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BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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MEET YOUR LBA STAFF

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR/ INTERIM ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS STRATEGIST



Bro Doug Wills is currently serving as Interim Associational Missions Strategist, in addition to his role as Communications Director for LBA. He began serving as Interim AMS in June, 2026. He also serves on staff at Immanuel Baptist Church, El Dorado, in a part-time capacity. He is married to Tammy, and they have two adult sons, and three grandchildren. Bro Doug pastored Norphlet FBC for over 16 years, and has held many roles in LBA life. He is available for pulpit supply, as well as assisting the churches of LBA.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT



Wendi Smith is serving as LBA Office Administrative Assistant. Wendi began working here in April, 2026. She is currently pursuing her Master's Degree in Accounting. She is available to assist you Monday thru Friday from 8 AM-12 noon.

CAMP DIRECTOR



Kyle Rapp serves as Beech Springs Camp Director. Kyle and his wife, Melanie, met at the Camp in 2009, served on staff together at the Camp for several years before getting married at the Camp, and now have four sons that are growing up around the same ministry that brought them together.

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FROM BRO. DOUG'S DESK

Change is seldom easy... and as Baptists, (let's be honest) we seldom like change. But change happen. In the last few months, there have been several changes here at the Liberty Baptist Association. I "came on board" last September serving as Communications Director. I was the new guy. Now, I'm the "old guy" - yes, in more ways than one...

Kyle, Wendi, and I are honored to be serving as your LBA Staff in this season of change.

Wendi, who started here in April, is quickly catching on to her new role as LBA Office Admin Assistant. She's learning our accounting system, and is continuing to meet new folks from across our Association through phone calls or in-person visits to the office.

Kyle, our Beech Springs Camp Director, began serving in March, but is no stranger to the Camp. He has served at the Camp in various roles through the years.

I have been involved in LBA work for over 17 years, serving in various roles, even before coming on staff. I appreciate the Executive Leadership Team's trust in me to seve in this capacity as Interim AMS. My goal in serving is to simply hold the ship steady during this time. I ask you to pray for the AMS Search Team that was formed recently, as they begin to meet and discover the man God has prepared to lead us as an Association moving forward.

The work of the Association continues forward. We had a great, short Camp season with three weeks of Camp, and we are seeing reservations continue to come in for swim parties, church picnics & family reunions. We are still receiving reports of decisions made at Camp.

Our two Ministry Centers continue to serve around 150+ families each month from the South Arkansas area.

I have been honored to preach in six LBA churches since beginning this role, as well as the many churches I preached in before taking this role.

If we can assist your church in some way, please contact the LBA Office at 870-862-3063.

Bro. Doug



Bro. Doug's Preaching Calendar

Aug 9	Maple Avenue Baptist Church
Sep 6	Bell Chapel/ White Oak Lake Baptist Church

Bro. Doug is always available
to assist your church.
Feel free to contact him @
870-862-3063



LBA Youth Camp 2026



LBA Kids Camp 2026

**Liberty Ministry Center and
Ruby Snider Ministry Center
continue to see increased demand for
food and basic hygiene assistance.**

Boxes of pasta, canned vegetables,
canned soup, peanut butter,
and other shelf-stable items are always in demand

