



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!*

- ◆ **November 24-26 - Thanksgiving Holiday!**  
Office closed
- ◆ **December 10th - Pastors Christmas Party!**
- ◆ **December 11th—Disaster Relief Training!**
- ◆ **December 22-Jan 3 - Christmas/New Year Holiday - Office closed**
- ◆ **January 8th - Association Work Day!**



Pastor's  
**Christmas Party**  
**December 10th @ 6:30 p.m.**  
**Association Office**  
 rsvp arvba@suddenlink

**Menu:**  
**Smoked Chicken & Pulled Pork**  
**Baked Beans**  
**Cole Slaw**  
**Dessert**



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## The Revelation!

January 10th - March 14th

Classes held at

**Crow Mountain Baptist Church**

Each Monday evening at 6:30 p.m.

**Course Cost: \$187.00 (Includes 2 Books)**

**To enroll call 479-747-3976**

This course is a study of the background, authorship, and teachings of the book of Revelation and includes two excellent commentaries which serve as textbooks for the class.

- **The Book of Revelation**, Robert H. Mounce
- **Holman New Testament Commentary, Vol. 12**, Kendell H. Easley,

Remember to enroll early so that text books and any other needed material can be ordered in time.

**Disaster Relief Training**  
**December 11th**  
 Russellville's  
**Second Baptist Church**  
 Click the pic to register



*Many have asked for local training and/or certification and now is your chance!*

On December 11th, the Arkansas Baptist State Convention will provide Disaster Relief education at our own Second Baptist Church. This specialized training will focus on the chainsaw and storm damage removal ministry. Classroom instruction will be combined with practical 'hands-on' learning to prepare members for the hard work of helping folks 'dig out' after a devastating storm.

Please register by clicking the logo above (if reading this online) or go to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention Website asap so that we can plan for your attendance.

Most ARVBA'ers know that our Disaster Relief team ministers all over the country but some may not be aware that the Team works all over our Association and does so all year long! Removing dead/dying trees, cutting overhanging limbs, identifying ministry opportunities, 'tarping' damaged roofs, etc. are just some of the services provided by the Team throughout the year. We would love to have you join the Team and need for you to sign up for training ASAP.

“Churches Doing More Together!”



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# Missionary's Heart

**It doesn't seem possible that this is the last newsletter of the year!**

We have been so gloriously busy since the lockdown was lifted that we scarce noted the passing of the days. VBS props were dusted off and put into action. Camp was planned, staffed, implemented and put to rest for another year. The Kansas City Mission trip went off without a hitch and was one of the best ever. Recreation trailers were purchased and painted. A new parking lot was laid. (Though not yet striped). And, to top it all off, *'One Day' 2021* set a new standard for the State Convention's premier mission event.

It is always a joy to serve the churches of the Arkansas River Valley Baptist Association and to see the Lord do amazing things in congregations large and small. So many lives (and churches!) have been changed for the better through the ministry efforts you guys put forth this year. And, to be honest, it appears that our churches are as excited about doing ministry in the winter months as you were about ministering during the summer!

I am hearing about Christmas Break and other outreach possibilities. The Association Men's Ministry is planning to host an associational "Man Church" time of worship to be held at a different church in our association every-other month. Our Disaster Relief Team is expanding its local ministries and recruiting more folks day-by-day. And the list goes on and on.

One of the bigger ministries on that list is coming in March of 2022. *'Teach 28:20'* is going to be bigger than ever as we partner with our two neighboring Associations to bring quality small group training to our local church families. In addition to being close to home, this training event will feature both practical instruction AND affordable pricing. Allan Taylor has agreed to lead us again this year and to include much 'new stuff' when he returns. In addition, we will include age-graded break-out session leaders who are currently 'in the trenches' doing ministry in their own home church. I hope you encourage your church to

take advantage of this equipping ministry event and help us prepare for what is sure to be another great year in the ARVBA.

I want to thank you all for your continued prayers as I work through some recurring health issues. As a result of the type of surgery required to remove my cancer, I am predisposed to chronic pancreatitis. This sometimes becomes acute and requires a hospital stay to manage the pain and allow the pancreas to 'quieten down'. An ordinary man could not survive the trauma but, as you might imagine, it is a mere inconvenience to me. The medical folks are trying to identify what triggers the flare-ups so that I can increase the time between episodes. Thus far, no Kryptonite has been officially identified but I suspect there is a goodly amount hidden nearby. Mrs. Teresa is doing her best to keep me in line but, apparently, I am not the most obedient of patients.

Thank you all for the privilege of serving as your Associational Missionary. May we have many more years together and may you have the merriest of Christmases and the happiest New Year!

*Bro Danny*



## Vacation Bible School Is Just Around The Corner!

*In summer 2022, kids will learn that God's creativity didn't stop in Genesis. The Master Artist is working to redeem, reclaim, and transform us—His creation—to the design He planned for us. Kids will see the beautiful truth that they are God's workmanship as they learn to use their talents to bring glory to Him.*

We are not yet sure what form this year's VBS Clinic will take but we are planning to make it something special. We may focus on Lifeway's VBS as we have in the past, or incorporate elements of other mainline curriculums into the mix. The direction we choose to go will determine which, if any, VBS props we build/provide this year. You can help us make that decision by letting us know as quickly as possible which Vacation Bible School material your church will use.

Remember, VBS is still the most effective evangelism tool the modern church has in its arsenal. It would be a shame (and a sin!) if we didn't put all of our effort into making the first post-Covid VBS the best ever!

More info will be coming very soon.

## Coming March 5th & 6th

### It's a three-Association Event this time!

Allan Taylor will kick off our annual training again this year with all new presentations and relevant insight into post-COVID Sunday School and Small Group Revitalization. As in years past, Teach 28:20 will feature a focused time of teacher/leader training on Saturday and will include breakout sessions, large group instruction, and question/answer time. Lunch is included and will be followed by the remaining training sessions. We will conclude no later than 2 o'clock. More info can be found at [www.thearvba.com](http://www.thearvba.com).

Churches from all three Associations will move their Sunday Evening service to 1st Morrilton for a joint Celebration/preaching event where we will be motivated to implement all that we learned on Saturday.

**Click the pic to pre-register!**



## First Ever MID-WINTER

## Association Work Day

January 8th, 2022

At the Association Office!

There are lots of projects/repairs to catch up on around the ARVBA Office and we hope you can help. January 8th is the **TENTATIVE** date (snow?) for our first ever mid-winter Work Day and we will furnish both breakfast and lunch.

Barn repair, door lock replacement, exhaust fan replacement, paint touchup and general cleanup are just a few of the projects we hope to tackle. Come when you can, bring a crew with you, work hard for the Lord and enjoy some of the best fellowship this side of Heaven.

Let us know if you are coming so we can plan our projects and meals! See you then unless plans change.

