

ARVBA
Executive Board Meeting Agenda
September 23rd, 2025

I. Opening Prayer

A. Scripture: Bro. Larry Pless

III. Minutes of Previous Meeting: Mrs. Nora Earnest

III. Reports:

A. Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Tena

B. Missions Teams

a. Disaster Relief Update: Steve Overton



b. Annual Mission Trip Update: _____



The ARVBA
presents
"The Delta"
Annual Mission Trip 2025

c. Church Camp 2025



ARVBA
Church Camp!

Professions of Faith:	33
Rededications:	10
Sense a Call to Ministry:	9
Other Decisions:	7

Associational Missionary Report. Bro. Danny

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IV. Old Business:

V. New Business:

A. Proposed Association Budget for 2025 – Bro. Larry Pless	Yes _____	No _____
B. Proposed Association Leadership for 2025 – Bro. Larry Pless	Yes _____	No _____
C. 1 st , Morrilton Petition for ARVBA Membership	Yes _____	No _____
D. Other: _____	Yes _____	No _____
_____	Yes _____	No _____

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August Income

Church	Aug 2025	YTD	Misc. Income		
ATKINS	569.24	4810.75	Knoxville Rec	150.00	
ARD	0.00	0.00	Herren	5.00	
BAKERS CREEK	190.00	520.00	Rusl Rec	300.00	
CALVARY	155.04	1268.28	Flat Rock Rec	150.00	
CENTERVILLE	0.00	908.87	VBS Commission Check	701.11	
CLARKSVILLE	41.67	333.36	Bank Simmons	5.00	
			Additional	August	YTD
CROW MOUNTIAN	254.00	2294.45	ARVBA MISC INCOME	1311.11	26421.84
CRESTVIEW	142.66	915.09	Camp	0.00	52617
CHURCH IN THE DIRT	0.00	1000.00	Misson Trip	140.00	2870.00
DANVILLE	125.00	1475	Brotherhood Roof	4252.51	4252.51
DARDANELLE	465.05	4369.49	Designated BCM	1340.00	1340.00
DELAWARE	0.00	0.00	Total Mth income	17628.82	173397.22
			ASSOC income less mission trip, camp & misc income		
DOVER	1021.15	10236.84		10585.20	85895.87
EAST POINT	318.24	2482.41			
FAIR PARK	200.00	1600.00			
FLAT ROCK	0.00	400.00			
GRACE	0.00	2408.03			
HAVANA	242.00	2098.00			
HECTOR	163.95	1585.07			
HOPEWELL	232.00	2004.00			
KNOXVILLE	322.12	3717.08			
LONDON	827.33	9765.96			
MERCY TREE	200.00	1800.00			
MORELAND	0.00	0			
NEW HOPE	510.00	5119.00			
OLA	15.75	104.75			
PLAINVIEW	371.15	2490.43			
PLEASANT VIEW	0.00	377.50			
POTTSVILLE	1244.39	10699.69			
ROVER	30.00	240.00			
RUSSELLVILLE 1st	500.00	4000			
RUSSELLVILLE 2ND	241.67	1887.51			
SCRANTON	432.00	5787.05			
UNITY	0.00	0.00			
Total	8814.41	86698.61			

