



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

WHAT: CAMPUS MINISTRY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

WHERE: SOUTHARK CAMPUS*

WHEN: APRIL 27 @11:30 AM

WHY: TO INTERACT WITH STUDENTS AND SUPPORT THEIR CAMPUS MINISTRIES 1 ORGANIZATION



*at the fountain square behind the admin building on NW Avenue

LIBERTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION'S

SUMMER MISSION TRIP: COLORADO

When: July 30-August 5
With: Josh Hargett's replant
@ First Southern Baptist Church
Colorado Springs, CO

INFO MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 25TH @ 6 PM
BEECH SPRINGS CAMP

This trip is open to all age groups and every LBA church. Cost, lodging, and daily itineraries are in the planning stages. Join us Monday night to find out more!

SENIOR ADULT *Celebration Brunch*

Speaker: Dr. Don Moore
Music: Rev. Johnny Parrack



Monday, May 16
at Beech Springs Camp
10am - 12pm
\$9.00 per person

Please RSVP by May 12 to LBAcommunicate@gmail.com

FROM THE DESK OF BRO. WADE

Recently the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette printed articles from two people concerning their relationship with the Southern Baptist Convention. One wrote of the reasons she left the SBC while the other gave his reasons for staying within the SBC tent. Their perspectives caused me to reflect on why I am a Southern Baptist.



I am a Southern Baptist because our official doctrinal confession of faith affirms the inspiration, inerrancy, sufficiency, and authority of the Holy Bible. It affirms the creation of man in God's image (male and female), his fall into sin, and his need for a Savior. It also affirms the deity, humanity, Lordship, and substitutionary atonement and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It affirms that salvation is by grace through faith in Jesus Christ which results in justification, sanctification, and glorification for the believer. It affirms that the indwelling Holy Spirit guides man into all truth and guides him into holiness. It affirms the bodily, visible, and glorious return of Christ for His followers and His final judgment of all humanity.

I am also a Southern Baptist because our doctrinal statement and governing documents affirm the autonomy of each local church. This means each congregation can choose to cooperate in local, state, national, and international mission causes and offerings as it sees fit. This also means that no denominational entity or employee can override the desires of a local church.

I am a Southern Baptist because I believe the Cooperative Program is the best way to fund missions, evangelism, and theological education. I may not always agree with some decisions made by denominational leaders, but the CP gives me the opportunity to engage in obeying the Great Commission at home and around the world.

I am a Southern Baptist because we have a specific vision guiding us into 2025. This plan was approved by the messengers of the SBC at last year's convention in Nashville, TN. We are praying and working in six specific areas:

1. Increase IMB field missionaries by a net of 500.
2. Plant 1500 new churches in North America.
3. Increase CP giving to at least \$500 million a year.
4. Pray that God would call out new pastors, staff members, and missionaries to do the work of the ministry.
5. Increase our number of children and youth baptisms.
6. Irradicate all sexual abuse and racism from our churches.

Some might say these are unreachable. They may be difficult to achieve, but through prayer and diligence they can be met.

Let me be clear. My first allegiance is to the Lord Jesus Christ and His kingdom! Right now, I believe Southern Baptist's offer the best way of serving Him and sharing His Good News with the world. So, I'll be a Southern Baptist until the day I no longer believe this convention offers that "best way."

Your brother,

Wade

AMS SCHEDULE

April 24	Bell Chapel
May 22	Salem
May 29	FBC El Dorado

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO THE LBA

**RUSTY
ROSS**

NEW SR. PASTOR OF
CULLENDALE FBC

CHURCH STAFF OPENINGS

Central BC	Music Pastor
Cornerstone Fellowship	Part-time Youth Pastor
East Main BC	Senior Pastor
Ebenezer BC	Part-time Youth Pastor
FBC Camden	Senior Pastor & Minister of Music & Youth
FBC Hampton	Full-Time Youth Pastor & Interim Youth Pastor
Immanuel El Dorado	Senior Pastor
Maple Avenue BC	Senior Pastor
Norphlet FBC	Part-Time Youth Pastor
Union Baptist Church	Senior Pastor
White Oak Lake BC	Interim Pastor

BEECH SPRINGS CAMP

It is spring at camp! Hummingbirds, bumble bees, and lavender wisteria make for a glorious, eye-full! Spring also means summer is near, and we begin to prepare for our campers! There is much to do in preparation.

