



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*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!**

- ◆ **January 11th - Camp Committee Meeting**
- ◆ **January 16th - Executive Board Meeting**
- ◆ **February 5th - Pastor's Breakfast at the office  
With Guardian Financial Representative**
- ◆ **February 24th & 25th  
TEACH 28:20!**
- ◆ **March 30th - ARVBA DAY 2024!**

# PASTOR SEARCH

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

- First Baptist, Hector*
- First Baptist, Centerville*
- Flat Rock Baptist*
- First Baptist, Knoxville*
- First Baptist, Havana*
- Hopewell, Baptist*



- February 24th & 25th at 1st, Pottsville!**
- **Saturday** - Sunday School/Small Group Training
    - 7:45 - 8:20 -Donuts & Juice
    - 8:30 - Training begins
  - **Sunday Evening** - 4-Association Joint Worship
    - Service begins at 6 o'clock!

As in years past, Teach 28:20 will feature a focused time of teacher/leader training on Saturday and will include breakout sessions, large group instruction, and question/answer time. Breakfast pastries will be available until 8:20 and the conference will start at 8:30. Lunch is provided by the four Associations and will be followed by the remaining training sessions. We will conclude no later than 2 o'clock but the leaders will hang around a bit in case you have any questions.

Of course, the Association website contains much more information about this event and is updated regularly. (<http://www.thearvba.com/teach2820.htm>). From there, you can download copies of the schedule, information flyers like the one provided in this NewsLetter, and even register for the breakout session you want to attend.

In addition to large group instruction, the Saturday event will feature the following breakout sessions:

- **Children**      **Youth**      **Adults**
- **Sr. Adults**      **Pastors & General Officers**
- **Starting (Re-Starting?) New Sunday School Classes**
- **Outreach Methods For Sunday School (old & new)**
- **Leveraging Social Media For Sunday School**

Letters and flyers have been sent to our pastors and Sunday School Directors but there is always the chance we missed someone. Should that be the case, contact the Association and we will get you all the copies you need.

This is going to be an extraordinary training event and is needed now, more than ever. Please encourage your fellow Sunday School/Small Group/VBS/ teachers to join you at this year's conference.

plan on taking advantage enclosed flyer includes

**Good News!**

Online viewers can click the pic to register!



**ARVBA Executive Board Meeting**  
**January 16th, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Association Office**

*“Churches Doing More Together!”*



*The Arkansas River Valley Baptist Association*  
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Russellville, AR 72801

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# Missionary's Heart

**2 Corinthians 5:14** For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died;

<sup>15</sup> and He died for all, **so that** they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

<sup>17</sup> **Therefore** if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

<sup>18</sup> Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation,

<sup>19</sup> namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, **and He has committed to us** the word of reconciliation.

<sup>20</sup> **Therefore**, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

<sup>21</sup> He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

## Happy New Year ARVBA!

I trust your Christmas Celebration was awesome again this year and that your plans for 2024 are Christ-centered and faith-stretching. We will have returned to the office by the time you receive this edition of the GoodNews Letter and our calendar says we are going to get very busy very soon.

Mrs. Teresa and I very much appreciated being able to serve alongside the fine folks of the ARVBA in 2024. We loved watching God do amazing things through His congregations and relished the opportunity to join in whenever we could. From leading 'short-term' interims and preaching on Sundays (Bro. Danny), to playing piano for worship services (Mrs. Teresa), you guys kept us plugged into the ministry and we loved every minute!

My health continues to improve with each minor procedure and I am almost back to super-hero status. (One more stent' removal should do the trick!).

2024 promises to be a year filled with Kingdom-building potential. As I wrote last month, **"2024 will see the return of two of your 'favorites'!"**

**Teach 28:20** Teacher Training conference will be held on February 24<sup>th</sup> at First Baptist, Pottsville. More information is included in this edition of the NewsLetter and your pastor has already received additional material that he will share with you. I encourage you to check out the 'Teach 28:20' Association website page. There you can learn all there is to know as well as register for the breakout sessions you want to attend.

I also hope you will encourage your church to join with her sister churches in the usual joint worship service on Sunday Evening, February 25<sup>th</sup>. Our own Caleb Reynolds will lead the worship service and the State Convention's new Executive Director, Dr. Rex Horn, will bring the message.

