



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:<sup>7</sup>

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

- ◆ **May 6th - Camp Committee Meeting**
- ◆ **May 15th - 'One Day: Serve Local**
- ◆ **May 22nd - BIG CAMP MEETING!**
- ◆ **June 1st - Last Day to Register for Camp without late fee**
  - ◆ *Last Day to place t-shirt order*
- ◆ **June 9th (NOON!) - Last Day to Register for Camp**
- ◆ **June 14—18 - CHURCH CAMP!**
- ◆ **June 27-July 3 - K.C. Mission Trip**
- ◆ **October 2 - 'One Day' 2021**



## The Search Begins in Earnest!

Thanks to some very generous donation from some of our awesome ARVBA people and churches, we are almost ready to purchase a new (er) Recreation Ministry trailer. Once that is done and all the equipment transferred to the newer and larger vehicle, we can sell the existing unit and use those proceeds toward the purchase of the next and last trailer. (At least that is the plan!)

As we shared in last month's newsletter, the existing Rec Trailers have served us well but with the addition of our inflatables, generators, and carnival games, we desperately need to upgrade. With block-party season approaching and the KC Mission trip upon us, any donations toward helping us 'get that trailer' would be much appreciated. Call us for more info.



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## Women's Conference

May 22, 2021  
6:00pm  
Danville First Baptist Church

Speaker:  
Lisa Peek



Music By:  
First Baptist Church Women of Joy  
Jesus Name Church Worship Team  
Kayla Gililand

God has a plan. Trust it.  
Live it. Tell it.

For more information or to register for the conference, contact First Baptist Church in Danville Arkansas or follow this link from their website ..... <https://fbodan.com/women>

*"As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them. Genesis 50:20-21 (ESV)*

The Lord has already brought much 'good' out of an otherwise unbearable incident. Register the ladies in your church group or circle of friends today. Our God is certainly not finished with the work He has begun!

## One Day: Serve Local The Next Big Thing In The ARVBA And Across The State

May 15th, 2021

On May 15th, churches from all over our state will engage in their own local missions projects. These 'back in the saddle' service events will impact the church's community in many positive ways and introduce, or re-introduce, the congregation and her ministries to any who might need such.

You may remember that 'One Day: Serve Local' was a result of the Covid-19 shutdown. Our State Convention Missions Team has such a passion for local church outreach and gospel sharing that they could not imagine simply doing nothing. They determined that, while we could not meet in our thousands to do one-day missions, we most certainly could do ministry projects on a local, church-by-church basis. And so, 'One Day: Serve Local' was born! Last year's event made a huge impact in the ARVBA and we expect even greater things in 2021.

Our Arkansas Baptist State Convention has posted a plethora of information and resources for your church to use on this important date. Just click the link for all the free stuff if you are reading this online or go to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention Website and follow the links there. (And don't forget to register your church while you're there!)

<https://www.absc.org/events/one-day-serve-local-2021/>





# Missionary's Heart

I am writing this article while recovering from a whirlwind trip to Kansas City where Bro. Richard Snyder and I met with a church planting pastor to look over a planned remodel project we will do during the annual Mission Trip. While there, we were treated to a wonderful dinner, recruited to help prepare meat for the smoker, (which was to be used at lunch the next day), and asked to speak to the 'Joy Club' at **Neighborhood Church**. We were both pretty tired afterwards but the fellowship and vision casting left us even more excited at the thought of returning to the Kansas City area again. But that will have to wait...

As you see on the next page, preparations for the 2021 ARVBA Church Camp are well underway and that means Mrs. Tena, your Camp Team leaders, and myself will have time for little else. Forms will have to be processed, chicken delivered, t-shirts ordered, and lifeguards recruited (Any volunteers?).

I sincerely pray that your church will use this yearly event as a built-in outreach opportunity. Encourage your kids to invite their unchurched friends to Camp; Use the invitation to camp as a first invitation to return to church; Enlist cabin supervisors as a non-intimidating introduction to serving in the church; Offer to pay the fee for a child who might otherwise not be able to attend. The possibilities are endless!

Check out the Church Camp article AND webpage for more information and remember, of all the 'ministries' Southern Baptists do, VBS and Church Camp are, BY FAR the most fruitful in terms of Kingdom building.

I am presently talking with Bro. Scott Miller from Faulkner County Baptist Association about the next Teach 28:20 Teacher's Conference and we have **tentatively** settled on a date. January 22nd-23rd, 2022 looks to be the best time for this awesome event so get it in your church's calendar. We will be working on speakers and break-out session leaders as well as nailing down the meeting place. Gonna stop here so we have space for more important stuff!

