



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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!

- ◆ **September 6th** - "Am I Being Called" Retreat"
- ◆ **September 17th** - Executive Board Meeting
- ◆ **September 28th** - Abuse Prevention + Response Conference
- ◆ **October 5th** - ONE DAY!
- ◆ **October 13th** - ARVBA Annual Meeting


PASTOR SEARCH

Please pray for the following churches as they seek their next Pastor

First Baptist, Hector
First Baptist, Centerville
Rover Baptist Church
First Baptist, Scranton

Welcome Jonathan Whitlock!
Pastor at 1st, Knoxville





ONE DAY Mission Trip
Saturday - October 5, 2024

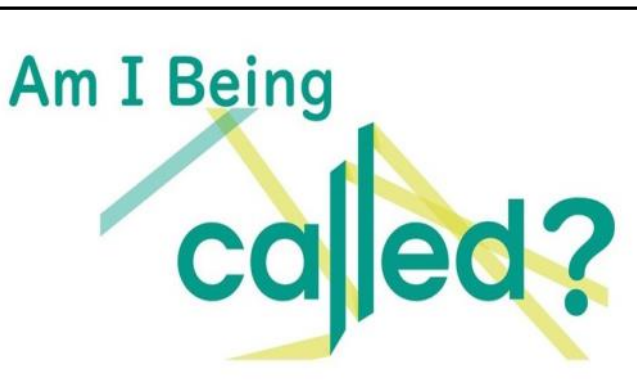
North Pulaski Baptist Association,
Jacksonville, Arkansas

ACTS 1:8 MISSIONS EXPERIENCE

As we in the ARVBA know very well, One Day Acts 1:8 Missions Experience provides an annual opportunity for Arkansas Baptists to impact lostness in a specific area of our state. Partnering with the churches of a local Association, Arkansas Baptists from across the state spend five hours on the first Saturday in October serving in a variety of ministries. Since One Day began, more than 25,000 Arkansas Baptists have partnered together to do missions on this single-day missions adventure. That's almost 2,000 Arkansas Baptists missionaries serving each year!

At least 1,172 salvations have been recorded across the state and during the past thirteen One Day Mission Trips, an Arkansas Baptist led someone to faith in Jesus every 3 1/2 minutes That is quite a testimony!

The KICK-OFF SITE is at Jacksonville High School Football Stadium at 1301 W. Main Street in Jacksonville and the Arkansas Baptist State Convention has all the information we need on their website. Click [here](#) to check it out and get registered ASAP!



ARVBA Men's Retreat
September 8th & 7th

- What does it mean to be called to pastor?
- Is it different than being called into 'the ministry'?
- How can I know if I am being called to pastor?

We will begin with fellowship meal on Friday evening and conclude by noon on Saturday.
 More info at <http://www.thearvba.com/amicalled.htm>



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Missionary's Heart

Can you believe it's almost time for the Annual Meeting?! Where in the world has the time gone?

You guys have done a lot of good stuff for the Kingdom this year and, according to our Rec Trailer schedule, you are not finished yet. Block parties, Fall Festivals, and Fifth Quarter events are on calendars all across the Association and, at least, one evangelistic revival is coming to Russellville. It is good to be part of the greatest Association in the world!

Your Executive Board will be meeting later this month to work on the budget, evaluate ongoing ministries, and make plans for the coming year. I hope you will encourage your board members to take part and that you will pray for them as they help lead the ARVBA in a direction that brings glory to the Lord and increases the testimonies of His churches. As I said, you are the best Association in the world but we should always be working to become even better!

As usual, when we approach the end of the Association's calendar year, I begin to evaluate 'the work'. Have I been the Associational Missionary you need me to be and have I lead the Association in the direction God wanted her to go? Did the ministries of the ARVBA actually help our churches make a difference in God's Kingdom? Were there opportunities to 'come alongside' one of our churches that I missed?

Each year, after the evaluation, I am reminded that all the Lord (and the good churches of the ARVBA) requires of me is that I do the very best that I can. With

your support and a whole lot of 'sweat equity' from our ministry volunteers, doing my very best was not something at which you were going to let me fail. Thank you all for making this one of the best Association Missions years ever!

As your Association Leadership Team begins to pray about and prepare for ministry in the coming year, will you help us get the following information out to your congregation?

First, the Association holds one of the best Church Camps anywhere. We need to make sure it remains a top priority and that we never take for granted what the Lord does there every year.

Second, The Annual Associational Mission Trip has taken on a life of its own. Pray that we will always do mission work suitable to the churches we serve. Sometimes, 'cookie-cutter' mission projects are not exactly what the Lord needs at a particular time or place.

Third, let us know how we can best serve you and your church. The Association is not the Church and God doesn't want her to be. We want your pastor and leaders to let us know what kind of events & training would best meet the needs of your church and her ministries.

I am looking forward to closing out the year and discovering what new adventures God has planned for the Arkansas River Valley Baptist Association.

Bro Danny

Evangelist Sam Moore is Coming to Second Baptist Church!

September 7th - 11th

Pastor Chris Russell invites all ARVBA Churches and Church Members to pray for an Ephesians 3:20 movement of God's Spirit, and to join the Second Family congregation in bringing lost friends and loved ones to the revival services.

Dinner will be served at 5:30 each evening and services will begin promptly at 6:30.

Hey ARVBA! Let's make the Lord proud and show up in record numbers. (And bring your lost loved ones with you!)



ABUSE PREVENTION + RESPONSE



September 28th
First Baptist Church,
Pottsville, AR



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REPORT



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"That light shines in the darkness, and yet the darkness did not overcome it." -John 1:5

Mrs. Emily Smith, Abuse Prevention and Response Consultant/Children's Specialist with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention's Sexual Abuse Response and Resource Team (SARRT) will lead this very important training.

Protecting minors and those vulnerable from sexual abuse should be a top priority in God's churches and that will be the focus of this Saturday morning event. But we will also touch on topics your church may not have considered.

The ABSC and ARVBA actively encourage state and local congregations to implement strategies that will **protect** every individual. We take seriously our responsibility to **report** any abuse that we encounter, and, because we want to love like Christ, a secondary goal is to **assist** those in need, especially when ministering to survivors of abuse.

The seminar will begin at 10 o'clock and will conclude with lunch provided by the Arkansas River Valley Baptist Association. Two different sessions are planned at this time with a break in between. The cost for this event is only \$5.00 which helps with expenses and makes future training opportunities available. Every active member of the church (especially leaders) will benefit greatly from this instruction.

More information is available on the ARVBA Website and you can pre-register [here!](#)



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*ARVBA Day 2024 has been canceled!
Check the ARVBA Website for more mission's opportunities!*