



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!

- ◆ **March 12-14** - ARVBA Missions Fair Weekend!
- ◆ **March 18th**- 'One Day' Pastor's Gathering
Breakfast - Pastors/Ministers
Dinner- Pastors + Youth Leaders
- ◆ **May 15** - 'One Day:Serve Local'
- ◆ **June 14—18** - CHURCH CAMP!
- ◆ **June 27-July 3** - K.C. Mission Trip
- ◆ **October 2** - 'One Day' 2021



ARVBA/KANSAS CITY Missions Trip 2021 June 27th —July 3rd

The word is out and folks are signing up!

24 ARVBA'ers have already reserved their place on the KC 2021 Missions Team and there is plenty of room for you! Online viewers can click the link below. Others can find the link on the ARVBA website. Either way, preregistering is the first step to a great summer-time adventure!

Online viewers *Click the pic*



Missions **One Day**
Arkansas Baptists **Acts 1:8 Missions Experience**
October 2, 2021

Teach 28:20! **Coming in 2022!**
(Maybe Sooner?!)

Special Pastors' Gathering

When: March 18th, 2021

Breakfast: 8:00 a.m.

Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

(With special youth leader session!)

Where: The Association Office

How Long: @ 1 Hour



'One Day' 2021 is fast approaching and, because of last year's postponement, we are far ahead of the game in preparations. However, our leadership still needs to meet

so that we can all be brought up to speed and to remind ourselves of the potential impact this day can have in the Arkansas River Valley Baptist Association.

As we did last year, The ARVBA will host two 'Pastors' Gatherings' where the ABSC Missions Team will share insight into 'One Day' 2021 and bring us up to date on preparations for the big event. Both morning & evening meetings will be identical for the pastors and feature a fine meal prepared by Ron Rambo. **PLUS**, the evening session will also include a 'breakout' session for youth ministry leaders.

Please RSVP via text, email, or phone call!

**New Sunday School Conference,
New Partner Association
New Location,**

Planning is underway for our next Teach 28:20 Sunday School Conference. COVID-19 may have interfered with our 2020 plans but a new year has dawned and we have a lot of catching up to do!

The next Conference will hopefully feature a partnership with the two Associations to our east and so increase the Kingdom impact we can have. A lot of planning is left to do and we will need to evaluate the changes the pandemic has had on our culture but we promise the things learned at this conference will be scalable, practical, and do-able for any size church!

Matthew 28:18-20 (NASB)

And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth."

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Church Camp 2021:
June 14th - June 18th
**Spring Lake Camp and
Retreat Center**
Lonsdale, Arkansas



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Missionary's Heart

My heart is heavy as I write this month's article. It has been less than a day since we learned one of our own has lost his wife and son. Like so many of you, Teresa and I grieve for the family and, like so many of you, we wish there was something we could do to take away their pain. But we cannot and, since we trust God's perfect plan for all of His children, perhaps we should not.

Romans 8:28 says, "God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." If that is true (and it is), in some mysterious way our Lord will cause this 'thing' to work together for good for the Morris family. I don't understand how but I do understand this to be a promise that will not go unfilled. Until that happens I hope you will lift Brother Daniel and his family to the Lord on a daily basis.

This has been a ministry-filled month for the Associational Missionary. Some are aware that in November of last year my 'other mom' suffered a stroke and has been alternately hospitalized or in a rehab facility ever since. A severe infection almost brought her life to an end three weeks ago and the result is that she had to be moved to yet another facility. This one is in Searcy where she will reside for perhaps three weeks before returning to Russellville.

In the meantime, my bride and I have been taking care of her husband (our 'other-dad' who is also dear to our hearts) helping him make it to hospital visits, grocery shopping, doctor visits, and all the other things people do for those who are important to them.

Please remember Henry and Dolores Gilliam in your prayers. Mrs. Teresa and I are not finished with them yet.

There are some changes to the events described in this month's newsletter. Please look it over closely and make note of those apply to your or your church.

Keep checking the website as well!

Kayla & Landry Morris

Beloved Wife, Mother, and Son

Thank you Pastor Jeremy Bull of Centerville's 1st Assembly Church for this wonderful tribute.



"Jesus wept..."

"...As the sun rose today, we realized that last night was not a nightmare that we could wake up from. It was our cold, harsh reality. But I have an assurance this morning, that the one who walked into the cemetery with Mary and Martha, will walk with my friend Daniel and his family, Danville First Baptist, Danville Schools, and the entire hurting Community.

....the enemy that stole life last night does not have the final say so. Because we didn't "lose" Kayla and Landry last night. We know where they are. Because the same Jesus that wept in the cemetery when Lazarus died, made a way that everyone of us could have hope of eternal life. Kayla and Landry made that decision to trust Jesus for eternal life.

While that hope of Heaven does little to dull the hurt and pain we feel in the temporary, in the days ahead I pray that we will all fix our hearts on things eternal. My prayer for the next few days is that Jesus would walk thru this valley with each of us, just like He was with Mary and Martha. And I can't prove it, but maybe this morning a tear ran down his eternal cheek, because He cares that much for us. " (Used by permission)

ARVBA/KANSAS CITY MISSIONS Weekend Missions Fair!

March 12th-14th



This year our missions team is adding another multi-day experience to the Association's calendar. On March 12th – 14th, we will be hosting our first ever ARVBA Missions Fair weekend.

The event will begin on Friday Evening with a 'get-to-know-you' banquet for our pastors (and wives!) as well as the Kansas City Church Planters (and wives!). A catered meal will be provided and the idea is to provide a venue where our ministers and KC church planters (and wives) can get to know one another while enjoying a nice meal together. The planters will share their vision for the church in KC as well as their journey onto the church planting scene.

New developments have made possible an upgrade to the event that allows 'extra' mission speakers to attend. Loyd and Cheryl Stem of Alaska/Arkansas Ministries will be with us as well as Katie Ramsey and her husband who both serve with the IMB in Vietnam. So we now get regional, national, and international partnership opportunities in one great weekend.

Saturday's activities are for all church members and will begin sometime around noon. The ARVBA will provide a sandwich lunch during which a brief presentation about the Send City philosophy will be given and any questions we might have will be answered. Bro. Danny will then briefly discuss the philosophy behind the annual Association Mission trip so that our folks can know what it is AND what it isn't.

Following the lunch, church members can visit the KC church planters at their various tables and/or displays for a more personal look at each ministry area and to discover ways your church might partner with a planter.

The Missions Fair Weekend will conclude with the opportunity to have one of our visiting missionaries preach at your church on Sunday morning!

We are not sure yet just how many speakers will be available on March 14th so if you think your church would be interested you should get your request in early!



One Day:Serve Local. *Prequel or Sequel?*



With the similarity in names, it is easy to confuse the annual State Convention sponsored one-day mission trip with its newest spin-off. While both help our churches fulfill their Kingdom mandate, they are not the same thing.

'One Day:Serve Local' might actually be better understood as a hybrid version of *ARVBA Day* and the traditional State-wide one day mission event.

On May 15th, churches all over the state will engage in their own local missions projects. These will be designed to impact the individual church's community and introduce, or re-introduce, the church and her ministries to any who might need such.

While this is an entirely church-lead endeavor, both the Association and State Convention will have resources available for the congregations that need them. We've done it once, and done it well. Who knows what the Lord has planned for this year?!

Won't you begin to plan now for 'One Day:Serve Local'?