

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

spring outreach strategy

Are You Purposefully ‘Compelling Them To Come In So That His House Might Be Full?’

**3:16 on 3:16
Was Only The
Beginning!**

ONE DAY *Serve Local*

For the Spring Outreach Strategy, churches are encouraged to select a day, during April 12-19 to serve their areas, meeting practical needs and sharing the Gospel.

April 20th
BIG DAY

Easter Sunday is always a special time for our churches. AND, it is usually a great time to plan for a good old fashioned High Attendance Sunday!

STATEWIDE BAPTISM SUNDAY

Churches are invited to consider making April 27, 2025, a day of celebration for the decisions made on Serve Local and Big Day.

More ideas here:
www.absc.org/ministries/spring-outreach



*The ARVBA
presents*

Church Camp 2025! **June 16th - 20th** **Spring Lake Camp & Retreat**

Cost is still only \$150.00 (includes t-shirt!)

The Ride Of Your Life!

For one amazing week, ARVBA children, middle-schoolers and youth will enjoy one of the most extraordinary Church Camps in the State.

Even though we host a diverse range of ages, our Camp is amazingly age-graded. The Children (grades 1-4), Middle-Schoolers (grades 5-7) and Youth (grades 8-12) each have separate Worship and Bible study facilities. Lunch and dinner are staggered with the children arriving at the cafeteria first. Swimming, waterslide, and Paddle Boat times are divided by age while swimming and waterslide times are divided by gender as well.

For all intents and purposes, we host three separate camps in one awesome week! And, since our Camp caters to every age group in that one week, churches are not saddled with the problem of finding cabin supervisors for two different weeks.

Spring Lake Camp and Retreat Center is an amazing place. The campus boasts a small lake with fishing and paddle boats as well as an awesome prayer garden and ‘Missions Village’. Dorms and Worship facilities are airconditioned and well maintained. Campers can take advantage of both the swimming pool AND full-sized water slide. Volleyball, Basketball, Disc Golf, and other activities are available as well.

Bible Study teachers and worship leaders have already been enlisted and Camp Pastors are praying over their messages every day. Is your church excited about Church Camp 2025 yet?!

Start inviting the unchurched kids & youth in your area now!

More info here: <https://www.thearvba.com/camp.htm>

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Missionary's Heart

The first attempt at this month's newsletter article began like this:

“Day seven. It is lonely here in room 651 at the moment. This is the five-minute break between vitals being taken, blood being drawn, meds being administered, housekeeping going on, Doctors explaining stuff, and folks stopping by, hoping for an autograph (yeah, maybe not that last one).

The medical team at Baptist Health have proven, once again, that they are the best at treating ‘what ails ya’.

As most of you know by now, I have developed a multi-strain infection (sepsis) in the bloodstream that has been difficult to diagnosed and treat. The leading culprit has been identified and the proper antibiotics are coursing through my steele-lined veins. I may go home before you read this article and will need to administer IV antibiotics for six weeks.”

Two weeks have gone by since that first attempt and I have, indeed, made it home. Mrs. Teresa is polishing up her nursing skills and kids and grandkids come by pretty often to help keep my spirits up. There are some hurdles yet to overcome (mentally and physically) but I am getting there.

I told you a while back that a good friend once said, “You like to walk up to the edge of death and just stand there!” As I said to him, “I promise I am not doing this on purpose!”

Thank you for lifting me up in prayer once again. Your petitions carry more weight than any of us truly understand. And especially remember to pray for that bride of mine. She is awesome but it can't be easy nursing Super Dan back to health.

Did you get a chance to attend the Vacation Bible School Clinic? More than 50 folks registered from 16 different churches to get a ‘close-up’ view of this year's VBS theme, materials, snacks, etc. Your ARVBA VBS Team put together an excellent presentation and the breakout sessions were great. Don't forget to reserve your VBS props as they get snatched up pretty quickly.

Can you believe it has been ten years since I became your Associational Missionary?! Ten years of endless

whining and griping. Ten years of resistance to any change. Ten years of trying to look busy while playing Solitaire. (I am, of course talking about myself!) 🤔

A lot has changed in the previous decade. Two new ‘in-laws’ joined the Green family and five grandchildren now rule the clan. I joined the ranks of the Medicare insured and my bride got a new (to us) car. With God's intervention, Teresa and I have both overcome significant medical issues and, all-in-all, life is pretty darn good in the Kingdom-O-Green.

The ARVBA has endured her share of transmogrification. (see Calvin & Hobbes) ARVBA Day, though short-lived, introduced the idea of our Association churches coming together to do real Missions. That idea gave birth to the annual ARVBA Mission Trip. We began in Kansas City and are now focused on the Delta area of our own State. More than half of our ARVBA churches have partnered together on these trips to reach their neighbors with the Gospel.

Teach 28:20 reintroduced the concept of Associational Church Training. Southern Baptists once proudly called ourselves a people of the Book. We purposefully trained our teachers to teach the bible. Over time, such training fell by the wayside and as a result, biblical literacy among church members declined drastically. Teach 28:20 is the first step in strengthening the discipleship programs in our churches.

The ARVBA Recreation Ministry has experienced extraordinary growth in the past ten years. We added four industrial inflatables to our food court machines and acquired two new (and larger) Rec Trailers. Our churches use theses rolling carnivals for VBS, Fall Festivals, Easter events, etc. Each year the trailers roll out for the annual One Day Mission event as well as travel to the Annual Mission Trip location.

And, of course, Church Camp has seen a few tweaks as well. The ARVBA has always been one of the best Camps in the state. Adding a Middle-School division just made things even better. Three camps in one location in the same week. Only the ARVBA could do something like that!

Bro Danny



The ARVBA
presents
“*The Delta*”
July 13th - 18th, 2025

Something happened during our first year in the Delta. A ministry was started that touched the lives of more than a thousand people! But the miracle began a month earlier. The Holy Spirit moved in an amazing way at Church Camp that year which led to many revived and energized Youth Campers charging the Delta determined to do good stuff for the Lord. And they did just that.

Church congregations were revitalized, communities were reached as never before, pastors and their families were encouraged as they had not been in a very long time. Some of the ARVBA mission team were invited to stand on the stage at the State Convention as one Delta pastor shared what having the ARVBA Missions Team at the church did for their congregation and community.

You are invited to be part of this year's Assoc. Mission Trip!

Missions Projects (As of 03/19/2025)

CARNIVALS

- Monday – Portland**
- Tuesday – Dermott**
- Wednesday – McGehee**
- Thursday – Eudora Baptist Church**
- Friday – Association Churches & Church Plants –**

CONSTRUCTION/PAINTING/ETC

- Eudora Baptist Church**
 - Inside Work on Sunday School Space**
 - Inside Painting**
 - Grounds Cleanup & Improvement**
- Revive Church, McGehee**
 - Remodel building for ministry use**
 - Minor Building Repairs**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

- Eudora Baptist Church**
 - Monday - Thursday - 9 ‘til noon with lunch served**
- Revive Church, McGehee**
 - Monday - Thursday - 9 ‘til noon with lunch served**

More info relevant and links here: <https://www.thearyba.com/deltamissions.htm>