



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!

- ♦ **January - Mission Connection Meet & Greet**
Arkansas Baptist State Convention Event
- ♦ **March 5th & 6th- Teach 28:20!**
- ♦ **April 9th—ARVBA Day! & One Day: Serve Local!**
- ♦ **April 17th Easter - Easter Sunday**
- ♦ **June 13th-17th - Church Camp!**



*"Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong."
1 Corinthians 16:13*

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



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 but the leaders will hang around a bit in case you need more information specific to your church.

The conference will feature breakout sessions for pre-school, children, student ministry, and adults as well as sessions for pastors and general officers. Being able to share ideas with fellow teachers and leaders is one of the highlights of these kinds of conferences. Plans are being made to include a breakout session discussing online media as well.



Let's Celebrate! 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. Dr. Sonny Tucker will bring the message and our own Caleb Reynolds will lead the evening worship service.



The cost for this awesome training is only \$10.00 (to help cover some of the cost) and can be prepaid or paid on the day of the event.

More information will be coming soon so check your mailbox and the Association website often. It is going to be a great day!

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Missionary's Heart : HAPPY NEW YEAR

2021 is officially in the books and most folks will tell you that is a good thing.

“ I hope we never have a year like the last one!” some would say. (Which is exactly what was said about the one before that!)

To be honest, 2021 was probably not the best year for many folks. Covid variants kept cropping up, inflation caused the cost of living to skyrocket, and church attendance did not rebound like we thought it would. **But 2021 was not all bad!**

The first quarter saw a slow return to normalcy for most of us. In January and February we resumed normal ministry committee meetings.

In March we held the first-ever ARVBA Missions Weekend. Church planters from Kansas City traveled down to meet our Pastors and staff, speak at the Missions Event that Saturday and preach in some of our churches the following Sunday morning. Our pastors met with State Convention personnel for a meal and to learn of preparations for 'One Day'.

In April, Bro. Richard and I traveled to Ft. Smith to retrieve our newly repaired 'Honkin' Big' inflatable slide. The Executive Board Meeting returned to the ARVBA office and 'One Day 2021' Meetings began in earnest. Some of us made a quick trip to Kansas City on the 26th - 27th to meet with church planters in preparation for the upcoming ARVBA/KC June mission trip.

Church Camp planning was well underway by the time May rolled around and meetings (including 'The Big Camp Meeting') were held throughout the month. 'One Day 2021' meetings, continued as you know. **'One Day-Serve Local'** saw your Association top the list in number of churches involved and lots of great ministry was done that day. Way to go ARVBA!



And then things got really happy! June came upon us and all Heaven broke loose!

314 Campers were on board the Church Camp Train this time and 34 gave their hearts to Jesus with a plethora of other major decisions recorded. 14 of our churches were in attendance and three others from outside the Association joined us as well.

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. In addition to those events, 1st Dardanelle did an awesome job hosting the 'One Day' Interest Banquet on the 24th. Thank you 1st, Dardanelle!

Things didn't slow down much in July as churches in the ARVBA dove head-first into VBS. Vacation Bible Schools popped up everywhere, children were saved by the dozens, and the recreations trailers were on the road every week.

Which brings up another great 2021 praise! Unexpected and very generous donations came to the ARVBA from churches as well as individuals. As a result, the office parking lot was paved and two new/newer recreation trailers were purchased.

August and September were dedicated to 'One Day' 2021 prep, and there were a lot of preparations to be made. The folks from the State Convention lead us well and got the job done in spectacular fashion.

112 souls were saved on October 2nd. More than at any other 'One Day' mission event. November and December were just as effective for Kingdom work but I ran out of space!

HAPPY NEW YEAR ARVBA! *Bro. Doug*



Vacation Bible School Clinic Postponed Until 2023!

Recent unscientific polling indicates our Association is equally divided as to which VBS product will be utilized this year. Some are leaning toward Lifeway's Spark Studio while an equal are favoring Group's Monumental VBS.

The two themes are so different, it is impossible to design and construct props that could be used in either VBS. The disparity between the two would also make it extremely difficult to provide a clinic that would be practical to both.

The VBS Team is going to work on presenting a 2023 VBS clinic that will meet the needs of most of our churches, regardless of the curriculum used. They will be doing a lot of research and talking to a lot of people in hopes that we can design a clinic that will be relevant, practical, fun, and brings do-able material to the table, no matter which Vacation Bible School a church might choose.

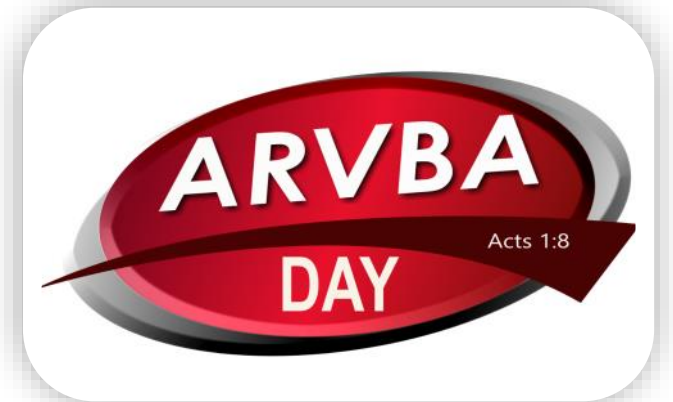
This is going to be pretty cool if we can pull it off so keep checking in to see how things are shaping up!

ARVBA Church Camp 2022



June 13th - 17th

It's Been Awhile Since We've Seen This Logo!



In 2016, the Arkansas River Valley Baptist Association began her own One Day Ministry Event which we call **'ARVBA Day'**. Patterned after our State Convention's 'One Day' Mission Opportunity, ARVBA Day allows church members from all across the Association to gather in a specific region to help our sister churches impact lostness in a big way.

This year, the ARVBA Executive Board decided to combine **ARVBA Day** with the State Convention's **One Day: Serve Local** initiative on April 9th. Teams will be formed from all of our participants to work/engage in whatever ministry opportunities the regional churches have discovered. You will be able to list your top three choices from the ministries we are providing so getting to do the stuff you love shouldn't be a problem.

Combining the two mission events gives you and your church the option to Engage in **ARVBA Day**, Engage in **'One Day: Serve Local'**, or engage in **both!** A registration page will be placed online soon and can be accessed from the ARVBA Day page on our website. (*click the ARVBA Logo if you are viewing this online!*)

Your ARVBA Missions Team will be meeting shortly to pick the 'Region' to be served and we will get that info to you as soon as we have it. Check the website, your FlockNote notifications, The Association Facebook page, and your email for updates.

April 9th will be here before we know it so make sure the date is on your church's calendar!

