

Dixie Jackson

Each year Arkansas Baptist set aside a time to call attention to and encourage Gospel work in our state.

Dixie Jackson Arkansas Missions Offering and Week of Prayer for Arkansas Missions September 12-19, 2021

Dixie Jackson took every opportunity to study and learn scripture. She traveled around the state training women and spreading the word about Arkansas Baptist mission efforts. She helped establish a Week of Prayer for Arkansas State Missions in 1926. Before she died in 1929 she had the privilege of seeing an offering added to the annual week of prayer.

The Dixie Jackson Offering funds many ministries in Arkansas, things like the Acts 1:8 One Day Mission Trip, Collegiate Ministries, Disaster Relief, New Church Starts, Pregnancy Care Centers, Church Planting, Conferences for Equipping Church Members for Ministry, and many others.

This year's theme is "Ignite" "And the Word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region" Acts 13:49. Just like in the days of the early church when "the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power," we pray that the embers of our hearts would shine brightly for our Savior. We ask that He ignite within us a passion to pray, give and serve so that His glory and grace be fully on display.

Pray about the role you and your church will play. Give generously, pray boldly. For more information go to absc.org/dixiejackson.



P.R.E.P. For Your Call

**September 23rd
6:30 p.m.**

**Spring Lake Camp
145 Strauss Street
Lonsdale, AR**

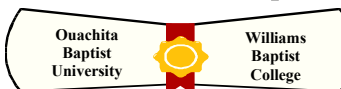
*An Event Designed To
Encourage & Inform Those
Who May Be Experiencing A
Call to Ministry Leadership*

- Dinner & Snacks Provided
- Spouses Encouraged To Attend Together
- Parents Welcome To Attend With Minors

REGISTER NOW

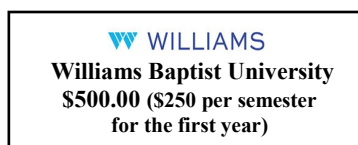
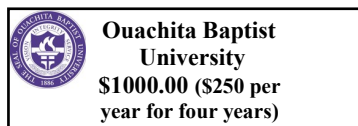


Scholarships



Each year Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia and Williams Baptist University in Walnut Ridge, offer Associational Scholarships to entering freshmen.

Scholarships are for students who will be graduating from high school in May of 2022 and will be an entering freshman in the fall of 2022. Scholarships are for new students, currently enrolled students are not eligible. Each scholarship is contingent upon the student's acceptance at the institution involved. To receive either scholarship, students must be an active member of a Southern Baptist Church in Central Baptist Association.



Scholarship packets have been mailed to each CBA church. If you need an application contact the CBA office 501-778-5463.

Deadline:
Applications must be received in the CBA office no later than Thursday, September 30, 2021 for consideration.

Mail to:
Central Baptist Association
Attn: Scholarship Committee
928 W South Street
Benton AR 72015

Fax to: 501-778-2954

Email to:
ernest.desoto@gmail.com

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Thank You CBA for the opportunity to work with you and for you for the last 18 years. We have enjoyed getting to know so many of you and will miss you. Hopefully we will see you around.

Brenda Targett &
Judy Farrow

Missionary Moments

At the recent Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville, messengers approved **Vision 2025** — a renewed effort to refocus our priorities on Kingdom matters. The third strategic action of **Vision 2025** involves leadership and calling:

“Increase our total number of workers in the field through a new emphasis on calling out the called, and then preparing those who are called out by the Lord.”

Unfortunately, many evangelical leaders predict a coming shortage of pastors and vocational Christian leaders across the spectrum of ministry roles in the future of the church in America. Why is there a shortage and what can we do about it?

We are instructed to pray to the Lord of the harvest that He would send workers in the fields. Does your church culture encourage congregation members to consider, hear, and respond to God's call to Christian ministry leadership? Does your church pray for their members to be called into vocational or co-vocational ministry? Do you preach about hearing God's vocational call for every member and His particular call to ministry leadership for some? Does your sermon invitation include a call to surrender to God's plan for vocational Christian leadership?

