

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!

- ◆ **October 22-24**
 - ◆ Arkansas Baptist State Convention
- ◆ **November 6th**
 - ◆ **ELECTION DAY!**
 - ◆ You can't gripe if you don't vote!
- ◆ **November 21-23**
 - ◆ ARVBA Office closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday

"Churches Doing More Together!"



Please be in prayer for our sister churches who are presently between pastors.

- First Baptist Church, Atkins
- First Baptist Church, Hector
- Ard Community Baptist, Dardanelle
- First Baptist Church, Centerville
- Bakers Creek Baptist Church, Russellville
- Crestview Baptist Church, Logan County
- Fair Park Baptist Church, Russellville

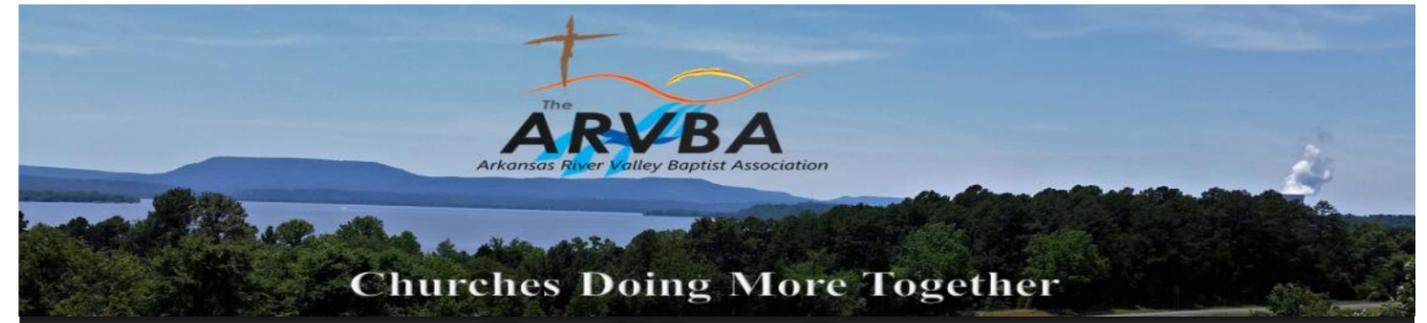


The ARVBA's Newest Member Church



The Arkansas River Valley Baptist Association
 801 East 16th Street
 Russellville, AR 72801

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¹⁹ "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" Matthew 28:19-20 (NASB)

"This was one the best conferences I've ever attended!"

The second annual Matthew 28:20 Teacher Training conference is in the books and the folks loved it! "Very practical", "I learned a lot", "We need to more of these types of conferences" are just some of the reviews we heard.

Next year's conference is already scheduled, and the keynote speaker booked. We will be working on location and format and will be sending out more information very soon. We know we will be looking at more practical 'how to teach' material and maybe a little less administrative focus (or perhaps make 'Administration' its own breakout session!)

Bro. Danny and Bro. Sandy Taylor would love to hear even more evaluations from those who attended both the teaching conference AND the Celebration event. Email or text us with your input. Until then, checkout the pics from the two-day event!



Missionary's Heart

Finally Made My Second Annual Meeting!

Some may remember that I was not able to attend last year's Annual meeting due to symptoms associated with pancreatic cancer. (I know, I know, some folks will do anything to skip the Annual Meeting!) I am happy to say that your prayers have been instrumental in moving me well along the path to complete recovery. Please know that each one is a blessing in more ways than I can express.

My lovely bride is responding to her cancer treatment better than anyone could have hoped! Your prayers have absolutely turned a 'done deal' into a near miracle as her test results continue to reveal our God doing 'exceedingly, abundantly above all that we could ask or think'. We may sometimes wonder if our prayers really make a difference but my girl and I can say without hesitation that the prayers of a righteous person really do accomplish much! We cherish each one and hope you will continue to intercede on her behalf.

