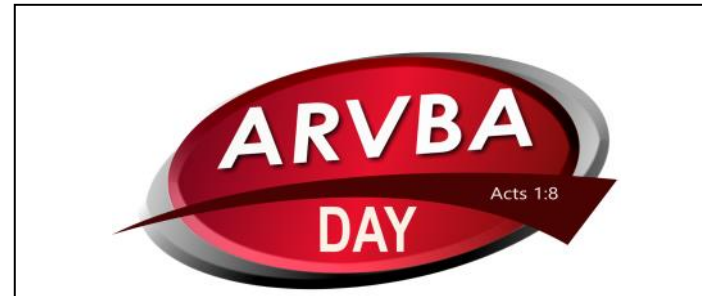




He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; Acts 1:7  
*But it is perfectly okay to know what's coming up in the Association!*

- ◆ **Tuesdays in February**
  - ◆ *VBS Prop & Decoration construction at the Assoc. Office!*
- ◆ **March 4th -**
  - ◆ *VBS Clinic*
- ◆ **March 16th -**
  - ◆ *Block Party Training Seminar*
- ◆ **April 6th**
  - ◆ *ARVBA DAY!!!*



**ARVBA Day Is In The Spring This Year!!!**

On April 6th, Bro. Johnathan Whitlock and team will lead our 'Region 4' member churches to engage in practical one-day missions projects in their respective areas. Baker's Creek, Darby Lane, Dover 1st, Fair Park, Mercy Tree, Russellville 1st, and Russellville 2nd will be the lead churches in this labor of love and the remainder of your Association's sister churches can't wait to 'do missions' with you on this special Saturday.

Check out the updated information on the website and sign you or your team up now!

[www.thearvba.com](http://www.thearvba.com)



**Plan Your Calendar For Early 2019!**



**Our VBS Team Is In Full Swing Preparing for the Annual VBS Clinic!**

Each Tuesday in February, ARVBA folks are invited to join us at the Association office as we work on building props, creating decorations and dream big dreams about the upcoming Clinic. We start at 10 o'clock and finish no later than 2 that afternoon. Lunch is provided and we want you to feel free to come and go as your schedule allows. The work is actually fun to do and the fellowship between members of our many churches is awesome! We will have plenty of food and drinks so come on down!

Remember, 80% of anyone who is ever saved is saved BEFORE the age of 13 and there is no other evangelistic effort more geared toward that age group than Vacation Bible School!



**Block Party Training Seminar Central Regional Training**

*March 16th, 2019  
 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.*

**Place:** North Pulaski Baptist Association office

**Training includes:**

- Inflatable certification (must be 18 or older)
- How to set up your block party
- Current liability and insurance laws
- Evangelism training

**Lunch is included!**

**Note:** Our Association presently operates two Rec (Block Party) trailers and almost all of our churches use them at some point during the year. We would love a take a group from the Association and get as many folks certified as we can. The more people we have certified, the more ministries we can do!

The State Department of Labor is **mandating** certification on inflatables use which means each inflatable must have a certified operator every time. This applies to any event your church may schedule! Let us know BEFORE March 13th if you want to send a group with us and we will register for you.

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# Missionary's Heart

My father was a good man. His was an awesome example of how a father should love and guide his children. He was absolutely infatuated with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was embraced affectionately by the entire community. And for eighty four years this good man was lost...

When I think about how close my dad came to entering eternity without Christ's salvation, my thoughts are sober indeed. But then I think about how long that same Christ pursued my dad, my thoughts take a most joyful turn.

My bride and I were reflecting on the years we had with daddy and the number of times we brought him into our home as he recovered from various and sundry illnesses, accidents and surgeries. One memory involved the famous 'Evil Knievel' ATV jump from a thirty foot ravine. My dad (78 years old at the time!) should have died that day but he didn't. The Lord caused the ATV to land in a 10 feet wide rock-free area amid a nest of boulders. A vine no thicker than his little finger was the only thing keeping

the ATV from landing on his broken body. He really should have died that day but he didn't.

We knew God had intervened that day to save my dad's life. We just didn't know why... Until now.

It was my lady who pointed out what is now obvious to us both. We were driving home to get a night's sleep before making funeral arraignments when she made this observation., "You know, God spared your dad's life that day to keep him safe until the day he prayed for forgiveness and surrendered his life to Jesus."

By now you have discovered that my sweetheart is far more 'spiritually attuned' than I. I would never have connected those two days in quite the way she did but the way she did is quite the way our Lord works.

On January 21, 2019 God provided the opportunity for me to speak to my dad about his eternity. Thank the Lord, I had the sense to recognize that opportunity. What about you and your loved one?

*Bro Doug*

## 2019 Week of Prayer *for* Baptist Associations

*"Helping Churches Make Disciples, Who Make Disciples"*

October 20-26, 2019

Every year the Arkansas River Valley Baptist Association tries to discover new ways to partner with your church in reaching the lost and discipling the saved. One year we bought a number of inflatables to help make your outreach more appealing. In another year we created 'The Learning Center' and filled it with material that you can use to equip your leaders and teachers to change lives for the better. We held training seminars and safety seminars and VBS Clinics and the world's greatest Church Camps. In the recent past, we have seen ARVBA Day and the annual Kansas City Mission trip literally change lives and embolden churches and church planters.

In the coming year we will be presenting Teach 28:20 (2020) with Allan Taylor as our guest speaker as well as beginning the process to form an updated version of a tried-and-true Baptist discipleship tool known as the A.S.S.I.S.T Team. Please remember to pray for and financially support your Baptist Association in 2019!



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CLINIC 2019

MARCH 4TH

FAIR PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

6:30-8:00



As we said before, we host one of the few Associational Vacation Bible School Clinics in the state. Ours is recognized as one of the best around and this year will be no exception. Mrs. Wendy and team are already busy constructing props, crafting decorations, and learning songs/dance moves. As usual, Clinic attendees will be treated to a hands-on experience with all the material, actually see decoration ideas and suggestions, take part in a scaled down version of the VBS Worship Rally and enjoy a dinner provided by the Association.

Our goal is to make this clinic even more practical because we want it to be worth your while to attend. Bring your Pastor, VBS Director or even your whole team and lets make VBS in the ARVBA an event to remember!

Go to the website, rest on the Resources button, click on VBS and you will find even more information!

*And some lucky Clinic attender will get to take me home!*

