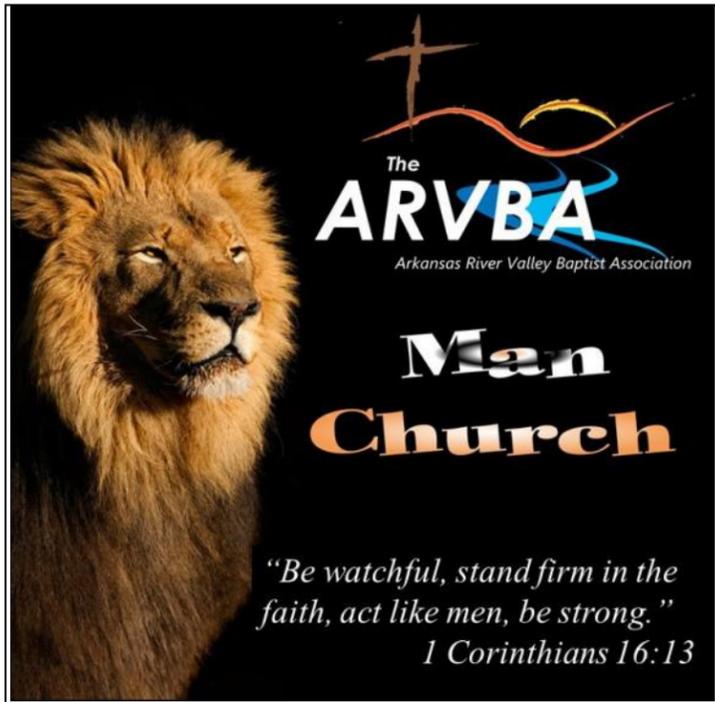




He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; Acts 1:7"

But it is perfectly okay to know what's coming up in the Association!

- ◆ **March 26 - Block Party Training!**
- ◆ **April 9th—ARVBA Day! & One Day: Serve Local!**
- ◆ **April 12th - ARVBA Executive Board Meeting**
- ◆ **April 17th Easter - Easter Sunday**
- ◆ **May 14, OR 21 - Recreation Ministry Block Party at Gentry**
- ◆ **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!"



"but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." Acts 1:8

Are You Ready For The Annual One Day Missions Event?

April 9th, 2022 at a location near you!

This year, the ARVBA Executive Board elected to combine the Association's "ARVBA DAY" and the State's "One Day:Serve Local" mission events. In so doing, we hope to provide each person or congregation as many mission projects as possible. That means:

- You or your church can help the folks in **Region 2** do ARVBA Day Mission projects. Centerville 1st, ARD Community Baptist, New Hope Baptist, Dardanelle 1st, Calvary Baptist
- You and your church can focus on one or more mission projects in your own community.
- You and/or your church can do both!

The associations Mission Team will be talking with the Region 2 churches to discover projects for April 9th and your church will be doing the same for its mission field. More information will be added to the ARVBA Website as it becomes available.

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Missionary's Heart

"I just had to tell you how much I learned from this conference. Thank you all for doing this!"

" I learned more about how to teach Sr. Adults in one day than I have learned the whole time I have been teaching!"

"Thank you brother! I hope ya'll do this again next year".

Person after person, after person, approached myself and/or the other Association leaders with some variation of those testimonies. One pastor approached me after the first general session with Allan Taylor and almost begged to be allowed to share his Sunday School story.

"We are a smaller membership church and were a little cautious about resuming Sunday School when folks were just beginning to feel comfortable returning to the worship service. We weren't sure what impact re-starting Sunday School would have but we decided to give it a try."

Before the restart, church attendance was less than stellar and folks were just not that enthusiastic about church ministries. But they (all 30 of them) gave Sunday School a chance, and the results were what led to that pastor's testimony.

