



**REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 1
THIS YEAR YOU CAN REGISTER ONLINE!
CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR THE LINK.**

**REGISTRATION FORMS WILL ALSO
BE SENT TO ALL OUR CHURCHES
AND NEWSLETTER RECIPIENTS.**

DEAR PASTORS AND CHURCHES:

At the end of 2021, I retired from MABC. This concluded 45 years of pastoral ministry. I feel my experience in the local church can be a great asset among the churches of south Arkansas. I am available for transitional pastoring, as I have completed the Smart Start training, and interim preaching. If I can be of service,



please call
(870) 310-5508.

Dr. Benjy McCann



LIBERTY THRIFT STORE

Hours Wed. & Thurs.
9 AM - 12 PM

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FROM THE DESK OF BRO. WADE

Bivocational ministry is an important tool for planting new churches and facilitating the global expansion of the gospel. The Apostle Paul worked alongside Aquila and Priscilla as tentmakers in Corinth as recorded in Acts 18:1-4. While this was a temporary arrangement (v.5), he still engaged in it as a way to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

The majority of our churches have bivocational pastors, and others also have bivocational workers in other roles like children, youth, and music. I applaud these folks for their commitment. I was bivocational for a time as a young pastor. I know about the pressures involved in juggling secular work, family, hobbies, and ministry-related activities. Thank you, bivocationals, for your service!

I recently took part in a meeting at Ouachita Baptist University with OBU President Ben Sells, Christian Studies School Dean Jeremy Greer, and two other Associational Missionaries in which we discussed how we could partner together to help bivocational ministers and the churches they serve. As a result we are developing a survey to be conducted among bivocationals attempting to ascertain their needs and how we can meet them.

As the population of South Arkansas decreases and gets older we are going to have even more bivocational ministers and churches that will require them. Pray with me that God will raise up godly men to fill these roles.

For those churches who have bivocational ministers, try to find ways to help these leaders be fruitful and avoid burnout. I have some suggestions:

1. Don't expect them to prepare and teach three messages a week.
2. Encourage deacons to help with some hospital and nursing home visits.
3. Surprise them with a weekend retreat for their family to relax and recharge.
4. Write them a personal note that expresses your appreciation for their diligence and love for the Lord and His church.

Thanks for the privilege to serve the churches of LBA!

Your brother,
Wade



AMS SCHEDULE

February 20	Village Baptist Church
February 21-23	AMS Retreat
February 27	Maple Avenue Baptist Church
May 29	FBC El Dorado

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2022-2023
**OBU ASSOCIATIONAL
SCHOLARSHIP**

**APPLICATION NOW AVAILABLE!
CONTACT THE LBA OFFICE TO APPLY!**

DEADLINE: MARCH 14

EL DORADO
MONDAYS AT 10:30 | LBA OFFICE

CAMDEN
THURSDAYS AT 8:30 | GRACE

MAGNOLIA
LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
AT 11:00 | CENTRAL BC



REMINDER
LBA PASTORS'
FELLOWSHIP

CHURCH STAFF OPENINGS

Central BC	Music Pastor
Cornerstone Fellowship	Youth Pastor
Cullendale FBC	Senior Pastor
East Main BC	Senior Pastor
FBC Camden	Senior Pastor & Minister of Music & Youth
FBC Hampton	Senior Pastor, Full-Time Youth Pastor & Interim Youth Pastor
Grace BC	Part-time Youth Pastor
Immanuel El Dorado	Senior Pastor
Maple Avenue BC	Senior Pastor
Norphlet FBC	Part-Time Youth Pastor; Part-Time Worship Leader; & Pianist
Three Creeks BC	Youth & Children's Pastor
Union Baptist Church	Senior Pastor
White Oak Lake BC	Interim Pastor



How long has it been since your church used LBA's camp facilities? Are you aware of what booking the camp entails? I thought it might be beneficial to address some of the business questions that come up when folks use our camp ministry resources.

1. Can I see the camp rates? Yes, we can email you a rate sheet anytime! Just call me or the LBA office.
2. Who sets the camp usage rates? The Camp Ministry Team establishes the rates for all our camp facilities and periodically reviews them to account for changes in cost of living.
3. Why is there a cost to use the camp? The grounds encompass approximately 70 acres with 14 buildings including the dining hall, cabins, barn, shop, director's house, pavilion, and the tabernacle. We have a big camp! LBA gives \$2,000 per month (\$24,000 per year) of the general budget to the camp. Camp costs include utilities, insurance, and a camp director salary. The camp director is responsible for grounds upkeep, equipment, buildings, and hiring the summer staff. Those costs bring the camp budget to over \$200,000 a year. LBA contributes about 1/10 of the cost to keep the camp in a state of constant readiness. The rest is generated through bookings. There is both a summer rate and an off-season rate. The difference in rates exists because we employ a full staff in the summer. Approximately 70% of all camp revenue comes in during the 70 days of summer.
4. Does the association rate differ from the rate charged to non-LBA clients? Yes, non-LBA clients pay 5% more than LBA churches.
5. Can anyone rent the camp? Yes, any outside group that will adhere to the established rules and policies can rent the facilities. Some groups do not use the camp because of the no alcohol policy.

Currently, the Camp Ministry Team is considering raising the compensation for summer staff and cooks. It has not been increased for at least 15 years. If they do so, then camp usage rates will also increase. Our camp is still a bargain to rent and a very nice facility for any group.

As your Camp Director I want you to understand how the business of camp is carried out. If you have a question, concern, or a good idea, please let me know. It is your camp!

Bro. Donny
Camp Director

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The last two years have been strange to say the least, but giving to the Liberty Baptist Association has been a constant source of blessing and encouragement to our work in our churches and our communities. We at LBA want to thank our churches and our individual donors for their faithful and generous support of the LBA and its ministries.

With our thanks, we'd like to ask a small bookkeeping favor. Liberty Baptist Association operates out of one bank account. This has always been the case; but in the past the bank was willing to accept checks made out to specific ministries. However, the bank now requires that all checks be made out to "**Liberty Baptist Association**." Our financial secretary looks at every memo line to make sure the gift goes to the correct ministry of LBA. And if she can't be sure from the check, she will reach out for clarification. Would you help us get the word out to those who process the checks at your church? Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns. And thank you in advance.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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| March 5 | Lead Defend Conference, 9 AM at Immanuel Baptist Church Little Rock |
| March 14 | OBU Associational Scholarship Application Deadline |
| March 20 | Dedication of Family Life Center to Lawrence Harrison, 10:45 AM at Maple Ave Baptist Church |
| April 9 | ONE DAY: Serve Local |
| April 18 | Executive Board Meeting, 5:30 PM at Calvary Trail Cowboy Church |
| 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 (Registration Opens MARCH 1) |
| July 18-21 | Day Camp (Registration Info Coming Soon) |
| July 31-August 6 | Mission Trip to Bear River Church, WY |



We Need You!

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

Beginning March 1, RSMC will be open
the first Tuesday of each month from 6-8 PM.
Volunteers are still needed.

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT

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MINISTRY CENTERS SNAPSHOT

Liberty Ministry Center Food Pantry

December 2021

Total Households Served: 114
New Households Served: 28
Total Individuals Served: 257
New Individuals Served: 65

January 2022

Total Households Served: 188
New Households Served: 188
Total Individuals Served: 431
New Individuals Served: 431

Ruby Snider Ministry Center Food Pantry

December 2021

Total Households Served: 90
New Households Served: 27
Total Individuals Served: 200
New Individuals Served: 71

January 2022

Total Households Served: 135
New Households Served: 135
Total Individuals Served: 304
New Individuals Served: 304

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