

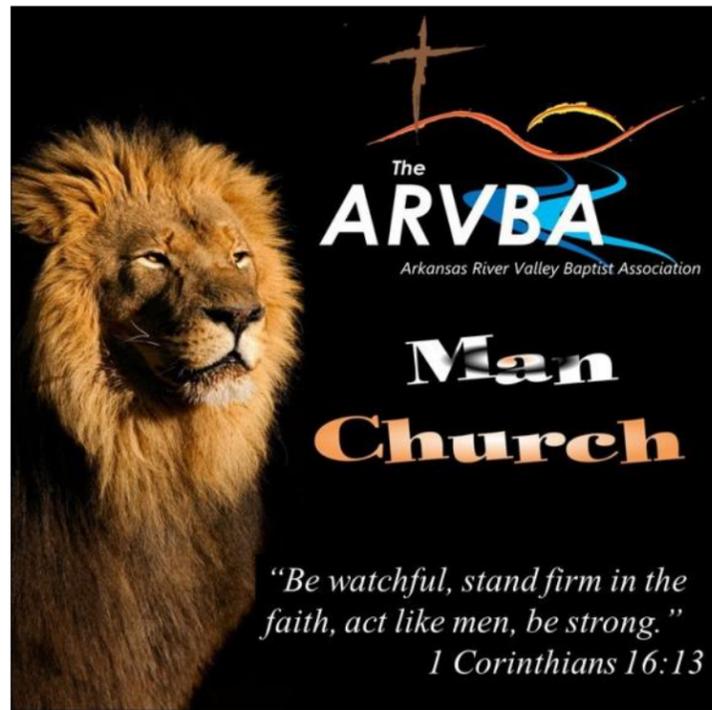


He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; Acts 1:7"

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

- ◆ **September 19th** - Called to Lead Conference
- ◆ **September 27th** - ARVBA Exec. Board Meeting
- ◆ **October 1st** - One Day!
- ◆ **October 9th** - ARVBA Annual Meeting!
- ◆ **October 31st** (Monday this year!)

*Halloween! Reserve your Rec. Trailer early!*



**Coming in 2022!**  
**"It's Going to be a Big Deal!"**



**ARVBA Annual Meeting, 2022**  
**October 9th**  
**First Baptist Church, Dardanelle**

**For the second time, the ARVBA will hold it's Annual Meeting on Sunday!**

This means we are not requiring another day/night out of our folk's busy schedules. It also means we can focus even more on the worship & fellowship component of the Meeting as more people are likely to want to get together on, what was once, a regular church night.

As was stated last year, we will be 'tweaking' things from year to year but the following scheduled worked well last time.

**Afternoon Session**

3:30	Welcome and Call to Order	Bro. Richard Snyder
3:35	"Your Association" Video	
3:40	Nominating Committee Report	Comm. Chairman
3:45	Treasurers Report	Mrs. Tena Herren
3:50	Budget Committee Report	Bro. Carl Mason
3:55	Associational Missionary Report	Bro. Danny Green
4:00	Misc. Business	Bro. Richard Snyder
	Time, Place, & Preacher Committee Report	Committee Chairman
4:10	'ABSC' Video & Report	TBA
4:20	Worship	Bro. Caleb Reynolds
4:25		<b>Special Music</b>
4:30	Doctrinal Message	TBA
4:55	Committee and other Instructions, <i>Prayer for the Evening Meal</i>	Bro. Richard Snyder Bro. Carl Mason

**Evening Session**

5:45	Call to Order & "Changing Of the Guard"	Bro. Richard Snyder
5:50	Call to Worship	Caleb Reynolds
6:05	Association Annual Sermon	Bro. Danny Green
6:30	Dedication of New Leaders and Benediction	Bro. Richard Snyder

*"Churches Doing More Together!"*



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# Missionary's Heart

## Association Ministries Are Many And Varied

In my very first newsletter article (2015), I told you that the question most often asked by the regular church member was, "So what does the Association do?" At the time, I was somewhat mystified by the question because it almost always came from folks whose church faithfully supported the work of the Association. Many of those churches sent kids to Camp each year and brought folks to the annual VBS clinic. Some of those who asked the question had even driven to the Association office to pick up VBS props or one of the old recreation trailers!

After careful consideration, the ARVBA leadership recognized the need to better inform you guys about Association ministries and missions. For want of better phrase, we needed to do a better job of 'promoting' the work of the Association.

Case in point: it isn't that the Association wasn't doing stuff. It was simply the fact that folks didn't always perceive that it was the Association doing the stuff. For instance, over time the Annual Associational VBS Clinic became 'the Annual VBS Clinic' and the Associational Church Camp became 'Church Camp'.

