

"A family of Southern Baptist Churches cooperating together to reach our world for Christ"



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Missionary Moments

A pastor asked his congregation to write down and turn in to him a list of what their fears are. He consolidated 525 different fears ranging from—fear of the dark—water—fire—helplessness—sadness—judgement—unworthy of God's love—old age—change—the unknown, etc. We all have fears. Some we keep hidden. Some we share with others. Someone once said, *"Fear is a dark room where negatives develop."* The famous columnist, Ann Landers received 10,000 letters every week. The number one issue people wrote to her about was fear.

One of the key themes of the Scriptures is that we are not to be afraid. Isaiah said, *"Fear not, for I am with you,"* Isaiah 41:10. The angels announced at the birth of Jesus, *"Fear not!"* Following the resurrection, Jesus said, *"Do not be afraid..."* Matthew 28:10. While Jesus was with the disciples, Jesus said, *"Do not be afraid,"* Luke 12:32. From beginning to end and every step of the way, Jesus' challenge to His followers was to not be afraid.

One of our children's books said, *"What makes you quiver and shiver and shake? A tiger a mouse, or a very long snake? If you crawl in the blanket's and cover your head and wonder what's hiding right under your bed, if you think something's waiting in the hall when nothing is out there and nothing at all. Then you better sit down and hold on to your hat for you get the prize as the biggest scardy cat."* After reading this our girls, they were still afraid at night.

A man purchased one million dollars in life insurance before going on a trip. Before entering the plane, he decided to weigh himself on scales that told him his fortune. His fortune was, *"Your recent investment will soon pay off."*

We live in a world where we are constantly bombarded by *"psycho-facts."* Psycho-facts are soundbites used to scare us: global warming—environmental changes—economy—UV rays, and a gazillion other things.

Someone did an interesting study calculating the odds of dying in certain situations.

- The odds of dying are 1 in 437 if you are between the ages of 34 and 44 years old.
- The odds are 1 in 4500 for a policeman dying on the job.
- The odds of dying while giving birth are 1 in 9100.

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- The odds of dying in an airplane crash are 1 in 167000.
- The odds of dying by lightning strike are 1 in 2 million.

What does this mean? If you are a 40-year-old pregnant policewoman flying to work in a thunderstorm, you might have cause to be a little nervous.

While most of us have legitimate real fears, surely there is a way they can be overcome. Science tells us that dense fog 100 feet deep covering seven city blocks is composed of less than eight ounces of water. A small glass of water has caused a lot of accidents. Life has a way of being foggy at times.

I was once on a plane surrounded by dense fog while sitting on the tarmac. The end of the wing could hardly be seen. Smoke began coming from the air ducts overhead. Then I heard a weird noise. The fear inside the plane was as thick as the fog outside. People were wondering if the take-off and landing would come and go at the same time. I was a little anxious to the point of confessing sin I hadn't even committed yet.

Then a voice from the cockpit said, *"This is the captain speaking. I know all of you can see the fog, but we are flying by instruments. Some of you have reported seeing smoke from the overhead vents. This is coming from the high humidity. It will taper off as the cabin air circulates. The noise you heard was the baggage door closing. Everything is on schedule and we will have you to your destination safely in two hours."*

Everyone in the plane seemed to relax because we had a word from the captain. While life is a little foggy at times and we often hear strange noises, we can relax because the captain of our souls has said, *"Be of good cheer. I have overcome the world"* John 16:33. Someone has said that the Bible says *"Fear not..."* or its equivalent 365 times in the Bible. One time for every day of the year we can claim the promise of God that we can trust Him. **Be Encouraged!**

Ronnie Toon
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2019 Events

2nd - Association Wide Love Offering will be taken for the Wyoming Mission Trip Project. The teams will be at 3 locations from July 13-20. 100% of funds raised will go towards the remodel of a training and retreat center in Riverton, WY.

3rd - Camp Leadership Team Meeting at 9am in IBA conference room.

20th- ACTS 1:8 Meeting will be at Compass Church located at 4440 Harrison St. from 7:00 to 8:30pm. The IBA Leadership Team, Ministry Coordinators and Site Leaders will meet with the ABSC Leadership Team for a joint session. Then each ministry will meet with their respective state coordinator in a breakout session.

Coming Up in July

4th - Independence Day - Office Closed

13th - 20th Wyoming Mission Trip

25th - Acts 1:8 Meeting at IBA 6:30 to 8:00pm

Church News for June

Church VBS Dates



Desha FBC - June 2-7

6 to 8:30pm

Fellowship - June 9-13 6 to 8pm

Batesville FBC - June 10-14

9am to noon

Mountain View FBC - June 10-14

9am to noon

Calvary Batesville - June 23-27

5:15 to 8:30pm

West - July 7-10

5:30 to 8pm

Rosie - July 21-25

6 to 8pm

If you would like your Church VBS dates published in the IBA newsletter, please send to Kathy at the information listed on the back of this publication.

Rosie Baptist Church will be celebrating their 112th Anniversary on **June 9th** beginning with worship at 11:00am and lunch on the grounds will follow the service. All are invited to attend!



