



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 24th**—Senior Adult Luncheon with 1st Dover's Prime-Timers!
- ♦ **October 3rd**—ONE DAY!
- ♦ **October 11th** - ARVBA Annual Meeting
- ♦ **October 16th-18th**—CONNECT
- ♦ **October 19th-20th**—ABSC Annual Meeting
- ♦ **December 8th** - Senior Adult Ministry Event: "Memories, Melodies & Munchies"!

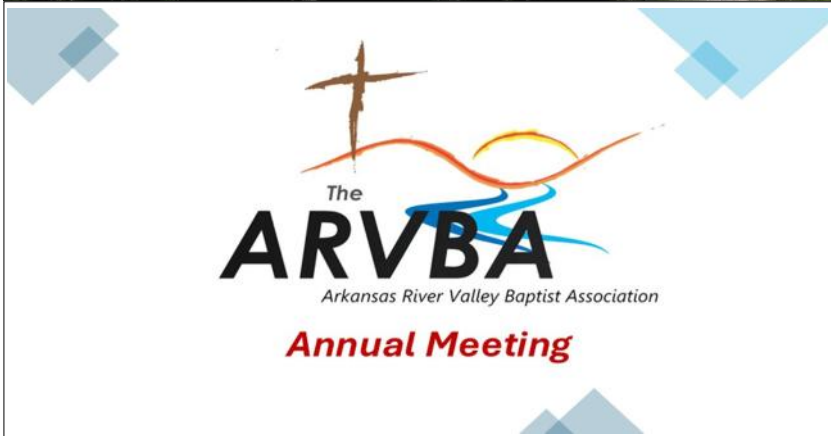
[Check the Association Website for more dates](#)

PASTOR SEARCH

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

Crestview Baptist Church

Ephesians 4:¹¹ And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastor-teachers, ¹²for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;



October 11th, 2026 1st Baptist Church, Morrilton

The 95th Annual Meeting of the ARVBA will be held in Yell County this year!

On October 11th, folks from almost every church in our Association will travel to Morrilton, Arkansas for one of the year's most important events. We will 'do the business' of the ARVBA, enjoy the fellowship of sister church members, worship together, break bread together, and enjoy hearing God's Word together.

Ours has become a one-afternoon event and focuses heavily on providing an opportunity for our congregations to celebrate all that the Lord has done through their generous contributions. Lives were forever changed through ARVBA ministries this year. That happened because you gave to the Association and because you went to Church Camp, (58 students saved) the Annual Delta Mission Trip (4+ persons saved and multiple families attended the partnering churches the very next Sunday!).

It is our hope that every ARVBA member congregation will choose to join us on this special day. Maybe you can 'move' your Sunday evening service to 1st Morrilton and join the other churches for a huge joint worship service. Maybe those whose church no longer has Sunday evening services would like to get together for fellowship, dinner, and Bro. Russell Rhoden's and Bro. Danny's extraordinary preaching. Or maybe you want to join other ARVBA'ers in worshipping our awesome God under the leadership of Bro. Brady Ramsey and his team.

This will be an official Business Meeting with the messengers from your church voting on important things but it will be so much more than that. Ministry reports are on the agenda, The annual Associational Missions video is almost finished, and Bro. Danny is feverishly looking for a verse to go along with what he will preach! That is why we hope all of you will join all of us at First Baptist, Morrilton on October 11th.

[Click the link](#) for the itinerary if you are online or go to the ARVBA website and follow the link from there

[Click This link](#) to register (We need to know how much food to prepare!)

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Missionary's Heart

The end of the ARVBA calendar year always catches me by surprise. I think there is plenty of time to finish up certain annual tasks only to discover that there really isn't. One of those tasks is the mandatory look back at the year's missions and ministries.

There were some major changes on the Associational level. Our Administrative Assistant left for a new job after 20+ years of service. A new Assistant AND new Treasurer were brought on board to take up those responsibilities, and all of that occurred during the prep times for Church Camp and Mission Trip!

We made it through the transition in true-blue ARVBA fashion and both major ministry events occurred on schedule and without any major hitches. As you read last month, 58 campers prayed to receive Christ's forgiveness and multitudes of Delta folks were impacted positively for the Kingdom and its King!

