

CONNECTIONS

A Newsletter of the ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
Seventh-day Adventist Church

SOUTH LOUISIANA SPANISH CAMP MEETING “Los Ultimos 5 Minutos”



The South Louisiana Spanish Camp Meeting this year was themed “The Last 5 Minutes,” but it took more than 5 minutes to carry out the crusade. After ten evenings of meetings in various churches with successive sermons on end-time messages, a convocation on Sabbath followed an Evangelistic Caravan. The meetings were also live-streamed so those who were unable to attend could par-

icipate from home. During the meeting, a significant number of attendees were non-Adventist, and 32 baptisms were held the first week, followed by another 42 baptisms on the final Sabbath, for a total of 73 souls committing their lives to follow the Savior. Conference President, Elder Rick Dye preached the messages of hope, while Pastor Leonardo Melendez, our Conference Evangelism Director translated. Special thanks to Pastor Benjamin Orian and Pastor Daniel Hoover for their technological skills in making the broadcast possible. These pictures just touch on some highlights from the event(s).

An English Caravan is planned for later in the year in Arkansas.



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Join us for Camp Meeting!

Arkansas-Louisiana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
SOUTH LOUISIANA CAMP MEETING
April 27, 2024



Guest Speaker:
Elder Tony Anobile,
Vice President, Church Ministries,
Southwestern Union
Conference of SDA.



Special Music:
Jennifer LaMountain,
Vocalist, Musician & Artist
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MAY 28 - JUNE 1, 2024

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Evening Speaker

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Guest Musician

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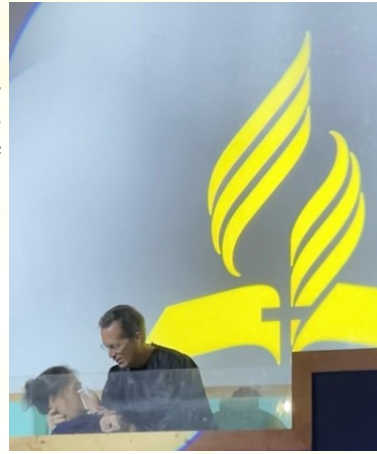


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MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS CAMP MEETING IN GENTRY, MAY 28-JUNE 1. We will have several days of spiritual messages, music, interaction and many blessings for all, and we look forward to seeing you there. Don't forget to look for our new room of booths from the Health Ministries/Health Evangelism Department, featuring interactive presentations depicting NEWSTART.

Baptism in Springdale

Tanako Yug was raised in an Adventist home in the Marshall Islands and has known Jesus all her life. Time goes by and days turn into years. Tanako married and had a family of her own. One day, she came to a place where she could not let another Sabbath go by without making her acceptance of Jesus as her personal Savior official and public. With the blessing of her Catholic husband, she was baptized into Christ, and membership of the Springdale Adventist Fellowship on January 27.



~Shared by Pastor Rick Aldridge



CELEBRATING 101 IN BATON ROUGE

During a fellowship meal the first Sabbath of February, Baton SDA Church members celebrated the 101st birthday of member Lessie Lee Fletcher Rice - affectionately known as Ms. Lessie.

Ms. Lessie was born on February 10, 1923 in Baton Rouge, LA. Lessie's mother became an Adventist after attending evangelistic meetings, under the direction of Ira C. Pound in 1928, when Lessie was 5 years old.

Over the years Lessie married, had 2 children, worked for many years and retired from Louisiana state government. All the while remaining true to her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Ms. Lessie attends church and prayer meeting faithfully each week and is dearly loved by her daughter, 4 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren and her church family. Happy 101st birthday to Ms. Lessie, we look forward to celebrating many more birthdays with you until Jesus returns!

~Submitted by Tracy Francis, Baton Rouge

HOT SPRINGS ADVENTIST SCHOOL "100 Days of School" PROJECT

We were only a week away from the 100th day of school when we visited our church's community center. We got a tour of the building and an explanation of what they do for our community. We found out that they help people with food, clothing, linens, and will be offering some other services in the future, such as mowing lawns.



We wondered what we could do to help. We came up with an idea to collect 100 food items for the 100th day of school. Our 9 Students asked neighbors, friends, and family members to support their mission.

The next day we were already halfway to our goal! The students were so excited to count the items each day and mark on our thermometer. We surpassed our goal by collecting 150 items in a week! We celebrated with a party. We were so thankful that we were able to help others.

