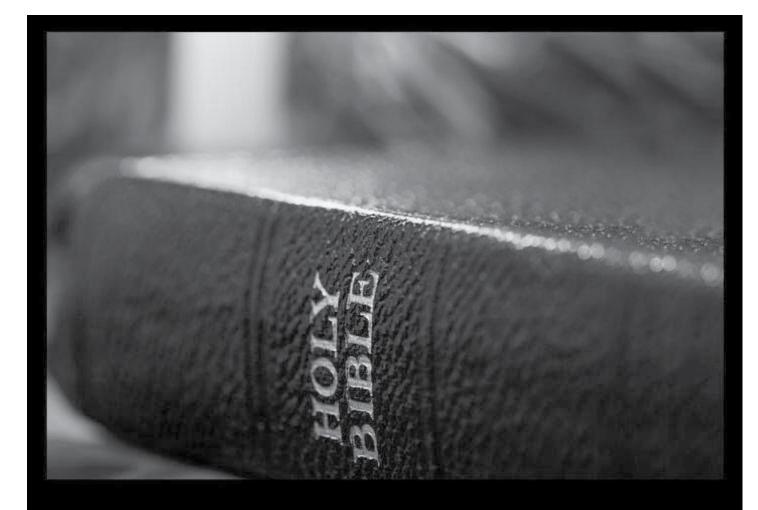
# The Vision



"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth..."

Romans 1:16 (KJV)

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# 65th Annual Arkansas WAC Meeting

Camp Beaverfork, Conway March 9, 2019

Theme: "Intentional" Scripture: Luke 10:27

8:00 AM -- Registration: Janie Campbell

#### 8:30 AM -- Morning Session

Congregational Singing: Amy Morris Seating of Delegates Appointment of Committees Missionary Share Time WNAC Report

#### Brunch

#### 10:30 AM -- Business Session

Congregational Singing: Amy Morris
Secretary's Report: Brenda Housley
Treasurer's Report: Melissa Haralson
Standard Committee Reports: Brenda Housley
Recommendations from Executive Committee
2019 State Project
2019 State Service Project
Election & Introduction of 2019-20 State Officers
Miscellaneous Business

#### 11:45 AM -- Worship Service

Memorial Moment: Brenda Housley Congregational Singing: Amy Morris Offering Special Music

Speaker: Pam Jones, Missionary to Pennsylvania

Closing Remarks: Lisa Bowden

Lunch--On Your Own

## **State Meeting Housing**

May 20-21, 2019

#### **Comfort Inn & Suites**

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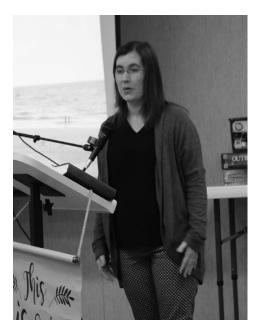
**\$109.00** (plus tax)--one King or two Queens Free Breakfast Buffet

#### Notes:

Ask for the Arkansas Free Will Baptist group rate.

Online reservations are available for Fairfield Inn & Suites. Contact Diana at diana@arfwb.org for more information about this option.

Reservations need to be made by April 10th to enjoy these rates.



#### Minsters' Wives Retreat

Converging on Camp Paron, February 1 & 2, for a great time of fellowship and worship, were 39 ministers' wives. In that number were nine first timers. Ranging in age from 26 to 83, it was exciting to see everyone visiting, laughing and sometimes crying together.

The theme for the 2019 retreat was "My Happy Place," using Philippians 4:4-9 as our theme passage. Friday afternoon's activities consisted of a craft time. Each lady was given the opportunity to make a "Choose Joy" canvas. It was soon obvious that our



ministers' wives are very creative and varied in their creativity.

The worship for each session was led by Amber Haskins, Ballews Chapel. She did an outstanding job of preparing our hearts for the Word. Guest Speaker for the retreat was Ana Batts, from Nashville, Tennessee, who shared God's Word in a mighty way over the two days. In the first session, she emphasized the fact that we can "control our perspective." She used the story of the Samaritan woman in John 4 and made sure we all knew the only thing that changes people is an encounter with Jesus. The take-away point? We can even find our "happy" place in a "hard" place. On Saturday morning, Ana reminded us that Satan uses "alternate truth" to keep us from our happy place. For every truth God tells us, Satan has a lie to deceive us. The take-away? Alternate truth can steal your joy! During the final session, she shared the importance of the whole armor of God with an emphasis on prayer. Prayer is a powerful weapon in "deleting anxiety." The take-away? Prayer is our part; peace is God's part. As she closed, she reiterated the words of Paul to the church at Philippi - You've learned it, received it, heard it and seen it – now do it!