"We were having no impact on the Kingdom by just having worship services, but that changed almost immediately after we restarted our Sunday School program. Since that time (less than a year) we have baptized 6 people and are seeing new visitors to our church almost every week! I just want to tell the other churches how important Sunday School is."

The Sunday School Teacher Training will have Kingdom impact for years to come and it will do so because our pastors and church leaders decided to go all Ephesians 4:12 on us. Thank you pastors! Thank you Sunday School leaders! And thank you ARVBA churches for sending your folks.

On an entirely different topic, I want to brag a little (with all due humility, of course) on your Association's Recreation Ministry and those who participate. The rapid acquisition of the newer trailers is a testament to your generosity and passion to reach the lost through any and every means possible. Our State Convention asked us to help them help a smaller

membership church in the Gentry area reach out to its community with an awesome block party. The response from the ARVBA was swift and positive (We could still use more!) and I can't wait to see how God blesses that church's efforts.

Our Association's annual Kansas City Mission trip is shaping up nicely and we are already getting calls from church planters to schedule events. I have posted a sign-up form (google docs) and hope you will register as soon as you can. Doing so really does help us during the planning stage. Both churches and/or individuals are welcome to join this year's team.

There is so much more that I could share right now but I just realized I need to highlight preparations for one of my favorite events of the year. CHURCH CAMP!

At \$145.00 (includes the cost of t-shirt) the cost to send your child to The Association church Camp is among the lowest anywhere. The reason we are able to provide so much for so little is that each year a multitude of passionate volunteers accompany the kids to Camp and expertly fill every position.

Remember, our Camp is actually three camps in the same location and on the same date! The Children (grades 2-4), Middle-Schoolers (grades 5-7) and Youth (grades 8-12) each have separate Worship and Bible study facilities. Lunch and dinner are staggered with the children arriving at the cafeteria first. Swimming, waterslide, and Paddle Boat times are divided by age and swimming and waterslide times are divided by gender as well.

Our Camp Team already has several meetings under their belt and are looking forward to implementing some really neat tweaks to the Camp's schedule. In addition to that, the folks at Spring Lake Camp have upgraded the already awesome facilities to include a brand new dormitory! Out with the old Bayless and in with new!

It's gonna be a great year in the ARVBA and I am blessed beyond measure to serve as your Associational Missionary during this time.

Love you guys!



Senior Adult MINISTRY

Save The Date!

What: SR. Adult Easter 'Egg' Hunt

When: April 14th, 2022

What Time: 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Where: 2nd Baptist Church

Activities include but are not limited to:

- Most Creative Easter Basket
- Easter Bonnet Parade
- 'Egg' (Scripture verse) Hunt
- Drinks & Snacks

The Easter 'Egg' Hunt will be a variation of the old time Bible Drill many of our Sr. Adults remember. More information will be added as needed so check the website and your email or text!

It's Gonna Be A Great Day In The ARVBA!



"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. Matthew 5:16"

The ARVBA's Recreation Ministry has gained a reputation for her passion and 'no-holds-barred' approach to Block Party presentations. We are known for doing what we do 'as unto the Lord'.

That reputation has led to an invitation from our State Convention to help a smaller membership church in the Gentry area hold a community outreach event. May 14th and May 21st are the dates to consider.

Contact Bro. Danny if you can help form a Recreation Team on one of those days.



**The ARVBA
Recreation
Ministry**

**Block Party
Training and
Certification**

March 26th at the Association Office.

State law requires that those who use block party type inflatables receive training and certification each year. The ARVBA will be holding our annual training at the office again this year. Classroom time will be followed with setup and tear down of the inflatables during which time they will be inspected by the Dept. of Labor.

Lunch will consist of Pulled Pork and sides. Participants will receive training manuals and certificates. A copy of your certificate will also be kept on both Rec. trailers.

Training is free but donations of money or carnival prizes will be accepted to help with Kansas City and Gentry Recreation Ministry expenses.

Tentative Schedule is 10 'til noon.