I am asking you to help me find our next generation of leaders that God is calling from our churches. This month, four Central Arkansas Baptist associations will host an event in four locations on four nights designed to encourage and inform those who are called to ministry leadership. This event is for those who are feeling called to ministry or considering some type of Christian ministry. I'm asking you to help me recruit these from within your church.

We will host a dinner at Spring Lake Camp on September 23 for those who may be experiencing a call to ministry leadership. (see registration information included in this newsletter) We will have area ministry leaders present who will share their own call experience. We will explain partnerships available to encourage future leaders and provide some ideas for “next steps.” I will introduce a new resource that will provide valuable content to assist you in raising up new leaders within your congregation — training, motivating, equipping, and developing them. Those from our area who cannot be at the event on the 23rd are welcome to choose another P.R.E.P. dinner in September (14th, 16th, 21st) to attend.

It's not too late to register to bring a group to the One Day mission trip in Russellville (October 2). We are needing some additional churches to do a canned food drive for this. There are 9 sites that have requested food, which is triple the normal. If one of your groups is able to participate during September, let us know. **Plan to bring the “One Day” canned food to the CBA office on Monday, September 27.**

As we plan the 2022 CBA budget, we recognize the ongoing sacrificial giving and support from churches. In order to accomplish the goal of reaching Central Arkansas with the Gospel, we have much more work to be done together. As you plan missions giving for 2022, would you allow me to meet with your missions development group or finance team to share some of our specific strategies and goals? I have had the privilege of doing this numerous times in the summer and these churches have had a new appreciation for their participation in the ministries of CBA. I am available to come to your church and meet with your leadership teams as well.

Bro. Ernest

Come Celebrate With Us

Come Join Us for
Homecoming Sunday
September 12, 2021, at
Temple Baptist Church
8601 Highway 67
Benton, AR

Join us for Morning Worship at
10:45 a.m. Then stay as Bro. Ivy
and Mrs. Brenda Renew Their Vows.

Lunch will be
served following
the Renewal
Service.



Rev. Ivy and Mrs. Brenda Ellis
Invite You to Join them as They Renew
Their Vows in Celebration of Their
50th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, September 12, 2021
12:00 Noon (Following
Morning Worship Service)

Temple Baptist Church
8601 Highway 67
Benton, AR

Lunch will be served.



Birthdays

- 11 Benny Grant, Pastor
Hurricane Lake
- 21 Vince Perkins, Director
Travelers' Chapel
- 26 John McCallum, Pastor
First, Hot Springs
- 28 Denny Wright, Pastor
Balboa

Wedding Anniversaries

- 17 Ivy & Brenda Ellis
Temple

Church Anniversaries

- 9 Micah McKinley, Pastor
Meadowview
- 11 Clif Springer, Pastor
Calvary, Benton
- 15 Jon Stubblefield, Pastor
Barcelona Road
- 16 Ernest DeSoto,
Associational Missionary,
CBA Office

What:
CONNECT

When:
October 15-17, 2021

Where:
Beech Street Baptist Church,
Texarkana

Who:
7th -12th grade students and
their adult leaders

Cost: \$25

Connect...The experience of
a weeklong mission trip
packaged into a single
weekend.

Register at absc.org/connect

September Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 6:00 p.m. One Day 2022 Steering Team Training for all local participants. Location TBA	3	4
5	6 HAPPY LABOR DAY CBA Office Closed	7	8	9	10	11
12 Grandparents Day	13 Seminary Extension classes begin. Lighthouse 6:00 p.m.	14	15	16 6:00 p.m. Executive Board Meeting Central Hot Springs	17	18
Dixie Jackson Offering & Week of Prayer						
19 Dixie Jackson	20	21	22 See You At The Pole 7:00 a.m.	23 P.R.E.P 6:30 p.m. Spring Lake	24 Camp-O-Rama at Spring Lake	25
26 Camp-O-Rama	27	28	29	30		

