

WRBA NEWS

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Dear Associational Family,

We are excited about what God has planned for the churches of White River Baptist Association. We are privileged to aide in these plans. This year will bring with it three new conferences and stronger communication. God has given us the opportunity to work together to advance the Gospel in the Ozarks and to the World.

On February 24th we will be conducting an exciting young generations conference. The **Next Generations** conference will feature two components. First, local church leaders that work with children, youth and young adults will give talks on a variety of topics that will help in engaging the next generation. Second, there will be panels of local leaders and students. These panels will provide incite on the current needs affecting our students. Visit us online and watch your mailbox for more information. The conference will be at Twin Lakes Baptist Church and begins at 9 am. Please regester in advance by calling our office at 435-2575.

March 17 will be a deacon training. If you have new deacons who are needing an orientation or deacons that need a refresher course, we recommend this workshop. We will focus on specific topics concerning the role and effectiveness of the church deacon. I would encourage perspective or current deacons to attend the **Deacon Training Workshop** at Gassville Baptist Church at 1pm. Please let us know how many to expect from your church.

Another training is in the works for this year. We are facing security issues at a growing rate in both metropolitan and rural churches nationwide. Pastors have requested a training focused on the safety of the local church. We are in the process of finalizing the details of this workshop and will get the information to your church soon.

Check out our website for information about two new forms of communication. We now have a phone app that will be used to supplement the regular means of communications. The app will be used both on an on-going basis and during select conferences. You can download the app from the Google Play App Store or through your web browser for other operating systems. Also, we now have a Twitter account. This will help communicate upcoming events and current news. Go to the website at whiteriverba.com for more information.

We pray that your new year will bring both spiritual and numerical growth and that Christ will be glorified from in the Ozarks to the World. May God bless you in this new year.

In His Service,



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