~Hot Springs Adventist School
- Hot Springs, Arkansas

Prayer Life on Fire in Searcy

On March 2, 2024, the Searcy Seventh-Day Adventist Church held a Women's Ministry program called "Ignite Your Prayer Life" presented by Debbie Miller. In her opening statements, Mrs. Miller stressed that prayer was not a ritual, but a necessity for the Christian. Prayer is an opening of the heart to God as a friend. Jesus

Himself was our example, arising early on a daily basis to pray. She emphasized that prayer ignites your life through four ways: through change, through hope, through unity, and through forgiveness. Special music was provided by Abie Nembhardt.

In the afternoon there was a group session where women of the church gave presentations on important women of the Bible, followed by group discussion. The Biblical women discussed included Priscilla, Ruth, Deborah and Hannah.

Christine Harmon, mother of Elder Paul Harmon, was recognized by Murle Clements for her many contributions to various projects. She has been faithful through the years by making colorful crochet hats for Carti and St. Jude.

~ Jane Huff, Searcy, Arkansas



Pathfinder Group Organizes Walkathon, Raises Over \$500



A small group of Pathfinders from Mountain View SDA Church in Mountain View, Arkansas came together in May to organize a walkathon, raising over \$500 to help provide a scholarship for someone to attend summer camp through National Camps for Blind Children.

NAD Deaf Ministries coordinator and Church Pathfinder leader Esther Doss and her group of five students were inspired to organize this fundraiser, after completing their braille honor in their weekly meetings.

"The kids really loved everything about braille," says Doss. "We practiced using a braille slate and stylus to punch the letters and learned a little about how to read this unique code. As we neared the end of the honor, we wanted to take it one step further and see

how to really make this a special experience for them."

Doss and her son thought about the idea of a walkathon while going around a half-mile walking track near their home. When she brought up the idea of using the walkathon idea to help send someone who is blind to camp, the Pathfinders were excited.

"I saw the value of blind camp at Camp Yorktown Bay when I was younger," says Doss. "When I told my Pathfinders about the joy on the faces of the campers, they jumped right in and started asking for pledges."

The Pathfinder group reached out to their local community, inviting individuals, families, and organizations to sponsor them for each half-mile lap they walked. Pledges started coming in, and the kids got excited about the event. One kid even got pledges for her dog, who was also participating!

On the day of the walkathon, the Pathfinders gathered with enthusiasm and a shared sense of purpose. The event was filled with smiles and laughter, as students showed a sense of endurance that exceeded their leaders' expectations. On average, each student walked six miles around the walking path.

This incredible fundraising effort not only showcases the determination and empathy of these kids but also highlights their commitment to inclusivity and making a positive difference in the lives of others.

To find out more about Christian Record Services and learn how to support this important ministry, please visit www.christianrecord.org or call 402-488-0981

World Youth Day at Slidell Church



The World Youth Day program on March 16 at the Slidell Church was very successful. It was a big hit with the youth and adults. The youth led out on the roster during the Worship Service and participated by reading scriptures during the sermon presented by Toshia Cartman. There was a delicious lunch of Haystacks and other tasty items. After lunch, the youth challenged the adults to a friendly game of Bible Pictionary. The adults won, but the youth played a very good game. There were two different skits, acted out by both the youth and adults. The day ended with a devotional and song service.

~ Submitted by Vernella Rogers



WE ARE FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE!



On Sabbath, February 10, 2024, the Slidell Church participated in the conference-wide Health Sabbath. Elder Don Thomas gave the message during worship service on mental health and benefits to healthy living. After a delicious and healthy vegetarian lunch, there was a Mental Health Sabbath Walk with several members and visitors. We are fearfully and wonderfully made by our God!

~ Submitted by Vernella Rogers, Slidell

To God be the Glory,
 great things He hath done.
 So loved He the world
 that He gave us His Son,
 Who yielded His life, an atonement for sin,
 And opened the life gates that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear His voice...

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice...

Oh come to the Father,
 Through Jesus the Son,
 And give Him the glory,
 Great things He hath done!

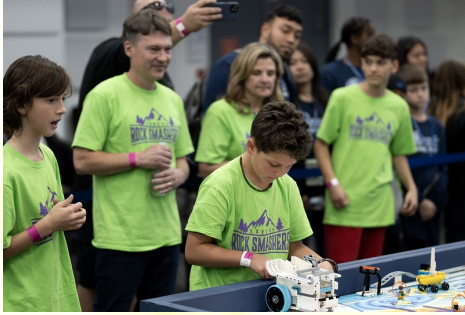


WE ARE ONE!

Nine polished medallions with their stiff blue and white Ozark Adventist Academy lanyards hung proudly from the chalkboard. Each circular orb with Abraham Lincoln's outline etched into its face hid a five-, ten-, or twenty-dollar bill behind its back. Each shimmering medal would be a prize for one of the participants in Storie Giddings' geography bee during the We Are One event on Ozark's campus on February 27 – March 3, 2024.

