

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!*

- ♦ **January 13th**—Executive Board Meeting
- ♦ **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**
- First Baptist, Clarksville**
- 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;*

## The Good News Letter

January, 2026

### ABUSE PREVENTION + RESPONSE CONFERENCE


*Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026*  
*Fair Park Baptist Church*  
*615 Knoxville Ave.*  
*Russellville, AR*

*Presented by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention's Abuse Prevention + Response Team*

### *“There’s A Reason You Hear Of Wolves In Sheep’s Clothing!”*

As Arkansas Baptists, we are continually working to expand abuse prevention, implement safety practices, policies and procedures, and show compassion and care for survivors of abuse. We grieve for anyone who suffers abuse and we desire for all Arkansas Baptist churches to be safe places. This conference, brought to you in partnership with your local Baptist Association, is another powerful tool to help your church safeguard the most vulnerable among us.

Emily Smith and Craig Jenkins from the ABSC will lead the conference team and the event will resemble the format below. Legal issues such as “Church Safety Policies” and “How to Respond if a Registered Sex Offender (RSO) desires to attend your services will also be discussed.

<h4>Tentative Schedule</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10:00-10:15 The Essentials: APR Overview Craig Jenkins</li><li>• 10:15-11:00 Session 1: Train/Screen - Emily Smith</li><li>• 11:00-11:45 Session 2: Protect - Kurt Hetherington</li><li>• 11:45-12:30 Lunch: Panel Discussion</li><li>• 12:30-1:15 Session 3: Report - Crista Neal</li><li>• 1:15-1:50 Session 4: Care - Living Well Rep</li><li>• 1:50-2:00 Closing - Craig Jenkins</li></ul> <p><i>Session and Breakout speakers may include representatives from Living Well Ministries, James Green &amp; Assoc. Insurance, and Church Safety Consultants.</i></p>	<p><b>The cost for this event is only \$10.00 which covers lunch and all printed materials.</b></p> <p><b>Pre-registration is very helpful!</b> <i>(Click the logo below)</i></p> <div><p><b>Every Church</b> <b>A Safe Church</b></p></div>
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# Missionary's Heart

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope you have recovered from the 'fun' you had during the past holiday season, and that you are really excited about the plans the Lord has for you leading up to this year's holiday season. (I haven't quite made it to the 'excited' stage yet but am beginning to feel mildly interested)

2025 was an extraordinary year for the ARVBA in terms of the ministries and mission projects your church's financial contributions (and awesome volunteers!) made possible. I am still working on the ARVBA 2025 Year-in-Review video but I wanted to point out a couple of Associational activities for you to share with your congregation. I think all of us want to know that the financial support our church sends out does not just disappear, but actually helps produce positive Kingdom-building results.

First, of course, is our annual Church Camp.

**Church Camp 2025 saw her second largest attendance since we began going to Spring Lake!**

- 365 Campers from 19 churches!
- 33 Professions of Faith!
- 10 Recommitments to Jesus as Lord!
- 9 sensing a call to vocational ministry!

Every year, more lives are changed and more people come to know Jesus than at any other time. Since 2015, 517 kids and teens (and some adults!) have given their hearts and lives to the Lord while attending Camp.

Thank you for supporting this vital Association ministry and encouraging your kids to participate!

The ARVBA Delta Missions Team was blessed to see God do "exceeding, abundantly, above all that we could ask or think".

**"The Delta"**  
**July 13<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

- At least 48 kids in Vacation Bible School at Revive Church, McGehee!
- At least 37 Kids in Vacation Bible School at Eudora Baptist Church!

- Multiple Rooms painted and two walls replaced in Eudora Baptist Church
- Ceilings and walls removed in the future Foster Care Family Meeting Center in McGehee!
- Hundreds in attendance at Carnivals in five different cities!
- **At least twenty professions of faith at VBS and Carnival events!**

48 missionaries from 12 ARVBA churches made a real, visible, and ongoing, impact in the Delta this year. (We hear that God is continuing to move in the churches we visited!)

Just two ministry/mission events made possible through the financial (and volunteers) support of YOUR CHURCH resulted in the Lord adding Fifty-three souls to His Kingdom and strengthening the faith and commitment of who knows how many others.

I hope you are getting excited about ARVBA Ministries/Missions in 2026!

*Bruce Danny*

## 2026 Block Party

**The Arkansas Baptist State Convention**  
**Presents**

## BLOCK PARTY TRAINING



**Date/time: February 21<sup>st</sup> at 9 a.m.**

**Location: - Ozark First Baptist Church**

**Cost: Absolutely Free!**

*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).*

*Ozark is 'just up the road' from most of our churches so let's take advantage of this great opportunity!*



# 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>

*for more information and/or to register.*

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



**Major Updates**  
**Coming Soon!**

