

The Voice

Newsletter of Mt. Zion Baptist Association

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Greetings Mt. Zion Baptists!

I hope you are all doing well as we continue to navigate our way through this pandemic together! I remember hearing people talk about the “dead of winter”. Here we are at the end of January – the dead of winter- and I can’t help but yearn for the arrival of Spring. I have similar hopes for emerging from the pandemic! I sincerely hope that we are nearing the end of the most cumbersome restrictions. You all have done a great job of adapting and keeping the ministry of the church going. I am amazed at the resilience and faithfulness that I have seen in our churches!

I am grateful for the faithful giving of our churches to the association during this time. We have been under budget, but have been able to operate “in the black.” Thank you!

I am hopeful and optimistic that we can resume our camps this summer. I am encouraged that some rentals have been scheduled for the coming year. A lot will depend on the health department guidelines for camps. Will you pray about this? Pray for wisdom in planning and decision making.

I have been blessed to serve three of our churches during the past year as a “Smart Start Interim” as they worked through a change in pastoral leadership. It was a huge blessing to me to help them through these transitional times. As far as I know today, all of our churches have a pastor or interim pastor. The next time your church has a vacancy in the office of pastor, I would encourage you to consider the eight week long “Smart Start Interim” process. You can contact the state convention or me for more information.

Our mission team has met twice recently and we are eager to get our missions opportunities back into action. We have planned two trips to New Orleans for later this summer. For now, international trips continue to be on hold.

There is a construction project that we need some help with at the camp. We need to replace the covered porch on the caretaker’s home. This has been needed for a long time. I was really shocked at the condition when I went to see it. We have been blessed for many years with the service of our caretaker and I sure would love to get this done for him and his family! If you have some carpenters that would be interested, or if you would like to contribute financially, please let me know.

I hope that 2021 is a great one for you! If I may be of any service to your church, please do not hesitate to call on me! The office is open for regular hours and you can call my cell at anytime.

Sincerely,

Bro. Ed



Week of Prayer for North American Missions

March 17 -14

<https://www.anniearmstrong.com/>

Promotional Resources

Prepare your church to give and pray for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

Check out our various resources with multiple language translations, videos, social media package, printable resources and more.



2021 Inspire Women's Conference

New Look! New Format! Multiple Locations!

Nettleton Baptist Church

March 13, 9:00 - 12:30

Inspire 2021 is going to be one of the most exciting opportunities for the women of Arkansas. Inspire Women's Conference is designed for women of all ages and stages of life! You can expect powerful worship, dynamic speakers, and practical times of discussion that will bless, challenge, and equip you!

Register at www.absc.org
Cost \$20



Statewide Block Party Festival

March 13, 2021 11:00 - 2:20

Cost: FREE and lunch is provided!

Want to learn how to begin a block party outreach ministry for your church or association?

Want to take training on face painting, block party evangelism and how to register people that attend your events?

Who: ANY Interested Arkansas Baptist

Where: FBC Beebe, 101 Hwy 64 West, Beebe, AR 72102

In case of rain, the Festival will be held in the FBC Beebe Family Life Center.

Registration: We ask that one person per church registers your group using the online form.

www.absc.org

Shop at Kroger?

New year - Please consider linking your Kroger Rewards card to Mt. Zion Baptist Association . The donation will go to the camp. Mt. Zion Baptist Association (AC303)

Here are the steps to helping the camp.

1. Go to Kroger.com
2. Sign into your account
3. Click on My Account
4. Click on Community Rewards
5. Search for Mt. Zion Baptist Association or AC303
6. Click Enroll
7. That's it. Once this is done, each time you shop at Kroger the camp benefits.



How does AmazonSmile work?

You can help the camp when you shop on Amazon by making Mt. Zion Baptist Association your charitable group. This is where to find us:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/71-0413353>

When first visiting AmazonSmile, customers are prompted to select a charitable organization from over one million eligible organizations. In order to browse or shop at AmazonSmile, customers must first select a charitable organization. For eligible purchases at AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the customer's selected charitable organization.