Friendships were made and strengthened here. There was a special bond! As it came time to leave, there was great reluctancy in saying goodbye. Until next time....



Not pictured: Crystal Abel, Janet Gandy, Sandy Forman, Farrah McEntire, and Jessica Murphy



# **Arkansas Students Excel at Welch College**

The fall 2018 semester at Welch College ended with 105 students receiving academic recognition, according to Provost Matthew McAffee. This honor roll includes both online and Enriched Adult Studies students whose fall courses ended in late December. "These students deserve commendation for their hard work," says McAffee. "These students are the academic pacesetters for our campus and we hope they will continue to foster scholastic excellence among their peers."

Thirty students made all A's and were placed on the President's List—4 seniors, 6 juniors, 11 sophomores, and 9 freshmen. Seventy-five earned a 3.25 GPA and all A's and B's and were placed on the Provost's list—10 seniors, 14 juniors, 28 sophomores, and 23 freshmen.

Among the Provost's List: "B" Honor Roll were four Arkansas students:

Senior, Keren Delgado

Juniors, Matthew Barnett & Abby Hunter

Sophomore, Zuniga Analza

## **Pulpits Filled**

Loyd Miller--Plainview FWB, Plainview

#### Mark Your Calendar

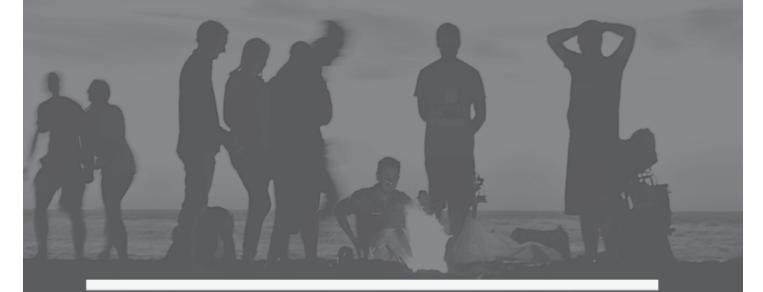
The 2019 Arkansas Free Will Baptist State Meeting is:

May 20-21, 2019



# SPONSOR ORIENTATION

If you plan to attend Camp Beaverfork as a chaperone or sponsor in 2019, plan on participating in ONE of the scheduled online orientation dates.





**Facebook Live Orientations** 

Saturday April 20 @ 10:00 am Thursday April 25 @ 6:30 pm Sunday May 19 @ 4:00 pm

Follow the Arkansas Student Ministries FWB page on Facebook in order to be involved in the training.

#### **Creation Course Offered**

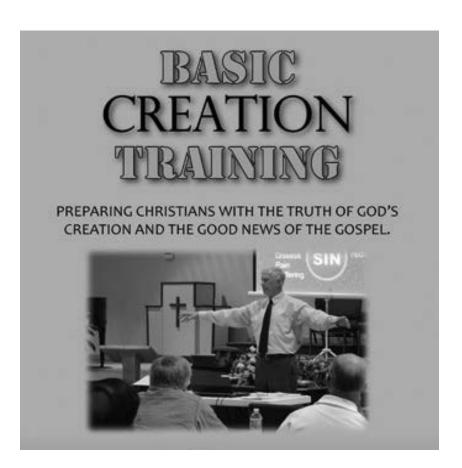
First FWB Church of North Little Rock will be sponsoring a Basic Creation Course on Saturday, March 23, 2019. The course will be from 8:30am--4:30pm. The cost is \$45 for adults and \$25 for teens; and this pays for the student manual, lunch and snacks.

Youth and Outreach Pastor, Pierre Calder says, "I believe this is a great opportunity for teens as well as adults to prepare to speak about and defend the biblical account with confidence, as well as be better equipped to present the gospel of Jesus Christ."