**ARVBA DAY returns to the ARVBA on March 30th!** Historically, more ARVBA'ers participate in ARVBA Day than almost any other Association sponsored event. This year's one-day-mission adventure will take place on the Saturday before Easter. Can you imagine the Kingdom impact that could have?! I can picture ARVBA Day Egg hunts, 'He Is Risen' block parties, 'Empty the Tomb' no-sale-yard-sales, 'Roll The Stones Away' yard work, etc! (Sorry, I couldn't resist!) Keep reading the Newsletter, checking the Website, or sign up for Associational text messaging for more information.

Your Camp Committee will be meeting next week as we turn our attention to that great evangelistic endeavor. Folks are still talking about the mighty move of God's Spirit at Spring Lake last year and we know He wants to do 'exceedingly, abundantly, above all we could ask or think' again this year. We brought seventy-eight kids to Camp who had never been to church camp before. I think we can bring even more than this year!

Please check out the rest of the NewsLetter for more ARVBA News and information. And don't forget to visit the website often as we add stuff quite regularly'

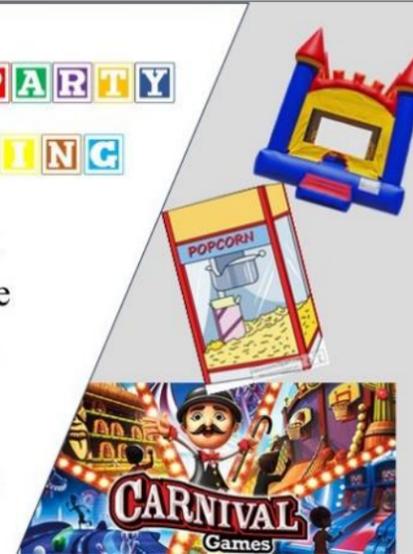
*Bro. Danny*

## Cool Stuff Coming Up!

**BLOCK PARTY TRAINING**

June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024  
ARVBA Office  
10 am - noon

The ARVBA  
Recreation  
Ministry



It's been a couple of years since we held our last Block Party Training so we have some catching up to do.

We will begin at 10 o'clock with inside instruction on Block Party fundamentals. Once completed, we will head outside where learn how to set up the event, inflate, deflate, and store the inflatables, operate the generators, arrange the food court, and much more.

We will discover the importance of properly 'directing' the flow of traffic at your carnival as well the need to anticipate the sun's position at the time of the event. We will share food safety tips, Game set-up and take-down, and other useful info. The event is free and each attendee will receive a certificate of complete

**Training is required for those using the ARVBA Rec. trailers.**

The ARVBA  
Presents  
**Church Camp 2024!**  
June 10th - 14th



**"The Delta"**  
ARVBA Mission Trip 2024  
July 15th - 19th

**ARVBA Day Returns  
To The ARVBA on  
March 30th!**



The Associational Missions Ministry Team Leaders have met and set the date for ARVBA 2024. This one-day mission adventure is all about our association churches partnering together with one another to do 'missions' right where we are.

This year's event will focus on 'Region 6' with mission events possible in Clarksville, Scranton, Crestview, and Delaware. Bro. Brady Ramsey at 1st, Clarksville is serving the Association as **Local Missions Coordinator** this year and will have more info for you soon.

### WHAT IS THE SCHEDULE? (Tentative)

ARVBA DAY will begin with everyone meeting at a designated church, at 8:00 where we will have a brief, guided time of prayer and receive any instructions or assignments that may be needed. Each team, group, or individual will leave the church as close to 8:30 as possible and head to their respective ministry areas.

We will ask each volunteer to conclude their mission project(s) by no later than 2 o'clock so that we can all return to our starting point and be seated in the auditorium by 2:30 for a report and celebration time before we all head home by 3 o'clock.

### WHAT IS THE COST?

The price for this One-Day Mission adventure is only \$10 per person and will help us keep the cost of food and project materials to a manageable level. That being said, please do not let the cost keep you from joining us on this special day. Just let someone from your church know and we will cover that expense for you!

### WHO CAN BE A ONE-DAY MISSIONARY?

We want ARVBA Day to be a family friendly event where everyone can experience the joy of doing ministry together. To that end we encourage parents/guardians to bring their children and teens with them when they come. (please use your best judgment when considering very small children!)