



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!

- ◆ **June 18th** - 'One Day' Leadership Meeting
- ◆ **July 14th** - ARVBA Executive Board Meeting
- ◆ **August 30th** - Evangelism/Prayer Conference
- ◆ **Sept. 27th** - ARVBA Day of Prayer
- ◆ **October 3rd** - 'ONE DAY' 2020!

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, Ola



For Then First Time In Recent Memory!

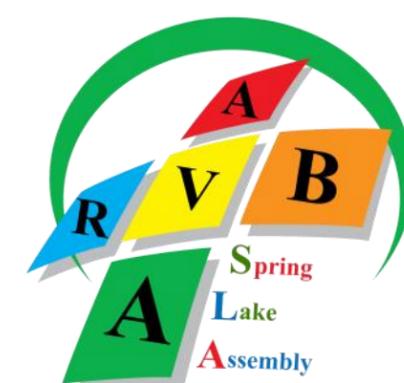
ARVBA CHURCH CAMP

Has been canceled!

Last year, the lead article in the monthly Good News Letter would have highlighted the finishing touches being made by the Committee to our Annual Church Camp preparations. Sadly, Covid-19 protocols have made it impossible to host the event this year.

By the time the government relaxed restrictions enough to allow for over-night stays, most camps in Arkansas had already canceled their June gatherings. Rescheduling was not really an option for us as we had no way of knowing what volunteers would be available on whichever week we might have gotten. In addition, the added safety restrictions, (limited cabin and dining hall occupancy, mask protocols, etc.) would have made Camp more onerous than it was worth.

There is good news, however, as plans are already being made for abbreviated Associational activities that will allow our youth and children to safely come together for spiritual and social refreshment and encouragement. More information will be made available as the respective ministry directors put together and talk with their teams.



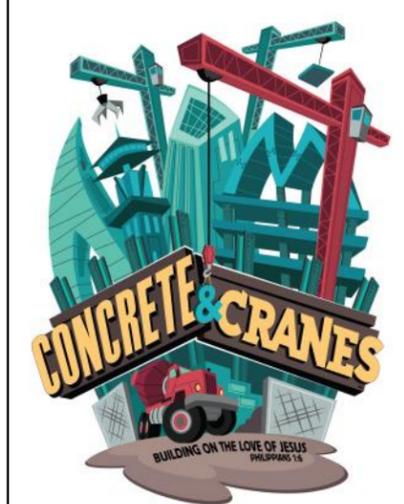
VBS planning is still underway for many ARVBA churches!

Without question, VBS is still the most effective tool for evangelism in the modern church's arsenal. Studies show that as many as 80% of those who ever accept Christ's salvation do so BEFORE the age of 13. Vacation Bible School just happens to be designed to appeal to that very demographic!

Your local Association is hard at work making sure you have all the tools needed to host a well 'constructed' Vacation Bible School. All we lack is finishing up and as soon as possible, we will host at least one VBS prop construction workday to complete the decorations. (so long as we can do so safely!)

Those props are available to our member churches on a first-come-first-served basis so you need to get your requests to Mrs. Tena ASAP.

NOTE: The Arkansas State Dept. Of Labor has determined that no Block Parties/carnivals can be scheduled until the Governor declares we have reached Phase 3. ...Plan accordingly!



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Missionary's Heart

Do not boast about tomorrow, For you do not know what a day may bring forth. Proverbs 27:1 (NASB)

So we thought we would be heading to Camp in a few days and were boasting about how prepared we were this year. We thought we would be going to Kansas City again this year and were boasting about how much local church participation had grown in the first three years. And I won't even tell you how I boasted that I was going to keep the Association yard mowed and the weeds trimmed!

Alas, we never suspected that 'a day' would bring COVID-19 and the cancelation of our two largest annual events. Nor did I know the extraordinary amount of water that would fall on the ARVBA yard thus rendering my 'boasting' both insignificant and ineffective. (I have already 'stuck' the mower more than once this year!) The good news is that we now have more time to plan for what the next day may bring forth!