A spirit of friendship and unified purpose was present again at the ARVBA Annual Meeting. Your messengers conducted themselves well and I am proud to announce that no arrests were recorded at Calvary Baptist Church in Dardanelle. 😊

I want to thank Bro. Mark Gower for hosting us so well, Bro. Wayne Henson for stepping in at the last minute to lead our worship, and Angela Wilson and her crew for putting everything together. Great job guys!

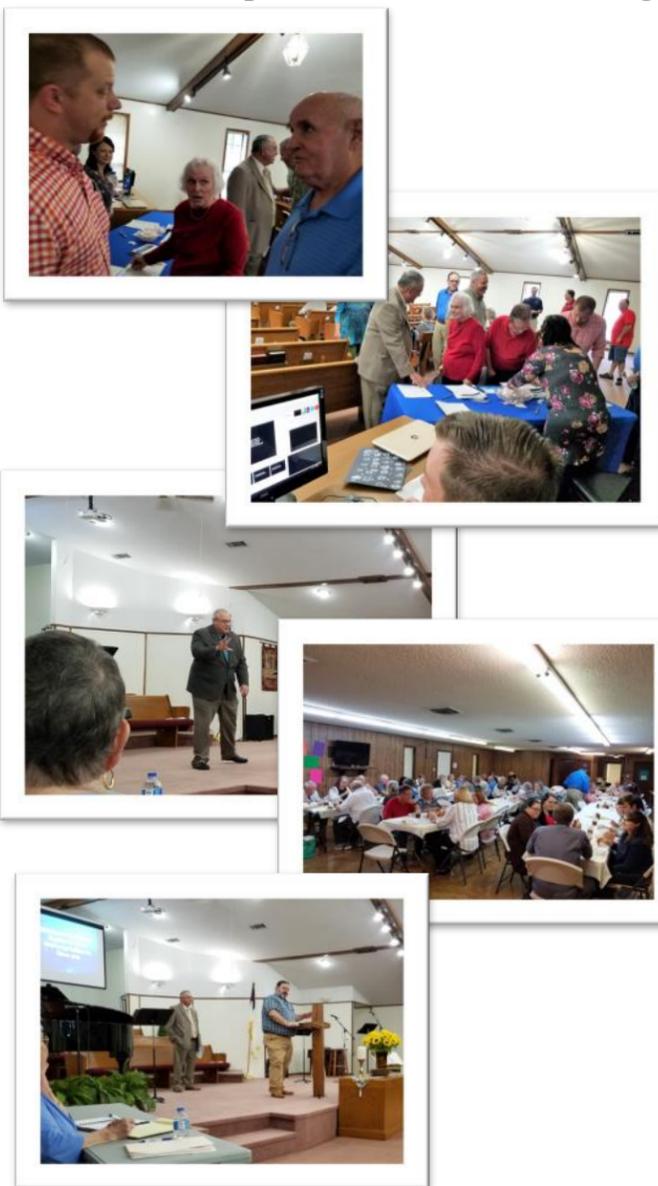
Bro. Clayton Sheets was exceptional in his delivery of the Doctrinal Message and, true to his promise, did not stray too far into Mormon theology. Bro. Howard Kisor stood behind the pulpit and reminded us why we loved to hear him preach when he was our Associational Missionary.

The worship was well done, the folks sang from the heart, the business of the Association was successfully addressed and the Word was proclaimed with passion and strength. I think the Lord was pleased with His Association that day.

Our newly re-vamped Teach 28:20 Conference was awesome (see page 1) Bro. Sandy Taylor has already booked Allan Taylor (no relations) as our keynote speaker and we are working on ways to make him available during the teaching conference as well. We plan to invite churches from our neighboring Associations to join us in our effort to train Sunday School and Small Group leaders to better "teach them all that Jesus has commanded".

