

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!

- ◆ **November 25-27** - Thanksgiving Holiday:
Office Closed
- ◆ **December 4th** - Pastors Christmas Party
- ◆ **December 23—31** - Christmas Holiday:
Office Closed
- ◆ **June 14—18** - CHURCH CAMP!
- ◆ **June 27-July 3** - K.C. Mission Trip

“Churches Doing More Together!”

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**Prayers For our Pastorless Churches
Are Being Honored!**

Welcome New Pastors!

- Lou Anders* - Ard Community Baptist Church
- Shannon Stokes* - Calvary Baptist Church
- Michael (Jacady) Player* - Centerville First
- Carl Mason* - Scranton First

**Please Continue to pray for the Following
Churches As They Continue The Search**

And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

Jeremiah 3:15 (KJV)

- Crestview Baptist Church
- Bakers Creek Baptist Church



**The Arkansas River Valley
Baptist Association**
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**ARVBA/KANSAS CITY
Missions Trip 2021
June 27th —July 3rd**

“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

The ARVBA is developing a reputation for ‘setting the standard’ and that is nowhere more evident than in our Associational Missions endeavors. From ARVBA Day to ‘One Day: Serve Local’, to the annual Kansas City Mission trip, our churches refuse to settle for less than the best we can give to Jesus.

At this time, all indications are that we will be able to make the Journey to K.C in 2021. We have learned, of course, just how quickly plans can change but we understand the Holy Spirit to still be active in the affairs of man. If the Lord wants us in KC this year, He will make a way for that to happen.

A registration link has been added to the ARVBA website and folks are already signing up! We have been able to lower the cost this year to \$65.00 and that includes everything except meals to and from Kansas City. (It’s always a good idea to bring a little spending money for the occasional Wal-Mart run.)

We encourage those who plan on joining us to sign up now. This helps us anticipate the number of people we might have which then allows us to determine how many mission/ministry projects we can do. It also helps us in planning for meals and sleeping arrangements.

The easiest way for folks to register is to visit www.thearvba.com and click on the Kansas City Partnership button. The registration link is at the bottom of the page.

The ARVBA/KC Mission Trip is an excellent opportunity to reenter missions ministry after the Covid shutdown. It is also a great way to introduce church groups to the idea of ‘adopting’ church plants or church planters.

Kansas City offers diverse ministry options—from involvement in pioneer church planting on the Kansas side to urban ministry in the city core to revitalizing dying churches. Now is the time to intercede and make a difference, one neighborhood, one person at a time.

From planting a church to partnering with those already on mission in Kansas City, you and your church can make a difference; *(italicized section copied - <https://www.namb.net/send-network/send-city/kansas-city>)*



Missionary's Heart

New newsletter, same question...

Where do we go from here?

Every four years, our country faces some form of this question. The presidential administration remains the same or the presidential administration changes. Policies remain the same for another four years, or new policies replace those presently in effect. Taxes will go up or taxes will come down, healthcare will be more affordable or it will become more expensive. The country will move forward on the back of a donkey or on the neck of an elephant.

By the time you read this article, the country will have almost adjusted to the notion of a Biden administration. On a positive note we can expect few, if any, violent demonstrations. On the negative side, our country is as divided as it has ever been.

So where do we (the Church, the Association, etc.) go from here? There is really only one answer to that question. We go to the place that has all the answers. We go to God's Word. There we will discover that the Lord has given us pretty clear instructions.

Pray for those in authority over us.

¹ **Timothy 2:** First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men,

² for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.

³ This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,

⁴ who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Folks from my previous church know that means to offer positive prayers. (i.e. Good health, wisdom, protection for their families, etc.). We are not to pray for coals of fire to land on their heads or anything like that. Ask God to influence their thoughts in such a way that they are moved to govern with wisdom and compassion for ALL Americans.

Support and protect (with our words and thoughts at least) those in authority over us to the extent we morally can.

Romans 13:¹ Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.

² Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves.

Most of you know the election did not go the way I would have liked but it did go the way God determined. (v. 1b) That knowledge allows me to move forward from here with confidence and purpose knowing our Sovereign has a purpose and plan for election year 2020.

Stand firm in our faith and resist laws and decrees when needed.

