



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 18th** - Camp Committee Meeting
- ◆ **May 12th** - MOTHER'S DAY!
- ◆ **June 1st** - ARVBA Block Party Training
- ◆ **June 10th thru 14th** - CHURCH CAMP!
- ◆ **July 14th thru 19th** - ARVBA Mission Trip!
- ◆ **September 14th** - ARVBA DAY 2024!

PASTOR SEARCH

Please pray for the following churches as they seek their next Pastor

First Baptist, Hector
First Baptist, Centerville
First Baptist, Knoxville

Welcome - Bro. Mark Gower!
Interim Pastor, 1st Knoxville

Welcome - Bro. Richard Snyder!
Interim Pastor, 1st Hector



The Good News Letter April, 2024



June 1st, 2024
 ARVBA Office
 10 am - noon

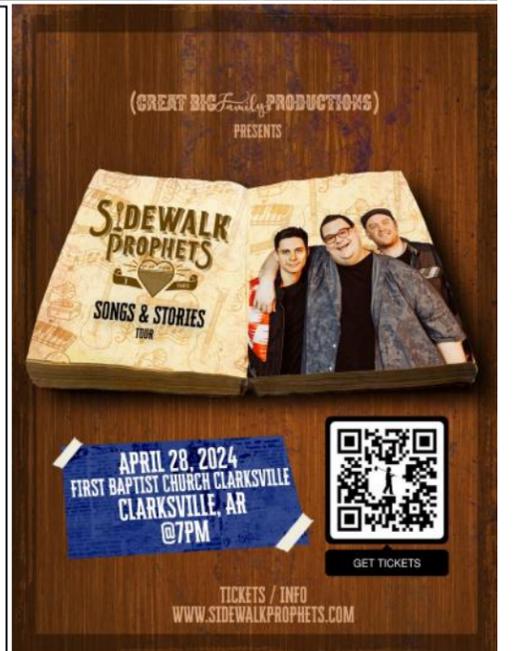


We will begin at 9 o'clock with inside instruction on Block Party fundamentals. Then, we head outside and learn how to set up the event, inflate, deflate, and store the inflatables, operate the generators, arrange the food court, and more.

We will learn the importance of properly 'directing' the flow of traffic at your carnival as well the need to anticipate the sun's position at the time of the event. We will share food safety tips, game set-up and take-down, and other useful info. The event is free and each attendee will receive a certificate of completion.

Training is required for those using the ARVBA Rec. trailers.

Our hope is to have enough ARVBA participants to allow for an actual Block Party on The Association Grounds!



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"Life Is A Series Of Ups & Downs"

"Facing Fear, Trusting God" is the theme for Church Camp this year.. In today's uncertain 'roller-coaster' culture, our kids and teens need to know there is a safe place to be during the ride!

Last year's ARVBA Church Camp set the standard for years to come and the passion that was birthed at Camp 2023 carried over to the Annual Mission Trip where God used our revived teens and adults to bring hope and excitement to an area of the state that had long ceased to have any. It was a week that is talked about to this day **and it all started at your Associational Church Camp!**

Our prayer is that the Lord will do it again this year, and do it even bigger. As each church commits to **'Chase The Unchurched'** again this year, we could see more first-time campers than ever before. We have had a year to prepare our church kids for Camp 2024 and they have had a year to reflect on how the Holy Spirit touched their lives last time. Because of that, we should be more open to the Spirit's leading and more expectant of something extraordinary than ever before. So what do we do in the meantime?

Encourage your campers to begin inviting their unchurched friends to Camp right now. Don't let the invitation wait until other plans have been made. Set aside specific times of individual and corporate Camp-directed prayer times. Consider volunteering as a cabin supervisor for your church or as a teacher or lifeguard at Camp.



Missionary's Heart

Acts 1:6 So, when they had come together, they began asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time that You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?"

It was 'touch-and-go' for a minute. The moon raced across the noonday sky in it's never-ending quest to devour the sun. According to many self-described spiritualists, there would be a better than average chance the eclipse would usher in the Rapture, the New World Order, or a general apocalypse. Obviously, none of those things came to pass and I thought to myself, "Wow, What a wasted opportunity!" But then, I realized I had been given an extraordinary chance to use three hyphenated phrases in a single paragraph (see above). In my mind, that more than makes up for the post-eclipse disappointment. (Make that four hyphenated phrases!)

Things are beginning to pop around the office and I blame you guys for that. If you would stop participating in Church Camp, Mission trips, Teacher training, VBS, Recreation ministry, etc, Mrs. Tena and I would not be so busy. It's almost as though you don't want us hanging around the office, playing solitaire and gossiping over the phone! With that being said, Let's get caught up on events since the previous Good News Letter was published.

