

# PASTOR SEARCH

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

**First Baptist, Hector**

**First Baptist, Dardanelle**

**Rover Baptist Church**

**First Baptist, Centerville**

**First Baptist, Plainview**



## Block Party Mission's Partnership!

On September 20th, the ARVBA Recreation Ministry will travel to Mena Arkansas for a one-day missions opportunity. We will leave from the Association Office early on that morning, provide one of the most awesome carnivals ever, and return home late the same day. There is no cost for this trip and the benefits to the Mena community will be great.

Click the pic to sign up if you are viewing the online version of the GoodNews Letter OR go to the Association website for more information.

Concord Baptist Church in Mena is excited for the opportunity to partner with the ARVBA!



**The Ride Of Your Life  
Youth Camp**



**Yee Haw!  
Children's Camp**



**Branded For Jesus  
Middle School Camp**



## The ARVBA presents Church Camp 2025!

**June 16th - 20th  
Spring Lake Camp & Retreat**

*Cost is still only \$150.00 (includes t-shirt!)*

For one amazing week, ARVBA children, middle-schoolers and youth will enjoy one of the most extraordinary Church Camps in the State. Even though we host a diverse range of ages, our Camp is amazingly age-graded. The Children (grades 1-4), Middle-Schoolers (grades 5-7) and Youth (grades 8-12) each have separate Worship and Bible study facilities. Lunch and dinner are staggered with the children arriving at the cafeteria first. Swimming, waterslide, and Paddle Boat times are divided by age while swimming and waterslide times are divided by gender as well.

For all intents and purposes, we host three separate camps in one awesome week! And, since our Camp caters to every age group in that one week, churches are not saddled with the problem of finding cabin supervisors for two different weeks.

Spring Lake Camp and Retreat Center is an amazing place. The campus boasts a small lake with fishing and paddle boats as well as an awesome prayer garden and 'Missions Village'. Dorms and Worship facilities are airconditioned and well maintained. Campers can take advantage of both the swimming pool AND full-sized water slide. Volleyball, Basketball, Disc Golf, GaGa Ball, and other activities are available as well.

**Start inviting the unchurched kids & youth in your area now!**

**More info here: <https://www.thearvba.com/camp.htm>**

*"Churches Doing More Together!"*



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# Missionary's Heart

As I wrote in last month's newsletter, this time of year places Church Camp at the forefront of my thought processes. While recuperating at home I spent some time running down our 'Church Camp numbers' and was re-amazed at how the Lord has used that ARVBA ministry to aggressively grow His Kingdom. Those numbers revealed that, over the past ten years, your Camp recorded 485 professions of faith!

That great witness leads me to question why churches across our nation (and even in our Association!) seem to be less excited each year about the most effective tool for evangelism in our ever-diminishing arsenal. We do a great job of getting our own kids to Camp but it is increasingly difficult to convince our churches to bring the unchurched to Lonsdale. How often have you heard me say "You cannot teach a kid to live for Jesus in a week, but you can help introduce that kid to Jesus, and send him or her back to their church whose job it is to teach them to live for Jesus"?

We have an opportunity to do something big for the Lord this year. We can *intentionally* make Camp 2025 more evangelistically impactful by *intentionally* bringing more unchurched kids and teens to Lonsdale. We can *intentionally* encourage our church kids to *intentionally* invite their unchurched friends to camp (and pay for it if necessary!) The key word, of course is "*Intentionally*".

Mrs. Michelle, Mrs. Talina, and Bros Zach and Paul have worked hard to make this the best Camp ever. Bro. Richard Snyder, Bro. Donald Walker, and Bro Logan Ferguson each has a heart full of messages for the campers. The Association Office is ready. Spring Lake Baptist Camp & Retreat Center is ready. The Holy Spirit is ready. Is your church ready for Camp 2025?!

On a different note, it blesses my heart to see our Rec. trailers heading into the hinterlands so early in the season. That reveals that ARVBA churches are super-serious about outreach this year. It is an honor to serve congregations who not only love God and love people, but who are dedicated to making those two truths known. The field is, indeed, white unto harvest and you guys are doing an awesome job of sending workers!

Speaking of sending workers, (how's that for a segue!) there are some exciting ministry opportunities coming up for churches or individuals looking to do something more this year.

**First**, of course, is our Annual Church Camp. We still need volunteer lifeguards, Paddle Boat supervisors, and thousands and thousands of 'general helpers'. Call the office or one of our directors if you are coming to camp would like to volunteer.

**Second**, there is the annual ARVBA Mission Trip. We are traveling to the area around Lake village in mid -July and the itinerary is already set! Five carnivals, two Vacation Schools, and at least three lite construction/remodel projects means we can use all the help we can get. More info is shared in the Newsletter and on the Assoc. Website. **Check it out and don't forget to click the sign-up link to join The Team!**

**Third**, We have been invited to partner with Concord Baptist Church in Mena, Arkansas for a one-day carnival event. Bro. Clint Richie of the State Convention Missions Team asked if the best Rec Team in the State could help a sister church reach her community through the best block party possible. The church has several trained inflatable operators but no access to rec trailers and all the stuff we have on them. Some will remember that the ARVBA partnered in a similar way with a church in Cherokee Village and the results were extraordinary. There is a Google Docs sign up sheet online and a link with more info will be online soon. (maybe by the time you get this Newsletter.) The date for this Kingdom-building partnership is September 20th and the 'particulars' (i.e travel times, carnival time and duration, etc) will be nailed down in the next week or so.

It's about to get busy around the Association Office (maybe 'busier' would be a better word) and I suspect it is about to get busier around your good church. Mrs. Teresa and I look forward to checking out your special events and maybe even helping out when we can! Please let us know when you have something planned and don't hesitate to ask for any help or resources the Association can provide.

Bro Danny



The ARVBA  
presents  
***“The Delta”***  
**July 13<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Something happened during our first year in the Delta. A ministry was started that touched the lives of more than a thousand people! But the miracle began a month earlier. The Holy Spirit moved in an amazing way at Church Camp that year which led to many revived and energized Youth Campers charging the Delta determined to do good stuff for the Lord. And they did just that.

Church congregations were revitalized, communities were reached as never before, pastors and their families were encouraged as they had not been in a very long time. Some of the ARVBA mission team were invited to stand on the stage at the State Convention as one Delta pastor shared what having the ARVBA Missions Team at the church did for their congregation and community.

You are invited to be part of this year's Assoc. Mission Trip!

### Missions Projects (As of 05/21/2025)

#### CARNIVALS

- Monday** – First Baptist, Portland
- Tuesday** – Tabernacle Baptist Church, Dermott
- Wednesday** – Revive Church, McGehee
- Thursday** – Eudora Baptist Church
- Friday** – Association Churches & Church Plants –

#### CONSTRUCTION/PAINTING/ETC

- Eudora Baptist Church**
  - Inside Work on Sunday School Space
  - Inside Painting
  - Grounds Cleanup & Improvement
- Revive Church, McGehee**
  - Remodel building for ministry use
- Bayou Mason Baptist Church**
  - Stage Rebuild
- Other Construction projects available in the Assoc. if needed**

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

- Eudora Baptist Church**
  - Monday - Thursday - 9 'til noon with lunch served
- Revive Church, McGehee**
  - Monday - Thursday - 9 'til noon with lunch served

**More info and relevant links here: <https://www.thearvba.com/deltamissions.htm>**