on the table.

BROWN BAG LUNCH

CHILDREN'S WORKERS MONTHLY MEETING

SEPTEMBER 17th AT 1 NOON

at the FBC, Bolivar Rose Building

**ALL CHILDREN'S
WORKERS from
from ALL churches
are invited to attend!**

Contact Mrs. Julie DuVall at jduvall@fbcbolivar.org for more information.

The poster has a light cream background with a decorative border of autumn leaves in shades of yellow, orange, and red. The text is centered and uses a mix of serif and script fonts.

**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)**

HELP. HOPE. HEALING.

MISSOURI BAPTIST
Disaster Relief Training

FIRST TIME: \$45 | RE-CERTIFYING/CROSS TRAINING: \$25

NEXT OPPORTUNITY:

**FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH**

FULTON

September 11-12, 2026

SCHEDULE ONLINE

DINNER, BREAKFAST, & LUNCH
INCLUDED. LODGING AVAILABLE

TRAININGS WE OFFER

- CHAPLAINCY**
- MASS CARE/FEEDING
- ASSESSMENT**
- FLOOD RECOVERY
- CHILDCARE
- CHAINSAW
- COMMUNICATIONS
- SHOWER/LAUNDRY
- HEAVY EQUIPMENT SAFETY**
- INCIDENT MANAGEMENT (IMT)**
- ADVANCED IMT**

** PREREQUISITES REQUIRED



modr.org

**REGISTER ONLINE AT
MODR.ORG/TRAINING**

ADDITIONAL TRAINING INFORMATION AND
ONLINE REGISTRATION CAN BE FOUND ON
OUR WEBSITE. ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE
CAN BE EMAILED TO

DISASTERRELIEF@MOBAPTIST.ORG
OR BY CALLING 1-800-736-6227 EXT. 317

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Disaster Relief Training

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NEXT OPPORTUNITY:

**TEMPLE
BAPTIST CHURCH**

POPLAR BLUFF

October 9-10, 2026

SCHEDULE ONLINE

DINNER, BREAKFAST, & LUNCH
INCLUDED. LODGING AVAILABLE

TRAININGS WE OFFER

- CHAPLAINCY**
- MASS CARE/FEEDING
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Keynote Speaker
Warren Gasaway



YOUTHLEAD CONFERENCE

Equipping Student Leaders

RSVP



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

JIM MELLERS CENTER | SBU BOLIVAR

SELAH

9.26.26



LIVE IN
BOLIVAR, MO

Selah will be in concert at First Baptist Bolivar on Saturday, September 26.

Selah is a Nashville-based contemporary Christian trio. They have sold over 4 million records and won 11 Gospel Music Dove Awards in their 29-year professional music career. This concert will be full of familiar hymns and gospel songs, as well as some of their greatest hits! Tickets are available on our events page!

Tickets are \$25 for General Admission and \$40 for VIP. VIP ticket-holders should arrive at 5pm for a Q & A with the group and to get first choice of seating. General Admission doors will open at 6 pm. The concert will be at 7 pm. Children 12 and under are free, and childcare (with registration) is available for PreK and under.

Physical tickets are required for this event, even if you purchase them online. Please pick up your tickets at the First Baptist Bolivar office Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., or arrive early on the night of the event to collect them at Will Call in the West Lobby. The First Baptist Bolivar office is located at 119 N. Springfield Ave., and the First Baptist Bolivar Worship Center is located at 316 N. Main Ave.

All ticket sales are final.

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



Midlakes Camps 2026 went so unbelievably smooth. We had 30 awesome staff members who took care of everything from the little details to the big jobs. We are so grateful to have churches supporting us and praying for us, as well as an amazing group of leaders who come together every year to love on kids and do Kingdom work.

For Kid's Camp we had 37 students who were full of energy and ready to worship. It was extremely hot during kid's camp but nothing a little bit of pool time and popsicles couldn't fix.

This was the first year in a long time that we switched out kid's camp students and the youth campers simultaneously on the same day. We think that it went really well. As always, the Camp Committee is always making plans on how to improve camp for next year and we're looking forward to another round in 2027.

For Youth Camp, we had a total of 52 students. Recreation this year was competitive in which group could earn the most points during different games. It was really fun to watch the kids bond with their groups as they went through their daily activities. All in all, we had a great time at camp! We ate some amazing food. We shared precious moments worshipping our Savior together. We played some awesome and challenging games. We spent quality time discipling students and sharing the gospel. And we had a lot of fun along the way!

-Bre Piper

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. Ron Mackey, Interim President
of the MO Baptist Homes**

Missouri Baptist Convention Annual Meeting
Annual Meetny
October 26-27, 2026 – St. Charles

When God's Presence Falls.

2 Chronicles 7:3



ONE GREAT DAY OF EVANGELISM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

THE MISSOURI BAPTIST CONVENTION INVITES
EVERY MISSOURI BAPTIST CHURCH
TO GATHER IN THEIR COMMUNITIES

for **One Great Day of Evangelism.**

One Great Day is an event inspired by
the Southern Baptist Convention's Crossover

In Missouri, we want churches from around the state to host intentional outreach opportunities in their own communities, even as the churches in the St. Charles area do so prior to the MBC Annual Meeting.



Mid Lakes Association Church News

Berean: Held their End of Summer Picnic with a great turnout.

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: Pastor David Stunkel is celebrating 25 years as their pastor, and has retired from Tracker, Inc.

FBC, Humansville: Is continuing their pastor search.

FBC, Morrisville: In the pastor search process.

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. Currently 11-18 people are attending.

Mt Etna: Called Bro. Lindell Shelden as Pastor.

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

Shepherd's Way: Host the local Farmer's Market on their property by the school.

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: September 1st & 15th at the Association Office .

MLBA WMU Meeting: 2:30 PM Monday, September 28th at the Association Office.





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

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