The medallions were made of wood, but once they were painted, they resembled bronze, silver, and gold Olympic-sized medals. Enoch, a ninth-grade student at Ozark, designed and made them. In the Makerspace, a glassed-in room in the library, he used the Glowforge to design, cut, and etch each circle. Enoch said Mrs. Giddings did the painting part.

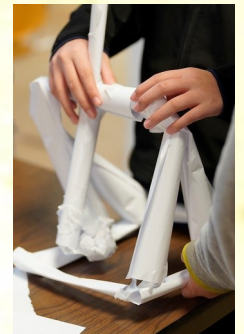
On Friday, March 1st, Mrs. Giddings awarded a first, second, and third place medal to the winners in the 5th -6th grade group. Three more medals were given to the top three students in the 7th grade, and the final three prizes were awarded to students in grades 8th -10th. But this was not the only contest during the We Are One event. Down in the basement of the Administration Building, Robert Fetters, Ozark's principal, was leading a trebuchet building competition. One after another, pennies whizzed through the air as they headed toward their intended target, Mr. Fetters' outstretched measuring tape. In the art classroom, Mrs. Esquer, Ozark's art teacher, guided the students through multiple art projects, including designing a logo for next year's We Are One event. The lucky winner not only received \$100, but his design will find its way onto next year's t-shirt.



The We Are One event is new, but its roots came from a combination of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference's Outdoor School and Ozark Adventist Academy's Music Festival. In the past, elementary schools in the conference wanting to participate in both events often had to choose between the two. So this year, the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference, along with Ozark's administration, put them together and made We Are One. The We Are One name, however, is not about the combining of the two events. It's about building friendships and bonds between students. So whether they go to school in New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Bentonville or Gentry, students will know they are one in Adventist education, and they are one in Christ.



The program is designed for students in grades five through ten in Adventist schools around the conference. Mr. Fetters said this year, around one hundred students attended, some from as far away as Greater New Orleans Christian Academy. Mr. Fetters also said that only three Adventist schools in the conference were not on Ozark's campus that week. Ozark Adventist Academy didn't charge any fees for students or schools to attend. The Arkansas-Louisiana Conference subsidized the event and helped with the cost of food and supplies, enabling more students and schools to participate.



The program ran from Tuesday to Sunday. Each day was packed. During the week, there were geography and art lessons, Mr. Fetters' trebuchets, multiple choir practices, worship talks by Ozark students, meals in the cafeteria, and a lot of fun just hanging out with friends on campus and in the dormitories. Each night, Coach Gil, Ozark's athletic director, had a different activity in the gym. Tuesday was dodgeball. Wednesday was a modified Junk Scramble, and Thursday was Nerf guns. On Wednesday afternoon, there was even a trip to Bentonville to watch a Lego robotics competition.

During the Sabbath hours, there were seminars with Ozark students teaching Christian drama, Bible journaling, and how to use a Bible concordance. There was a vespers program, Prayer Glow, Sabbath school, church, and sunset meditation. But the highlight of that Sabbath had to be the afternoon concert. Under guest clinician Marc Elysee, Director of Orchestral Studies at Andrews University, all the We Are One participants joined with Ozark's choir and orchestra to make one amazing concert!



The Arkansas-Louisiana Conference and OAA's administration are planning for We Are One to be an annual event on Ozark's campus. Just like OAA's Music Festival in years past, there will be choir practices and a concert each year. But to keep the event new and fresh for students, Mr. Fetters said the other activities will be different. In 2025, the program will be centered around lost treasure, complete with a trip to a Spanish treasure cave.

HEALTH CORNER

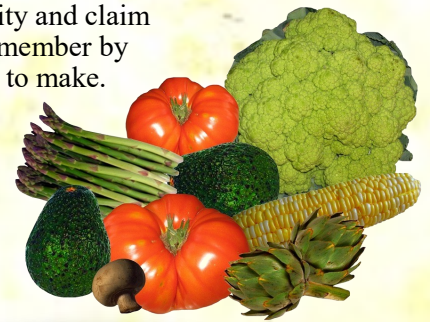
LOOK FOR NEWSTART AT CAMP MEETING



Something new is coming to Camp Meetings this year! When the South Louisiana English meeting takes place in Hammond on April 27th, Health Ministries will be there! AND... At the end of May (the 28th through June 1st), the Northwest Arkansas camp meeting will be held in Gentry. During both, the Health Ministries / Evangelism Department is bringing you something new—an interational “room of booths” investigating each of the eight laws in our Health Message, in the form of N E W S T A R T..... Each of those letters stands for a health principle (Nutrition, Exercise, Water, Sunlight, Temperance, Air, Rest, and Trust) and each of these simple points, which lead to complete health of body and mind will be shared at individual tables. Please plan to take time to stop by the room and visit each table for a better understanding of the NEWSTART lifestyle, and how you can incorporate these ideas in your own life and community as you witness to friends, family and neighbors in a form of personal evangelism.



