

The Vision

Issue #20



"The ministries of Arkansas Free Will Baptists labor together to strengthen the local church and her leadership to fulfill the Great Commission."





Prayer Retreat

September 20-21, 2019
Camp Beaverfork, Conway

"ELEVATED"

Matthew 6:6

Speaker: Kim Landers
Polk Bayou District

Worship in Song: Fawn Gibson
Shiloh District

~ Registration & Dinner: 5:45 - 7:00 p.m. ~

YWAC Craft Time after Evening Service

Fairview & Pleasant Valley VBS

The Fairview FWB and Pleasant Valley FWB churches joined together in a VBS. It was entitled, "Faith Lab." Roar!

The kitchen project at Camp Beaverfork was the recipient of the VBS offering, and \$1,045.02 was raised. Oh, the boys beat out the girls (this time).

Congratulations to pastors Ronnie Garrett (Pleasant Valley) and Robert Murphy (Fairview) for leading their congregations in this joint event.



PASTOR APPRECIATION

We Appreciate All You Do!

October -- Pastor Appreciation Month

Everyone needs to be told they are appreciated, from time to time. Yes, even your pastor. Everyone needs to be shown they are appreciated, from time to time. Yes, even your pastor.

Pastors' shoes are not easy to wear. He is a shepherd to God's flock ... some of whom don't always want a shepherd. And yet he feeds the church. He guides the church. He warns the church. He prays over and, sometimes, loses sleep over the church. Ever think you could wear his shoes? Know this: the task assigned to him has eternal implications.

October is **Pastor Appreciation Month**. Its a great time to show your pastor that you truly appreciate him. Choose one Sunday and make him feel like he's the most important pastor on planet earth. Shower him with praise. Give him (and his dear wife) a real nice gift, or maybe a bonus. Have lunch in his honor at the church, or take him out to a really nice restaurant (one he probably could not afford on his own).

Its an old saying, but still true: a little praise goes a long way. He may have a divinely called ministry, but even the pastor, every now and then, could use a little appreciation here on earth.

First FWB Church, Crossett

"Roar! Life is Wild, God is Good" was the theme for VBS at First FWB Church in Crossett.

Director Connie Brown led the July 22-26 VBS, with 31 students and 24 adults attending.

First FWB Church, Crossett is a part of the Saline District Association in the southern part of our state.



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Coming Events

- Sept 20-21 AWAC State Retreat, Camp Beaverfork
- Sept 23-25 Minister's Retreat @ Hot Springs
- Oct 24-26 Randall University "Campus Days"
- Nov 3 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Nov 24 North American Ministries Offering Sunday
- Dec 9-10 NAFWB Leadership Conference, Nashville, TN
- Feb 6-8 Ministers' Wives' Retreat

Pulpit Vacancies

The following churches are searching for a pastor:

- First FWB Church, Greenwood
- First FWB Church, Jonesboro
- New Bethel FWB Church, Sage
- Pine Hill FWB Church, Star City
- Warm Springs FWB Church, Warm Springs
- Weaver's Chapel FWB Church, Batesville

In case you missed it last month...

Lake Hills FWB Church Baptisms



Nathaniel McEntire



Maci Bryant



Kaine Porter

Blackland Chapel FWB Church Baptisms



Riley Loyd



Sabina Massey



Reef Foster

Oh, by the way...

These kids made faith-decisions to trust in Jesus as their Savior while at Camp Beaverfork.

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TEENAGERS IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH
FOREWORD BY WALT MUELLER

A Biblical Theology of Youth Ministry

Teenagers in the Life of the Church

Michael McGarry

- Excellent evaluation of youth ministry from a multilayered perspective
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**PUT THIS
on YOUR
CALENDAR!**

**Ministers' Wives'
Retreat**

February 6 - 8, 2020

**SEPTEMBER
23-25**

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of
Venue

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Suites, 320
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Hot Springs Ar.
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**2019
MINISTER'S
RETREAT**

Minister's Retreat

Dr. Barry Raper is this year's Minister's Retreat speaker. Though the location has changed for 2019, the same great fellowship in the word and with brothers in Christ can be expected.

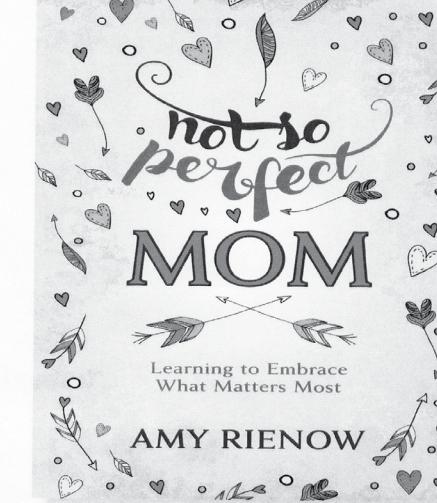
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November 24, 2019



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Not So Perfect Mom
Amy Rienow

- Author is an active speaker and writer for Visionary Family Ministries
- Excellent resource for a parenting small-group study
- Addresses a felt need for any mom who feels overwhelmed



BISHOPS

Miriam is now back in language school after maternity leave. She plans to be done in February! Arthur was born 6/24/2019. He is now almost 2 months old and is healthy and growing. Thanks to everyone for their prayers.

