

WRBA NEWS

September 2017



Dear Associational Family,

September brought with it a busy season and great ministry victories. Thank you to all of you who spent time, energy and finances to effectively reach our communities for Christ. First, thank you to the Women's Ministry Team for their dedication in organizing the I'M IN, R-U-N event at First Baptist Church, Mountain Home. This year's participation reached over 200 for a record attendance. The night of ministry and fellowship was inspiring and brought about a passion to reach women in human trafficking here in Arkansas and around the world. Second, thank you to the golf committee, sponsors and participants of this year's Threshold Ministries Benefit Golf Tournament. We had forty players to take part in the event and collected over \$6000 to go toward purchasing food for the food room. God blessed the event and He will continue to do so with the funds collected.

We have received a number of calls in regards to the disaster support efforts due to the hurricanes that caused destruction. Many come with a desire to provide items to be shipped to the victims of this natural disaster. There is an ongoing need for support. Unfortunately, we are not able to receive items for shipment. A number of churches and organizations have taken up the responsibility to this effort. The Southern Baptist Convention has the second largest disaster relief organization in North America. Arkansas Baptists have been deployed to bring recovery assistance to the affected regions. Mass feeding units, shower and laundry units, mud out teams and chaplains are serving from Arkansas to support the efforts. We highly recommend financial participation for Arkansas Baptists to continue to serve in these areas. Also, certified volunteers are needed to deploy in these capacities. A number of disaster relief training has taken place with another planned October 14 at First Baptist Church, Geyer Springs. We are excited to have a training scheduled for our area but it will not be until March of 2018. If you would like more information or to financially support the disaster relief efforts, please contact the WRBA office.

We want to congratulate Rev. Jerry Backus on his retirement from First Baptist Church, Bull Shoals. Your dedicated service and commitment to the gospel is appreciated and recognized by many. There is no doubt you are loved and you have been used by the Father to reach many for Christ.

We would like to remind you that the associational annual meeting will be Monday October 16 beginning at 4pm. The second session will be at 6:30pm. This year's theme is "Pray for the Harvest". Our emphasis this year will be on prayer and worship. We would love to have you join us for fellowship and worship.

You are the association. Your participation as a family of churches is making an impact here in the Ozarks and around the world. Thank you for your love, commitment and prayer as we reach our communities with gospel together. As we prepare for the next year, please continue to be apart of collective ministry in Marion and Baxter counties. You are the ministry of the White River Baptist Association. Let's continue together to bring the saving hope of Christ to a lost world.

For His Mission,



Stace E. Cupples
Associational Missionary

See the following events:

October 14, Disaster Relief Training, FBC Geyer Springs

October 15-17, 7pm, Heaven's Gates and Hell's Flames, Twin Lakes Baptist Church

October 16, 4pm-8pm, WRBA Annual Meeting, Gassville Baptist Church

November 5, 2pm-6:30pm, International Day of Prayer event, Rea Valley Baptist Church

November 6, ABSC Pastor's Conference, FBC Russellville

November 7-8 ABSC Annual Meeting, FBC Russellville