I am sure you have heard that fruits and vegetables are good for you. But did you know that studies have shown that up to 90% of Americans do not consume enough fruits and vegetables daily? That knowledge alone can help in evangelism. Why not involve your church community in a “fruit and vegetable” drive, introducing fresh fruits and vegetables, talking about and showing how good they taste. Eating fruits and vegetables is important in maintaining health, as they are full of vitamins and minerals. They are an excellent source of dietary fiber, as well, which can help to maintain a healthy gut and prevent digestion problems. The vitamins and minerals that fruits and vegetables provide are numerous such as vitamin C, folate, potassium, etc. All these are good for heart health, cancer, immune problems and a plethora of other issues. Why not take a fruit platter to someone in the community and claim a member for Christ? Let them know you care about their physical health. Reclaim a member by asking them to teach you how to put together that great broccoli platter that they used to make. Together, we can continue to win souls for the kingdom.



HEALTH EVANGELISM WEBINAR

TRAUMA & ADDICTION

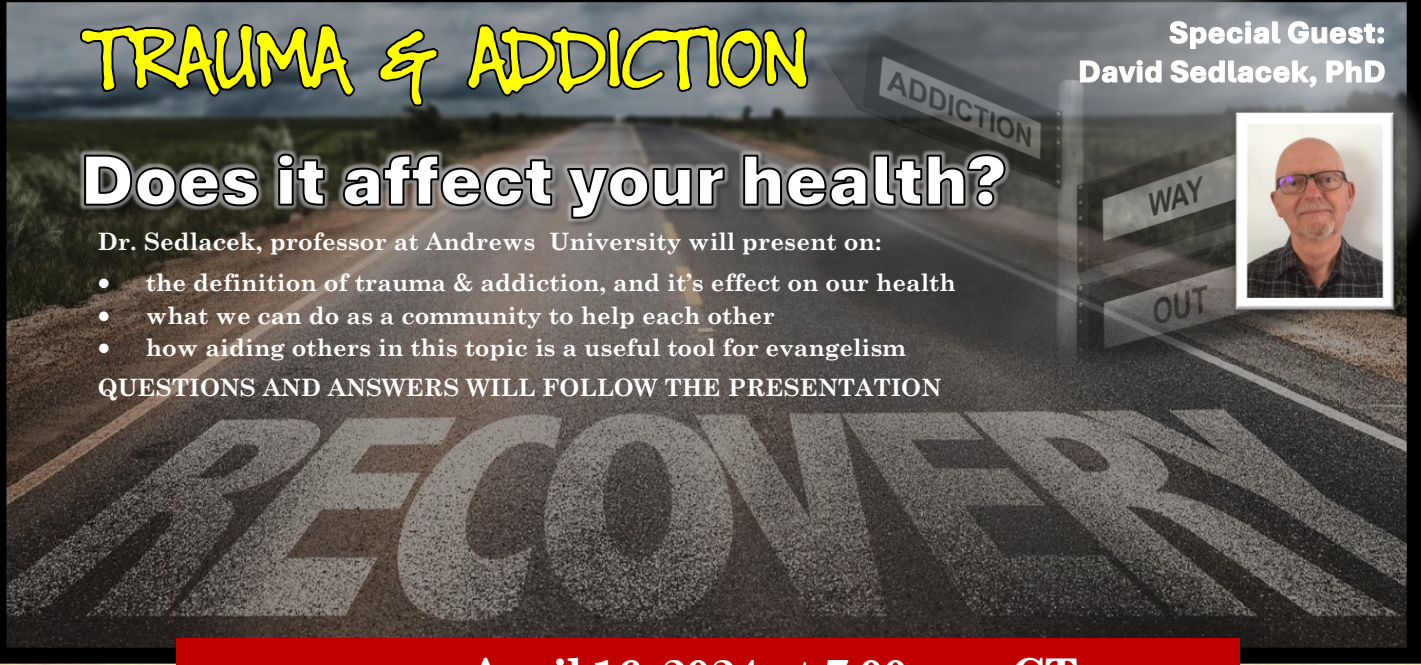
Does it affect your health?