The pool has to be cleaned out and prepared for use. This is a major undertaking and requires about three full days just to get clean. The big pecan tree beside the pool gives us lots of shade, but it sheds its leaves into the pool requiring a lot of clean up. Then we start the water-chemical balancing process that takes about three more days to perfect if the pump is willing to work another year.

The ropes course has to be cleared and cleaned up too. Every year an inspector comes to check the course and we adjust the various parts of the ropes course as needed. All the gear must undergo a thorough examination to pass inspection which takes another three to four days.



The pond needs work every spring to cut back the bushes and undergrowth so folks can walk around the pond. The dock needs re-painting, and the equipment shed needs a little work. Recently a family of beavers moved in, and they have the spillway half blocked, raising the pond water level about 6 inches. We need to remove the blockage and figure out how to run off the beavers!

Most cabins are ready to go and only need freshening up, but a couple of them need minor repairs. All cabins need the leaves and limbs blown off their roofs. Hot water heaters and air conditioners will be checked to ensure all systems are in working order. Numbers for this year's camps are starting to come in, and it looks like a very full summer. We need all our cabins 100% operational.

If you have time and are willing to volunteer to help prepare for the summer season, please give me a call. We can work at a time convenient for you. Thank you for your investment of time and energy into this great ministry resource! Let's take advantage of what God has supplied and use Beech Springs Camp to glory of God!

Bro. Donny
Camp Director

ANNOUNCEMENTS



LIBERTY THRIFT STORE

Hours Wed. & Thurs.
9 AM - 12 PM

Volunteers needed during operating hours to sort and merchandise items and provide customer service.

504 N. COLLEGE AVE IN EL DORADO



Living WELL
COUNSELING

Living Well, a Ministry of the Arkansas Baptist Children's Home, strengthens the families of Arkansas by providing affordable, professional Christian counseling across Arkansas. Recently, Living Well opened up an office in south Arkansas on the campus of First Baptist Church El Dorado. If you or someone you know could benefit from this ministry, call (501) 729-0777 to schedule an appointment.

IMPORTANT DATES

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| May 1 | Day Camp Registration Opens Online |
| May 15-22 | Week of Prayer for Associational Missions and Ruby Snider Offering |
| May 16 | Senior Adult Celebration, 10 AM at Beech Springs Camp |
| July 11-14 | Kids Camp (Currently Full. Please email office to be added to the wait list.) |
| July 18-21 | Day Camp (Registration Opens May 1) |
| July 31-August 6 | Mission Trip to First Southern Baptist Church of Colorado Springs |



Ruby Snider Ministry Center

Food & Clothing Pantry and Thrift Store
133 Haynes Ave NW

OPEN WEEKLY:

Tuesday 9 am-2 pm

EVENING HOURS:

Tuesday 6 pm-8 pm

the first three Tuesdays of each month

clothing and food donations accepted when open

To better serve our community we need...

- Men's Clothing
- 24 cu. ft. freezer
- Devotional literature to distribute with bags of food

Can you help?



LIBERTY MINISTRY CENTER



Tuesday, May 10

6 PM - 8 PM

Calvary Baptist Church, Camden

TRAINING INCLUDES:

- Inflatable Certification
- Insurance and Liability Information
- Evangelism Training
- Setting up your Block Party

This training is for churches that already have a block party ministry or will use resources from a sister church or association to host a block party.

TO REGISTER VISIT
ABSC.ORG/BLOCKPARTY

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