July Financial Report

First Security Bank Checking	
Balance Forwarded Undesignated	\$116,024.80
Undesignated Deposits for Month	\$25,795.34
Budget Disbursements for Month	-\$29,058.78
Interest	\$5.51
Designated Deposits for New Beginnings Subsidizes	\$5,627.14
Designated Deposits for ABF	\$457.17
Transfer to Foundation	-\$457.17
First Security Bank Checking Balance	\$118,394.01
Arkansas Baptist Foundation	
Balance Forwarded - Undesignated	\$212,277.25
Designated Transfers from Checking	\$457.17
Budget Contributions & Interest	\$622.58
Disbursements	-\$4,257.56
Foundation Balance	\$209,099.44
Budget Summary Year-to-date Totals	
Budget Goal (7 months)	\$171,596.81
Budget Receipts (7 months)	\$167,388.01
	-\$4,208.80

CBA Churches

Balboa:	Dr. Denny Wright
Barcelona Road:	Dr. Jon Stubblefield
Buie:	Rev. Don Tallison
Calvary, Benton:	Dr. Clif Springer
Calvary, Malvern:	Rev. Jason Roberts
Calvary's Cross:	Rev. Gary DuVall
Central:	Dr. David Mitchell
Congo Road:	Rev. Jeff Langley
Coronado:	Dr. Ronnie Hatfield
Cross Bar C:	Rev. Greg Spann
Crossgate Church:	Dr. Phil Kramer
Crosspointe:	Bro. Ryan Ingold
Discover The Joy:	Rev. Ron Hieter
East End:	
First, Benton:	Dr. Rick Grant
First, Hot Springs:	Dr. John McCallum
First, Jessieville:	Rev. Derek Combs
First, Malvern:	Rev. Billy Bartlett
First, Royal:	Rev. George Lynch
First, Social Hill:	Rev. Jackson Rogers
First Southern:	Rev. Aaron Polk
Garage Church:	Rev. Mike Prince
Gilead:	Rev. Dave Rogers
Grand Avenue:	Rev. Ronnie Inman
Gravel Hill:	Bro. Duncan Collins
Highland Heights:	Rev. Brian Moore
Hot Springs:	Rev. Manley Beasley Jr.
Hurricane Lake:	Rev. Benny Grant
Iglesia Bautista Jesucristo Nuestra	
Refugio, Malvern:	Rev. Rudy Gutierrez
Iglesia Bautista Nueva Esperanza,	
Hot Springs:	Rev. Margarito Ramirez
Lakeshore Heights:	Rev. Verne Wickliffe
Leonard Street:	Rev. Jimmy Holland
Lighthouse:	Dr. Harold Elder
Macedonia:	Rev. Theodis Brown
Meadowview:	Rev. Micah McKinley
Memorial:	Rev. Ritch Wilhelmi
Millcreek:	
Mount Vernon:	Rev. Scott King
Mountain Valley:	Rev. Rick Merryman
Old Union:	Rev. Philip Hinkson
Owensville:	Dr. Jim Lagrone
Park Place:	Rev. Jim Freeman
Pearcy:	Rev. Phillip Millard
Piney:	Rev. Larry Catcher
Pleasant Hill:	Rev. Rick Porter
Ridgecrest:	Rev. James Coward
Riverside:	
Rock Springs:	Rev. Randy Noles
Summit Church:	Dr. Zac Reno
Temple:	Rev. Ivy Ellis
Third, Malvern:	Dr. Tom Strike
Trinity, Benton:	Rev. Mike Titsworth
Trinity, Malvern:	Rev. Tim Carpenter
True Hope:	Rev. Jeff Estes
Walnut Valley:	Rev. David Mason



Get Out of Your Head by Jennie Allen is now available for checkout. Please call the CBA office to reserve this study for your group, 501-778-5463.



ACTS 1:8 MISSIONS EXPERIENCE

**October 2, 2021 Russellville, AR
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

Cost: \$10 (includes lunch)

OneDay ACTS 1:8 Mission Experience is a great opportunity for people of all ages to share the Gospel with others in our state. This year volunteers are needed to go to Russellville, AR. There are many different areas where you can serve. For more information contact Sam Roberts, sroberts@absc.org or Clint Ritchie, [critchie@absc.org](mailto:critchier@absc.org), or call the ABSC Missions Team, 1-800-838-2272, ext. 5137.