Dr. Sedlacek, professor at Andrews University will present on:

- the definition of trauma & addiction, and it’s effect on our health
- what we can do as a community to help each other
- how aiding others in this topic is a useful tool for evangelism

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WILL FOLLOW THE PRESENTATION

Special Guest: David Sedlacek, PhD



April 16, 2024 at 7:00 pm, CT

For more details contact: Marjorie Bélizaire, M.D., Health Ministries/ Health Evangelism Director at: mbelizaire@arklac.org

Encountering the Ark

We pulled into the parking lot, got out of the car, and glanced around. “Where is it?” I asked. My son only shrugged

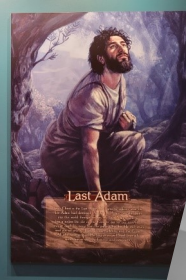
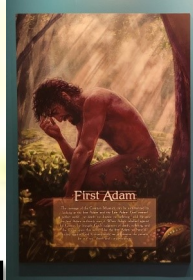
After looking for a while, we slowly realized that what we thought was a building in the distance was actually what we were looking for – the life-size replica of Noah’s ark.

After a short ride on a shuttle bus, we took our picture in front of the ark. Then, approaching the ark to go inside, we went to the wrong end. So, we were forced to walk the entire length of the iconic boat – over one and a half football fields.

Once we were inside the ark, we were able to take in all the incredible exhibits, which included cages with animals that resembled some we know and some that we have never seen due to their extinction since the time of Noah. Also, there were exhibits on what the world before the flood may have been like, the mechanics of how the flood might have happened, the design of the ark as far as ventilation, waste disposal, and watering and feeding the animals – imagine, only eight people were tasked to do all this work, but they showed how, with a little ingenuity, it could have been done.

There was a whole area made to show what Noah and his family’s living quarters aboard the ark may have looked like, and there was even an interactive animatronic Noah to answer our questions.

Amid all this interesting information, the Ark Encounter skillfully intertwines the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For instance, when we came to the door of the ark, we found that a faint cross lit its wooden planks. Also, there was a video that presented the



Gospel message within the story about why Answers in Genesis built a life-size replica of the ark. In fact, there was even an art-gallery-sized comic book that illustrated a modern salvational story.

You can also visit the Creation Museum, which we did, and it was great too. It’s only around a twenty minute drive from the Ark Encounter, and it’s well worth your time.

There were only a few things I noticed that I didn’t agree with. For instance, the Creation Museum didn’t emphasize the seventh-day Sabbath, and at the Ark Encounter within the comic book of the modern salvational story, they depicted one of the characters going directly to heaven – this undermines the Gospel which tells us that Jesus is coming back for us. But even with these few issues, a visit to the Ark Encounter is well worth your time and money.

And before you complain about the price – we bought a bundled deal for a little over \$100 per adult (children are free) – remember that you’re supporting a ministry that seeks to share the Gospel with as many as possible.

Go see the Ark Encounter! It’s located in Williamstown, Kentucky, and I guarantee you’ll enjoy your visit.

~ Story submitted by R. Jason Lynch, Sherwood SDA Church

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In the Middle of a Blink

*(Written by Elvis Kinzer Hyde, 2/6/2024
in memory of
Steve Jones, 58 year old son
of Ella Jones Scofield Hano.
He passed away February 2nd.)*

I kept my hopes alive
Cared for others and told no lies
Now I wait for Jesus to open my eyes
To meet Him in the skies
Oh, I just can't wait for him to arrive!!

But I'm at rest in a peaceful sleep
Confident that my soul He will keep
I will be awakened as one of His sheep
And held in His arms to no longer weep
Oh, I just can't wait for Him to reap!!

How I wish that I could dream
Of that joyous day that all will see
With angels all around to cheer for me
And our Holy King as glorious as can be
Oh, I just can't wait to forever be free!!

But I'm in a dark place with eyes closed tight
As the world continues all through the night
I don't know anything but that's all right
I'm waiting to see Him in all His might
Oh, I just can't wait till He wakes me
and gives me sight!!

I'll come forth for the wedding, to feast and drink
The Bridegroom is coming soon, He is on the brink
So fill your lamps with oil,
It's sooner than you think!!
It's even sooner when you're in
the Middle of a Blink!!



“When we all get to
heaven, what a day of
rejoicing that will be.
When we all see Jesus,
we'll sing and shout the
victory.”

Remembering . . .

Roger Huff was well loved, and served the Lord faithfully. We will cherish his memory as a member of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference Family. His dedication in service as a part of the Youth Department as Pathfinder Leader was genuine. He was committed to sharing the love of Jesus in his work with young people, and the Pathfinder Ministry was his passion, a calling that he embraced with his entire being. Now he rests peacefully until that day when Jesus gives the call to wake him up! So we do not mourn as others do, we rejoice in the hope that very soon we will be reunited.



