

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!

- **November 13th - "Listening Tour with Dr. Mark Dance**
- **November 25th - 27th—Thanksgiving Holiday (ARVBA Office Closed)**
- **December 8th - ARVBA Sr. Adult Fellowship**
- **December 4th - Minister's Christmas Party**
- **Decenber 23rd- January 4th— Christmas Holiday (ARVBA Office Closed)**

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



The worst possible date of the year!

March 20th & 21st, 2027

Place: Russellville

Times: 8:30 a.m—2 p.m.

Lunch provided

Teach 28:20!
Associational Equipping Ministries

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!

Additional Breakout Sessions might include but not be limited to:

- Starting New Sunday School Classes/ Outreach Methods For Sunday School (old & new)
- Starting/Leading Special Needs Small Group Classes
- Leveraging Social Media For Sunday School
- 'Unlearning' Some Dumb Post-Covid Sunday School Stuff.

"Churches Doing More Together!"

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Missionary's Heart

"So what have you got going on now?" That was the first question asked at a recent Dr.'s appoint. The APRN (a strong Christian mission-minded person) said, "You are always doing stuff with your churches!"

"That's why it is important that you keep me alive for a little longer", I said.

I told her about our Delta Missions and shared about the ARVBA churches that participated in ONE DAY. And I might have even bragged a little on the ARVBA Team that traveled to Manila for the annual CONNECT event.

"Right now, I am between ministries", I said, "but that will change very soon."

Years ago, I preached one of the finest sermons ever heard. It was entitled 'The Storms of Life' and was based on the premise that, in life, everyone is either heading into a storm, presently in a storm, or moving out of a storm. Remembering that sermon reminded me that there is really no such thing as 'between ministries'.

Today, I am contacting pastors about a special meeting with State Convention reps at the ARVBA Office. Mrs. Teresa and I are discussing plans for the Minister's Christmas party. Before I left the house, I was texting with one of our Teach 28:20 breakout session leaders.

Additionally, the ARVBA Missions Team is planning a 'vision tour' to the Delta this month and I am trying to find a good time for the Committee to get together in anticipation of Church Camp 2027. Basically, what Mrs. Tena and I once called our 'quiet time of the year' is now anything but.

I suspect the same is true of you and your church. Family Thanksgiving plans are being made and Church Fall Festivals are wrapping up or just getting started. Then there are Christmas plans to finalize, Cantatas to rehearse, and Small-Group parties to coordinate. Before you know it, the New Year will be upon you with a whole slew of ministries in which to engage.

Going into; presently in; or moving out of. That's life!

Speaking of 'going into', the next scheduled ARVBA training event is on the books. Teachers and Small group leaders from 4 adjoining Associations will come together on the worse possible day of the year for our next Teach 28:20 training event.

The illustration to the left reminds us that we are not doing a very good job of teaching the folks. That is a sobering thought since teaching and equipping the saints is a primary function of the church.

Some will say, "That is not indicative of my congregation or my Sunday School class", and I hope that is true. But, honestly, there is an easy way to find out. Click the link and have your people take the test.

If churches gave pop quizzes on the Bible this Sunday, most people in the pews would fail.

Lifeway Research asked more than 2,000 American Christian churchgoers dozens of questions about general Bible knowledge. The average respondent scored 51. Around 2 in 3 (65%) earn an F, below 60. Almost 1 in 10 (9%) receive a D, between 60 and 69. Another 9% receive a C, between 70 and 79. Just 8% score a B, 80 to 89, and 9% reach A status, 90 and higher.
Excerpt from Lifeway Research

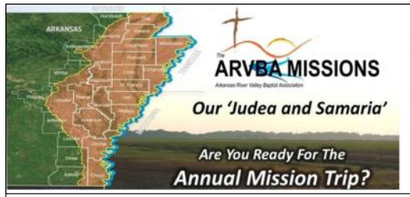
As I mentioned at the Annual Meeting, we church leaders have ONE TASK: To equip the saints for the work of the ministry. Teach 28:20 is an excellent tool for doing that! Clink the link in this NewsLetter or go to the Assoc. Website and get registered!

Mrs. Teresa and I appreciate the outpouring of love and prayers since we shared that her cancer has returned. Your conversations with God kept the disease at bay for nine years and we are certain your continued prayers will do it again.

The cancer was discovered much earlier than last time and the surgeon is sure it was removed during surgery. My bride is presently receiving radiation treatments at St. Mary's and expecting to, once again, kick the soup out of the Big C!

Thank you for lifting her up as only the ARVBA Can!

Bro. Danny



July 12th – 16th
Marion
Colt
West Memphis
More!

Get it on your calendar!

The date is set and the ministry area Has been 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.

New opportunities have been identified already and our thought is to reach into areas near where we have been before but were not able to do any ministry. As you know, the need is GREAT in the Arkansas Delta and the ARVBA Missions Team does GREAT work when we are there!

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

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

Camp Will Be Here Before You Know It!

Start promoting!

June 14th—18th

ARVBA Church Camp!

The ARVBA
Arkansas River Valley Baptist Association

Senior Adult MINISTRY

Melodies!

Memories!

Munchies!

When

December 8th, 2026

What Time

1:30—3:00

Where

London's First Baptist Church

Senior Saints from across the Association will join their peers for an incredible time of fun, food and fellowship. Mrs. Sherry Taylor has lots of cool things planned for this event so you will want to get it on your calendar and start inviting your friends now!

Attention Pastor and Staff!

ABSC 'Listening Tour' Luncheon

With

Dr. Mark Dance

Nov. 13th at the ARVBA Office

Noon