An Operation Christmas Child Summer Shoebox Workshop will be presented on Tuesday, June 11th from 6:30pm-8:00pm at the West Annex of Batesville First Baptist Church, 610 Main Street. This informative meeting will help attendees learn how they can get involved and lead others in this hands-on ministry. Participants will be able to pack a box, get information and supplies to help them lead and motivate their organizations to get involved, as well as hear first hand reports of the effectiveness of this world wide opportunity. Light refreshments will be served, and door prizes given. Leaders of community service groups and churches are encouraged to attend in order to get an early start on this exciting project. For more information: call (870)307-1375 or (870)805-8049.

WYOMING MISSION TRIP JULY 13 - 20



Forever West
Church Planting Network

Independence Baptist Association is going on a Summer Mission Trip to Wyoming to convert a home into a training and retreat center for the ongoing church planting work of our missionaries Chris and Eve Sims. The Machaseh House will be a Place of Refuge for Ministry Leaders in Wyoming.



God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. Psalms 46:1

When: We have a team in place that is made up of people from several of our partner churches that will travel July 13-20.
Where: The home is in central Wyoming near the small town of Shoshoni.
Why: We have helped Forever West plant 8 churches thus far. That means this church planting network has many young ministry leaders in need of ongoing training as well as opportunities to rest.
Here is how you can help: We are asking each of our partner churches to take up a special offering on **'June 2nd'** to help pay for the materials we will need to convert the house. This includes a kitchen addition, room remodels, flooring, decking and more!
Goal: Our Association Goal is to raise **'\$20,000'** so that we can complete every job we have been asked to do. Your offerings will help reach more people for the Kingdom of God in Wyoming!

Sulphur Rock Baptist Church
Making Choices
5th Annual Women's Conference

The Armor Now What? of God

June 14 - 6:00 PM
June 15 - 8:30 AM - Noon

COST: \$10.00
Includes three meals and materials.

For tickets, contact tammy.gillmore@gmail.com

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Linda Bastian
Speaker
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Follow Victory
Share a Mission
Encouragement
Prayer Request
and More!

Principles 8-10
Put on the whole
armor of God,
that you may be able
to stand against
the wiles
of the devil.

...having put on
the belt of truth
of righteousness

and the shoes
of the
peace
of the
good
news

...having
put on
the shield
of faith,
with which
you will be
able to
extinguish
all the
flames of
the evil one.

...having
put on
the helmet
of salvation,
and the sword
of the Spirit,
which is
the word
of God.

For we do not wrestle against
flesh and blood, but against
principalities, powers, cosmic
powers, against the host of
wickedness

ABSC Events June 2019



Super Kids Camp 2019 Week 1

June 17, 2019 to June 20, 2019

Register Online
\$199/student

Super Summer 2019 Week 1
June 8th 2pm to June 15 11am

Super Summer 2019 Week 2
June 22nd 2pm to June 29 11am
Register Online



Choose one of these three workshops:

<p>ESL</p> <p>English as a Second Language</p>	<p>ARW</p> <p>Adult Reading & Writing</p>	<p>TCY</p> <p>Tutoring Children & Youth</p>
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Missions
ARKANSAS BAPTISTS

Training: Friday/Saturday, June 14-15, 2019

Cost: \$25 per person

Training times: 6pm-9pm Friday, 8am-5pm Saturday
(lunch provided)

Training location: Arkansas Baptist State Convention,
10 Remington Drive, Little Rock

Online Registration Deadline May 31st

Acts 1:8
One Day Mission Trip

October 5, 2019 ★ Independence Association
absc.org/oneday

Missions ARKANSAS BAPTISTS

If you are interested in being a Site Leader for one of the following ministries for Acts 1:8 contact Kathy at the IBA office.

Prayer walking, Children's Activities, Senior Adult, Home Repairs, Sports Camps, Evangelism, Yard Work, Block Party, Medical/Dental Clinic or Children's Fishing Derby.

First Site Leader meeting—June 20th at Compass at 7:00pm

Sunday June 16th



"Listen, my sons, to a father's instruction, pay attention and gain understanding."

Proverbs 4:1



The current IBA *Pastorless Churches* are Pleasant Plains, Rehobeth, and Ruddell Hill. Please be in prayer for these churches as they seek God's guidance in searching for a pastor for their congregations.



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Birthdays

3rd Tracy Medley, Foothills, Mtn. View

6th Linda Campbell, Strawberry

8th Josh Swinea, Desha

16th Ron Taylor, IBA Treasurer

16th Randy Scott, Calvary, Batesville

22nd Sarah Moody, White River

25th Kerrie Sullivan, Compass



Anniversaries

1st Bob & Patsey Dailey, Mt. Zion

2nd DL & Connie Spurlin, Parkview

5th Cory & Sherry Majors, West

6th Jeff & Nikki Childers, Cord

6th Bob & Janet Womack

17th Mickey & Betty Gail Jones, Compass

22nd Ron & Glenda Taylor, IBA Treasurer

27th Barrett & Jennifer Beyer, Salado

28th Bill & Judy Allen, Sulphur Rock

