

WRBA NEWS

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Dear Associational Family,

As the summer months come to a close, we are back to business as usual. But, what is business as usual? What are we in the business for? A common theme across the association leads churches to ask that question. What are we in the business for? As charitable organizations with 501(c)3 status, we are required to do administrative business. But is that our business? The purpose of the early church was not to “do” business. They were not an organization or an entity. They were simply followers of Christ who served each other and brought others to Christ. In general the philosophy of the church has changed from ministry driven to administration driven. We, as God’s church, must divert our attention back to the latter. We must be in the business of seeing lives changed with the gospel. An ongoing trend has led to the abandonment of the grace of Christ to follow necessary procedures. Though we cannot and should not change the administrative process of the church, we must allow ourselves to set our eyes on the things above.

It is our prayer at White River Baptist Association to do things that are setting our eyes on things above. It is important to the family of God to serve together with the correct goals. Honestly, I do not always know the goals we should follow. This is why it is so important to receive your participation and feedback. As we begin to conclude this season, let us renew our commitment of serving together. The Summer months were busy and chaotic for many. Now, let us come together for the sake of Christ. Be aware that in the coming months we will be nominating and approving our officers and team participants of WRBA. We ask that you be willing to take up the responsibility of the ministry and administration of the association. Also, I ask that if you are already or will be on a committee or team, that you will make every effort to attend each meeting. WRBA needs your input and participation so that we all can reach our communities for Christ.

A reminder to all golfers and anyone who knows a golfer, the Threshold Ministries Golf Tournament is just around the corner. This is a four man/ woman scramble. Early

registration is necessary and should be done by September 13. The tournament will be Monday, October 18 and the range will be open by 6:30am. For more information please contact the office.

It is time for I'M IN R-U-N Women's Conference September 11 at 600pm. This year's speaker is Kathy Bryan. For more information go to the WRBA website or call Joann at 656-5112.

Thank you for all that attended and participated in the Open House. Many from the association and community attended to support the ministries of WRBA and Threshold. This was a successful event and has already affected our communities.

As we gear up for the new season please put the following events on your calendar:

- August 28-29 Statewide Prayer Gathering
- August 31, 6pm Administrative Team Meeting
- September 11, 6pm I'M IN, R-U-N Women's Conference
- September 14, 9:30am Executive Planning Council
- September 18 Threshold Ministries Golf Tournament
- October 7 Acts 1:8 One Day Mission Trip, North Pulaski County
- October 16, 4pm Annual Meeting
- November 6-8 ABSC Annual Meeting
- First Tuesday of each month: Pastor and Staff Luncheon at Freeze King

For His Mission,



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