



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!

- ♦ **August 30th** - [Block Party Training](#)
- ♦ **September 16th** - [Executive Board Meeting \(Tentative\)](#)
- ♦ **September 20th** - [Single-day Recreation Ministry to Mena!](#)
- ♦ **October 12th** - [ARVBA Annual Meeting](#)

Check the Association Website for more dates and events!

[Click the links if you are online](#)

PASTOR SEARCH

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

First Baptist, Hector
Rover Baptist Church
First Baptist, Centerville
First Baptist, Plainview

Welcome Bro. Gene Tanner!
Pastor, 1st, Dardanelle



The Good News Letter

August, 2025



Hey ARVBA!

By now, you have heard of the good things that happened during this year's ARVBA Mission trip. Folks were saved, churches were revitalized, and communities were served by the best missions team anywhere!

We have more great news!

The Association Recreation Ministry has been asked to bring our world-famous Carnival to the Mena area on September 20th. This one-day partnership with Concord Baptist Church (and others) will be the 'capstone' of ARVBA Missions, 2025. We get one more opportunity to help a sister church reach out to her community as only a block party can do.

Plans are to head out early that morning and arrive on site by 8:30. Carnival will begin at 10 o'clock and conclude @ 12:30. We will pack up, load up, and arrive back home in late afternoon. Other Arkansas Baptist pastors are planning to attend the event as a way to evaluate the benefits of beginning a similar ministry in their own Associations!

Maybe you couldn't join the Delta Mission Trip this year and would love to get together with the Team for a day. Or perhaps you have been thinking about doing something with the ARVBA Missions Team and would like a chance to 'get your feet wet' before deciding where to serve. OR maybe you or your church just want another chance to help a sister congregation reach her community with the love of Jesus.

We would love to have a multitude of ARVBA'ers from a multitude of our churches make the trip to Mena in September. Pray about it, talk it over with your church folks, and, if the Spirit directs, click the link below or sign up from the Association Website! ***The Pony Ride folks have already signed on. How about you?!***

Check out the info on the ARVBA Website and/or sign up here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSedf87n1LqIiw6kwXBHM2EqvjSR03gHbfwHYP2fzSw9083zag/viewform>

*"Celebrate a festival in My
honor three times a year.
"Exodus 23:14 (HCSB)*



"Churches Doing More Together!"



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Missionary's Heart

Well, we made it! Camp and Annual Mission Trip are in the rear-view mirror and summer break has concluded for most of our school kids. More importantly, “Bargains Galore on 64” is over and I can now travel to and from my home without fear of rear-ending some well meaning, but clueless, bargain hunter!

There are some decisions to be made soon and I need your help. Near the end of each year we evaluate the work of our Association to determine which programs and/or events were beneficial to the churches. Teach 28:20, VBS Clinic, Church Camp and the Annual Mission Trip are familiar to most of our congregations and enjoy a lot of support and participation. Block Party training is always well attended and the Rec Trailers are pretty much booked throughout the year. There are, of course, other Association ministries available and we are happy to provide those to you and your church.

That having been said, I imagine you're thinking to yourself, “What is this help he speaks of?” The greatest help you can offer is to let us know which of the ministries/events provided by ARVBA best serve your church. After all, the only finances we receive come directly from our ARVBA churches and we want to make sure you get the best bang possible for your Associational Missions buck.

I will be uploading a google docs form this week for you to look at. We will list most of the ministries and services available through the Association and ask that you ‘vote’ on those most beneficial to the work of your church. I will also include space for you to suggest additional stuff we might consider. (training, fellowship opportunities, age-graded ministries, etc) It is needful that we do this sort of ‘evaluation’ every so often as priorities and circumstances sometimes change.

As I heard in a sermon this week (from a former Assoc. Missionary by the way) “You can't do 2025 ministry with 1950's income.” The number and scope of ARVBA ministries, programs, and events has grown considerably over the past several years and God has used that growth to strengthen His churches and empower His congregations in ways we are only

beginning to understand. At the same time, Association income has remained static which means we, like many religious organizations, are doing more with less.

The evaluation will help us be even better stewards of the monies you send to the ARVBA and allow us to focus on those services your church wants or needs. I will send a text with the Evaluation Link using our new texting program. If you are not receiving ARVBA updates and information (Very limited as we don't ever want to ‘blow up your inbox’), you can text your name and church to 1-833-650-5333 and we will add you to the list immediately.

The ARVBA Annual Meeting is coming up and you won't want to miss this one. The Lord has been ‘*exceedingly, abundantly, above all the we could ask or thing*’ busy in, and through the ARVBA this year and you will want to hear all about it! Check the Association website in the next few days for Date and location.

I am really excited about the upcoming Recreation Ministry opportunity in Mena and I hope you are as well! Your Delta Missions Team has raised the bar when it comes to all things Block Party and we get to take that world-famous outreach to a brand new location. It's only going to be for one day, but I promise the Kingdom impact will continue long after we return home. Would love to have you with us as we share the love of the ARVBA in a sister Association! Sign up asap!

Bro Danny



The Executive Board

Arkansas River Valley Baptist Association

**September 16th
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Association Office**



The ARVBA
**Recreation
Ministry**

Block Party Training

The last Block Party Training of the year is fast approaching and we hope to have a crowd! State law (and common sense) requires that anyone planning to operate any inflatable (bouncy house) during a public event receive training. The ARVBA provides this for her church members at no cost.

Training includes instruction in safe Inflatable operation, proper carnival/block party planning and execution, Food safety, and more.

Date: Saturday, August 30th

Time: 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Place: Association Office

Bro. Danny is working on some new material and videos as well as updating trailer loading protocols. We will raise, lower and store one of our inflatables using a generator. Click the logo above or go to the Assoc. website to sign up!

**Saturday, November 15
10am-3pm**

East Side Baptist Church

**2710 Massard Road
Fort Smith AR**

**WOMEN'S
CONFERENCE**

Our Story. His Glory

FEATURING ELIZABETH WOODSON

NOVEMBER 15TH
REGISTRATION OPENS IN JULY
EAST SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
FORT SMITH, AR



Our Story, His Glory is a one-day gathering that will empower and ignite the hearts of women to boldly share the incredible ways God is moving in their lives. Through the powerful teaching of author and speaker Elizabeth Woodson, you'll dive into God's Word and discover the truth about your identity in Him—and the strength of His Spirit working within you.

Choose from heartfelt breakout sessions led by local women who will courageously share their stories of loss, brokenness, redemption, resilience, and joy. Whether you're walking through hardship or celebrating a season of victory, you'll find space to connect, reflect, and be refreshed.

We believe God is writing something beautiful through your life, and we'd be honored to have you join us to experience the joy of discovering how your story can reflect His glory.

Cost for the event is \$30 and lunch is provided.

Registration Details: Once you have registered, you should receive a confirmation email. Please be sure to provide an accurate email address as we will be in touch with conference schedule and other pertinent details as the conference approaches.

Breakout Sessions: Step into a breakout session and listen as a local sister in Christ shares her journey—you'll be reminded that you're not alone, and that even in the struggle, there's strength in shared stories, purpose in community, and hope in God.

Please note that we are offering a specific breakout session exclusively for High School students.

Go to www.myeastside.tv/events and follow the links for more information and to pre-register!