



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!**

- ♦ **February 7th** - Abuse Prevention & Reporting Conference
- ♦ **March 6th & 7th** - Heart & 4 Fields Evangelism Training Event!
- ♦ **June 15th—19th** - CHURCH CAMP!
- ♦ **July 12th—17th** - Delta Mission Trip (Tentative)

Check the Association Website for more dates and events!

# PASTOR SEARCH

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


**First Baptist, Plainview**

**First Baptist, Centerville**

**Rover Baptist Church**


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

**Welcome Bro. Daniel Lowery!**  
(Pastor, 1st Clarksville)



## The Good News Letter

February, 2026



### Heart & 4 Fields

Evangelism + Discipleship Training

**March 6-7 2026**

*Presented by*

**The Conway-Perry Baptist Association and**

**First Baptist Church, Oppelo**

**304 Hwy 9 Oppelo, AR 72110**

### Equip Yourself to Multiply Disciples, Ministries, and Leaders

Are you ready to take your evangelism and disciple-making efforts to the next level? Whether you're a church leader, church planter, or everyday believer, *Heart & Four Fields* will provide you with the practical tools and strategies you need to make a lasting impact on your community.

Join us for a powerful two-day training event that equips you with a biblical, and reproducible, approach to evangelism, discipleship, and church planting—designed to transform the way you think about ministry.

This event will be led by experienced pastors, missionaries, and church planters who have successfully implemented these strategies in diverse contexts.

#### Event Details

**Friday, March 6th | 5:30 – 9:00 pm**  
**Saturday, March 7th | 9:00 am – 4:00 pm (Lunch and snacks provided!)**

Although we strongly encourage you to attend both days, Friday attendance is not required for Saturday attendance.

#### What You'll Learn

Over the course of this two-day training, you'll learn:

- **The Heart of Evangelism:** Discover the motivations behind true kingdom-building.
- **The Four Fields:** Gain insight into the four critical areas for growing disciples—entry, gospel sharing, discipleship, and multiplying leadership.
- **Practical Tools:** Walk away with clear, actionable strategies that you can begin using immediately in your community or church.

Check out [https://fbcoppelo.com/heart\\_four\\_fields\\_evangelism\\_training](https://fbcoppelo.com/heart_four_fields_evangelism_training)

*for more information and/or to register.*

***There is no cost for this event so please encourage all your church folks to attend!***

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# Missionary's Heart

**Psalm 147:**<sup>16</sup> *He gives snow like wool; He scatters the frost like ashes.*

<sup>17</sup> *He casts forth His ice as fragments; Who can stand before His cold?*

***And the snow fell and great was the fall thereof!***

I have noticed that, as the years progress, I become increasingly less excited at the prospect of 'wintery weather'. My wife and children attribute that to advancing age, increasing girth, or any number of other unfounded (and obviously incorrect) assumptions.

The truth is, I have simply become more wise. That is not to say that I am wise, but that over many years of experiencing all that winter has to offer, I have learned some things.

For instance, the joy of ripping down the hill at 100 miles per hour is all but stripped away by the gravitational forces fighting to keep me from ascending that hill for another 'run'.

And don't get me started about 'how pretty the snow looks coming down'! As far as I can tell, that snow is setting me up for a reversal of Psalm 30:5.

*"Joy may endure for a night, but weeping cometh in the morning".*

In my mind, falling snow just leads to broken hips, muddy yards, busted pipes, and forced imprisonment in my own home.

And that 'snow ice cream' you gush over? "Oh", you say, "I made sure we didn't use any 'compromised' ingredients" (you know what I mean!).

All I can say is that no one really knows what lies just below the pristine surface of your so-called 'uncompromised' ingredient.

I realize that not all folks share my enlightened opinion of what some people refer to as "the DEAD of winter". For those few, I begrudgingly offer this word of scriptural encouragement...

**Genesis 8:**<sup>22</sup> *"While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, And cold and heat, And summer and winter, And day and night shall not cease."*

We have recently added a number of important events to the [Association Calendar](#). Most of those are mentioned in other areas of this news letter but it always helps to check online for updates as they become available.

