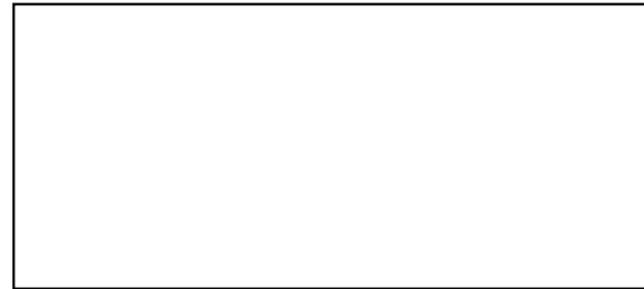
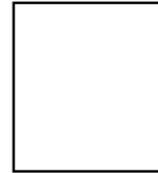


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## A NEW SCHOOL YEAR IS FAST APPROACHING



I do not know if any of you have noticed that several stores are already putting out school supplies, but in less than six weeks school will be back in session and the kids will be jumping off to another great year of excitement and curiosity. In addition, our teachers will be learning new names and faces as this year begins. Our teachers are hard workers and spend so much time working with our children and youth, so let us remember how valuable these men and women are as we head toward another school year. Please pray for them as they are challenged everyday by new rough the entire year, and that they will have a wonderful year! Also, many teachers struggle to purchase some items for their classrooms, (tissues, germ-x, etc.) so if you are able, please send some items a local school so we can help keep students and teachers healthy all year long. Well, ready or not school is coming! Let the 2015-2016 school year begin strong!



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# MISSION ADVENTURES



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## Making Our Mark Overseas

The Bartholomew Baptist Association IMB Team has had a partnership with Paul and Tena Brock, Team Strategy Leaders for the IMB, in Nagykanizsa, Hungary for the past seven years. We go and teach English using Bible based lesson plans each summer. This past fall Bro. David Mitchell, Associational Minister for Bartholomew Association, and Bro. Bob Black, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Warren, along with Mrs. Fran Mitchell, traveled to Hungary's neighbor Croatia for a vision trip. We felt like God might be calling us to the same type of work in Croatia. We met with Eric Maroney, Team Strategy leader for Central Catholic Cluster South and while on this trip, we met a young pastor, Ivan



Nagykanizsa English Intensive full camp picture

Spicak, in the town of Daruvar. He showed us his wonderful church and facilities. It was during the tour that we became convinced that this location was it, the place where God wanted us to go. It was an awesome feeling!

After our vision trip and some prayer, we decided to do a combined mission trip to both countries, teaching English at both locations in the summer of 2015. In fact, with the two locations only about two hours apart, travel would be less of a burden. The dates were set for June 18-July 4, preparations were made, teaching materials were gathered, meetings were held, Biblical lesson plans were created, and the excitement was building as June 18th got closer.



Team Picture: Croatian Camp (Left to Right: Back Row: Bro. Bob Black, Dr. Alayne Zimmerly, Delbert Zimmerly, Bro. David Mitchell, Fran Mitchell, Nathan Maroney. Front Row: Lauren Patrick, David Horton, Mihaela Spicak, Ivan Spicak, Tammy Albrecht, Jimmy Albrecht)

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We went to Croatia first. The church we worked with had homes ready for us and we really enjoyed the fellowship. We found that language does not have to be a barrier; the Spirit can conquer all these things. And boy, did they feed us well! We averaged about 30 students a night! How exciting! The results of this trip are beyond amazing and it was such an encouraging week! Then on the weekend, we headed off to Nagykanizsa, Hungary for our seventh camp. It was the best attended yet. We averaged over 60 students a day! Usually it takes a very long time for the Hungarians to come to a decision about following Christ, but this trip was the exception. We had four young people come to know Christ as their personal Lord and Savior! It was pretty exciting. We could not have asked for a better trip!