Doug continues to pastor Miharashidai Chapel FWB Church. Pray for him as he preaches, leads prayer meetings, bible studies etc. Also, pray for the many contacts we have made that they will come to know Christ!

SHANE & JOY

Pray for Shane and Joy as they start a new year of outreach through education classes among the North African community in Southern France.

CULWELLS

Please pray for Easton who is starting fulltime school September 2nd, as well as Barrett who will go a couple days a week to preschool. Thank you so much Acts 1:8!

SPEERS

Continue to pray for Daniel as he finishes the first class of language school. Also pray for us as we make plans to start up two sessions of gospel choir in the Fall.

EDGMONS

The third week of July the Alpedrete church had VBS and at the same time a youth event. This year we had a lower attendance compared to other years, but probably was one of the most effective years. Through these two events we were able to work with several people from unchurched families. Please continue to pray for these contacts. Thanks for your partnership in the Gospel!

MCDONALDS

Thanks to the generosity of Arkansas FWB's, we returned to Japan on August 8. Please pray as we resume our ministry at the Good News Chapel outside of Tokyo. Also, pray for us in our role as Field Leaders for the 22 missionaries now serving in Japan.

LANCASTERS

Please pray for our outreach into the community through our events at the Lawn Tennis Club and Conversation Corner. We have had many opportunities to speak the Gospel into the lives of many of our friends. Some have expressed interest in Bible studies. We are currently meeting in our home with the Torrisons to offer a chance to attend. Please continue to pray for Tammy as she continues to improve.



Homecoming at Harmony FWB, Warren

Sunday, August 4th was the 128th Homecoming at the Harmony FWB Church in Warren. Pastor Richard Barley led the service. David White and Jason Moulder from Vicksburg, MS were the day's featured speakers and singers.

2019 Teacher of the Year went to Delbert Nichols. Angels on Earth honors went to two ladies: Adrienne Cornish and Donna Young.

No homecoming would have been complete without a potluck dinner; and a fine one was served up.



Saline Assn BBQ Cook-off

The churches of the Saline Association had a big fundraising day for Camp Beaverfork on Saturday, August 10th. The First Free Will Baptist Church of Star City hosted the Saline Association Rib Cook Off. Eleven teams participated in the sold-out event. The teams started early in the morning with winners announced during a ticketed barbecue dinner served with ribs, pulled pork, macaroni and cheese, corn on the cob, green beans, dessert and drink. All for only \$10.

First place finish was "Pleasant Valley Free Will Baptist of Warren, AR Cooking Team. Second Place was "Up in Smoke" the Owens family from First Free Will Baptist of Star City and Third place was "Little Pig Town", Alicia Hawkins and Bill Petit from First Free Will Baptist Church of Star City.

The day consisted of 11 barbecuing tents set up around the grounds with teams slaving away trying to cook the best ribs. Gospel singing was under the Fellowship Hall drive-through with groups and individuals singing all day. One Voice from Harmony Free Will Baptist Church, Cross Daily from North Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church, Higher Ground from Hamburg, the Ukulele Band from First Free Will Baptist Church and many individuals. At the same time, a Whiffle Ball Tournament was going on with the youth of the association and a team of adults who jokingly called themselves the "Geritol Geriatrics". Silent Auction items filled the Family Life Center and a concession stand of hot dogs, snow cones, cotton candy, lemonade and popcorn were sold throughout the day.

All the proceeds from the event were given to Camp Beaverfork New Kitchen Project. This is the Free Will Baptist State Youth Camp which is located in Conway, AR. Approximately \$6000 was raised for this project. It was a fun day with over 500 in attendance.



Pleasant Valley FWB of Warren
First Place



Alicia Hawkins & Bill Petit
Third Place



Up In Smoke (Owen family)
Second Place

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Coming Soon ...

Coming very soon will be information about a grant program for Arkansas Free Will Baptist churches and ministries. The two-year pilot program was approved at this past State Meeting. \$25,000 in grants will be awarded in 2020 and 2021.

Applications will be due by the end of December, and grants will be announced at the May 2020 State Meeting.

Watch for announcements regarding application guidelines and additional information on the state website, minister's group emails, and the VISION.