



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!

- ◆ **July 2nd** - Camp Extension Worship Rally
- ◆ **July 4th** - Independence Day (Office closed)
- ◆ **July 8h** - Executive Board Meeting (6 p.m.)
- ◆ **July 21st-27th** - ARVBA/K.C. Mission Trip

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
- 1st Baptist Church, Centerville
- Calvary Baptist Church, Dardanelle
- Crestview Baptist Church
- 1st Baptist Church, Hector
- 1st Baptist Church, Scranton



We just finished Church Camp but...

Kansas City Mission Trip Is Only Weeks Away!!!

July 21st-27th

A young lady texted on Friday after returning from Church Camp and wanted to know if it was too late to sign up for the K.C. trip.

"After I heard you speak about it at Camp, I thought it would be something I would love to do... And can I bring a friend?"

An aunt called the office after Camp and inquired about getting her 14 year old nephew signed up. "This is something he is really interested in and I think it would be a great learning experience for him", she said.

A pastor shared some good news with Bro. Danny while at Camp. "A couple of our ladies weren't sure they could make it to K.C. this year but they wanted me to let you know they were good to go!"

Matt Miller, regional missions coordinator initiated this text conversation on Tuesday:

Matt: "Confirming that your group is coming in July 21st."

Bro. Danny: "Yessir!"

Matt: "Great. I was having a freak out moment thinking it was next week!"

The annual ARVBA/Kansas City Mission trip is coming together nicely and promises to be even more fun and effective than ever. Bro. Matt is working with the church planters in K.C. to see who would best benefit from our carnival ministries and Bro. Howard is conversing with two planters to work out details on their church remodel projects. More opportunities are sure to present themselves and will only be limited by the number of 'missionaries' who go with us.

At least four new ARVBA churches will be sending missionaries this year with all but one of the churches from years past making the journey as well. We hope you, or a group from your church, will make the trip with us and help us help our church planters.

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"Churches Doing More Together!"



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Missionary's Heart

Can I take a moment to brag on the people of the ARVBA? (I don't know why I asked since I am going to do so anyway!)

Every year, the people of our Association come together to provide one of the best and least expensive church camp adventures around. This year was no exception.

89 ARVBA adults volunteered their time, energy and passion to make sure each child and teenager experienced the most spirit-filled event possible. We know of folks who scheduled vacations to coincide with Camp so they could teach, work the various activities, preach, and serve the kids as cabin supervisors. We know of others who gave up valuable 'retirement time' to make sure we had enough people to staff the paddle boats, water slide, swimming pool, fishing derby, etc. And we know of others who gave of themselves for Camp because they just love being part of all the Holy Spirit does at camp.

All of this passionate sacrifice resulted in lives forever changed and life paths forever redirected. 35 Campers were added to the Lord's Kingdom that week with many more making re-commitments and spiritually positive life choices. Four churches from outside our Association joined our group this year and were impressed enough to make plans to return in 2020.

I have some important news to share! Next year (October, 2020), the Arkansas Baptist State Convention will be bringing the *Acts 1:8 One Day Mission Trip* to the ARVBA. Centered in Russellville, we will be looking for missions projects/

ministry opportunities throughout an approximate 25 mile radius. Although the event is more than a year away, we must begin praying, planning, and preparing now. Teams from all of our churches will be needed to help the event go smoothly and information will be shared with increased frequency as we draw nearer to the date.

Thousands of volunteers from all over the state will meet with us on that day to help us reach our communities with Christ's great gospel. That means we will all have the chance to do some of the 'ministry stuff' we've always wanted to but couldn't because of limited resources or lack of manpower. We might even plan some simultaneous revivals before or after the event (or both!) to capitalize on the work the Holy Spirit will have begun.

The possibilities are endless and the work will be hard. But, in the end, souls will be saved, our Lord will be greatly magnified, and His kingdom will be expanded in extraordinary ways.

It's gonna be sight to behold!

p.s. I want to thank you guys for your continued prayers. My lovely bride continues to defy the odds and set the standard for cancer patients everywhere. Your prayers are the driving force behind this miracle! I am waiting to go into surgery as I write this article. By the time you get this newsletter I will have had a larger stent placed into the pancreatic duct. (which will have to be removed in a few weeks!) Hopefully this will fix me up and my doctor promises to have me ready to go to Kansas City. (I'm gonna hold him to that!)

The ARVBA Executive Board Meets On July 8th!

