



ARVBA Calendar

He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; Acts 1:7

But it is perfectly okay to know what's coming up in the Association!

- ◆ **April 6th**
 - ◆ **ARVBA DAY!!!**
- ◆ **April 8th**
 - ◆ **Executive Board Meeting**
- ◆ **April 21st**
 - ◆ **EASTER SUNDAY!!!**
- ◆ **April 25th**
 - ◆ **Camp Meeting**

On The Move



Fair Park Baptist Has A New Pastor!

Welcome
Bro. Will Vodrazka
 Anna, Calvin, Evelynn



After serving as pastor for fourteen years, Bro Franklin Piercey retired from First Baptist Church Scranton effective January 27, 2019.

Bro. Franklin will be available for pulpit supply, interim ministry or revivals after that date.

He can be reached at: 479-647-0516



April 6th
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Lunch is provided

WHAT IS THE SCHEDULE?

ARVBA DAY will begin with everyone meeting up Second Baptist, Russellville, at 8:00 where we will have a brief, guided time of prayer and receive any instructions or assignments that may be needed. Each team, group, or individual will leave the church as close to 8:30 as possible and head to their respective ministry areas.

We will ask each volunteer to conclude their mission project(s) by no later than 2 o'clock so that we can all return to our starting point by 2:30 for a report and celebration time before we all head home by 3 o'clock.

WHAT IS THE COST?

The price for this One-Day Mission adventure is only \$10 per person and will help us keep the cost of food and project materials to a manageable level.

WHO CAN BE A ONE-DAY MISSIONARY?

We want ARVBA Day to be a family friendly event where everyone can experience the joy of doing ministry together. We encourage parents/guardians to bring their children and teens with them when they come. (please use your best judgment when

considering very small children!) There are a few guidelines we ask you to follow:

- First, all participants under age 18 must have the Minor Permission Form filled out and returned. (Any forms you may need can be downloaded from the Association website)
- Second, youth ages 13 to 17 must have one adult sponsor per 4 youth & at least one adult must serve with each youth team.
- Third, Children Ages 12 and under must be accompanied by their parent/guardian and work on the same team.

WHAT WILL I BE DOING?

Project possibilities COULD include the following (you get to pick your top 3 preferences):

- *Block Parties & Kids activities;
- *Prayer walking/driving;
- *Mowing/yard work;
- *Light construction (Home repair, painting, etc);
- *Door-to-door visitation and door hangers;
- *Meal Prep/delivery for the folks;
- *And others we may discover.

It's easy to sign up from the ARVBA Website and helps a great deal when you do.

The ARVBA 'region' and the churches we will be helping can be seen on the website. www.thearvba.com

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Missionary's Heart

It is quiet in the office today. The Association is 'between' ministry projects right now as we are 'packing up' the VBS Clinic and putting the final touches on the upcoming ARVBA Day one-day-mission event. It is quiet in the office today, but don't let that fool you.

Just a few days ago, 30 ARVBA'ers from eight different churches made the trip to North Little Rock for block-party training and inflatable's certification. They did not attend because they had nothing else to do. They all made the effort because each one was committed to helping his or her church's community outreach projects. Because of their labor of love, the Association Rec trailers will continue to serve in the River Valley and beyond. Way to go ARVBA!

I met with the ARVBA Day coordinator last week and the list of projects was pretty impressive. In addition, a representative from one of the area churches dropped by the office today with two more projects to add to our list. It is amazing to see how our Lord is working to make this the best ARVBA Day to date. I can't wait to see you guys come together to help your sister churches 'do mission' in our very own Jerusalem, and I can't wait to see how God is going to multiply your efforts exceedingly, abundantly, above all that we could ask or think.

Of course you all know that my favorite time of year is almost here. A whole week of sleeping away from home, surrounded by hundreds of other people's children, eating whatever is put before me whether I like it or not... I mean, who doesn't love church camp, right?!

Seriously, Camp is going to be great again this year. In fact, the ARVBA's reputation is such that two churches from two separate Associations have inquired about the possibility of doing Camp with us. This is how we know we are doing something right. Please remember to pray for God's hand to be on The annual ARVBA Church Camp again this year.