IN LOVING
Memory
OF

JAMES ROGER HUFF



MAY 23, 1956 - MARCH 17, 2024

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT
BENTONVILLE SDA CHURCH
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SATURDAY, MARCH 30 AT 5:30PM

2024 is The Year of Reclamation ... Here in the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference, we have adopted the theme “Claim, Reclaim.” Our evangelism is focused not just on outreach, but also reaching inward to our own members, seeking to make the family whole. Below you see a sample of cards created for use in evangelism by anyone in our churches—the gospel presented in 4 steps and our purpose defined. If your church has not received these cards, please contact Pastor Benjamin Orian at the Conference Office, or feel free to copy the information below to share in your interactions with your community.

We hope you are having a great year so far, and we wish for you many blessings in April and May, and throughout the coming year!

CLAIM **RECLAIM**

CLAIMING is the process of sharing the story of Jesus with someone who is not yet a believer. The last command of Jesus to His followers was to go “the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8) and to “make disciples of all the nations” (Matt 28:19). This is the essence and purpose of the church.

RECLAIMING is the intentional act of working to restore relationships with individuals who once participated in church fellowship. It requires patience, prayer, sympathetic perception, and perseverance. Sometimes the act of reclaiming might require starting all over with the Gospel retold so they can be claimed once again for Christ.

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Gospel Presentation

MAN CHOOSE YOU THIS DAY...
We are made in the image of God with individuality and the freedom to do and think for ourselves.
Jos 24:15; Rom 10:9; Deut 30:19 4:29; Jn 1:12; Col 3:7

SIN THE WAGES OF SIN...
Sin is the great barrier between people and God. It is the reason for pain, terror, and ultimately—death.
Rom 3:23; 6:23; Isa 59:2; Rom 3:10; Rom 7:7-13

JESUS FOR GOD SO LOVED...
God’s plan to save people came at the expense of His only begotten Son. But in His death, we can live.
Jn 3:16; Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5; Rom 5:8; 1 Jn 1:9

LIFE HE WILL WIPE THE TEARS...
The very tenderness of God: He dries our tears, and then He makes everything over again—just for us.
Rev 21:4-5; 1 Jn 5:13; Rom 10:13; Heb 10:26

COMMUNICATORS: BEGIN PLANNING NOW TO ATTEND THIS CONVENTION

Mark your calendars and ignite your enthusiasm for the 35th Society of Adventist Communicators Convention! October 17—19, 2024, communicators from all walks of life will converge at the exquisite Hilton Chicago Oak Brook Hills Resort & Conference Center. This event promises to be an exhilarating opportunity for professionals and enthusiasts alike to dive deep into the world of communication. With engaging workshops, thought-provoking discussions, and networking galore, we can't contain our excitement for what we are planning. Whether you're a seasoned communicator or just starting, join us in celebrating the power of effective communication

SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 17
and be watching for the Early Bird Registration
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For more information on any of these, contact us at 318-631-6240 or email news@arklac.org

DID YOU KNOW?

- ◆ The conference has an app? It puts the ARKLA website information at your fingertips, which is particularly helpful for leaders.
- ◆ The Union Record is available in a physical magazine every other month, beginning in January for all members? (If you are not currently receiving yours, the Conference Clerk can make sure that your address is up to date.)
- ◆ The LEAD is available from our Media department every other week, bringing timely up-to-date news items? You can contribute your stories to this at any time.
- ◆ That we have a Facebook page?
- ◆ That our Wills & Trust Services Department can help you with important estate planning for your family's future?
- ◆ That this newsletter is printable and is laid out in a format for 11x17 print, if you choose to do so? But you may share it in any way that you wish.
- ◆ That you can access the offertory readings for each Sabbath on the website? The offerings are shown as scheduled on the calendar page, along with the current reading, and may be printed out under Stewardship.
- ◆ That our website has a calendar of all the events for the year?
- ◆ That Jesus loves you? He died in your place, so you don't have to, if you choose that gift today.



**International
Pathfinder
Camporee**

August 5-11, 2024

Hopefully you have made plans to attend the 2024 Camporee in Gillette, WY which will highlight the story of Moses and Miriam in an exciting production each evening as well as offer various honors and activities each day that Pathfinders from around the world will enjoy.

