



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!

- ♦ **September 20th** - Single-day Recreation Ministry to Mena!
- ♦ **September 30th** - Executive Board Meeting (Tentative)
- ♦ **October 12th** - ARVBA Annual Meeting

Check the Association Website for more dates and events!

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# PASTOR SEARCH

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

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



The ARVBA presents  
**Church Camp 2025!**  
June 16th - 20th  
**Spring Lake Camp & Retreat**  
*ARVBA Church Camp 2025 saw her second largest attendance since we began going to Spring Lake!*

- 365 Campers from 19 churches!
- 33 Professions of Faith!
- 10 Recommitments to Jesus as Lord!
- 9 sensing a call to vocational ministry!

Every year, more lives are changed and more people come to know Jesus than at any other time. Since 2015, 517 kids and teens (and some adults!) have given their hearts and lives to the Lord while attending Camp.

Thank you for supporting this vital Association ministry and encouraging your kids to participate!

**"The Ride Of Your Life"**  
**Youth Camp**



**"Yee Haw!"**  
**Children's Camp**



**"Branded For Jesus"**  
**Middle School Camp**



## Block Party Mission's Partnership!

On September 20th, the ARVBA Recreation Ministry will travel to Mena Arkansas for a one-day missions opportunity. We will leave from the Association Office early on that morning, provide one of the most awesome carnivals ever, and return home late the same day. There is no cost for this trip and the benefits to the Mena community will be great indeed.

Click the pic to sign up if you are viewing the online version of the GoodNews Letter OR go to the Association website for more information.

Concord Baptist Church in Mena is excited for the opportunity to partner with the ARVBA!

“Churches Doing More Together!”



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# Missionary's Heart

It was quiet in my Mission Trip mini-mansion when I first started this article. It wasn't really a mansion in the truest sense of the word, but is actually a mud room where guests hang their waders after duck hunting. The lodge manager let me sweep out the dirt from years gone by and move in with the spiders and dirt dabbers. It may not sound like the best of sleeping quarters but, knowing how loudly some of my fellow missionaries snore, I was happy to make the sacrifice.

It was been a hot and fruitful summer for ARVBA Missions and I have been hard pressed to keep up.

As usual, it began with the annual Church Camp. 365 campers made the trip to Spring Lake this year and saddled up for a week of western-themed preaching and bible study. 33 students gave their hearts to Jesus and another 10 recommitted to His Lordship over their lives. Other significant decisions included 9 campers indicating they sensed a call to the ministry! Your all-volunteer Church Camp sets a high standard every year and Camp 2025 was no exception. Every part of Camp was well-planned and prayed over. Our Worship Teams, Camp pastors, Recreation/activities Directors, Cabin Supervisors, etc. all went the extra mile to make sure your church kids enjoyed the best camp experience ever. Be sure to let them know how much you appreciate their hard work at Camp this year.

Delta Missions 2025 kicked off just one month after Church Camp. Forty-nine ARVBA'ers traveled to Southeast Arkansas on July 13th for a week of intensive missions work. The Team helped Revive Church in McGehee, and Eudora Baptist Church, Eudora conduct the most impactful Vacation Bible School events either church had had in years. Attendance was awesome, both VBS teams were awesome, the Carnivals were awesome (We even added pony-rides this year courtesy of the Church In The Dirt folks!), and the number of kids who gave their hearts to Jesus was beyond awesome! All told, at least 20 souls were added to God's Kingdom as a result of the efforts of ARVBA Delta Missions Team and others!

It was hot, generators conked out, fire ants attacked, storms popped up, tires went flat and even blew out! We ran out of ice, we ran out of prizes, and we ran out

of water on more than one ocassion. But our folks hung in there, people showed up, and God showed out! Plus, we ate really well, and stayed in a lodge! It was a God-honoring labor of love and communities were changed forever.

The work we do at home and around the state leads to unexpected opportunities to serve the Lord in other places. Earlier this year, our State Convention inquired as to the possibility of our Association providing a block party for a struggling, but passionate, church near Mena, Arkansas. Much like we did at Cornerstone Baptist Church near Gentry Arkansas, we will bring the Rec trailers to Concord Baptist Church in Mena and set up an awesome ARVBA Carnival. The church folks won't have to worry about set-up/teardown, workers, or supplies. They will be free to 'shake hands and kiss babies' while making contacts for follow-up and gospel conversations. A sign-up form is online and can be accessed from the ARVBA website or by clicking on the link here: [ARVBA Website](#)

The date for this ministry opportunity is September 20th so the hot weather shouldn't really be an issue, and remember, the more folks we have going, the more fun we will have (AND, the easier it will be to provide a really awesome Carnival)! More information is coming in the next day or two so check the webpage often.

Most of you know that I just finished an eight-week interim at 1st, Centerville. I loved spending time at my home church but Mrs. Teresa and I are looking forward to worshipping with the rest of our good ARVBA churches.

The coming weeks will not be quite so busy but there is still some ARVBA stuff coming up. The next Executive Board meeting is not that far away and the ARVBA Annual Meeting will be here before we know it (tentatively set for October 12th). Some of our churches are still having VBS and a few are in Church Camp this week.

My plans are to meet with our major committees in the next week or two to discuss some important Association matters.

Thanks for the privilege to serve!

Bro Danny



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presents

## “The Delta”

July 13<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025

- At least 48 kids in Vacation Bible School at Revive Church, McGehee!
- At least 37 Kids in Vacation Bible School at Eudora Baptist Church!
- Multiple Rooms painted and two walls replaced in Eudora Baptist Church
- Ceilings and walls removed in the future Foster Care Family Meeting Center in McGehee!
- Hundreds in attendance at Carnivals in five different cities!
- At least twenty professions of faith at VBS and Carnival events!

*“What a great work you did this week! We will not know, this side of Heaven, the impact it had!”*  
*Bro. Rick Miller, Revive Church, McGehee*

*“Bro. Danny, this is big! This is real big! Your guys are awesome!”*  
*Bro. Michael Shepherd, Eudora Baptist Church*

*“Please relay our appreciation to all your people. Their unwavering passion to pull off our carnival despite the rain was awesome. They also worked like a well-oiled machine!”*