After such a wonderful two weeks, we headed home, excited to share about the trip. We had a few challenges while heading home to Arkansas, but we made it home safely on Sunday July 5th. We are so thankful for the several churches represented in this work: First Baptist Warren, Ebenezer Baptist Warren, and First Baptist of DeWitt. We also had the Pearson family from Northlake Baptist in Texas. They truly made a difference in the effort!

There is not enough space to tell you how remarkable this English camp was! I want to thank the churches of the Bartholomew Baptist Association, individuals, and other organizations that helped in this truly Kingdom effort.

And now we count down the days until next summer's trip....

Article by: Bob Black/BBA



# Arkansas BAPTISTS

ABSC Executive Director J.D. "Sonny" Tucker Released this statement after the supreme court ruling"

*"We have received a decision from the Supreme Court that has caused great angst. I am deeply grieved that the Supreme Court has taken an unprecedented position to redefine marriage, ruling in favor of same-sex marriage, and has not upheld the Biblical standard of one man and one woman in a relationship for life. However, our hope as believers has never rested in any other source than a Savior that defeated death and the grave, the word of God, and the power that comes from on high.*

*Arkansas Baptists stand firmly in the belief that God's love and plan for redemption extends to every person, while also affirming the Bible's definition regarding marriage as the union of one man and one woman. Arkansas Baptists support the statement on marriage issued two weeks ago at the 2015 Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting by the current and all past living presidents of the Southern Baptist Convention <http://bpnews.net/44950/floyd-and-former-sbc-presidents-take-marriagestance>.*

*One of our concerns is that religious liberty be protected in every way. We are grateful the Supreme Court took the time to affirm the Constitution's protection of our rights to teach and preach the truth of the Bible. It is unclear how the conflict between our rights and the results of this decision will play out in practical terms. This decision's far-reaching implications are too complicated to speculate upon at this time. Our state convention is already consulting with attorneys regarding how this decision impacts our work as Arkansas Baptists.*

*We move ahead with several firm convictions. First, God has defined the true definition of marriage. His authority outranks any court decision. Second, we must continue to focus on sharing the message of God's love, hope and salvation that applies to every living person regardless of any factors present in his or her life. Third, we need to embrace the vision cast by SBC President Ronnie Floyd - eagerly seeking and praying for a great spiritual awakening in America. Fourth, we must move forward together patiently as a Baptist family working to avoid being distracted from the Great Commission. We are grateful for the Christ-following attorneys in our Arkansas Baptist churches who are working to help us understand the legal complexities presented by this decision."*

## SEE YOU AT THE POLE 2015!

September 23, 2015! See you at the Pole gives students, teachers, and parents the opportunity to gather at their schools together and pray for the school, students, teachers, staff, our country, and the school year. We encourage you to go with your students, teachers, and staff to pray this year for all the things going on right now in our schools, in our country, and for the things these young people will have to face. Let's get to those flagpoles this year at 7:00 am and pray hard!



# Stateside Missions

## Toing Off To Kansas



Throughout the summer, several churches are toting off to Kansas to do work around Haskell University and Indian Avenue Baptist Church. Early in June Immanuel Monticello took a group up there, did some great work around the campus, and shared in fellowship with Indian Avenue Baptist Church. God is doing great things in Kansas!

September 13-19 is the Week of Prayer for Arkansas Missions/Dixie Jackson Offering. Churches across Arkansas partner with ABSC and local associations to raise money for this ministry. This ministry goes toward things like: starting new churches, disaster relief, community ministries, crisis pregnancy centers, chaplaincy, and much more. So help support our state missions by donations, actions, or prayers. All support is great appreciated.



# SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

The SBC met June 16 & 17 this year in Columbus Ohio and was well attended from churches across the country. There were 5,406 registered messengers, a largest convention gathering since 2012. There was also a large attendance of approximately 7,000 people at the great awakening prayer meeting this year. And the topic to soon fill the media was same-sex “marriage”. The SBC has stated that, “We affirm biblical, traditional, natural marriage as the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime.” (Baptist Press). Furthermore, the do not accept any legal redefinition of marriage issued by our government and will not recognize same-sex “marriages” However, they still wanted to encourage everyone to love all people (including those who struggle with this sin) and to pray for these individuals and our country. The SBC is standing up and supporting the natural marriage between one man and one woman. Overall, it was a powerful and encouraging meeting and everyone “prayerfully returned to their churches resounding with great hope.”



# Upcoming Events:

Wellspring WMU Conference	July 24-25
Youth Evangelism Conference, Immanuel Baptist in Little Rock.	Aug 7-8
Revival at Immanuel Baptist Monticello, Bro. Sonny Tucker will be the speaker.	Aug 16-18
Statewide Prayer Gathering, Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock	Aug 31-Sept 1.
Labor Day: Office Closed	Sept 7
BBA Executive Board Meeting:Location TBA	Sept 14
Acts 1:8 , One day mission trip, Red River Baptist Association. Deadline to register Aug. 27th.	Sept 12
Week of Prayer for Arkansas Missions: Dixie Jackson Offering	Sept 13-19
Eagle Lake Baptist Homecoming	Sept 13
Global Week of Student Prayer	Sept 20-26
See You At The Pole	Sept 23
OBU Pastors Conference	Sept 24

**NOTES:**

- If you or your church has news, please share it with us. We'll include it in the newsletter, BBA Facebook page, and/or on the BBA website! Call us at 226-7533 or email us at bartholomewbaptist@yahoo.com
- We can also add photographs in the newsletter and online. You can bring your photographs by to be scanned into the computer or you may email them to us. Either way, we would love to share .

## Pulpit Supply List 2015

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Ron Graham	367-4246
Dennis Green	379-1795
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Dave Patterson	367-9478
Chris Robbins	723-2156
Leonard Russell	662-609-9481 367-3726
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Billy George West	718-3738 367-5463
Kenny Worbington	723-1599 367-6769

\*Unless noted, all numbers are in the 870 area code.  
\*\* Call BBA if you have someone to add to our supply list.

**Pastorless Churches**

- Antioch
- FBC Monticello
- Westside
- Wilmar



Acts 1:8 will be on September 12th this year, hosted by the Red River Baptist Association (Arkadelphia/Hope areas) and the cost is \$10 a person (includes lunch). The one day mission has several opportunities for ministries like: evangelism teams, prayer walking, yardwork teams, senior adult ministry, health/dental clinics, children's fishing derby, cowboy ministries, home repairs/painting and more. So if your church is interested in this great mission opportunity, the deadline to apply is August 27th. Registration is online at [absc.org/communitymissions](http://absc.org/communitymissions) along with some additional information.

## From Your Missionary...

The summer is exploding with mission projects, mission trips, VBS, and a number of other exciting events.

Several churches have made their way to Kansas and the reports have been very exciting. God is doing something in Kansas and I am excited that we have joined Him in that work. It is not too late to make a trip before school starts back up. Let me know if you would like to go. I would be happy to take you. Brother Gary Carter and Calvary Baptist just finished their third year of mission Monticello. Gary said there were about 14 churches involved, most from BBA, 108 students and 90 adults. During the week they knocked on 1300 doors across Monticello and gave a gospel witness at each house. Eight adults prayed to receive Christ through their efforts and a number of students were saved during the worship services. Many service projects were completed during the week and all in all God was honored and glorified through their efforts.

We have just returned from our mission trip in Croatia and Hungary. God blessed our efforts at the Baptist Church in Daruvar and we have been invited back. Several other churches in the area are interested in working with us in the future. There is a great opportunity for us to make a real Kingdom impact in this central region of Croatia. The camp in Hungary was outstanding! We started the week with 62 students and a good number of adults attending. Counting the workers, the numbers were in the 80's all week. We were blessed beyond measure by seeing four of the students pray to receive Christ. These are kids we have worked with for the past several years and they finally came to the place where they were ready to pray and receive Christ. All in all, our 2 week trip was life changing in every way. Why not give it some thought to come join us on one of these trips? You will never be the same if you do!