For more information, contact Calder at 501.681.9384

More information about Creation Training Initiative can be found on their website:

www.creationtraining.org/trainingcourses/basic-creation-training/







Rev. Paul Payne preaching at the final quarterly meeting of the 177th Old Mt. Zion Association, on Saturday, February 2nd.

## **Arkansas State Meeting**

May 20-21, 2019

The 122nd Session of the Arkansas State Association will meet May 20-21 at Camp Beaverfork in Conway for worship and business.

This year's theme is, "I Believe." The Scripture text is the paragraph in Luke's Gospel (1:1-4). In essence he says to Theophilus, "let me tell you what I believe, and why."

Worship will be, and should be, at the forefront of our State Association gathering. For the pastor who preaches and teaches each week, its an opportunity to be ministered to, for a change. And we need that.

During the business session we will hear reports from our state ministries, as well as from the national. There will be committees to appoint, board members and officers to elect, budgets to adopt, and decisions to be made that will give direction to our state work.

The State Association meeting is important. It needs you. It needs your presence, your voice, and your involvement.





## **Welcome Days**

Welch College April 11th-13th

This event will be sponsored by Arkansas Christian Education Ministries. It is available to Arkansas high school students from 10th – 12th grade at no cost to your students. There will be a form for each of your students to be completed and turned in by March 15, 2019. We will provide

Transportation and meals will be provided to, and from the college. Our departure and pick up location will be at Camp Beaverfork. More information to come.

Help afford the opportunity for our young people to have this great experience. Invest in their future.

Contact Travis Alexander for more information. 870.404.7833

### **ACTS 1:8**

Arkansas' ACTS 1:8 plan of missionary support was adopted at the August 8-9, 1995 State meeting. Its stated goal was to "be an ongoing means of funding the budgets of missionaries from Arkansas."

Arkansas was the first state among FWBs with this type of funding program. It has worked well; it can continue to work well ... but we need YOUR help.

Will you pledge a monthly gift in 2019?



# **WORLD MISSIONS OFFERING 2019**



**National Youth Camps** 



**Cross-Cultural Ministries** 

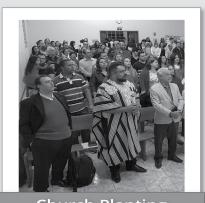


**Pastoral Training** 

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**Bible Training** 



**Church Planting** 

**2019 GOALS** 

PARTICIPATING CHURCHES: 450

TOTAL OFFERING: \$650,000

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#### **Ordination Service**

In a packed house, the Plainview FWB Church ordained interim pastor, Brother Loyd Miller as a Free Will Baptist minister, on Sunday night, February 3, 2019.

Rev. Lynn Crawford, Loyd's youth pastor (many years ago), preached the message, gave the charge from 1 Timothy 4, and presented him with a Bible. All the ordained ministers and deacons, and their wives, were invited to gather around Loyd and Caitlin at the altar in a dedication prayer.

Keep the Millers in your prayers as they embark on a great journey, but one that only God knows where it will take them.





randall house

# State CTS Expo

<u>Date</u>: April 27, 2019

<u>Where</u>: Union Grove FWB Church

Doors Open: 8:30 am

Registration forms due: April 3, 2019

Mail forms to: Camp Beaverfork, 150 Beaverfork Road, Conway, AR 72032



...and to put on the new self,

created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.



# **Coming Events**

| March 9     | Arkansas WAC State Meeting                  |
|-------------|---|
| March 28-30 | Spring Campus Days @ Randall University     |
| April 11-13 | Welcome Days @ Welch College                |
| April 21    | EASTER Sunday                               |
| April 27    | State CTS Expo @ Union Grove FWB            |
| April 28    | WMO Sunday                                  |
| May 20-21   | Arkansas State Meeting @ Camp<br>Beaverfork |
| June 2-6    | Teen Camp @ Camp Beaverfork                 |
| June 9-13   | Junior High Camp @ Camp Beaverfork          |
| June 16-22  | Kids Camp (split week) @ Camp<br>Beaverfork |
| July 21-24  | NAFWB Convention, Cincinnati, Ohio          |

## **Pulpit Vacancies**

First FWB Church, Batesville First FWB Church, Greenwood Huntsville FWB Church, Hunstville Lake Hills FWB Church, Hot Springs

# **Pulpit Supply**

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Remember, the quality of picture you submit equals the quality of picture we can print.

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