



## June News

Now that we are into the Summer months, ministry and evangelism lead the goal of the family of churches of White River Baptist Association. This time of the year provides great opportunity to reach our communities with the Gospel. Your association rejoices with you as lives are changed due to your mission and effort. Associational missions is not about the work of an office or organization but the collective endeavors of God's churches in Marion and Baxter counties.

Though we do not hear about all ministry successes in WRBA churches, we rejoice with those we are aware. June has brought with it student camps, mission projects and community engagement. Gassville Baptist Church recently conducted their annual student camp at Camp Galilee near Peel, AR. A number of children and teens were able to eat, sleep, swim and fish, but most of all, receive the Good News. Lone Rock Baptist Church carried out their annual mission efforts. This year they decided to stay home for Christ. Simply, they believe that the mission field is in their own community. Through prayer walking, construction ministry with the North Arkansas Food Bank and church building repairs, they were able to engage their neighbors. The River Bible Church youth ministry will be serving the children and homeless in New Orleans again this year. Pray for them during the week of June 24. A number of vacation Bible schools and backyard Bible clubs that are too numerous to mention. Other events are on the schedule for many churches this month and throughout the Summer. We had the privilege to take part in the Gassville in the Park. Our booth provided a connection from the communities and the local church.

Many events are on the calendar for each church of WRBA. We would love to hear about these events to promote your church. We would like to rejoice with you and hear the success of these events. Please put on your calendar four events this Summer. We are making final preparations for the annual Threshold Ministries Golf Tournament. If you would like to be involved as a player or hole sponsor, please contact our office for the August 27 deadline. The event will be at Big Creek Golf Course on Saturday, October 8 at 1 pm. Registration must be done by the August 27 deadline. All proceeds will go to support the Threshold Ministries Food Room.

The women's ministry banquet, I'M IN, R-U-N will be September 10 at 6pm at Twin Lakes Baptist Church. This year's special speaker is Andrea Lennon. She will be speaking on adoption ministry. Please register at the WRBA office in advance.

Recently, we postponed our Church Safety and Security Seminar. We are excited to reschedule the seminar for October 6 at 9 am at Mountain Home Baptist Church. The Baxter County Sheriff's Office will graciously offer a comprehensive presentation of important concerns of the safety of the local church. They provide this seminar free of charge through cooperation with local law enforcement and the Attorney General's office. Please prepare to attend this essential event. Please register in advance so we can have an accurate attendance count for lunch by calling 435-2575 or email at [wrba@gassville.net](mailto:wrba@gassville.net). Please be aware of all events and ministry opportunities on the online calendar at [whiteriverba.com](http://whiteriverba.com).

Some important decisions were made in regards to the ministry of Christian Women's Job Corp. Last month you sent me to Paragould for the National Site Coordinator training. In that training we were able to be completely be certified to operate as a ministry of WRBA. Though we are in transition, a new opportunity is ahead of us to reach the ladies in our community for Christ. Some proposed changes will lead your CWJC women's ministry to succeed and become effective. If you would like to find out more information in regards to CWJC, our next meeting will be August 2 at 6 pm at the WRBA office.

WRBA welcomes two new pastors. Dusty Stanford recently began his pastoral ministry with the Bar None Cowboy Church. We also welcome Scott Spear as the Senior Pastor of East Side Baptist Church. Our prayer and support are for you and your church families.

Earlier this year a dear friend and servant of the White River Baptist Association was struck with a stroke. Former associational missionary of WRBA and current associational missionary of the Rocky Bayou Baptist Association, S.D. Hacker has been recovering from his stroke. As of yesterday, he was able to return home with 24 hour care. He has little control of one side of his body but is becoming stronger due to rehabilitation. Please pray for our brother during this difficult time. If you would like to send a card or message to Bro. S.D. Hacker, see the following:

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Thank you for your prayers and support as we serve together to reach the Ozarks and the World.

Sincerely,



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