Links to the AP+R Conference, Block Party and Evangelism Training Events, and the Delta Mission Trip are embedded in the various articles and can be used by those viewing the GoodNews Letter online. (just click the pic). All others can access the links from the Association Website.

I am presently leading First Baptist, Plainview through an eight week 'Smart Start' interim which means my Sundays and Wednesday evenings are tied up until the end of March. After that time, I would love to take a Wednesday or Sunday evening and share with your church all that God is doing through Associational Missions. Give me a call or shoot me a text and we'll set something up.

In the meantime, I would ask you to start covering the upcoming annual ministries in prayer.

**Church Camp** is just around the corner and the Camp Team is already at work. We are considering a 'Christmas in June' based theme and may ask for various decoration donations. Please check around the property and let us know what you may have available.

**Delta Missions Trip 2026** will follow a month later. The Missions Team directors and myself will be traveling to the Blytheville/Oceola area soon for a preliminary scouting trip. We will talk to pastors/church planters and the Mississippi County Baptist Associational Missionary about possible missions opportunities for the week. Our hope is to, once again, have enough ARVBA'ers to do two VBS's, Five Carnivals, and two light construction/remodel projects. Of course, the more missionaries we take with us, the more ministry we can do! (Sign up form is now online if you want to lock in your spot!)

Mrs. Tena will have information on VBS Prop construction days soon.

*Looking forward to another great*  *year of ARVBA Ministry/Missions!*

## BLOCK PARTY TRAINING



*Brought To You By*

*The*  
**Arkansas Baptist State Convention**  
**Missions Team**

**When:** Saturday, February 21st starting at 9:00 am

**Where:** Ozark's First Baptist Church,  
304 W. Market St., Ozark, AR

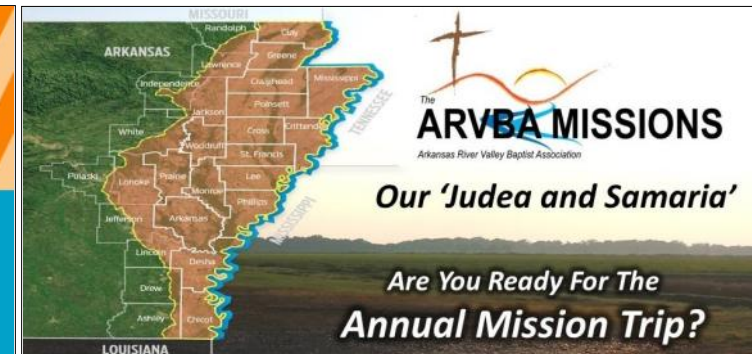
**Cost:** Absolutely free!

- **Block Party Regional Training Workshops** are provided for churches and associations that
  - already have a block party ministry
  - OR, are going to host a block party using resources from a church or association
- **Each regional training workshop includes:**
  - **inflatable operation certification** for persons 18 years of age and older.
  - how to set up your block party
  - current liability and insurance laws
  - evangelism training.

**Since each adult participant receives a certificate for inflatable operation certification, individual registration is required.**

Block Party Season will be here before you know it and **YOU MUST BE CERTIFIED** to use the Association or State Convention inflatables! (State Law). We will not be presenting an Associational Spring Block Party Training this year but Ozark is 'just up the road' from most of our churches so let's take advantage of this great opportunity!

*Click the Block Party logo above OR go the ARVBA or ABSC websites and follow the links to register*



**Date:** July 12th—17th

**Location:** Mississippi County Area

**Cost:** \$75 per person

The northeastern tip of the Arkansas Delta is another of the almost forgotten areas of our home state. With a population of 39,749 people, Mississippi County is served by 29 Southern Baptist congregations. The area is large, the economy is struggling, and the poverty rate is significantly higher than the state and national averages, but a little help from fellow Arkansas Baptists can help energize the churches and bring spiritual hope where it is desperately needed.

The Delta Missions page on the Association will be updated with all the new info soon, but if you know you want to be part of Delta Missions Team 2026, go ahead and click on the logo above and get signed up!

Register from the Assoc. Website as well.