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<u>Association Missionary</u>	8/1/2024	ytd	Remaining	2024 Budget	Misc Income
Take Home	2000.00	14061.54	6738.46	20,800.00	
Housing Allowance	1933.33	15466.64	7,733.36	23,200.00	
Reimbursable Ministry Expense	1417.57	9450.68	839.01	7,000.00	3289.69
Annuity	105.00	840.00	420.00	1,260.00	
A.M. Insurance premiums	1141.56	11826.09	7,973.22	16,000.00	3799.31
Reimbursable Medical Expense	462.04	3487.51	4,786.16	8,273.67	
	7059.50	55132.46	28,490.21	76,533.67	
<u>Secretary Tena Herren</u>					
Sal.gross	4,375.40	26,252.40	20616.96	46869.36	
Minus fed & state, withholdings	819.50	5,730.50	5,314.22	11,044.72	
Take Home	3,555.90	24,897.30	10,927.34	35,824.64	
Taxes Shoptaw	922.67	8630.24	2745.82	11376.06	
<u>Operating Expense</u>					
Utilities	427.33	3698.12	1301.88	5000	
Postage	61.98	1353.17	813	1600	566.17
Office Supplies	0	378.81	1681.52	1400	281.52
Machines & Maintenance	0	1549.29	1232.23	2500	281.52
Building/rec Insurance	0	3359	4441	7800	
Technology Expense	120.16	849.80	350.20	1200	
Misc. Expense	5.00	3125.16	19991.92	1300	30153.71
<i>Build. Maintenance</i>	290.88	1452.67	547.33	2000	
	905.35		29811.75	22800	
<u>Evangelism and Outreach</u>					
Camp	200.00	54210.35	-93.35	3000	51117.00
Evangelism Events	0.00	0.00	500.00	500	
Sunday School Events	0.00	0.00	5000.00	5000	
Vacation Bible School	0.00	2273.46	1477.65	2000	1751.11
	200.00		6884.30	10500	
<u>Ministry and Outreach Events</u>					
Children's Events	0.00	0.00	500.00	500	
Student's Ministry Events	0.00	0.00	500.00	500	
Senior Adult Ministry	0.00	0.00	500.00	500	
BCM	0.00	1450.00	1450.00	2900	
Recreation Ministries	137.22	115.50	2084.50	500	1700.00
	137.22		5034.50	4900	
<u>Mission Promotions & Projects</u>					
Women on Missions	0.00	0.00	500.00	500	
Baptist Men	0	0	400	400	
Disaster Relief	0.00	1109.59	929.12	600	1438.71
ARVBA Mission Project	1336.31	5761.93	1108.07	4000	2870.00
Local Mission Projects	0.00	0.00	800.00	800	
	1336.31		3737.19	6300	

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Miscellaneous Ministries					
Pastoral Ministry	0.00	134.21	395.99	500	30.2
Pastoral Assistance	0.00	0.00	400.00	400	
Resource Room	0.00	0.00	200.00	200	
Total Misc Min	0.00	134.21	995.99	1100	
	14116.95	168234.21	12,144.88	180,379.09	97330.94
ARVBA CHECKING		Account closed 1/15/2024 per exec. Board			
Beginning Balance	9367.27	Beginning market value		13352.97	
Deposits of	15858.03	Income		152.79	
Debits	14116.95	Ending Market Value		0	
Subtotal	11105.45	1/31/2024			
Designate Roof	4252.51				
Designated BCM Student workers	1340.00				
Ending Balance 8/31	5512.94				
A donation of \$1005.94 for mission trip was not included in line item					

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My records indicate it was roughly two and half months ago that we last met as the Executive Board and your Association has been very active with missions and ministry during that time. Following is a brief recap.

On July 13th I attended morning services at 1st Clarksville and wished Bro Darrel Bridges the happiest of retirements. That afternoon, I traveled to the hunting lodge on Cyrier Road near Eudora to greet the ARVBA Mission Trip 2025 Team upon their arrival. The next five days were ministry filled to be sure.

Your Missions Team Provided two full-scale Vacation Schools, two week-long construction projects, and five blowout carnivals in as many towns. More than twenty souls were added to the Kingdom that week and at least two churches continue to see new folks coming to and joining their congregations.

On July 24th, Bro. Richard Snyder and I traveled to Mena to scope out the site for our next ARVBA adventure. We met with the pastor and youth/outreach leader of Concord Baptist church as well as their Associational Missionary, Bro. Ewayne. A little less than one month later, 13 ARVBA'ers from five Association churches traveled to the Ink Fire Station where we set up one of your world-famous carnivals. A ton of people from the community attended the event and Concord Baptist reports they had four new families in church on the following Sunday morning!

