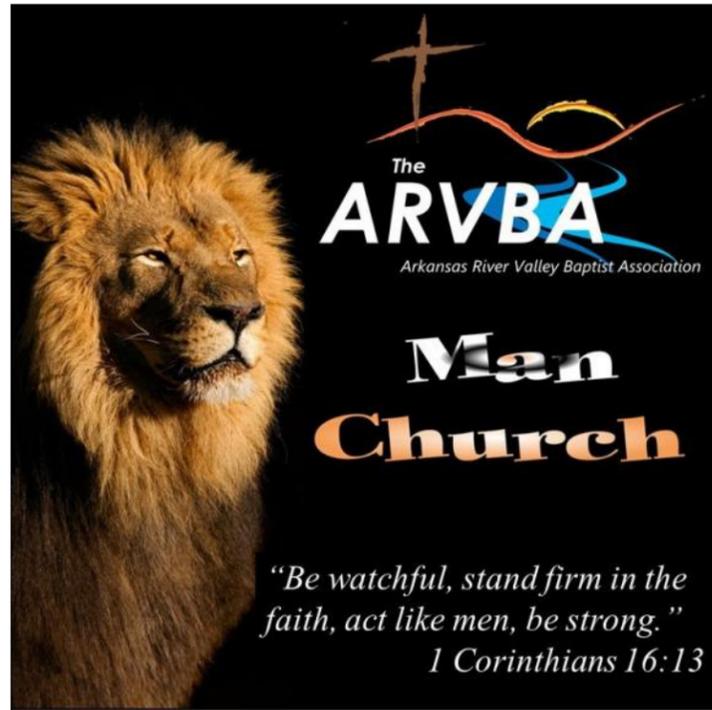




He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; Acts 1:7

*But it is perfectly okay to know what's coming up in the Association!*

- ◆ **June 9th** - Camp Cabin Assignments
- ◆ **June 13th-17th** - Church Camp!
- ◆ **June 26th - July 2nd** - ARVBA/Kansas City Mission Trip!
- ◆ **July 4th** - Independence Day! (Office Closed)
- ◆ **July 9th** - SmartStart Interim Ministry Training



*"Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong."*  
1 Corinthians 16:13

**Coming in 2022!**  
*"It's Going to be a Big Deal!"*



# CHURCH CAMP 2022

**IT'S ONLY A FEW DAYS AWAY!**

**JUNE 13TH THRU 17TH**

**COST: \$145.00 INCLUDES TEE SHIRT**

We are heading to Spring Lake Camp and Retreat Center again this year and expecting God to do great things in the lives of the campers who join us there.

The deadline to register without a late fee was June 2 (adjusted for the Memorial Day Holiday) and this was also the last day to place T-shirt orders. The good news is that you can still register newly discovered campers until noon on June 9th. We can't accept T-shirt orders but we can get your kids registered for camp so don't stop recruiting yet!

"A Trip Down Monument Valley" is the theme for this year's Camp and we think our campers will enjoy it very much. More information is on the [website](#) or you can call the Association Office.



*"Churches Doing More Together!"*



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# Missionary's Heart

*"It was a dark and stormy night; the rain fell in torrents—except at occasional intervals, when it was checked by a violent gust of wind which swept up the streets (for it is in London that our scene lies), rattling along the housetops, and fiercely agitating the scanty flame of the lamps that struggled against the darkness."* (from Edward Bulwer-Lytton's oft quoted 1830 novel *Paul Clifford*.)

Except for the setting and time of day, the report of our Recreation Ministry Mission trip could very well begin with that often maligned opening paragraph. The wind-driven rain was periodically illuminated by angry bolts of lightening while the clouds themselves voiced their displeasure at our endeavors with rolling peals of thunder. (I can put out the purple prose with the best of them!)

Scattered groups of ARVBA missionaries sought refuge inside the church building and valiantly fought to bring some sort of 'block party order' out of the stormy chaos. It was cold. It was damp. And, considering the weather, it was pretty awesome.

22 hardy souls from 4 ARVBA churches ministered well to the folks at Cornerstone Baptist Church (near Gentry, Arkansas). As you might expect, the weather kept a lot of folks away but I was very pleased at the number that did come and really proud of the way our folks handled a less-than-perfect situation. They all laughed and worked and played and engaged the church folks and visitors in conversations that showed they were really glad to be there.

