

TheVision

Camp Beaverfork 2016



Arkansas Youth--Camp Beaverfork 2016

Youth Director Brian Kesterson and his staff once again welcomed Free Will Baptist youth from all over the state to Camp Beaverfork the first three weeks of June for 17 days of camping. Evangelists Christian Powell (Teens), Brad Taylor (Jr. High), and Johnny Miller (Kids) did an outstanding job of relating the Scriptures to our youth.

Director Kesterson said, "It has been a privilege to serve the students of Arkansas for the past seven years by overseeing Camp Beaverfork. Each year, if we pay attention, God teaches us lessons that we are able to take away and build from. Sometimes, it is as small as showing us



things that work and that don't work. Sometimes, it is giving us visions for future ministries and opportunities. Sometimes, it is encouragement that helps us when we go back to our churches and homes. But one lesson that has been the same each year...God is still working in lives."

"If I had the space and time, I could share story after story how God was working during this summer. Answered prayers, perfect timing, providing support, and the list just keeps going. But just to show a small portion of God's greatness and grace, during the 2016 camp session, we had

874 registered for camp from over 40 different churches. We witnessed 46 salvations, 33 re-dedications, 3 answered the call to follow Christ in ministry. Each night the altars were filled with

students pouring out their heart with needs before Christ. At the conclusion of each week, students took up a love offering for the Florence Crittenton Home and they raised over \$2,800.00 for the home which exceeded our goal."

"If you did not get the chance to attend Camp Beaverfork this year, you missed a great blessing. Please pray for all the decisions that were made this year and pray these students stand strong for Christ."

A new wrinkle was introduced during Kid's week. Mrs. Karen Brown, the Worship Leader, directed the kids in a musical. In song and verse, the kids presented the truth about choice: which summer camp should they attend? A sports or drama camp, or Camp Beaverfork. And what are the benefits should they attend Camp Beaverfork?

Next on the youth calendar are the fall retreats (teen-November, kids-November). You can also mark down the dates for Camp Beaverfork 2017: Teens (June 4-8), Jr. High (June 11-15), and Kids (June 18-21, 21-24).



Kid's Week Musical Cast

PILLARS VI Gathering

Depravity & Deception

Romans 1

The 6th annual PILLARS Gathering will be held at Camp Beaverfork on August 5th & 6th. The theme will center around how man's depravity has deceived our culture and effected the church and efforts toward evangelism.

Join us beginning on Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. and Saturday morning 9 a.m. till noon.



Friday evening there will be pizza served after the service, and Saturday morning a continental breakfast will be served.

If you would like to lodge at Camp Beaverfork, please contact the state office so we can let Bro. Brian know.

Please make plans to be a part of this informative and challenging gathering.

First FWB Church, Crossett--National Day of Prayer



At high noon, Pastor Jim Baker and members of First FWB Church in Crossett gathered around the church flag pole on May 5th (National Day of Prayer) to pray for America. The church members prayed for the upcoming national elections, as well as for one another. Several others from the Saline Association joined in this special time of prayer.



ARKANSAS WAC RETREAT

September 16-17, 2016

Camp Beaverfork, Conway

“Keep Calm and Carry On”

Psalm 46:10

Friday Evening

Registration & Meal: 5:45-7:00 pm

Welcome

Fun Time

Worship in Song

“Keep Calm and Pray On”--Speaker: Kim Landers

Offering

Break

Worship in Song

“Keep Calm and Worship On”--Speaker: Debe Taylor

YWAC Jewelry Party after Service:

Young Ladies 18 & Under

Saturday Morning 9:00 am

Missionary Update

Worship in Song

“Keep Calm and Focus On”--Speaker: Kim Landers

(YWAC session in kitchen--Speaker: Jill Collins)

Break

Worship in Song

“Keep Calm and Carry On”--Speaker: Debe Taylor

Closing

Cost: \$15.00; children 15 and under are free.

*And (Jesus) said to them (the twelve),
“Come aside by yourselves to a deserted
place and rest a while.” For there were
many coming and going, and they did not
even have time to eat.*

Mark 6:31

Arkansas Churches without Pastors

Several Arkansas churches are without pastors at this time. Anyone interested is encouraged to contact the following:

Cedar Heights FWB Church
119 Locust Street
Quitman, AR 72131

Chester FWB Church (associate pastor)
PO Box 152
Chester, AR 72946

First FWB Church
1602 Leawood
Benton, AR 72015

White Hall FWB Church
103 Timber Lane
White Hall, AR 71603

NOTE: any church interested in having their pulpit vacancy included in the Vision, please send your information by the 5th of the month to david@arfwb.org. Please include the name of a contact person and contact information.

**Spend time wisely;
invest in eternity.**

Minister's Retreat

The 2016 Minister's Retreat has a new date on the calendar, but remains at a familiar place. This year's retreat is scheduled for **September 19-21, 2016** at Lake DeGray Lodge in Arkadelphia. The retreat cost is \$85.00 per person (no meals included).

This year's featured speaker is Rev. Roy Harris.

The pastorate has has great satisfaction, but it also has its share of stress. Pastor, the minister's retreat is your opportunity to “get away,” to fellowship with your contemporaries, to be nourished spiritually, and to be refreshed.

