



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:<sup>7</sup>

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

- ◆ **August 2nd** - Pastor's Breakfast resumes!
- ◆ **August 10th** - Executive Board Meeting
  - ◆ Guest Speaker with Connected Foster Care
- ◆ **August 15th** - 1st Dardanelle Building Dedication
- ◆ **September 2nd** - 'One Day' Training Session for ALL local participants
- ◆ **September 30th & October 1st** -
  - ◆ Site Box Preparations
- ◆ **October 2nd** - 'ONE DAY'!
- ◆ **October 10th** - ARVBA Annual Meeting!



### The Search Is Over!

Thanks to some very generous donations from our awesome ARVBA people and churches, we were able to purchase one new and one used trailer to replace the smaller ones we now have. As we shared in last month's newsletter, the existing Rec Trailers have served us well but with the addition of our inflatables, Knocker Balls, generators, and carnival games, we desperately needed to upgrade.

The pics above depict a possible logo layout that would help identify the Recreation Ministry possibilities.

One trailer is white (7' X 14') and the other is charcoal (7' X 16') *Let us know what you think!*



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**ONE DAY**  
ACTS 18 MISSIONS EXPERIENCE

**OCTOBER 2, 2021**  
RUSSELLVILLE, ARKANSAS

*Bulletin inserts are available at the Association Office and from the Arkansas Baptist State Convention*

**ONE DAY**  
ACTS 18 MISSIONS EXPERIENCE

Arkansas River Valley Association  
**Saturday, October 2, 2021**

**Possible Mission Opportunities**

- ◆ **Prayer Walking**—You will be trained and will go out in small teams.
- ◆ **Children's Activities**—Games, Bible stories, activities.
- ◆ **Senior Adult**—Visit, share Bibles, do crafts, other activities with seniors.
- ◆ **Home Repairs/Painting**—Help paint a home or do small repairs.
- ◆ **Medical/Dental Clinics**—Need medical doctors, nurse practitioners, dentists, dental hygienists and assistants.
- ◆ **Sports Camps (for youth)**—Help teach basketball, softball or baseball skills and interact with youth/children.
- ◆ **Community Outreach**—Car wash, laundromat, food distribution, no sale yard sale, haircuts.
- ◆ **Yard Work Teams**—Raking, mowing, trimming.
- ◆ **Door-to-Door Evangelism**
- ◆ **Block Parties**
- ◆ **Children's Fishing Derby**
- ◆ **Cowboy Ministry**
- ◆ **Pre-Teen Trek** (4th–6th grades)
- ◆ **On Board Ministries (Arkansas WMU)**
- ◆ **Plus other ministries** being added in the coming months.

**Age Guidelines**  
Children ages 12 and under must be accompanied by their parent/guardian and work on the same team as their parent. Youth ages 13 to 17 must have one adult sponsor per four youth and at least one adult must serve with each youth team.

**Schedule**  
8:30 am—All meet at kick-off site for worship and assignments  
9:30 am—Teams leave for ministry sites to share Jesus!  
1:00 am—1:00 pm—Lunch provided  
3:00 pm—Clean up ministry site and return to kick-off site  
4:00 pm—Celebration Rally  
4:30 pm—On the road home!

**Registration**  
Begins June 14 and ends September 15. Register online at [absc.org/oneday](http://absc.org/oneday)

**Cost**  
\$10. (Includes lunch. Special dietary needs not provided.) Children under 8—no charge. Make checks payable to ABSC or register online with credit card or check. If housing is needed Friday night, you will need to arrange and pay for it.

**Additional Information**  
Contact Sam Roberts ([sroberts@absc.org](mailto:sroberts@absc.org)) or Clint Ritchie ([critchie@absc.org](mailto:critchie@absc.org)). Or call the ABSC Missions Team at 1-800-838-2272, ext. 5137 (Little Rock, 378-4791).

*One Day 2021' is coming to the ARVBA on the first Saturday of October and there are a lot of things we can do to get ready!*

On October 2nd, more than two thousand Arkansas Baptists will be traveling to our Association to help your church reach her community with the gospel. Block parties will spring up all over the ARVBA and no less than two youth-style fishing derbies are being planned. Free medical and dental services will be offered as well as emotional and psychological support for those still being negatively affected by the trauma that is Covid-19.