<https://www.camporee.org/>



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Western Oklahoma/N New Mexico	April 24 - 26
Austin/San Antonio/Valley Route	May 1 - 4
Houston Route	May 15 - 16
Louisiana/East Texas	May 29 - 31
West Texas/Southern New Mexico	June 5 - 7
Arkansas/East Texas	June 19 - 21
Eastern Oklahoma/NW Arkansas	July 10 - 12
Houston Route	July 24 - 26
Dallas Route	August 7
Austin/San Antonio/Valley Route	August 21 - 24
Louisiana/East Texas	September 4 - 6
Western Oklahoma/N New Mexico	September 11 - 13
West Texas/Southern New Mexico	September 25 - 27
Arkansas/East Texas	October 9 - 11
Eastern Oklahoma/NW Arkansas	October 23 - 25
Western Oklahoma/N New Mexico	November 6 - 8
Dallas Route	November 20
Austin/San Antonio/Valley Route	December 4 - 7
Houston Route	December 18 - 19



**A gentle answer
turns away
wrath, but a
harsh word stirs
up anger.**

Proverbs 15:1



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Office of the President

March 12, 2024

Dear Arkansas-Louisiana Family,

Recently our Constitution and Bylaws Committee met and determined that we should have a regular constituency session during 2024. They made the recommendation to our Conference Executive Committee.

Last Thursday, our Executive Committee, voted to have our 36th Regular Session of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference on Sunday, October 27, 2024, in Texarkana, Texas.

You will be getting more information as we move closer to the session date. We ask that you begin praying for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we prepare for the session and as we look forward to the future.

If you have questions, please contact me or Elder Jeff Villegas, Executive Secretary.

With many blessings,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard C. Dye, Sr." in a cursive script.

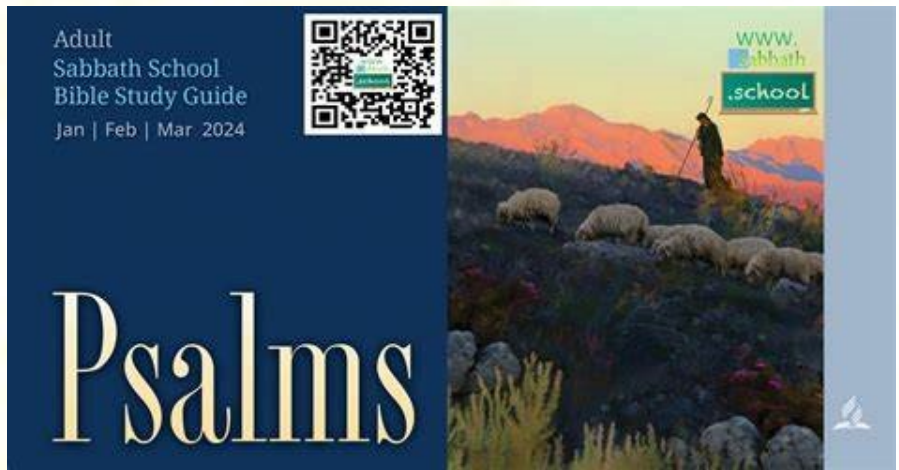
Richard C. Dye, Sr.
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Christian Record Services' for the Blind Anne Lowe Scholarship Application—Deadline April 15

The application is now open for the Anne Lowe Scholarship, which is awarded to undergraduate college students who meet certain criteria. Complete applications need to be submitted or postmarked by April 15, 2024. For details go to: christianrecord.org

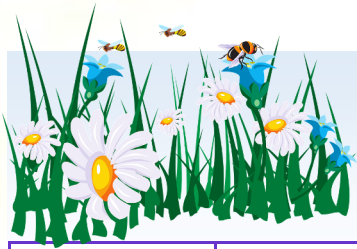
Requirements

- Legal blindness — According to the [American Foundation for the Blind](http://AmericanFoundationfortheBlind.org), "Legal blindness is a level of vision loss that has been legally defined to determine eligibility for benefits. The clinical diagnosis refers to a central visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with the best possible correction and/or a visual field of 20 degrees or less. Often, people who are diagnosed with legal blindness still have some useable vision."
- U.S. Citizenship
- Currently registered as a full-time student in undergraduate studies
- Minimum of 3.0 GPA
- Attending an accredited college or university in the U.S.