Bro. Danny

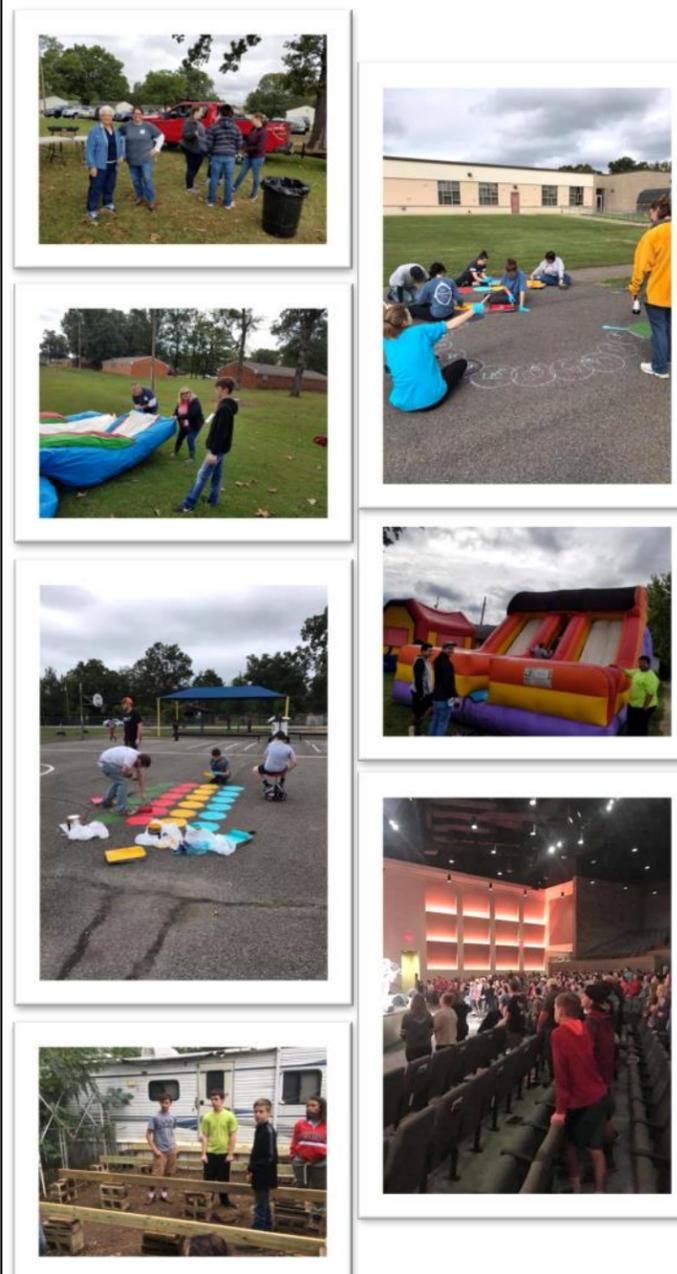
Here are a few pics from the annual meeting:



Russellville, Arkansas 2018

Almost 440 students and volunteers from 25 churches across the state invaded the ARVBA on October 12-14! Together, they completed more than 60 ministry projects that ranged from home repairs to block parties to door-to-door gospel presentations.

Lives were forever changed that day and at least one person prayed to receive Christ's salvation! The weather was awful but our God was good!



Sexual Abuse Awareness Training presented by MinistrySafe

Join Us In Working Proactively to Protect Children from Sexual Abuse

Please join the ABSC Church Health Team for Sexual Abuse Awareness and Skillful Screening Training presented by MinistrySafe, the nation's foremost leader in sexual abuse prevention. Trainings will be offered on the following dates:

November 12, 2018
9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Cross Church
1709 Johnson Road, Springdale

November 13, 2018
10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Grand Avenue Baptist Church
3900 Grand Avenue, Fort Smith

This training will be helpful for Church administrators, Pastors, Church Staff, Safety and Security, Screening Personnel, Lay Leaders and Human Resources Representatives of your church.

MinistrySafe Director and attorney, Greg Love, will address the following topics:

- Common misconceptions
- Offender characteristics
- The offender's "grooming process"
- Common grooming behaviors
- Legal reporting requirements
- What every volunteer should know

"We cannot reduce a risk that we don't understand."

The cost of the seminar is \$10.00 which includes lunch.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

We highly recommend this training to every ARVBA church! The welfare of our children is a precious thing and we must take every opportunity available to learn how to prevent the unthinkable.

Let Bro. Danny know if we would like to go down as a group