'Missionaries' from across the state will help us provide No-Sale-Yard-Sales, Food Give-away Sites, Children's activities, Sports Camps, Yard Work, Light construction, Prayer Cover, Evangelism Teams and much more!

### There is still much to do to get ready:

- Schedule regular prayer times in your church
- Start collecting food and clothing to be distributed between the Hunger sites and No-Sale-Yard-Sales  
**(We Need A Lot!!!)**
- Discover any new Mission opportunities that may present themselves between now & October.
- Make 'One Day' promotion a part of each week's focus in church and Sunday School
- Begin distributing 'One Day' bulletin inserts a month in advance.
- Get your folks registered as soon as possible from the following link! [www.absc.org/oneday](http://www.absc.org/oneday)
- Consider 'loaning' us your church van (with driver) for use during the big day. (contact Mrs. Tena)
- Brainstorm ways to use every age group in your church on this special day.

*“Churches Doing More Together!”*



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# Missionary's Heart

The contrasts between this year's ARVBA ministries and those of 2020 are illuminating. Last year began with a bang but was quickly covid-quashed. Camp was canceled and the annual KC mission trip soon followed suit. Associational events were limited to online get-togethers or abandoned altogether. The 2020 Annual Meeting itself was postponed and finally canceled when it became clear we would not be able to gather as 'The Association' anytime soon.

**But all that is just a fading memory!** Summer Missions events are happening all across the ARVBA this summer and I couldn't be more excited!

Although individual churches have been doing ministry 'stuff' all along, the official 2021 Missions Ministry of your Association began in June as 314 ARVBA'ers from 17 churches gathered at Spring Lake Camp and Retreat center for this year's Annual Church Camp. 34 students gave their hearts to Jesus that week and many more life-altering decisions were recorded.

Two weeks later, 27 ARVBA'ers (and 1 Jonesboro missionary) made their way to KC where we knocked out 4 block-parties and a week-long construction project for our awesome Kansas City Church planters. Plans are already being made for next year's event and we hope you will come along for the adventure.

Because of your generous support, two new/newer Recreation Trailers have been purchased and are ready to be 'tricked out' for ministry. The acquisition of one required four horrible trips through the Bobby Harper Tunnel but God's grace was sufficient to get me through each time. I still don't know why someone thought it was a good idea to drill a tomb through such a small 'mountain'. There is no way that was cheaper than blasting a thorough-fair. But, no one asked me...

Mrs. Tena and I are as busy as we have ever been stocking trailers, providing background checks, scheduling VBS props, and trying to keep up with 'One Day' preparations. But you are even more so!

- Vacation Bible Schools are going on all over the Association right now and many others are on the calendar.
- 'One Day meetings are happening, food drives are taking place in many ARVBA churches, and mission trips at home and away have resumed with extraordinary enthusiasm!

I can't tell you how encouraged I am by the passion I see and hear when ARVBA church members speak about and engage in outreach events and even in ordinary church activities. In some ways, it is as though you all want to make up for lost time. And, quite frankly, I think that is a God-honoring mindset.

We are determined to 'not grow weary in well doing' at the ARVBA office. 'One Day' prep is always ongoing and the next Executive Board meeting is being organized. The Association's Annual Meeting is scheduled for one week after 'One Day' and we will need to be prepared for that much sooner than in years past. I hope you have selected your messengers by now and are encouraging them to attend this year's meeting. We have two years of stuff to catch up on PLUS we are going to experiment with a new day and format.

The Lord has greatly blessed the ARVBA, her ministries, and her churches during the Covid crises. He is even now appointing and anointing current and new missions/ministry opportunities for your church and for your Association as we emerge from last year's shutdowns. It is going to be a wild and exciting ride from here on out!

**Please be in prayer for the following:**

- 'One Day' 2021
- ARVBA Annual Meeting
- Teach 28:20 preparations (early 2022?)

There is much to do.

There always has been.