As you know, 'One Day' 2020 preparation is still going on and the excitement continues to build. Many ARVBA churches have already requested specific ministry events/projects and plans are currently underway to make those happen. Your Ministry Coordinators are in the process of recruiting leaders for each of the many missions sites that will materialize on that day and I hope you will seriously consider answering that call should it come. In the meantime, please go to the ARVBA website and follow the link to the 'One Day' page. There you will find other links where you can sign up for 'One Day'.

Two things to remember about that:

- The card you signed at the Information Banquet **DID NOT** sign you up for the 'One Day' event itself!)
- While we encourage everyone to sign up your church group, each person must still sign up using the individual/family sign up link.
 - This allows each one to list their top 3 mission project preferences.

On June 18th, our State Convention team will host one of the most important 'One Day' assemblies of the year. All Ministry Coordinators **AND** Site Leaders will meet with their State Convention counterparts for an intense and very focused training/consultation time. The Leadership teams will be divided with each half meeting in a different location (1st Russellville & 2nd Russellville). This will allow us to follow any social distancing protocols that may still in place.

There are many details to work out and many plans to be made between now and October 3rd. There are also many important things we can be doing now as we anticipate a great movement of God's Holy Spirit on that day.

- **PRAY EVERY DAY:**
 - Pray for your Leadership Team that the Lord would anoint them in an extraordinary way.
 - Pray for the lost in your sphere of influence
 - ♦ *Be specific; be diligent;*
 - Pray that the 'spirit of man' will have been prepared by the Spirit of God to receive the Gospel invitation
- **PREPARE PURPOSEFULLY:**
 - **Gather ministry donations now!**
 - ♦ *Non-perishable food items for the Food Distribution Sites*
 - ♦ *Good quality clothing and other items for the No Sale Yard Sale Sites.*
 - **Encourage your fellow church members to sign up now!**
 - ♦ *Have them do so as individuals, families, Sunday School classes, etc.*
- **PLAN FOR THE INEVITABLE:**
 - *Have your church's follow up team in place!*
 - *Have the baptistry filled and ready to go!*
 - *Have the greatest service of the year planned for October 4th!*



One Day

Acts 1:8 Missions Experience

October 3, 2020



Really Important 'One Day' Meeting Coming Up!

Our next big meeting is scheduled for June 18th and will be held simultaneously at two locations. This will allow us to follow COVID-19 safety measures and assure everyone we are doing all we can to ensure the safest environment possible.

Roughly half of the Association's leadership team will meet with their respective State Convention counterparts at Second Baptist Church. The remaining half will all meet at First Baptist Church. Social distancing guidelines will be followed at both locations and masks will be provided for those who feel more taking that extra precaution.

The meetings will begin at 6 o'clock and we encourage ALL Ministry Coordinators AND Site Leaders to make the greatest effort to attend. Each Ministry Coordinator should have their Site Leaders enlisted by this date but feel free to contact the Association Office to add yourself to our list of possible volunteers just in case.

Just so you know, **Ministry Coordinators** have already been enlisted and are responsible for directing specific ministry events at more than one location. **Site Leaders** are, or soon will be, recruited by Ministry Coordinators and are responsible for overseeing a specific ministry event at a single location. (i.e. Block Party, Fishing Derby, Sports Camp, etc.)

It may seem like we have plenty of time to prepare for 'One Day' 2020 but October 3rd will be here before we know it. There are sites to choose, food and clothing to gather, volunteers to enlist (local and statewide), and COVID-19 updates to deal with. Pray now for God's hand to be upon the Arkansas River Valley Baptist Association's member churches as we prepare for the greatest Evangelism Event since 'Operation Jericho' way back in 2005!



Association Wide 'One Day' Prayer & Evangelism Event August 30th

Please Get This On Your Church Calendar!

Schedule:

- 3:30 – Opening
- 3:45 - Breakout 1 (50 min)
- 4:30 - Break
- 4:45 – Breakout 2 (50 min)
- 5:30 – Meal
- 6:30 – Prayer/Worship

Format:

- Try to use some sort of partnership for worship
- Use local pastors to lead us in specific areas for guided prayer
- Dr. Sam will give us a 10 minute devotional charge

Breakout Training Sessions include:

- Evangelism Training (Using the symbol bracelet)
- Evangelism – Conversation Starters
- Follow-up training for coordinators
- Prayer Training