Church members: encourage your pastor to attend. Pay his way. Show your pastor you care as much for him as he does for you.

Mark your calendars, and plan on attending this year's retreat.

Note: scholarships are available to anyone who absolutely cannot afford to come on their own. All scholarship inquiries will be kept confidential. Simply call David Taylor at the state office.



COMING EVENTS IN ARKANSAS:

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| Aug 5-6 | Pillars VI, Camp Beaverfork |
| Aug 6 | Old Mt. Zion Association |
| Aug 7 | Harmony FWB, 125-year celebration |
| Aug 20 | Saline WAC, Rolfe Chapel |
| Aug 12-13 | Journey Retreat, Camp Beaverfork |
| Aug 21-24 | First Star City revival with David Crowe |
| Sept 10 | New Hope Association, Mt. Bethel |
| Sept 16-17 | AWAC Retreat, Camp Beaverfork |
| Sept 19-21 | Minister's Retreat, Lake DeGray |
| Oct 1 | Youth Rally, Harmony (Warren) |

150th Anniversary!

On September 11, 2016 the Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church will celebrate their 150th anniversary. The church organized a year after the end of the Civil War (1866), worshiping in a place called Burks Shed, in the northwest corner of Washington County. It is unknown when the church moved to the Burkshed School building, but for many years they shared the building with the Missionary Baptist Church, alternating Sundays.

On October 6, 1946 the church had their first service in their own building just south of the Burkshed School. The one room facility, with a stage, was added on to out of need in 1965 with four Sunday School rooms. They expanded again in 1974 with four more rooms, a kitchen, a nursery, and two restrooms.

Mt. Zion hosted the 54th Arkansas State Association, October 3-5, 1951. They also hosted Old Mt. Zion Association's 100th anniversary in 1941.

Since 1918, twenty-one different men have pastored the church, with Rev. Eldon Bagwell the current pastor since 2012. Brother Bagwell is uniquely suited for this task. He grew up in the church. Was saved and baptized in the church. Served as a deacon in the church (as did his father). And he acknowledged his call to preach in the church (again, as did his father, Rev. Charlie Bagwell).

We celebrate with the Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church on this wonderful occasion, and pray that God will, if He tarries, give them another 150 years of witness in their community.

*Join us as we celebrate the
150th Anniversary
of our Church!*

SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

Morning Service: 10:00 AM

Lunch & Fellowship: 12:00 PM

Reconvene: 1:00 PM

*Bring pictures of past church events and
good memories to share!*



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Free Will Baptist Family Ministries has been faithful in serving since 1939, and we exist today only because of the continued prayers and support from friends like you. We appreciate your steadfast response throughout the years to help meet our every need. Your unwavering commitment allows us to continue God's kingdom work. I would like to say that in the history of this ministry, I have never witnessed a year of what I call a spiritual explosion of growth at Family Ministries!

Allow me to share in our celebration of growth:

- We average **caring for 125 children daily** in our residential programs in **Tennessee** and **Arkansas**.
- '**Maggie House**', our home in Charleston, AR, opened its doors in December 2015. We received our first three children on December 9. At the time of this report, 30 children are calling Maggie House their home. The children are primarily made up of sibling groups. What a blessing to see them reunited after being in separate homes across the state of AR.
- Groundbreaking on a brand new campus at Fort Smith, AR, are well under way. It will consist of 4 Residential Homes, and an Administration/Activities Building. It will be called the '**Curt, Cliff & Opal Young Children's Home**' in honor of the benefactors, given through the estate of the Young family. Their gift of \$2.875 million made this very special project possible.
- In the near future, we will add to the ministry of the **Hope Center**, our crisis pregnancy/resource center in Greenville, TN. We have prayed and been burdened for a number of years that one day we would be able to open a **Maternity Home** that we could provide a home for mother and her child. To God be the glory, we now have the building adjacent to the Hope Center! Renovations will begin later this year, to include 5 apartments for those living there.
- We are currently providing care for approximately 100 senior citizens in our two assisted living facilities, **Governor's Bend**, Irwin, TN & **The Laurels**, Wise VA. We are thankful to be able to offer quality full service living where residents have the independence of living in their own suites with the freedom to do exactly as they like, all while enjoying the safety and services provided by an attentive 24 hour staff.

I could not personally care for 125 children, but with the help of God and our many friends, **WE CAN!**

I could not personally afford a beautiful place like the Maggie House that 30 children call home, but with the help of God and our many friends, **WE CAN!**

I could never personally build a new campus in Fort Smith, AR, to serve 32 children, but with the help of God and our many friends, **WE CAN!**

I could not personally imagine providing for all the beautiful babies that are born to the clients served through the Hope Center, but with the help of God and our many friends, **WE CAN!**

I could not personally offer services to 100 senior citizens, but with the help of God and our many friends, **WE CAN!**

I want to thank each of you for what you do for Family Ministries!

In His Service,
Rev. Frank Woods, Executive Director

~Together, WE CAN make an eternal difference in the lives of hurting children and families~

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Submit by the 5th of the month your story for consideration in the next month's Vision. Articles and photos may be submitted by email to:

david@arfbw.org

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