A special blessing for me was to watch your church members enjoy being together with folks from other ARVBA churches. For those few hours, we weren't members from four different churches. We were a group of like-minded brothers and sisters who really wanted to help the Cornerstone bunch reach their community with the love of Jesus.

There were representatives from every age group in that bunch of missionaries (with the exception of the very young) and they worked exceptionally well together. Pastor Rob was totally unprepared for the depth of service your Association brought.

"Man, I thought after you guys packed up and headed home, we would still have a couple of hours of cleanup left to do. But I turned my back for a second and ya'll had the church almost ready for Sunday Morning Worship!"

He told us how much the ministry meant to their smaller membership church. He spoke about the families who had made connections with the church and how your mission team ministered to the Cornerstone congregation. You did well ARVBA. You did well indeed!

I hope you are as excited as I am by the upcoming ministry opportunities. Church Camp is June 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> and I think we may be heading toward the best one yet. The Camp Committee has worked very hard and, with the exception of needing a few more lifeguards, everything is already in place.

The Annual ARVBA/Kansas City Mission trip begins the last week in June and the KC church planters are excited about our arrival. Go to the ARVBA website and sign up if you have not already done so!

Pray for and participate in the missions and ministries of your church this summer. Bring a herd of unchurched kids to camp this year.

It's gonna be an awesome summer!

*Bro. Danny*



ACTS 1:8 MISSIONS EXPERIENCE

In October of 2021, more than eleven hundred Arkansas Baptists traveled to the ARVBA to help us engage spiritual lostness in our Association. They braved the terrible weather, partnered with us in the 'work' of evangelism, and helped us do together what we simply could not do alone. This year we get to return the favor with all the passion that is the ARVBA. Encourage your church to join us this year!

**Saturday,  
October 1, 2022**  
Central Association,  
Hot Springs

## ARVBA/KC Missions!

**June 26th - July 2nd**

**Cost \$75.00**



Like the Farmer's Insurance people, "We know a thing or two because we've seen a thing or two." After five years of partnering with our Kansas City church planters, the accumulated experience of our mission team combined with the knowledge and passion of the church planting families may very well make this the most amazing Associational Mission Trip ever! The Kansas City folks are eagerly planning for our arrival and the ARVBA folks are praying that God will use the Team in a big way to positively impact the Kingdom for His glory.

While our primary service is Recreation Ministry, we also look for light construction and building/grounds projects and we might even be asked jump in to help the church planters with VBS, backyard bible studies, flyer distribution and other outreach projects they discover. (it differs year to year) We always remind the ARVBA folks that the more people we have going with us, the more ministries we can offer to the KC church planters.

Bro. Danny has already posted a sign-up link to the Association's website and we hope you will register as soon as you can. (Today would be good!) More information is being added to the website almost daily so check it out when you can or call Bro. Danny to learn more.

Remember, please go to the website and sign up if you have not already done so. Bro. Ron is working on his menus and needs to know how many folks he will be feeding this year. Register [Here](#) if viewing the Newsletter Online.



### Attention!

**Retired or 'Between Church' Ministers**

**New Training Coming to the ARVBA on July 9th**

**Led by Dr. Marcus Brown: Director of Convention Administration**

The Arkansas Baptist State Convention and the ARVBA invites you to an interim ministry training event taking place at the Arkansas River Valley Baptist Association at 801 Williamson Way in Russellville, on the morning of Saturday, July 9, from 9:00-12:00 (with lunch to follow). In this training, you will be equipped specifically to serve as a SmartStart Interim pastor.

The SmartStart Interim is a short-term interim strategy (approximately 8 weeks) designed to assist a church in the first few weeks following the pastor's departure. This training is of no cost to you. However, so that we can provide each attendee with a SmartStart Interim notebook and lunch, please call, text, or email the Association office so we can plan for your participation. Contact the ARVBA, Clear Creek Baptist Association, Conway-Perry Baptist Association or the Arkansas Baptist State Convention for more information. I hope you can make it on the morning of the 9<sup>th</sup>.