The Post Quarantine Church

Author Thom Rainer

Thom S. Rainer

We have available to the first 6 people who

ask for for this book - free courtesy of Dr. Johnny Hutchison.



**Equip Smaller Membership Church
Williams Baptist Uiveristy**

Saturday, February 6

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

EQUIP:SMC21 is designed specifically with smaller membership church (SMC) leaders in mind. Whether full-time, bi-vocational, or volunteer, SMC ministry has many unique and challenging demands. This conference aims to further equip and encourage those serving in SMC ministry.

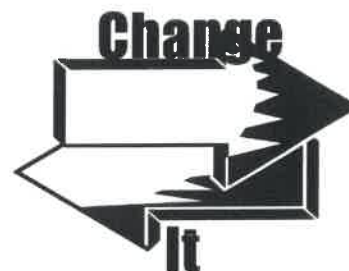
Conference Topics and Leaders:

- Connecting the Preaching Ministry of the Church with Other Church Ministries - Larry Grayson and Jake Guenrich
- Preaching the Whole Counsel of Scripture - Robert Foster
- Ministry Mentor Relationships (Equipping the Next Generation of Church Leaders - Walter Norvell and Johnny Hutchison
- Becoming an Intergenerational Church - Warren Gasaway
- Session for Pastors' Wives - Vickie Lee
- Worship - Larry Grayson

Register www.absc.org



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Due to COVID -19
Please watch for any changes to
the events printed.

Church	Camp	General Fund
Airport Road	\$0.00	\$0.00
Alsup	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bay First	\$581.12	\$1,162.27
Bethabara	\$520.00	\$520.00
Bowman	\$0.00	\$0.00
Brookland	\$268.98	\$2,151.90
Buffalo Chapel	\$17.99	\$35.98
Caraway First	\$2,733.70	\$3,280.44
Cash	\$0.00	\$224.54
Central	\$2,408.00	\$9,632.00
Cornerstone	\$0.00	\$3,359.62
Dixie	\$0.00	\$0.00
Family Fellowship	\$2,251.47	\$6,814.15
Friendly Hope	\$1,024.90	\$1,024.90
Higher Trails Cowboy	\$0.00	\$207.30
Highland Dr	\$200.00	\$664.00
Huntington Ave.	\$0.00	\$0.00
Iglesia Agape Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00
Jbr Chinese Church	\$0.00	\$600.00
Jonesboro First	\$1,296.64	\$2,800.00
Journey	\$0.00	\$493.19
Lake City	\$713.36	\$1,426.74
Lunsford	\$965.01	\$1,273.28
Monette First	\$280.21	\$2,241.60
Mt Pisgah	\$30.30	\$90.90
Mt Zion	\$2,084.00	\$4,169.00
Needham	\$300.00	\$600.00
Nettleton	\$3,041.67	\$4,083.31
New Antioch	\$413.83	\$1,241.49
New Hope BO	\$366.18	\$526.96
New Hope Jbr	\$150.00	\$200.00
North Main	\$0.00	\$0.00
Philadelphia	\$0.00	\$400.00
Rowes Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00
Salvos por Gracia	\$0.00	\$25.00
South Caraway	\$0.00	\$0.00
Strawfloor	\$167.91	\$167.91
Valley Ridge	\$513.32	\$774.48
Walnut St	\$1,666.64	\$7,271.60
Windover	\$137.34	\$823.98
Word	\$166.68	\$500.00
Church Gift Totals	\$22,299.25	\$58,786.54



- 6 Equip Smaller Church Conference, Williams
- 14 Race Reconciliation Day
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 15 President's Day



- 7-14 Week of Prayer for North American Missions
- 13 Statewide Block Party, FBC Beebe
- 14 Daylight Savings Begins
- 28 Palm Sunday: Passover begins



- 2 Office Closed - Good Friday
- 4 Easter
- 15 Tax Day
- 26 Board of Directors' Meeting