For Consideration, Applicants Must Provide

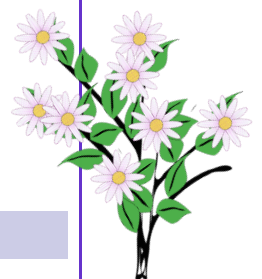
- Complete the online application at christianrecord.org
- Upload financial budget for student
- Upload doctor's note of legal blindness dated in the last year
- Written essay that includes background, achievements, educational goals, and life goals
- Recent photo
- Three (3) letters of recommendation dated in the last six months
- Proof of U.S. Citizenship (Required if you are awarded a scholarship)



APRIL 2024

Arkansas-Louisiana Conference Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
				ASI: SW Chapter, April 4-7		
				MG: 3rd Training Central AR Spanish)		
	SACS: Spring Week of Prayer					
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
ASI: SW Chapter, April 4-7		BOE Virtual Meeting 7 pm (zoom)		ARKLA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING	MG: 3rd Training North AR Spanish)	Church Leaders / Officer Train- ing and Volunteer / Lay Pastor Training (Arkansas—TBD)
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		Health Evangelism Webinar			Pathfinder Bible Experience	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	MAP Testing: April 22—May 10					
	NAD: HR / Secretariat Conference				Adventurer Family Camporee, @ CYB, April 26-28	
28	29	30				
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May 2024

Arkansas-Louisiana Conference Events



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
				Media Livestream National Day of Prayer	MG: 2nd Training Central AR	Church Leaders / Officer Training (South Louisiana)
MAP Testing: April 22—May 10						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
SWAU Board Mtg/ Graduation	Union: Education Superintendents Retreat (Orlando)				MG: 3rd Training South AR / North Louisiana (Spanish)	
MAP Testing: April 22—May 10						
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15	16	17	18
					Last day of School	Spanish Lay Training (@ CYB)
						World Adventurer Day
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Spanish Lay Training (@ CYB)			OAA Last Day of School			LA Federation Youth Sabbath
						OAA Graduation
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	 memorial DAY					
	OFFICE CLOSED	NWA Camp Meeting (May 28—June 1)				

2024 EVENT LIST *(Claim, Reclaim)*

FOR CHURCHES IN THE ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

APRIL

- Apr 4-7 ASI, SW Chapter
- Apr 5-6 Master Guide 3rd Training (Spanish) in Central AR
- Apr 9 Board of Education meeting by zoom (7pm)
- Apr 11 Executive Committee Meeting (ARKLA)
- Apr 12-13 Master Guide 3rd Training (Spanish) in North AR
- Apr 12-13 Church Leaders / Volunteer Lay Pastor Training-AR
- Apr 16 Health Evangelism Webinar
- Apr 19-20 Pathfinder Bible Experience, NAD
- Apr 27 South Louisiana Camp Meeting—New Orleans
- Apr 26-28 Adventurer Family Camporee at CYB

MAY

- May 2 Media livestream National Day of Prayer
- May 3-4 Master Guide: 2nd Training-Central AR (English)
- May 3-4 Church Leaders/Officer Training in South Louisiana
- May 5 SWAU Board Meeting/Graduation
- May 6-9 Union Education Superintendents Retreat in Orlando
- May 10-11 Master Guide: 3rd Training S. AR / N. LA (Spanish)
- May 18 World Adventurer Day
- May 18 -19 Spanish Lay Training at Camp Yorktown Bay
- May 25 Louisiana Federation of Youth Sabbath
- May 25 Ozark Adventist Academy Graduation
- May 27 Memorial Day (Office Closed)
- May 28-Jun 1 Northwest Arkansas Camp Meeting in Gentry, AR



OUR HOURS

Our office hours are from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, Monday through Thursday. We are closed on Fridays. Our office workers put in full-time hours; and the officers and department directors are often on the road serving our churches and communities over the weekend. So if you can't reach us during our normal working hours, please leave a message, or email: info@arklac.org We continuously keep you all in our prayers. (We meet each day for worship, so let us know if you have special needs and we will gladly add you to our prayer list.) God bless you all!

JUNE

- Jun 1 Northwest Arkansas Camp Meeting final day
- Jun 2 PAC Meeting by Zoom
- Jun 2-8 CYB: Staff Week
- Jun 7-8 Master Guide Training in Arkansas (English)
- Jun 7-15 Arkansas English Evangelism Caravan
- Jun 9-15 CYB: Cub Camp
- Jun 16-22 CYB: Junior Camp
- Jun 21-22 Master Guide "I Inspire" Workshop for Leaders
- Jun 21-23 Spanish Theological Symposium in Central Arkansas
- Jun 23-29 CYB: Tween Camp
- Jun 28-29 English Theological Symposium in Central Arkansas

JULY

- Jul 1-6 CYB: Teen Camp
- Jul 3-4 Office Closed for Independence Day
- Jul 7-13 CYB: Family Camp
- Jul 11-13 Evangelism & Health Disparities Weekend (Location TBD)
- Jul 13 Spiritual Health Emphasis Sabbath
- Jul 14 Youth Federation in Hammond
- Jul 23-28 Union: Administrative Retreat
- Jul 31-Aug 3 ASI Convention in Orlando, FL

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