God has blessed and is blessing, and I am overjoyed to be serving as your missionary. To God be the Glory!

*David O. Mitchell*



The HopePlace Bottle Drive ended on June 21st and both locations are still collecting bottles and adding up all donations. It may take them a few weeks to send out any totals. If you have not returned your baby bottles to HopePlace, please do so promptly, (whether the bottles are full or empty) so the funds can be available to purchase items for the resource center. Thank you for your help in this Local Mission!



HopePlace Warren and Immanuel Baptist Warren joined forces in early June for the HopePlace Warren Annual Fish Fry. It was a great way to start summer vacation as several people came out to fellowship together and eat some great fried fish and HopePlace raised about \$2500.00! How exciting! Another great fund raiser for HopePlace Warren!



## LOCAL MISSIONS



It can be easy to forget that we have a mission field right here in Bradley and Drew County when we think of doing missions. However, there are some great local missions here for the BBA churches to participate in year round: ABCHome in Monticello, BCM on the UAM campus, WMU (ladies), Food pantries (various churches and communities), and HopePlace are just a few. Plus, there are different churches that do several different mission opportunities to reach groups throughout the year. If you would like to help with a local mission or need more information on the different mission opportunities in the association please call BBA 226-7533.



### SEARK BAPTIST TEEN MISSION PROJECT

This great "Jerusalem Project" kicked off on June 14th and went through June 19th in Southeast Arkansas. There were 15 different churches, 108 youth, and 90 adults participating in this great mission. The Baptist churches involved in the project: Wilmar, GreenHill, Ladelle, Second, Union Hill, Old Union, Bethel, Sharon, Ebenezer, Cominto, Enon, Old Anacoca, Shady Grove, Martinville and Calvary in Monticello. The groups ventured out into the community to do some glorious work for God.

The youth and adult volunteers worked hard on eleven homes and two churches. They installed new roofs on three homes and one of the churches. There were fifteen people who accepted Christ and nine of those were people lead to the Lord in the areas where the groups worked by the Evangelism Teams. Praise God!

Hermitage Baptist will do their 3rd annual Soles 4 Souls campaign this August. They are collaborating with Calvary Association to attempt to put new shoes on every child in the Hermitage School District area. They will be hosting a block party event August 29th, 10:00-2:00 with mission projects beginning on Friday night, August 28th, and everyone will have an opportunity to hear the gospel. So far, they have placed over 400 shoes and hope to do another 300 shoes this time around. In addition to helping put shoes on the feet of their community, they also have a food pantry (serving 70 families per month), started a senior focused ministry one day a month, have a clothes closet (once a month), and share the gospel with those who come to have their needs met through these missions. God is great!



## VBS GOING STRONG

Churches across BBA have been, are doing, or will be doing VBS 2015! And so far, VBS is going strong and no signs of slowing down just yet. SBC Monticello had average of 70 kids, Hermitage averaged 58 kids & 3 accepted Christ, IBC Monticello raised over \$350 for the Living Water missions, and this is just the small part of what has been happening with VBS this summer. And there are still more to come: Eagle Lake; July 13-17 (6-8:30), Calvary Monticello; July 19-23, Northside; July 25!



### ADOPT A ROOM

HopePlace Warren has been given a house via donation and is fixing the home up to sell to help their mission, but they need your help! Adopt a room (2 bedroom, bathroom, living room, kitchen, or outside), they need help hanging fixtures, painting walls, cleaning carpet, putting up blinds, floors worked on, outside cleaned and painted just to name a few things. So if you would like to donate your time or if you would like to adopt a room with a group, please contact Wendy at hopeplacewarren2911@gmail.com.