**"DRIVING THE TRAIN DOESN'T SET ITS COURSE. THE REAL JOB IS LAYING THE TRACK."**

**ED CAYMULL**

## CHURCH CAMP Was Awesome!

314 Campers were on board the Church Camp Train this year and 34 gave their hearts to Jesus. Other major decisions were recorded and we hope to get the full report of all the Holy accomplished at Camp to you very soon.

14 of our churches were in attendance and three others from outside the Association joined us as well. Branded by Christ Cowboy Church was a returning regular and Clarksville's East Mt. Zion and Chidester's First Baptist were introduced to the best Church Camp around.

Planning for Camp 2022 is already underway and we hope to have pictures/videos posted to the website soon. The date for next year's camp is June 13th - 17th!



Pastor/Staff Breakfast Resumes August 2nd at the ARVBA Office!

Contact Bro. Richard Snyder if Mondays are not good for you!

## ARVBA/KC Mission Trip Is in the books!



**ARVBA/KC Mission Team 2021**

Twenty Seven missionaries from six different ARVBA Churches made the journey to Kansas City this year. This awesome group provided four full-scale carnivals and engaged in a week-long remodeling project for a recent church building acquisition.

One church was expecting to have around seventy five attend their event. Instead, the Lord sent almost two hundred from the community and your team ministered to them all. And this was at an event that had to be moved indoors (inflatables and all!) because of the weather!

The church planter families finally got their very own block this year and we were blessed beyond measure to serve those who serve so sacrificially to reach their city for Jesus. One of the churches that benefitted from the recreation ministry of the ARVBA was so taken with your team that they are considering a church plant in our area.

There are many stories to be shared with the Association and we are looking forward to sharing our report at the Annual Meeting.



**The ARVBA Recreation Ministry**

# Arkansas WMU On Board with One Day

October 1, 2021 to October 2, 2021

**Theme: Relentless**



Arkansas WMU invites you to join us for On Board with One Day on Friday evening, October 1 at Second Baptist Church, Russellville for worship and celebrating missions! You will be inspired by music for worship led by Teresa Harmening AND you will be encouraged to be relentless on your missions journey by National WMU executive director-treasurer, Sandy Wisdom-Martin.

The Friday evening worship / missions celebration is open to all (men, women, students, children) who wish to join us!! (No registration required).

All WMU members / leaders will want to register for Saturday's Missions Experiences / Annual Meeting by following the link below or using the Association Webpage to link to the event. ([www.thearvba.com](http://www.thearvba.com))

Register here: <https://app.easytithe.com/App/Form/973aab2c-7bd4-4223-a80a-2691721d3a98>

\*Registration fee of \$25 includes:

Saturday box lunch

Participation in Saturday morning missions / ministries / prayer experience as a part of One Day (Acts 1:8 missions experience)

If you prefer to pay by check, a printable registration is available online.

This extraordinary event will be held at Russellville's Second Baptist Church located at

1100 N Frankfort Ave Russellville, Arkansas

Doors open at Second Baptist Church, Russellville on Friday, October 1 at 5:30 p.m.

Worship begins in the worship center at 6:30.



## Schedule:

**Friday evening, October 1, 2021**

6:30 p.m. - Missions Celebration and Fellowship

Doors open at 5:30

There is NO registration required for the Friday night event and everyone who wishes to join us (men, women, students, children) are very much welcome!

**Saturday, October 2, 2021**

For all WMU members, leaders and guests

*a one-time registration is required for all Saturday experiences using the link on the reverse side.*

Choose to be a part of 'One Day' missions around the Association, OR WMU ministries in the community, OR prayer/missions learning/ministry at the church. You are sure to be encouraged to live your faith, always ready to serve others and be a disciple of Jesus who live on mission.

## The Day's Schedule

**8:30 - One Day missions / ministries ...**

- ◆ Around the Association \* In the Community \* At the Church
- ◆ *You are automatically registered for the One Day event when you register for Saturday ministries using the link above.*

**12:00 - LUNCH** at Second Baptist Church, Russellville (provided with your registration)

**12:45 - Music / Worship / Arkansas WMU business session / Challenge** by Sandy Wisdom-Martin, National WMU executive director-treasurer; For WMU leaders / members / guests