The ARVBA Annual meeting is fast approaching and I hope you are making plans to attend. The Association will come together to celebrate the past year and cast the vision for the next. Dinner is provided by the Association will split the two afternoon/evening sessions with the promise that awesome worship and fine preaching will highlight both.

Please note the upcoming opportunities on page 3 and start promoting in your church this week. Teach 28:20 returns this year and the lineup is already pretty spectacular. This will happen on the worst possible week of the year but I think the Lord is quite capable of doing something spectacular during the two-day event!

One Day 2026 is coming in @ three weeks and Delta Missions 2027 area has been determined. Some sort of VBS Clinic is in the works and Mrs. Sherry has TWO Senior Adult ministry events just around the corner. More info on those will be coming via text, email, and social media in the next day or two.

Some have already heard that my bride had out-patient surgery to remove a couple of suspicious masses. Initial biopsy had revealed pre-cancerous cells and the

doctors felt it was best to remove those just to be on the safe side.

Post-surgery pathology revealed cancer in a small area of surrounding tissue. This cancer is not the same type as before but does appear to be contained in a very small area and further surgery will hopefully get it all. We are pretty sure she will need radiation following the procedure.

Please add her to your prayer lists! 



October 16th-18th

Arkansas Students Are At It Again And This Time Our Recreation Ministry Is Involved!

Our recreation trailers will return to West Side Baptist Church near Manila to make good on our promise to make up for the Carnival that was rained out during this year's Delta Mission Trip. Storms forced us to cancel the event that day but the Lord already had other plans!

"We can return on CONNECT missions Weekend", someone said. And, indeed, we shall.

Many ARVBA students take part in CONNECT each year and we hope your group will consider helping out at the Carnival on October 17th. Please let Bro. Jonathan Whitlock or Bro. Danny know if you want to be a part of something really great!



Teach 28:20!

Associational Equipping Ministries

The worst possible date of the year!

March 20th & 21st, 2027

Place: Russellville

Times: 8:30 a.m—2 p.m.

Lunch provided

There will be a multitude of reasons to skip Teach 28:20 Sunday School/Small Group training this year.

- **It's Spring Break for heaven's sake!**
 - (Actually, that starts the following Monday)
- **The weather is so unpredictable!**
 - That is true for just about anytime of year
- **No one wants to spend the Saturday before Vacation learning how to get better at the job the Lord has asked them to do!**
 - It's one Saturday for crying-out loud. And the Lord can do a lot of good with one Saturday!
- **It's so far away!**
 - We will gather from 4 different Associations.

"A Conference Alive, Is Worth The Drive!"

In Matthew 28:19-20 we are given the church's primary ministry. That is to make disciples and to teach them. Ephesians 4:11-12 reveals the methodology God has chosen to get that done.

Your church leaders have an obligation to see that you are equipped for the work of the ministry. That means you have an obligation to get equipped. (How's that for good grammar!)

The ARVBA Teach 28:20 Sunday School Small Group training is one of the best in the state with top-notch trainers brought in from churches of all sizes that are doing a great job of 'reachin and teachin' the folks.

More information can be found on the Association website and new stuff is being added almost daily.

Check it out and sign up today!



October 3, 2026

Lonoke & Surrounding Area

Registration ends September 20th!

Both ARVBA Recreation Trailers will roll out for this one and that means we can use all the ARVBA Block Party people we can get. One group will head to Roberson Memorial Baptist to help the church repaint areas that were vandalized as well as provide a block party for the area. Another group will follow the second trailer to a different area where we will set up yet another awesome carnival.

Online readers can click the One Day logo to register. All others can do so from Association OR State Convention websites.

Remember! There are many other ministry opportunities to choose from as well.



July 12th – 16th

Marion Colt West Memphis More!

Get it on your calendar!

The date is set and the ministry area is almost identified for ARVBA Delta Missions 2027. Bro. Jonathan and the Missions Team leadership will meet with Bro. Clint Haynes and Dr. Clint Ritchie in early November to tour the mission field and identify potential ministry opportunities.

In the meantime, you can register for the trip today and start promoting it in your church tomorrow!

<https://www.thearvba.com/deltamissions.htm>