The Teach 28:20 Teacher Training event was awesome, as usual (Thank you 1st Pottsville for hosting us so well!). 80+ people were in attendance and, I believe, the Kingdom will be positively impacted for years to come.

The Camp Leadership Committee met for the fourth time and Camp 2024 planning is progressing nicely. As always, lifeguards (swim and waterslide) are the last positions to be filled and we would love for a bazillion volunteers to help us out. Please call the office, or one of the Camp Directors if you would be interested in serving in this area. Paddle boat and fishing tournament helpers are always appreciated as well. We are expanding some parts of Camp Recreation this year and replacing other, less popular, activities. This would be a great time for you to plan to be available during

Rec time should the changes require additional fun-loving adult supervision/participation.

By now you have heard how God showed up and showed out at last year's Association Mission Trip. Church plants were strengthened, established churches were revitalized, and hundreds of lives were changed forever. Our prayer is that this year's trip will be even more effective in helping to penetrate the area in and around Southeast Arkansas with the gospel of Christ Jesus.

A tentative itinerary has been posted online and is also included in this publication. More activities, projects, and ministries may be added as more ARVBA'ers sign up for the adventure. The math is simple. More folks = more ministry! More information and additional online links can be found at <http://www.thearyba.com/deltamissions.htm>. Check it out and sign up today!

I will be joining a group of Associational Missionaries and pastors for a three-day mini mission trip next month. We will travel to the Homa Louisiana area to encourage and support a group of pastors and their congregations who engage in very difficult Kingdom building. We will treat the pastors and their wives to dinner, show those guys how Arkansas ministers catch fish, and give them a break as we preach in their churches on Sunday Morning. We will then lead those churches in a prayer service where we invite the congregation to encircle their under-shepherd and cover him in protective prayer.

Have you ordered your VBS material yet?! Doing so through the Association is a great way to support Assoc. Missions without increased cost to your church. We receive a small gratuity from Lifeway for each order placed through the Association office.

On a different note, Mrs. Teresa and I are excited to share the news that we are expecting our 5th grandchild! Allie and Ryan will welcome the newest addition to the Scantling family in December! The pressure on PawPaw is extraordinary as I now have to plan on additional baby swings and treehouse remodels. Oh well, I guess I will just do the best I can do.

Bro Danny

July 14th - 19th

El Dorado . Magnolia . Waldo . Carthage

In

Liberty Baptist Association



The Team is returning to the Delta this year and you and your church are invited!

Five Carnivals - Two Light Construction Projects - One Vacation Bible School - As yet undiscovered possibilities!

Several mission projects have already been scheduled and we are only limited by the number of volunteers we take with us. So far, the team is locked in for the following projects: (sites may change but probably not)

CARNIVALS

- Monday - Faith Outreach Church, El Dorado,
- Tuesday - Magnolia (Tentative)
- Wednesday - Helm Church, Carthage
- Thursday - Full Faith Community Baptist, Magnolia
- Friday - Faith Outreach Church, Waldo

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Faith Outreach Church, Waldo

CONSTRUCTION/CLEANUP PROJECTS

- Faith Outreach Activity Center, Waldo
 - Inside - demo and light remodel
 - Outside - Major grounds cleanup and refuse removal
- Helm Church
 - Roof Repair (Tentative), grounds cleanup

BASE OF OPERATION

Central Baptist Church, Magnolia

As you can see, the Kingdom-building potential for this week is extraordinary and the ARVBA would love for our Association churches to join the fun in any way you can. Carnival workers are always in demand and Vacation Bible School help would be awesome. Light construction workers/cleanup teams will find plenty of ways to help as well. The 'particulars' of the projects are still developing, and more information will be shared as it becomes available.

FAQ

- Q. - I can't commit to the whole week. Is it okay to drive down for a day or two?
- A. - Absolutely! Contact us and we will work out a way for you to pitch in.
- Q. - My church isn't able to send anyone this year. Are there other ways we can be involved in the Mission Trip?
- A. There sure are!
- 1) The most important need is prayer! Have a dedicated prayer time for the Team, the area, and for the specific churches we will be visiting.
 - 2) Carnival Prizes and non-melting candy are always needed. Oriental Trading, Dollar Tree, etc are great places to shop for giveaways.
 - 3) Financial giving is a big help. We are always finding things we need after we get there!

Lives will be forever changed as we share the Gospel in deed and in word! [Sign up today!](#)

VBS Props 2024 Breaker Rock Beach



**Sets are going fast
Reserve yours today!**