



ROCK SPRINGS BAPTIST

Southern Baptist Convention

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Sunday School: 9:45 AM
Morning Worship: 11:00 Am
Sunday Evening: 7:00 PM
Wednesday:
Bible Study & AWANA 7:00 PM

Greetings

2014 is here. With it comes all of the opportunities that our churches within ECBA plan, pray, and work toward each and every year. It is my prayer for the 2014 Vacation Bible School year, that you and your church are as excited about VBS as I. Volunteering is easy when you are passionate concerning that for which one volunteers. As VBS leaders, may we join together and reach out to Parents & Boys & Girls, who need Christ.

For the last several years, VBS has been an important part of my life in churches where I have served. Whether as a guide/worker, hall monitoring, or leading worship, driving a church van, or just helping parents feel comfortable trusting their children with total strangers, I enjoy VBS.

One thing I have noticed, (I hope your church is an exception) is a declining participatory roll of the men of our churches, and the recruitment of UN-CHURCHED, Momma's and Daddy's, in VBS. Last year alone, Rock Springs Baptist ministered to over 100 children, with 17 making professions of faith. That is a remarkable number for a church with an average attendance of 30. The sad reality is that we were only able to baptize one of those precious souls.

Here is the point... I am convinced (and I believe statistics bear this out), that our lack of permanent results in VBS outreach is directly tied to Mom & Dad's not being engaged in VBS with their children. I would like to propose a challenge to you the Pastor, and/or VBS Director:

LET'S GO AFTER THE PARENTS & ADULTS WITH THE CHILDREN!

Include them, invite them, "compel them," (KJV) "Make them," (HCSB) come to VBS and be a part of what God is doing with their children! Invite them to the classes, run them through recreation, and the worship songs, YOU KNOW THEY WILL LOVE IT! Yes, it's hard work, Yes they will say no, and make excuses, no; they may not have transportation, and yes it's ok to make extra hotdogs for parents. I say this with some tongue and cheek, but all of us know that if we can get Mom and Dad, we get the kiddos automatically!

The Regional Vacation Bible School Clinic for our half of the State is *February 20, at FBC Muskogee, beginning at 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM.* There will be break-outs, and demonstrations including the worship Rally, so it should be a lot of fun, I encourage you to go (especially Directors). **The ECBA VBS Clinic is scheduled for APRIL 5, at Rock Springs Baptist Church, Stilwell 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM.**

Director/Pastor, I am inviting you to team up with us over the next several weeks, learn the motions, learn the songs, and volunteer to lead a "classroom demonstration, or craft, or even a recreational game." If you or your leadership team would like to be a part of ECBA's VBS Clinic, please contact me soon, my contact information is on our letterhead. We will have materials available for clinic participants by the weekend, and as usual we hope to have materials available for purchase at the Clinic. Oh yeah did I mention lunch? As the host church we invite you to have lunch with us!

God Bless your VBS this year!
Wendall Haugh
Pastor: Rock Springs Baptist Church

VBS CLINIC
SAT April 5
9:00_{am} — 12:00_{pm}
(Lunch provided by Host Church)
Rock Springs Baptist
3mi East of Stilwell, Hwy 100E



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PLEASE NOTE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS!

TBA BOARD MTG

SATURDAY - FEB 18

TBA CAFETERIA

BREAKFAST @ 10:00_{AM}

BOARD MEETING @ 10:30_{AM}

Under the new Tenkiller Baptist Assembly Constitution which was temporarily adopted at last year's ECBA annual meeting:

ECBA churches may elect one (1) TBA board member

Cabin owning churches may elect one (1) additional TBA board member.

The TBA board member must be elected by a local church cooperating with ECBA and recorded in the church minutes. Unlike the ECBA board, Pastors are not automatically TBA board members, but may be elected by their church.

ECBA and TBA welcomes all ECBA churches to participate in TBA by not only electing a board member, but also by participating in camp and retreat events and supporting TBA financially. TBA welcomes your prayers, counsel, participation, and support. Join us for breakfast, fellowship, prayer, planning, and preparation for 2014! Guests are welcome!

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