Several of the ARVBA Folks have asked for updates concerning our health issues. I am happy to report that, for the most part, we are doing well. That bride of mine continues to amaze me with her sunny disposition and live-life-to-the-fullest attitude. Each test result is as good as, or even better than, we have any right to expect and it is obvious that God is doing a miracle in her life.

I will have a fancy PET scan on April 1st. This is a new tool in the fight against cancer and I think my doctor just couldn't wait to try it out. It will be a good thing as long as I get some 'happy medicine' before they stick me in that tube...

2019 Week of Prayer *for*

Baptist Associations

"Helping Churches Make Disciples, Who Make Disciples"

October 20-26, 2019



Every year the ARVBA tries to discover new ways to partner with your church in reaching the lost and discipling the saved. One year we bought a number of inflatables to help make your outreach more appealing. In another year we created 'The Learning Center' and filled it with material that you can use to equip your leaders and teachers to change lives for the better. We held training seminars and safety seminars and VBS Clinics and the world's greatest Church Camps. In the recent past, we have seen ARVBA Day and the annual Kansas City Mission trip literally change lives and embolden churches and church planters. In the coming year we will be presenting Teach 28:20 (2020) with Allan Taylor as our guest speaker as well as beginning the process to form an updated version of a tried-and-true Baptist discipleship tool known as the A.S.S.I.S.T Team. Please remember to pray for and financially support your Baptist Association in 2019!

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Church Camp 2019 Is Coming Together!



**Vacation Bible Will Be Here
Before You Know It!**

Each year your church joins with congregations from all across our Association to bring the good news of Jesus' love and salvation to area children. More often than not, this news is shared through your annual Vacation Bible School and you do it really well.

Guess what?.. VBS Time is fast approaching and the time to order material is already here!!! We hope you remembered to order your VBS stuff through the Association Office again this year as this really helps us finance our yearly children's ministries. The annual VBS Clinic, Church Camp and our Recreation Trailers all are partly funded by the proceeds we receive when you order material through us.

While the cost to you is the same, Lifeway returns 15% of the price of your order to the Association to be used toward other ministries. We, in turn, use that 15% to finance the above mentioned events/projects and even more.

So don't forget to order your VBS Material from your friendly Associational Office. You will be glad you did!



June 10th - 14th

Your Church Camp Committee has been very busy planning for this year's Associational Church Camp at Spring Lake Baptist Assembly in Lonsdale, Arkansas. Excitement is building as our three directors (children, middle-school, and youth) and their teams figure out how to coordinate three totally awesome age-graded camp experiences in one totally awesome week and on one totally awesome campus. An overall theme has been selected, teachers, speakers, and worship teams have almost all been booked, and the camp itself is undergoing some pretty big renovations in preparation for this year's events.

There is no time like the present to start recruiting for Camp. Your kids and youth will need time to invite their friends (unchurched or otherwise), and sync their summer schedules. Your church will need time to line up cabin supervisors and take care of all the million-and-one things a church has to do to ensure their campers have a safe, fun, and spiritually fulfilling week away from home.

Things to remember as we approach Associational Camp Week:

- **Cost is \$130.00 if registered by May 31st**
 - ⇒ Cost is \$155.00 - June 1st-5th
 - ⇒ Absolutely last day to register is June 5th
 - ⇒ Money needs to be turned in by June 6th
- **At least One Cabin Supervisor per 10 campers**
 - ⇒ Must have at least one supervisor per gender group (boys/girls)
- **Camp Forms & Information are Online**
 - ⇒ Registration forms and fees should be turned in by June 6th
 - ⇒ Other forms can be downloaded and printed for campers

The annual ARVBA Church Camp is set up in such a way that we actually do three age-appropriate camps at the same time. Each group has its own Worship space and times as well as separate swim and waterslide schedules. Teaching times are fully age graded and gender specific with the exception of the 11th-12th grade which are co-ed. Your campers will all bunk together in the same cabin (boys with boys/girls with girls) to strengthen the 'church family' bond and lessen the number of Cabin supervisors each church must enlist.