

ARVBA CALENDAR

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!

- ◆ **February 4th** - VBS Prop Construction Begins!
... Each Tuesday Thereafter ...
- ◆ **February 6th** - Camp Committee Meets
- ◆ **February 20th** - 'One Day' Information Banquet
- ◆ **March 2nd** - VBS CLINIC!

Please Pray For Our Pastor-less Churches

Jeremiah 3:15 (KJV)

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

- Ard Community Baptist Church
- Calvary Baptist Church
- Crestview Baptist Church
- 1st Baptist Church, Centerville
- 1st Baptist Church, Scranton
- 1st Baptist Church, Plainview
- 1st Baptist Church, Ola
- 1st Baptist Church, Danville



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Arkansas Baptist State Convention Team to Meet With ARVBA Church Members On February 20th!

'One Day' Interest Banquet

A Smoked Chicken feast will be provided for all in attendance. Those in the know expect more than 2500 Arkansas Baptists to invade the ARVBA on that day and we want to be as prepared as is possible for the greatest missions event in ARVBA history (and that will take some doing!). As stated earlier, we want each church member in the Association to be as informed as you can be.

To that end, members of the State Convention Missions Team will meet with all of our church members to explain all things 'One Day'. Any questions we might have will be answered, Association Leadership Team introduced, and progress-to-date reports will be given. Those in attendance will have opportunity to indicate *interest* in participating in the event and even in particular leadership positions.

Pre-registration is very helpful and you can do so by calling the ARVBA office, sending us an email or completing the online form which can be accessed from the Association website.

Save The Date!



March is Our Associational Missions Month! How Can My Church Participate?

- Pray daily for the ministries of your ARVBA
- Donate materials for ARVBA missions
 - ⇒ Carnival prizes for K.C. Mission Trip
 - ⇒ Materials for VBS Prop Construction
- Consider Donations for 'One Day' expenses
- Consider Special Missions Month Offering
- Schedule an Association Missions presentation



Missionary's Heart

It is just after 5 a.m., the coffee is hot, and all is right with the world. Well almost...

There is still the newsletter to finish, weekly Pastor's Breakfast to prepare for, VBS props to make, 'One Day' Interest Banquet' to promote, and VBS Clinic to finalize. I don't know how Mrs. Tena is going to get it all done!

I want to begin with a heartfelt shout-out to Sandy Taylor of 1st Dover and Kevin Simmons and the folks at 1st Clarksville for an extraordinary Teach 28:20 event! The annual Sunday School training conference could not have gone more smoothly and the immediate Kingdom impact could not have been more pronounced. The Lord used Bro. Allan Taylor to set the tone in the first two sessions and our break-out leaders were equally used to bring it all home. Randy Garret and the FBCC Praise Team brought us 'nigh to the Throne' Sunday evening and Dr. Sonny Tucker lead us to The Altar with as moving a sermon as was ever preached.

In January, two Associations came together to impact lostness in their areas and I can honestly say I believe neither will ever be the same! Revival has begun in some of our churches as a result of that conference, additional Sunday School training is taking place and/or planned in others and 'visitation' has been jump-started in still others. Of course, all of this could just be coincidence OR it just might be that our God is preparing His churches for the build up to, and aftermath of, 'One Day' 2020! (How's that for a segue?!)

The 'One Day' Interest Banquet may be the most important and informative event you will attend all year! **Designed for ALL church members**, this free 'eatin'-meetin' will include presentations from some of our State Convention Staff who will answer any questions anyone might have. More information is included in this newsletter and has also been posted to the ARVBA Website. (www.thearvba.com) Please re-register if you can as this helps us make the best preparations possible.

The annual ARVBA Vacation Bible School Clinic is just around the corner and you won't want to miss this one. Despite the changes at Lifeway, many things have remained the same and this clinic will help you understand how to best order your material AND give you some really great decorating and teaching ideas. More info is included in the newsletter and will be posted online soon.

"Do you ever think about how far you have come from where you were?" my bride asked on the way home from the restaurant Sunday afternoon.

"What do you mean?" was my response.

"You almost died, lost way too much weight, were unable eat and were sick all the time. I know you're not yet at 100% but look how far you've come."

I don't know for sure what started that conversation but suspect it had something to do with my recent mindset. Apparently, I have been somewhat 'grumpy' (or grumpier) of late and in need of an attitude adjustment. As is always the case, my love is quick to notice such things and equally quick to point them out. Please pray for her as she tries to walk me through this one and only character flaw.

Sometimes even extraordinary persons such as myself need to be reminded of God's grace in our lives. I am older now and experiencing all the aches and pains that accompany that malady. But the truth is, I am older now! And still married to the most awesome lady in the world. And a Pawpaw to boot! To quote the words of a soon-to-be famous individual, "Everybody wishes they were me!"

A lot of good things are coming our way on the Associational level and I hope you guys will take advantage of as many as you can. Church Camp is just around the corner and promises to be one of the best in the state. The annual ARVBA/Kansas City mission is coming up sooner than you think I will be talking to our contacts there to finalize the week's activities and ministries. Pray for wisdom, direction, and an 'adjusted attitude' on the part of your Associational Missions Strategist going forward!



The ARVBA presents Vacation Bible School Clinic 2020

March 2nd
Fair Park Baptist Church
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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. (Usually earlier but we like to have extra time just in case!) 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!



We have registered our VBS clinic with Lifeway and they are very excited to partner with us for another exciting VBS season! Ours is one of the few VBS Clinics in the state and, as such, we receive a 'kickback' from Lifeway when you order VBS material through the Association Office. Same cost to you, items shipped to your church, PLUS the ARVBA receives a percentage which we use to help augment our children's ministries and events.

There are some procedures to follow and we have tried to include those below. Mrs. Tena can explain things more clearly if you like and we will include this info and forms at the VBS Clinic.

Here's the process:

- Association hosts VBS Training(s) for local churches
- Association provides the 2020 VBS Church Order Form to every church that attends training(s)
- Churches will fill out the order form with their 2020 VBS orders
 - Orders will be shipped to the church address as noted on the order form
 - Orders over \$50.00 will qualify for free shipping
 - Churches then submit the completed order form back to the association
- Association keeps track of orders placed on the Association Church Order Tracking Form
- All orders must be received by LifeWay no later than June 15, 2020.** Any orders received after June 15th will be processed without the incentive

Important Notes:

- Churches that attend training have the option to place their order online and the association can still receive an incentive
- Churches that order online receive a confirmation email. Associations can encourage churches to print or forward the confirmation email with the order details to them and still get the incentive.
- If the church doesn't receive the email order confirmation, they can log on to www.mylifeway.com, go to the order history, and print the order from there.

All Monies Received From The Association Incentive Plan Are Used In ARVBA Children's Ministry!