I am happy to say that after a concerted effort to better inform the regular church member of ARVBA activities and ministries, 'The Question' is rarely, if ever, asked. And, not only that, but appreciation and support for your Association's mission has increased exponentially.

That brings me to another truth that cannot be overstated. The stuff your Association does could not be done without the support of your church and yourselves! As more people and churches became aware of the stuff the Association does, more financial and physical (think volunteers, etc) support began to materialize. And as more support materialized, the Association was able to do more stuff for our churches. As we do more stuff for our churches, our churches are able to more stuff for their communities. As the churches do more stuff in and for their communities more people are introduced to the Gospel. Pretty cool huh!

I brought all of that out because I want you guys to know that the good stuff we do, we do because your church gives to, and you volunteer for, Association ministries and missions. So, in a very real sense, the stuff we do is simply an extension of the ministry of your own church.

### So, what did the Association do this year?

- In January, we participated in Second Baptist's Mission Fair.
- Even more people learned of ARVBA 'stuff'!
- In March we joined two other Associations for the Teach 28:20 Teacher Training Conference.
- Over 100 teachers from 3 Associations were super excited at the opportunity to receive such high quality training
- In March, we hosted another Block Party Training.
- More than 30 new church members were certified to operate inflatables for outreach events
- In April, we hosted the Sr. Adult Easter Egg Hunt
- Covid brought the numbers down from previous events but a good group of ARVBA saints attended
- In May, 22 missionaries from 4 churches traveled to Cornerstone Baptist Church near Gentry to provide a world-class block party outreach event.
- "Hurricane Cornerstone" forced us to move everything indoors but your Rec Team is very familiar with adverse conditions and the well - attended event went off with a hitch.
- In June, 330 campers from 16 churches joined us at Spring Lake Retreat for the annual Church Camp!
- 63 campers made professions of faith that week and many other life-changing decisions occurred
- In June-July, 27 missionaries from 6 ARVBA churches made the journey to Kansas City where we provided 6 ministry projects/events in 5 days!
- Your missionaries remodeled two rooms and a church auditorium, canvassed neighborhoods for a local church's VBS and provided 4 carnivals!
- In July, we hosted the local SmartStart training provided by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. 16 new interim ministers we added to the books!

*Bro. Danny*

**It's Not a Theology Conference!  
It's Not a Preaching Conference!**



**It's A Conference Entirely Devoted To  
The Practical Nuts & Bolts  
Of Church Leadership!**

What an awesome opportunity for Pastors, Staff and Lay-leaders of every size ARVBA church to get together for a time of first-class equipping and first-rate fellowship with other church leaders from across the state!

Bro. Danny would love to 'convoy down' with as many of our church leaders as are able to make the Monday journey. Hopefully, this announcement will allow our bi-vocational folks the time to make any needed day-off scheduling changes.

The conference begins with a free lunch and will conclude @ 4:30. There is no cost for this event but we will need to register on line at [www.calledtolead.live](http://www.calledtolead.live).

Every church in the ARVBA would benefit by sending as many of their leaders to the conference as possible. Please pray for this extraordinary equipping opportunity and let Bro. Danny know if you are interested in make the trip to Cross Church in Rogers, Arkansas.

*p.s. This conference was held online for two years due to the Covid shutdown. Response was so positive it is being offered in person this year!*



*"When Leadership comes together to 'pray down' the power of God, The Spirit of God will surely answer."*

The 9th Annual Statewide Prayer Gathering will be held on August 29–30 for pastors, ministers, and church staff members. This year, there will be one in-person gathering at The City Center, 315 N Shackleford Road, Arkansas 72211. We hope all of our ARVBA ministers and staff plan to attend.



**Saturday, October 1,  
Central Association, Hot Springs**

### Kick-Off Site:

Hot Springs High School  
701 Emory Street  
Hot Springs, AR 71913

**NEW this year:** One Day T-shirts! The registration has a place for you to order a One Day T-shirt. Shirts are \$10 each and will be available to pick up at the kickoff location. Purchasing a shirt is completely optional and must be paid at the time of registration.

Click the One Day Pic (if viewing online) to register today or goto: [www.absc.org/events/2022-one-day-mission-trip/2022](http://www.absc.org/events/2022-one-day-mission-trip/2022)

### Seen any of these guys around your church buildings?



**Just a friendly reminder to return VBS props to the Association as soon as you can. We need to get them repaired, stored and ready for use next year!**



**October 31st is booked solid but there are several other open dates available for your church to reserve an ARVBA Rec Trailer!**

**Includes 2 inflatables; popcorn, sno-cone, and cotton candy machines; product for 100 attendees; carnival games upon request.**