6 o'clock at The Association Office

- Budget Reports
- Camp Reports (Great Camp and New Stuff Coming)
- Acts 1:8 2020 Report (see Missionary's Column)
- Teach 28:20 update



2019 Week of Prayer for

Baptist Associations

"Helping Churches Make Disciples, Who Make Disciples"

October 20-26, 2019

Every year the ARVBA 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 (January, 2020) with Allan Taylor as our guest speaker as well as beginning the process of forming an updated version of a tried-and-true Baptist discipleship tool known as the A.S.S.I.S.T Team. In 2020, your Association will partner with our State Convention to bring the *Acts 1:8 'One Day Mission Trip'* to our area. PLUS we will be doing follow-up on flood relief efforts and bringing some Recreation and Disaster relief training directly to the Association area as soon as we can get them scheduled.

All that the Association does is purposed to assist your church in doing all that she does. We can't do all the work of ministry by ourselves but, as an Association of churches bent on reaching our area for Christ Jesus, we can do far more ministry together.

Please remember to pray for and financially support your Baptist Association in 2019 and beyond as we band together to serve God's Kingdom!

Don't forget to get the week of prayer for Baptist Associations on your church calendar!



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It is easy to join the ARVBA/Kansas City Missions Team. Simply go to Association's website (<http://www.thearvba.com/kcmissions.htm>) and click the "Sign up Now" button. Fill in the Google Docs form and you will be added to our team.

We have a dedicated kitchen staff for our morning and evening meals and have all the hot-dogs and popcorn we can eat while working the events. First Baptist Church in Kearney, MO is providing our sleeping quarters and we will deploy from there each day.

Remember, this missions event is open to all ARVBA churches, their members, and any guests they might invite. The cost is only \$75.00 per person and the destination is only 6 or 7 hours away!

The trip is less than one month away and we have transportation to figure out, sleeping arrangements to organize, food to order, projects to schedule and other important plans to make. A whole month seems like a long time but when planning a trip like ours it really isn't so it would be great if everyone could register as soon as you know you are coming.

Churches can't always send people but they can always take part in the annual mission trip. Donations of small game prizes, water, bagged candy (for carnival games), Cash, etc. are ever needed and highly cherished. With the increased numbers of participants this year, the use of a church van or two would be much appreciated and would help us get everyone from one ministry event to the next in some comfort. Just let Bro. Howard Kisor or Bro. Danny know if you or your church would like to participate in this way.

The Lord is going to use the ARVBA in many ways to reach the K.C. folks this year. Please remember to put the Mission Team on your prayer list and sign up if you have not already done so. See you in K.C.!



Summer Missions & Ministries!



Dover's First Baptist Church enjoyed a great Family Mission event in Kansas City Kansas the week of June 10th-14th. Their missions team partnered with Pastor Juoty Jalarue of the House of God Community Church and were able to pass out almost 1000 door hangers, inviting the community to take part in VBS and Adult Bible studies during the evenings.



Bro. Jeff Paxton said, "All in all, the week was a tremendous success. We went there praying to be a blessing to them and in return we were blessed far more."



Dover's First Baptist Church is presently partnered with pastor Juoty Jalarue of the House of God Community Church in Kansas City, Kansas. One of our 'Send City' church plants, the House of God Community Church is also one of several congregations the ARVBA Missions Teams visit each year. First Dover's partnership is a fine example of how a church in one location can partner with a church in another city to do year round missions! Maybe you church can find her 'partner' in K.C. this year!



Several of the men from 1st Dover constructed a new shed to provide much needed storage space for the church. They were also able to repair the baptistry so that Pastor Juoty could baptize future members of the House of God Community Church.



CAMP JUST GETS BETTER AND BETTER!

Spring Lake Baptist Assembly
Lonsdale, Arkansas
June 10-14, 2019

- 89 passionate Adult Volunteers!
- 105 Yahweh focused youth!
- 92 Messiah-seeking Middle Schoolers!
- 55 Christ-loved Children!

The ARVBA rocked Church Camp Once Again! The three-in-one Camp breakdown continues to evolve into something more than we could ever imagine. This year's big experiment involved moving Middle School Worship into the Open Air Tabernacle (Owen's Chapel). The Spirit's presence was evident from the first service and it looks like a new tradition has been born. Bro. Josh Crow made his ARVBA Camp debut as MiddleSchool worship leader and the services were awesome.

The children moved backed into Pryor Hall for their Worship and fun times and Mrs. Leona and Team made it a true homecoming. Bro. Johnny Upchurch served as Children Camp pastor and was used of God in a wonderful way. Youth Worship featured the return of Miss Karis Staley to lead the music and new ARVBA pastor Will Vodrazka as Preaching Pastor.

We could write about Camp 2019 forever but that would leave no room for pics!

The Camp EMT!