Acts 5:²⁷ ... When they had brought them, they stood them before the Council. The high priest questioned them,

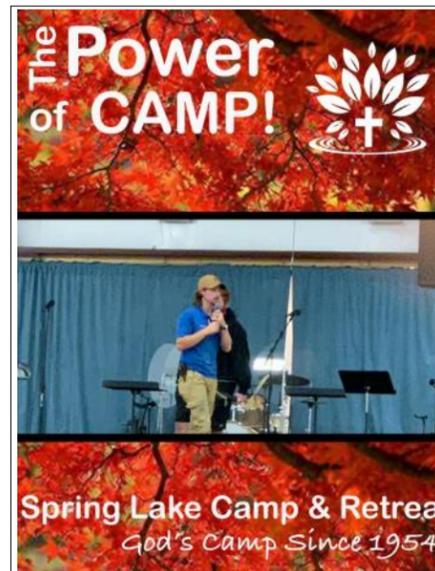
²⁸ saying, "We gave you strict orders not to continue teaching in this name, and yet, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and intend to bring this man's blood upon us."

²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men.

The point of any resistance should be to bring about change. Therefore, should the need arise, we should practice ours in such a way as to accomplish positive results rather than just foment resentment. It is fairly easy to get in someone's face (or social media presence for that matter) and prove how 'misguided' he or she is. It is not so easy to reason with someone in such a way as to cause honest reflection and possible reconsideration.

No matter which administration is 'in authority over us', we all still have a job to do. We are to be about building our Father's Kingdom. Nothing more, and certainly nothing less.

Bro. Doug



Stories From Spring Lake

Spring Lake Camp has been partnering with churches and associations to serve The Lord in this valley for 65 years. Over that time, 1,109 students and adults (on record) have felt the pull of the Lord to surrender to ministry of some sort. Tommy Carmical is one of these young adults!

At fifteen, Tommy started coming to camp and joined his mom and aunt in the kitchen. Camp employees took Tommy under their wing and showed him all about camp ministry. Tommy fell in love with preparing Spring Lake for visitors and serving people as they experience Jesus on these grounds.

It was the summer of 2017 and Arkansas River Valley was here. Tommy was busy keeping the camp going while rubbing elbows with some dynamic youth pastors. Their faithful example of loving students to Jesus gave Tommy a vision of what he could do with his life. At the end of the week, Tommy found himself cleaning Hope Chapel and it was there that The Lord

confirmed what had been going on in his heart all week. Tommy found himself at the altar surrendering his life to ministry--youth ministry specifically!

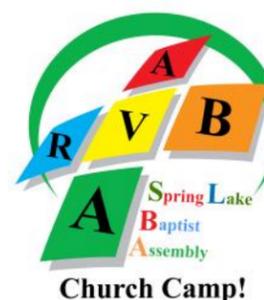
The Lord has been calling men and women into ministry since 1954 here at Spring Lake Camp & Retreat. What happens here is best told by looking into scripture.

"Ask and it will be giving to you; seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks find, and to the one who knocks it will be opened."
Matthew 7:7-8

Partnering with Spring Lake gives men, women, teens, and children a place and space where they are asked to do just that. Most weeks of the summer and weekends throughout the year, you will find people on these grounds doing just that--asking, knocking, and seeking Jesus and what He would ask them to do with their lives.

If you currently partner with Spring Lake camp financially, I want to say thank you. If not, I would like to ask you to consider adding Spring Lake to your annual budget and join us in seeing lives transformed weekly.

Bro. Brent Roberts



Church Camp 2021 is a Go!

(Covid permitting - Barring unforeseen complications - yada, yada, yada)

June 14th - June 18th

Spring Lake Camp and Retreat

Lonsdale, Arkansas

At \$145.00 (includes the cost of t-shirt) the cost to send your child to 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. From teachers to lifeguards, Worship Leaders to preachers, no camper is without the adult supervision and compassion each one deserves. On our website you will tons of information plus find links to all the forms needed to register for our Annual Church Camp. Just download the material, fill it out and return it to YOUR CHURCH by the date listed. (please note and follow any instructions contained in the forms) If you cannot download the material, give us a call and we will mail a set to your church. More information will be provided as it becomes available so check back often!

<http://www.thearvba.com/camp.htm>