Since last Executive Board meeting, I attended the semi-annual Association Missionary Retreat/workshop in Camp Paron, conducted the last Block Party training event of 2025, and mailed 1100+ flyers from the Mena Post Office.

In that same time, I was privileged to visit or preach at the following churches:

1 st Clarksville	1 st , Russellville	Calvary Baptist, Dardanelle	1 st Havana
Grace Church, Bellville	2 nd , Russellville	Crow Mountain Baptist	1 st , Plainview
Pleasant View Baptist	1 st Dover		

Thank you for the privilege of serving with the finest church folks anywhere,

Bro. Danny

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FIRST BAPTIST MORRILTON

September 1, 2025

To the churches of the Arkansas River Valley Baptist Association:

On June 1, 2025 the membership of the First Baptist Church of Morrilton, Arkansas voted unanimously to join the Arkansas River Valley Baptist Association effective October 1, 2025 pending approval at the ARVBA Annual Meeting on October 12, 2025.

This vote was the result of several conversations among members and leadership over the course of the last couple of years. As a current member of the Conway-Perry Baptist Association, it had become obvious that it was time to move to an association that was moving in the same direction that fit the vision for FBC Morrilton. FBC Morrilton officially notified the Conway-Perry Baptist Association of the move to the ARVBA on August 18, 2025.

FBC Morrilton was founded in 1860 (although there is some dispute when looking at historical records—other dates of 1866 and 1873 are mentioned—but 1860 seems to be the most accurate historical date supported by the majority of historical documents).

On Sunday, October 12, 2025 the church will celebrate 165 years of ministry during the morning service—then the leadership will be present at the ARVBA Annual Meeting that evening to celebrate a new partnership with the churches of the ARVBA.

FBC Morrilton contributes to various mission projects both financially and physically. The church is a member of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention and actively contributes to the Cooperative Program. FBC Morrilton currently contributes to the Conway-Perry Baptist Association and will re-direct that contribution to the ARVBA effective October 1, 2025. The proposed budgeted giving to the ARVBA in 2026 will be \$200 per month (\$2400 per year) pending approval of the new budget in December 2025.

FBC Morrilton partners with Platte River Bible Church in Casper, Wyoming and is forming a partnership with a local missionary that is serving in Romania.

FBC Morrilton also partners directly with Camp Siloam (taking 80 campers this summer) and Arkansas Baptist Children's Homes.

FBC Morrilton currently has an active attendance of approximately 200 people on Sunday mornings, 40 people on Sunday evenings, and 180 on Wednesday nights (120 children/youth and 60 adult workers). The current budget is \$410,00.00 with an anticipated budget for 2026 to be approximately \$440,000.00. The church currently has NO DEBTS! PRAISE THE LORD!!!

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The current pastor is Russell Rhoden. Russell started his ministry at FBC Morrilton on January 1, 2020. Russell served as pastor of FBC Warren from August 2014-December 2019, pastor of FBC Center Ridge from May 2004-August 2014, and youth pastor at Harlan Park Baptist Church in Conway from June 1997-February 2004.

Russell is an Arkansas native—born in Pine Bluff—and graduating from Rose Bud High School. Russell graduated from UCA with a Political Science degree and from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity Degree.

Russell is married to Becky, who teaches 5th grade in the South Conway County School District. They have three sons. Avery (25) is in his second year of dental school at UTHSC in Memphis. Alex (23) is in his first year of medical school (Baptist Health) in Memphis. Andrew (18) is a freshman at UAM and plays football for the Boll Weevils.

FBC Morrilton has a long history of partnerships locally, statewide, nationally, and internationally. We look forward to this new partnership with the churches of the ARVBA.

Thank you for considering us to become a new partner alongside each of you at the ARVBA.

Russell Rhoden
Pastor, FBC Morrilton, Arkansas