



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!

- ◆ **August 20th** - ARVBA 'One Day' Leadership Meeting
- ◆ **September 13th & 20th** - Evangelism/Prayer Conference
- ◆ **Sept. 27th** - ARVBA Day of Prayer
- ◆ **October 3rd** - 'ONE DAY: Serve Local
- ◆ **October 13th** - ANNUAL MEETING!

Please Pray For Our Pastor-less Churches

And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

Jeremiah 3:15 (KJV)

- Ard Community Baptist Church
- Calvary Baptist Church
- Crestview Baptist Church
- 1st Baptist Church, Centerville
- 1st Baptist Church, Scranton
- Bakers Creek Baptist Church




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Day of Prayer

'One Day' Has Been Postponed But Our 'One Task' Remains The Same!

(And The ARVBA Team Is Hard At Work Making Sure We Are Ready!)

As you know, 'One Day' 2020 was to be one of three really big ARVBA events for the year. Unfortunately, COVID-19 protocols have led to the postponement of the event and brought about some major adjustments on the Associational and State levels. Knowing that we still have the responsibility to effectively and prayerfully be about making disciples, the 'One Day' Evangelism and Prayer Teams have planned two significant pre-One Day events.

The **first** is our first ever Association Prayer and Evangelism Conference on September 13th & 20th. There is more information on that on the next page!

The **second** is planned for September 27th and is an opportunity for each church to engage her membership in a one day powerful prayer challenge. Called 'One Day Of Prayer For The ARVBA', the goal is to have ALL of our churches dedicate the Sunday before **One Day: Serve Local** as a guided day of prayer for the souls of the lost in our Association. Each church will decide how this will look for her own congregation and the 'One Day' Team will have material available for those churches that choose to use it. We will be happy to answer any questions you might have (remember, we are inventing this as we go!) and will add more information to the website and subsequent NewsLetters. ***In the meantime, please get these important dates on you church calendar now!***

¹⁴ *...and My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land.*

¹⁵ *"Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to the prayer offered in this place.*

2 Chronicles 7:14-15 (NASB)

"Churches Doing More Together!"



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Missionary's Heart

What a bummer! (Does anyone even say that anymore?) First, we had to cancel Camp. Then, our annual Kansas City mission trip was postponed. Despite the valiant efforts of several ARVBA churches, VBS was either rescinded, rescheduled, or poorly attended. And now, 'One Day' 2020 has been removed from the calendar.

The good news is that our State Convention Missions Team has been busy with plans to keep the 'One Day' spirit alive. The article below was published by the ABSC team and contains information and links to help you and your church plan for this newest State-wide One Day Mission opportunity. Check it out often as more stuff will be added regularly.

Although One Day 2020 has been postponed, please keep in mind that it has only been postponed. 'One Day' will be coming to the ARVBA in 2021 and that means we now have an extra year to

prepare. Imagine what the Lord may have planned for that extra preparation time! What was sure to be the most effective missions event ever will now be even better!

That being said, we need to keep our eye on the ball before us. 'One Day: Serve Local' is coming and I believe the Lord wants to show the world what He can do during a pandemic shut-down. Please plan for your church to actively participate in the coming Prayer & Evangelism Training conferences. Both in-person and live stream options will be available and hopes are to record the sessions and make those available for continuing training.

Don't forget to pray for ARVBA'ers affected by COVID-19. Mrs. Jo Ann Snyder has been released from the hospital but Bro. Richard is still undergoing treatment at Johnson Regional at the time of this writing. *Bro. Doug*



Imagine your local church taking the best ideas and training from 10 years of *One Day* events and developing your own outreach events to serve needs and share Jesus in your community. Your church is already doing that? Great! Now, imagine ABSC churches across our state actively involved in local missions on the same day! How about Saturday, October 3? That's *One Day: Serve Local!*

Plan now to participate in this incredible day of missions

outreach across our state as Arkansas Baptists ask God to do **immeasurably more!** Registration and resources, **including COVID-friendly outreach ideas**, for *One Day: Serve Local* will be available on this web page beginning **September 1**.

Here's what you can do prior to registration:

- Assemble your *Serve Local* Leadership Team.
- Identify local needs. *Serve Local* is an opportunity for your church to make an impact in your community.
- Plan and prepare how *Serve Local* will work for your church. Brainstorm possible ministries, potential site locations, and resources needed to make your *Serve Local* day a safe and COVID-friendly experience for your church and community.
- Mobilize missionaries from your church to serve on October 3.

And, of course, pray that God would do *immeasurably more* across our state!

Copied from Arkansas Baptist State Convention Website. More info here: <https://www.absc.org/events/2020-one-day-mission-trip-serve-local>

Association Wide

Prayer & Evangelism Conference!



**Everything Has Changed And It's
Going To Be Awesome!!!
September 13th & 20th**

On two back-to-back Sunday evenings, the sister churches of the ARVBA are invited to come together for an intense time of purposeful preparation for this year's 'One Day' mission event and beyond.

The plans are to provide training and information that is both simple and practical and that can be used by you and your church for years to come. We hope that every church in our Association will take advantage of this first of its kind event. With preparation like this, we are sure to experience an extraordinary manifestation of God's power when October 3rd rolls around.

• **September 13th schedule will look something like this:**

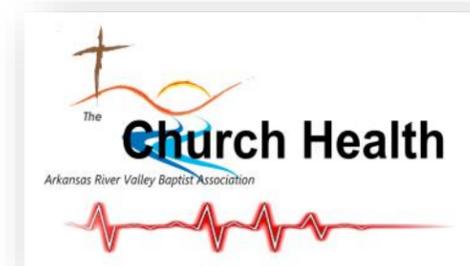
- 5:30 – Opening
 - 5:35 - First Session (Prayer Teams Training)
 - 6:05 Break
 - 6:15: Second Session (Follow-up Team Training)
 - 7:00 - Head Home

• **September 20th's schedule will be similar to the one above** but will be adjusted to include a special sermon/charge from our Associational Evangelism Team Leader.

- Both breakout sessions on this day will feature evangelism training with the first focusing on the presentation and the second focusing on how to initiate the conversation.

The conference will be held at Russellville's Second Baptist Church and all sessions will be conducted in the Sanctuary to ensure we can follow all safety protocols. In addition, all sessions will be live-streamed on Facebook as well as recorded for ongoing training purposes.

The ARVBA Prayer and Evangelism teams have been very busy planning and preparing for this first-of-its-kind conference. More information and additional resources are coming your way soon so check the ARVBA website often.



**89th ARVBA Annual Meeting
October 11th, 2020
First Baptist Church, London
Meeting begins at 3:30**

Tentative plans are to enjoy a somewhat normal meeting (i.e. brief reports, regular business, meal, and worship and preaching). Please understand that COVID-19 protocols may force a revision. More info coming as the date draws near.