



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!

- ♦ **October, 4th** - [ONE Day 2025!](#)
- ♦ **October 9th** - [Sending Lab](#)
- ♦ **October 12th** - [ARVBA Annual Meeting](#)
- ♦ **October 22-23** - [Arkansas Baptist State Convention in Russellville](#)

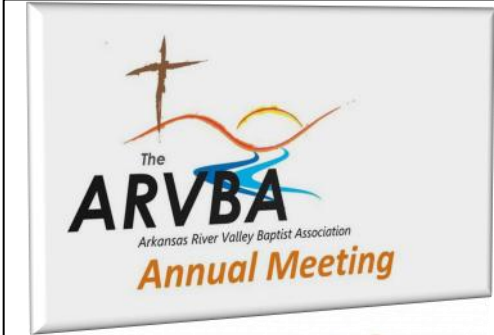
Check the Association Website for more dates and events!

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

PASTOR SEARCH

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

Rover Baptist Church
First Baptist, Centerville
First Baptist, Plainview
First Baptist, Clarksville
Welcome Bro. Gene Tanner!
Pastor, 1st, Dardanelle
Welcome Bro. Stephen Walker
Pastor, 1st, Hector



When: October 12th, 2025
Where: First Baptist Church, Dardanelle
What Time: 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

The 94th Annual Meeting of the ARVBA will be held in Yell County this year!

On October 12th, folks from almost every church in our Association will travel to Dardanelle, Arkansas for one of the year's most important events. We will 'do the business' of the ARVBA, enjoy the fellowship of sister church members, worship together, break bread together, and enjoy hearing God's Word together.

Ours has become a one-afternoon event and focuses heavily on providing an opportunity for our congregations to celebrate all that the Lord has done through their generous contributions. Lives were forever changed through ARVBA ministries this year. That happened because you gave to the Association and because you went to Church Camp, (33 students saved) the Annual Delta Mission Trip (20+ persons saved), and the Mena Carnival Outreach event (4 new families attended Concord Baptist Church the very next day!).

It is our hope that every ARVBA member congregation will choose to join us on this special day. Maybe you can 'move' your Sunday evening service to 1st Dardanelle and join the other churches for a huge joint worship service. Maybe those whose church no longer has Sunday evening services would like to get together for fellowship, dinner, and Bro. Jim Huffman's and Bro. Danny's extraordinary preaching. Or maybe you want to join other ARVBA'ers in worshipping our awesome God under the leadership of Bro. Josh Crow and his team.

This will be an official Business Meeting with the messengers from your church voting on important things but it will be so much more than that. Ministry reports are on the agenda, The annual Associational Missions video is almost finished, and Bro. Danny is feverishly looking for a verse to go along with what he will preach! That is why we hope all of you will join all of us at 1st, Dardanelle on October 12th.

[Click the link](#) for the itinerary if you are online or go to the ARVBA website and follow the link from there

[Click This link](#) to register (We need to know how much food to prepare!)



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Missionary's Heart

I am always amazed at how quickly the ministry year passes. It seems as though we move along until February and then all Heaven breaks loose! VBS Clinic starts the ball rolling and things don't really slow down until after the Annual Meeting. Church Camp is a big deal and the Annual Mission Trip continues to grow in scope and participation. We recently provided one of the best carnivals of the year in partnership with Concord Baptist Church near Mena and three ARVBA block Party Teams are preparing to travel to Jonesboro for the annual ONE DAY mission event. As I often say, "My life would kill an ordinary man!"

The next item on the agenda is the aforementioned Annual Meeting. I hope you are planning to join us for this happy event. We will do the business of the Association, to be sure, but we will do so much more than that. You will hear all that the Lord has done through the ministries of the ARVBA in the past year. You will enjoy a great fellowship meal. You will participate in awesome worship services and hear extraordinary preaching (at least in the first session!). Most importantly, you will join with fellow ARVBA church members as we come together to honor the work of the Lord in our midst. ***It is no small thing to be part of the greatest Baptist Association in the world!***

Now, allow me to use that last statement as a segway into the obvious. Ours is an extraordinary association of churches because we are an association of extraordinary churches! Almost all ARVBA congregations contribute financially to our ministries and mission endeavors. A great percentage of our churches support, and participate in, the various seminars and training opportunities provided by your Associational giving. You pray for one another. You support each other's ministries and outreach efforts. You partner together so that we can "Do more together than we could ever hope to do individually". I tell you, I consider it is an honor to serve alongside such a God-honoring, Jesus-loving, Holy Spirit-following bunch of redeemed reprobates!

Now, allow me to use that last paragraph as a segway into the obvious.

For the last ten years, the ARVBA leadership teams have been very determined in our effort to be 'relevant' to our churches. They have added 'oompf!' to the recreation ministry by adding industrial inflatables, Block Party Training, and new trailers. The Education/discipleship team began one of the strongest annual/semi-annual small group strengthening events in the state. Church safety and Child safety seminars have been added by our Church Health Team. Church Camp has been expanded to include a separate Middle-School division, AND, the annual ARVBA Mission Trip was established and has allowed Association church members to serve both the Kansas City area and locations throughout the Arkansas Delta. The obvious result of becoming 'more relevant' is our churches have been strengthened and are even more effective in their individual Kingdom-building ministries. Way to go ARVBA!

Now, allow me to use that last testimonial as a segway into the obvious. The increase in relevancy has naturally resulted in an increase in expenses. It simply costs more to do more. Unfortunately, income has not kept pace with the increase so we are looking for ways to cut expenses and streamline our services to better serve our churches.

A month or so ago I posted a link to our ARVBA Ministries Survey. Sadley, only 8 folks have responded! Can you do me a favor and take time to check it out? Your input will help us determine the ministries and services that are most relevant (there's that word again!) to you and your church.

Click the pic if you are reading this online or go to the [ARVBA website](#) and follow the link from there.



It is a genuine joy and privilege to serve with you guys!

Bro Danny



Annual Meeting

October 20 - 21

First Baptist Church
Russellville, Arkansas



The Arkansas Baptist State Convention returns to Russellville this year and we hope you plan to attend. This will be a special time for Arkansas Baptists as we will welcome our new Executive Director, Dr. Mark Dance. In addition, we will enjoy a 'Happy Retirement Again' celebration for Dr. Rex Horn.

At this year's Annual Meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, we will gather around the theme of what it means to "Follow." The Annual Meeting will begin on Monday evening in conjunction with the final portion of the Pastors' Conference and will conclude Tuesday afternoon.

Click the Arkansas Baptist Logo for more info

Saturday, November 15
10am-3pm
East Side Baptist Church
2710 Massard Road
Fort Smith AR
myeastside.tv/events



There are three ARVBA Block Party Teams heading to ONE DAY this year!

The 1st, Dardanelle Team will be bring their trailer to Lake City and the 1st, Knoxville Team will head to a Park in Jonesboro. Bro. Danny will take the second ARVBA trailer & Team and set up at Family Fellowship just outside Jonesboro city limits.

Those traveling with the second ARVBA Team can contact Bro. Danny for departure times and other info.