**Registration is required!
Register at absc.org/oneday
Deadline to register: September 15**

Churches are needed to do a canned food drive for the ACTS 1:8 OneDay Mission Trip. Nine sites have requested food, which is triple the normal. If one of your groups is able to help with this, please let us know.

Plan to bring the "One Day" canned food to the CBA office on Monday, September 27.



Clergy Appreciation

October is Clergy Appreciation Month. This is a time that congregations set aside to honor their pastors and pastoral families for the hard work, sacrificial dedication and multiple blessings they provide. We should celebrate and honor them all year long, but we get busy and forget.

Pastors and their families live under incredible pressures. Their lives are lived out with the entire congregation and community watching their every move. They are expected to have ideal families and be perfect people, to always be available, to never be down, and to have all the answers we need. Those are unrealistic expectations to place on anyone, yet most members are disappointed when a pastor becomes weary, overwhelmed or burned out. That's why God has instructed us to recognize His servants (1 Timothy 5:17).

A brochure with ideas to help you celebrate your pastor, pastoral staff and their families will be mailed to key church leaders soon. Here are just a few ideas to get you started:

- Give a gift card to a restaurant, concert, book store or hobby store
- Take up a special love offering
- Have church members write cards of appreciation to the pastor, other ministerial staff and their families
- Provide a home cooked meal
- Offer to fix that leaky faucet, tighten that toilet seat, replace a few hard to reach overhead lights
- Make banners of appreciation and display them throughout the church property
- Offer to babysit while they go out for a "date night"

We encourage you to participate in Clergy Appreciation during the month of October. This is a great time to say "Thank You".

For a copy of the brochure, contact the CBA office, 501-778-5463.

Thank you!

Annual Food Drive

It's time for the annual Associational Food Drive. Each year we ask for certain food items. The idea is to provide a complete Thanksgiving and Christmas meal for each family that receives a food sack. The following is a list of foods we are seeking. Please collect food at your church and have someone bring it to the CBA office between November 1-5, 2021.

Canned Corn	Stuffing Mix
Canned Green Beans	Corn Bread Mix
Canned Green Peas	Cake Mix
Canned Yams	Cake Icing (in the little tub)
Canned Fruit	1 lb. Bags of Rice
Cranberry Sauce	1 lb. Bags of Pinto Beans
Peanut Butter	Large Paper Grocery Bags

There will be a workday to put the food sacks together. Volunteers will be needed to help with this. We will let you know more about the workday as soon as details are worked out.

I am asking your church to pray about your involvement in this project. Let's try to make this the best year ever. If you can help, or if you have any questions, please give me a call at 501-607-3689.

Diana



SEE YOU AT THE POLE September 22, 2021

 See You At The Pole is simply a prayer rally where students meet at the school flag pole before school to pray for their friends, families, teachers, school, and nation.

Wednesday, September 22 at 7 am local time, students around the globe will meet at flagpoles to pray.

The Global Week of Student Prayer is September 19-25, 2021. Public, private, or home school students pray in unique ways, places and times all week.

For more information and to download a Campus Prayer APP, go to SYATP.com.



Pregnancy Center News



"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb." Psalm 139:13



September 22-October 31
7:00 am to 7:00 pm daily

**HELP SAVE LIVES
IN LITTLE ROCK**

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has helped to save the life of over 18,000 babies!

Here's how to take part:

Vigil location: the sidewalk (public right-of-way) outside of Planned Parenthood
1501 Aldersgate Road
Little Rock, AR

Vigil Hours: 7 am to 7pm daily

Local Contact:

Nancy Meneley, 501-952-3141 or
Toni Blackwell, 501-650-2993.

40daysforlifelittlerock@gmail.com

You can sign up online at
40daysforlife.com/littlerock

A New Way to Give

We have a new payment platform for one-time and recurring donations. Use the QR code below to see how easy it is for people to give to New Beginnings!

Instead of a Baby Bottle Fundraiser, you can add this information to your church bulletin. Encourage your members to give a small amount on a regular basis or promote it for a period of time. We still have physical baby bottles, but this is ideal for those without cash!

- \$15 = One Pack of Diapers
- \$30 = Backpack Diaper Bag
- \$50 = One Pregnancy Test
- \$125 = One month of BrightCourse parenting classes

Our work is never done. Our young families are starving for the life-saving gospel that we have to share. We share. One diaper at a time. One ultrasound at a time.

