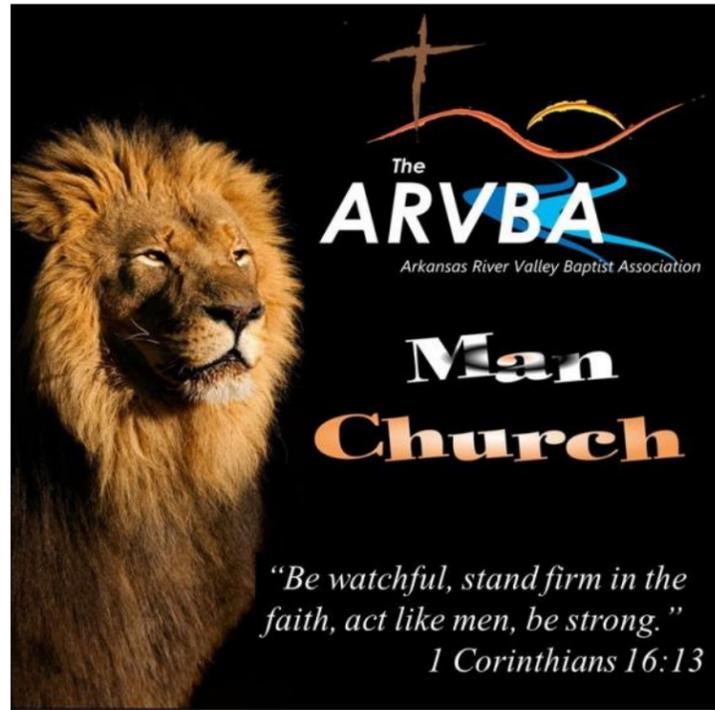


# Spring Summer

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 21** - Recreation Ministry Block Party  
Cornerstone Baptist Church in Gentry
- ◆ **May 28th** - Big Camp Meeting!
- ◆ **June 13th-17th** - Church Camp!
- ◆ **June 26th - July 2nd** - ARVBA/Kansas City  
Mission Trip!



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**ARVBA**  
Arkansas River Valley Baptist Association

**Man  
Church**

*"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!"**



## **ARVBA Recreation Ministry is Headed To Gentry, Arkansas!**

On May 21st, members from at least five ARVBA churches will be heading to Gentry, Arkansas for a whirlwind Recreation Ministry Mission Trip. This event will feature our 'full-out' carnival complete with Inflatables, Games (with prizes), Face Painting, Food & Drink, and more. Eighteen folks are signed up at present and we are hoping to recruit another ten or so to help lighten the work load for the whole team.

The ARVBA Block Party/Carnival is an excellent way for us to help a sister congregation reach her community without having to worry about all the logistics and labor that go into providing such an event. As one Kansas City pastor said, "Man this is awesome! All we had to do was shake hands and kiss babies!"

More information is on the Association Website and a sign-up link is also provided. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to join your Association in partnering with another Arkansas Church to reach her community with the Gospel of Christ Jesus.

Pastor Rob Matney and the Cornerstone Baptist Family are excited for the arrival of the ARVBA Recreation Ministry Mission Team!



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# Missionary's Heart

I have 117 tomato plants in the ground. That's a lot for a home gardener. I also have 14 various hot peppers and 6 sweet peppers of differing varieties. That is also a lot for a home gardener. Throw in the occasional squash (6), zucchini (2), strawberry (?), and blueberry plants (2), add the herbs, garlic, and onions (lots), stir in some muscadine vines and those pretty flowers into the mix and you come to the inevitable conclusion that that is a lot for a home gardener.

So where am I going with all of this?.. Nowhere really. I just wanted to brag a little about my gardening skills!

I would also like to brag a little about the churches of the ARVBA. Everywhere I go I sense a renewed excitement about doing 'church stuff'. VBS planning is already taking place in almost every church and it is taking place with passion. Church Camp registration has already begun with a lot of our ARVBA congregations expecting to bring their largest group ever! Missions and ministry is taking place everywhere I look which leads me to think the Holy Spirit may just be up to something in the River Valley.

I will be driving to Gentry early next week to look at the block party site. At least eighteen ARVBA'ers will head that way on the 21st to provide a carnival for Cornerstone Baptist Church. A little over three weeks later, the Association will travel to Lonsdale for our Annual Church Camp. Nine days after that, The ARVBA Missions Team will travel to Kansas City for a full week of block parties and other ministries.

So where am I going with all of this? There is actually a point to my ramblings this time. I want you guys to think and pray about how you might involve yourselves in these and other ministry-centered activities this year.

For instance, every Church Camp in every Association longs for more lifeguards every year. Of all the positions open, lifeguards are often the hardest to fill.

We have an awesome number of folks who participate in the KC Mission trip each year but each year we wish we had more! Doing five block parties in five days is a lot of work and we love doing it but it sure would be nice to have a few 'extra' hands on board to share the load.

The Gentry single-day mission trip is well populated but we really don't know how many workers we will actually need. It would be really nice to get there and discover we have more than enough folks to get the job done.

Some of our churches will be hard pressed to find enough VBS workers this year. Wouldn't it be great for people from sister congregations to volunteer to help?

Ecclesiastes 4:9 says, "Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor."

Would you take some time this week to pray about ways you can partner with your Association and/or another church to help God Build His kingdom? I promise you will be glad you did.

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



## Church Camp 2022

**It's Only A Month Away!**

**June 13th -17th**

**Cost: \$145.00 (includes T-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 is May 30th and this is also the last day to place T-shirt orders. No registrations will be accepted after noon on June 9th.

"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.



## 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 four 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.

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!) We could use a couple of extra kitchen helpers as well as some more block party team members.

Remember, please go to the website and sign up even if you have already told us you are going. 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