*Bro. Danny*



## *Not The Same As 'One Day: Serve Local!'*

*'One Day 2021' is coming to the ARVBA on the first Saturday of October and there are a lot of things we can do to get ready!*

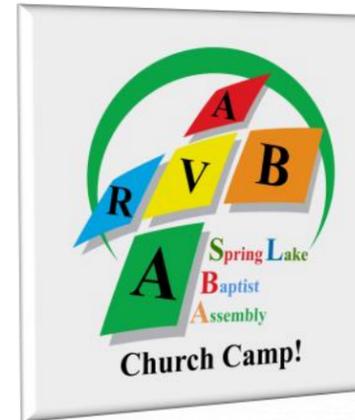
In all the excitement about the upcoming May 15th event, it is easy to forget that an even bigger experience will occur less than five months later. On October 2nd, more than two thousand Arkansas Baptists will be traveling to your Association to help our churches reach their communities with the gospel.

Block parties will spring up all over the ARVBA and no less than two youth-style fishing derbies are being planned. Free medical and dental services will be offered as well as emotional and psychological support for those still being negatively affected by the trauma that is Covid-19.

'Missionaries' from across the state will help us provide No-Sale-Yard-Sales, Food Give-away Sites, Children's activities, Sports Camps, Yard Work, Light construction, Prayer Cover, Evangelism Teams and much more!

### **There is still much to do to get ready:**

- Schedule regular prayer times in your church
- Start collecting food and clothing to be distributed between the Hunger sites and No-Sale-Yard-Sales now! **(We Need A Lot!!!)**
- Discover any new Mission opportunities that may present themselves between now & October.
- Make 'One Day' promotion a part of each week's focus in church and Sunday School
- Get your folks registered as soon as a link is available!



**"DRIVING THE TRAIN DOESN'T SET ITS COURSE. THE REAL JOB IS LAYING THE TRACK."**

**ED CAYMULL**

## **CHURCH CAMP 2021 IS ON!**

**JUNE 14TH \* 18TH**

**SPRING LAKE CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER**

**LONSDALE ARKANSAS**

The day we have been waiting for has finally arrived! Almost all Covid restrictions regarding Camps and Events have been lifted which means kids across the nation can, once again, attend Church Camp with their friends. The ARVBA will be returning to Lonsdale this year and your Camp Committee is more excited than ever. The price for camp remains the same and this year even includes the cost of the T-shirt!

The theme for each of our age-graded Camps is some variation of "A Life On Track" and the Committee has had two years to think it through. They were able to 'keep on track' (sorry, I couldn't resist!) and are convinced this may be the best Camp ever. All relevant documents are on the Association webpage and are downloadable or you can contact Mrs. Tena for paper copies.

**Remember, all Camp forms & T-shirt orders (sizes and quantities) need to be placed with Mrs. Tena by no later than June 1st.**

### **BIG CAMP MEETING!**

The annual ARVBA Big Camp Meeting is scheduled for May 22nd at the office. We will begin at 10:30 and end with Pizza lunch. Meeting is for all Camp staff, Cabin Supervisors, lifeguards, directors, etc.



## **ARVBA/KC Mission Trip Is Almost Upon Us!**

***Have you signed up yet?***

The Mission Fair and Pastor's Dinner were both better attended than expected and that bodes well for this year's mission trip. A full slate of Block Parties, at least one request for a Backyard Bible Club event, and

a week-long remodeling project are already on the books and more projects are sure to be forthcoming as we get closer to the date.

With that in mind, Bro. Danny has 're-worked' the online sign-up form to include a list of ministries from which to choose. Of course everyone will still be available/expected to help out where needed and no one will be limited to only the choices on the form but the list will help us identify those ministries and projects we can offer when we get there. So please go to [www.thearvba.com](http://www.thearvba.com), click on the Kansas City Missions page, and pre-register if you have not already done so. There is always a need for more missionaries and the low cost makes it possible for anyone to join us. (Please do not let finances prevent you from joining us as we do have some scholarships available)

*"I would like to go but can't this year. Is there another way I can take part in my Association's mission work?" Absolutely! Each year we furnish prizes to be given away at the block parties. Perhaps you or your church can donate candy or toys or even money that we can use to offset some of the cost. Water has been donated in years past and was a blessing but we discovered it was easier on the team to purchase it onsite with donated funds. Witnessing tracts are always needed as are gift bibles.*

**The time is growing short! Make sure you are signed up (even if you told someone you are going!)**