Janet Dixon APRN, MPH
Executive Director



CONTACT US



Breath of Life Pregnancy Resource Center

1015 E. Page
Malvern, AR 72104
501-332-2994
breathoflife@att.net

Pam Robideaux
Director

Hours:
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Monday & Thursday

New Beginnings Pregnancy Center and Test Center

120 S. Conrad
Benton, AR 72015
501-315-5557

nbpregnancy@gmail.com
www.nbpregnancy.com

Janet Dixon
Director

Hours:
9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday
and Thursday

Our Mission

- To Serve
- To Educate
- To Support
- To Encourage

We promote life and assist young families by sharing the love of Christ.



Easy Ways to Support Our Ministries



Looking for a quick and easy way to help support the Pregnancy Center Ministries of CBA?

Sign up for the Kroger Community Rewards

Program. This helps New Beginnings and Breath of Life to keep serving young families in our community.

It's easy to start, all you need is your Kroger card. (Ask a Kroger employee if you don't have one.) Follow these simple instructions or call us at 501-315-5557 and we will help you. After you sign up 5% of your purchases for groceries, pharmacy or gas is donated to our centers.

- (1) Go to www.kroger.com
- (2) Choose Create an Account
- (3) Choose "Account Settings"
- (4) Go to "Community Rewards"
- (5) Enter the number JD515
- (6) Choose New Beginnings
- (7) Save your selection

Thank You!

The **Baby Bottle Fundraiser** is a great way to help support our Pregnancy Resource Ministries. Janet or Pam will be happy to help you schedule a time for the drive, decide how many bottles your church needs, get them to you, and answer your questions.

After placing the bottles at your church, those who want to can take a bottle home, fill it with spare change (bills and checks are good too), and return to the church after a designated time. This is a great project for Sunday school, children & youth groups.

Money collected helps both centers and the test center provide services and resources at no charge to young ladies who walk through the doors. Even a little change can make a big difference! Thank you in advance for your support!!



Central Baptist Association
928 W. South Street
Benton, AR 72015

Phone: 501-778-5463
Fax: 501-778-2954
Web: www.cbabenton.com

Hours: Monday through Thursday
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
(Closed for lunch from 12:00-1:00 p.m.)
Friday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Non Profit
U.S. Postage Paid
#371
Benton, AR 72015

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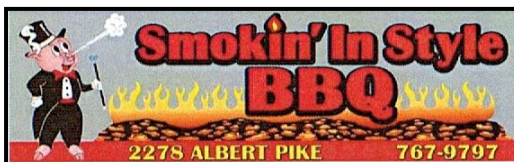
This newsletter was delivered to the Post Office on August 25, 2021.
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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

September 16, 2021
Meal at 6:00 p.m.
Meeting will start at 6:45 p.m.

Central Baptist Church
1035 Central Avenue
Hot Springs, AR

The **Executive Board** is the governing body of CBA. The board is made up of the elected officers of CBA, members of standing committees and leadership teams, and the pastor, other staff members and lay persons, not to exceed five total representatives, from each member church. Only board members can vote on items brought to the floor, but everyone is welcome to attend.



Smokin' In Style BBQ will be catering the meal, (YUM!), so we need a head count to make sure we have plenty of food, (pulled pork, brisket & chicken plus the trimmings!) **Call the CBA office, 501-778-5463, by September 9th to RSVP.**



In Observance of Labor Day, the CBA Office will be closed on Monday, September 6, 2021.

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday!

ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILE

Annual Church Profiles will be mailed to each CBA church as soon as we receive them from the State Convention. If you have any questions about your ACP, please contact the CBA office.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT:
OCTOBER 11, 2021

Deadline

Deadline for submitting articles for publication in the Central Connection is the 15th of the month. Space is limited and is first come, first served so please get your information to us as soon as possible.



Are you moving? Please let us know your new address so we can continue to keep in touch with you.

If you do not wish to receive the Central Connection, please let us know so that we can remove your name from our mailing list.

You can reach us by:
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