



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!**

- ♦ **May 9th** - Pastalaya Kind of Workday!
- ♦ **May 10th** - MOTHER'S DAY
- ♦ **May 29TH & 30th** - "Am I Being Called?"  
Men's Retreat
- ♦ **June 15th—19th** - CHURCH CAMP!
- ♦ **July 12th—17th** - Delta Mission Trip

*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**

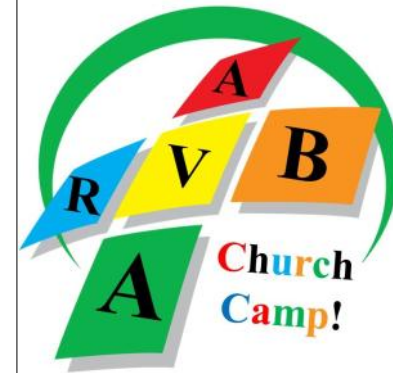
**Rover Baptist Church**

**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, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;*



*The Good News Letter*  
May, 2026



# Christmas at Camp!

## ARVBA Church Camp 2026!

**June 15th - 19th**

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 and waterslide, times are divided by age and gender. For all intents and purposes, we host three separate camps in one awesome week so our churches are not tasked with finding cabin supervisors for two different events.

AND, this year's Camp is following a very special theme! Children, Middle-schoolers, and High-school students will spend the week focusing on the birth of the world's Savior. Our preachers will preach on it. Our worship teams will sing about it. And our bible study leaders will teach it. The Birth of Jesus is as much a part of the Gospel as is the Cross and the Resurrection and our kids (and their unchurched friends) need to know that!

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'. Campers can take advantage of both the swimming pool AND full-sized waterslide. Volleyball, Basketball, Disc Golf, GaGa Ball, and other activities are available as well.

**Start inviting the unchurched students in your area now!**  
*More info here: <https://www.thearvba.com/camp.htm>*

## It's A Pastalaya Kind Of Workday/Fellowship!

**Saturday, May 9th**

**VBS Prop Construction**

**Brush Pile Removal/burning**

**Outbuilding Repair**

**Weed eating & Mowing**

**And More!**

*"Churches Doing More Together!"*

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# Missionary's Heart

**WOW!**

Things have been a little different around the office lately. Mrs. Tena has started her new job and her old boss is still trying to figure things out! I will miss her being on the premises every day but she has assured me she will still be very active in Association stuff.

Please remember that we are planning an Association-wide 'Thank You Mrs. T!' celebration and will get the information out as soon as we iron out the details. (I want to make sure it is well planned so as to adequately honor her 27 years of service.)

The ARVBA Personnel Committee is busy searching for someone to fill the Office Assistant position and hopes to have some news to share soon. In the meantime, Association ministries must go on!

We had an awesome group at the Block Party Training in April. Thirteen party-hearty souls were added to the ranks of those certified to operate the Association's 'bouncy houses'. Our hopes, of course, is that each person attending the Block Party Training would consider becoming part of the ARVBA Recreation Ministry Team. We do a lot of ministry in different parts of the state and would love to add these folks to our group.

## PROP BUILDING SATURDAY IS COMING!

Recent changes in the Association meant we were not able to do all of the VBS preparation our churches are used to. We had to skip the Clinic this year as well as the annual VBS Decorations work day. While we did get one set of props built, there are still at least two more that we need to get completed.

With that in mind, we are going to host a second VBS Props/Assoc Ministries work day on May 9th. Activities will begin at 9 o'clock and finish after noon. Rumor has it that the Associational Missionary will be serving his world-famous Chicken & Sausage Pastalaya with Crusty Bread for lunch!

I will get more information to you via text, social media, email, soon, but get it on your calendar and share with the folks as you get the chance.

*Bro Danny*



## Blytheville.. Lake City... Ocoola... Manila

Each year, The annual ARVBA Mission Trip brings multiple people from multiple Association churches to one of the most needful areas in our state. We work with church planters, revitalizers, and struggling congregations whose passion is to make a Kingdom difference in their communities.

Vacation Bible Schools, carnivals, and light construction/repair projects are our missions strengths, but we are able to adapt our efforts to help the church in other ways as well. The need for ministries such as ours is as great in the Delta as it is anywhere in the world and God has blessed the efforts of your ARVBA Mission Team in extraordinary ways.

### AND HE WANTS TO DO MORE!

This year, the Missions Team has already been asked to provide five carnivals and three light construction projects. In addition, we have been asked to provide two Vacation Bible Schools for churches that either can't do it on their own or want another church to come and help them get VBS cranked up again.

But there's more! Even before last year's Mission trip, word had began to spread about your heart to help sister churches battle lostness in their communities. The Delta folks heard about how hard you worked in Heth, and Forrest City and Wynn and Magnolia. They heard the pastors brag about how your church drove all the way down to McGehee and Eudora and about how the Lord showed up and showed out at the Vacation Bible Schools you helped with. The word was so well received that we have been asked to provide a third VBS this year! If only a group could be found to help...?

Go to the ARVBA website for more information. And, while your there, why not go ahead and sign up for the adventure?!

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

# Am I Being called?

# Is God Calling Me?

May 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>

- *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?*

The ARVBA will soon host our second ever "Is God Calling Me?" retreat. Pastors are encouraged to identify men in their congregations who may be experiencing a call to vocational ministry. The primary focus of discussion will be the specific call to 'the pastorate', but other ministry callings will be addressed as well. Join us as we gather at Spring Lake Camp & Retreat Center to talk things over.

*Jeremiah 3:<sup>15</sup> "Then I will give you shepherds after My own heart, who will feed you on knowledge and understanding.*

*Ephesians 4:<sup>11</sup> And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers,*

*<sup>12</sup> for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;*

We will begin with a cookout on Friday evening followed by a time of discussion with pastors and those who may feel a 'calling' into the pastoral ministry. Free time will follow and can be used to deepen conversations, pray with fellow 'called ones', get alone with God, etc. Saturday will begin with breakfast and free time. Last discussion will begin at 10 o'clock and will conclude as soon as lunch is ready. The men may leave before or after lunch but are free to enjoy some extra time in the quietness at Spring Lake if they would like.

**The event is free and will be held at Spring Lake Camp & Retreat Center**

[Register Here](#)



**First Baptist Church,  
London**



**April 25th  
2026**