

# News From Churches

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**Bethel** for bringing home the trophy for most creative this year in the Christmas Parade.

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## Spring Outreach Strategy

1. Evangelism Training
2. Serve Local – Serve Your Community
3. Big Day - March 31 (Easter)  
Statewide Baptism Sunday - April 7th
4. Eclipse Outreach

*For More information See Bro Kent's Article in Kent's Korner*

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# Associational News

## Little Red River Baptist Association

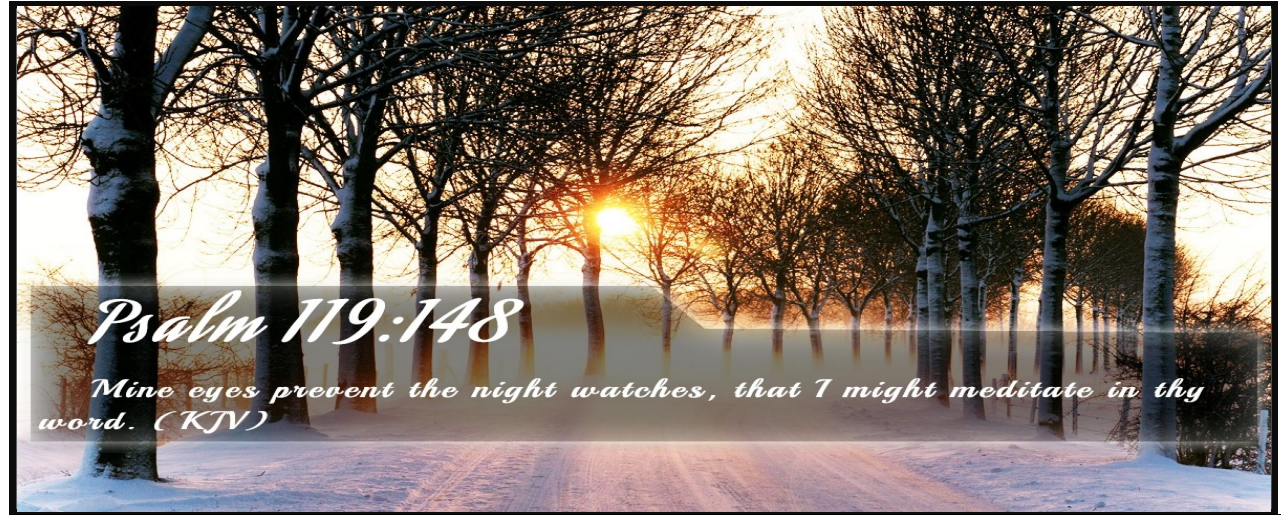
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## January Associational Meeting

**Jan. 15th @ Quitman First Baptist Church**  
**6pm - Meal**  
**7pm—Worship**  
**Welcome - Todd Spradlin**

# STAND FOR LIFE

Sanctity Of Life Sunday  
January 21, 2024

**Jason Holcomb** moved to he Heber Springs area in August 2022. He is married to Jennifer



(Fowler) Holcomb, and they have 6 children. He chose to become a follower of Jesus at age 12 and began to sense God's call to preach at age 16. He immediately began preaching at any church in the South Arkansas area that was willing to invite him. After attending Ouachita Baptist and Dallas Baptist, he served churches for 18 years in Arkansas and Texas. In recent years Jason has served as Interim Pastor of 5 Arkansas churches and is currently the Interim Pastor at LRRBA's own Pleasant Valley Baptist Church.

Jason is a Christian businessman and manages Terex Utilities in North Little Rock. He has been in the business world since 2010.

The February Associational Meeting will be @ Mtn Top Cowboy on the 19th



### Kent's Korner,

Happy New Year! I pray each of you had a wonderful time celebrating Christmas with family and friends and that you are ready to begin the New Year with a focus on serving the Lord with a renewed passion and love for Him!

I can't think of a better way to start the new year than by re-focusing our attention on Jesus' last words He gave us before ascending back to heaven: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age." – **Matthew 28:19-20**

In order to make disciples we must be committed to outreach and evangelism! Along with our Arkansas Baptist State Convention, I want to encourage every church in our Association to get involved in planning for a **Spring Outreach Strategy!** There are several key elements that are a part of this strategy.

**1) Evangelism Training** - will be provided by our own Association. There are 2 dates set aside for this: a) Saturday, February 17, 10-noon, @ the LRRBA Office and b) Monday, February 19, during our monthly Associational Meeting @ Mountain Top Cowboy Church. There will be training offered using several methods of sharing the Gospel including: The Three Circles, EvangeCube, King's Witness Bracelets, & The Roman Road, to name a few.

**2) Serve Local** - every church is encouraged to select a day, or multiple days, in March to serve in their own community, meeting practical needs and strategically sharing the Gospel. If you need resources, please contact me or go to <https://www.absc.org/resources/101-serve-local-ideas>

**3) Big Day** – a key part of the Serve Local ministries conducted will be an invitation to Big Day, March 31<sup>st</sup>! This date is Easter, which is typically a naturally high attendance Sunday. Be prepared for the guests who will attend that day with an evangelistic message, follow up, and more. Part of the follow up will be planning for a Baptism Sunday on April 7<sup>th</sup> in order to celebrate the decisions made during the Serve Local and Big Day efforts.

**4) Eclipse Ministry** – Cleburne County will be in a prime area for those who want to view the Solar Eclipse on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>! Churches will have an opportunity to minister to many visitors coming from all over the U.S.! Hotels and campgrounds are already booked up for the dates surrounding the Monday of the eclipse. Churches can provide free viewing areas in their parking lots with access to bathrooms and free refreshments such as bottled water, snacks, etc. In addition, church vans can be used to help guests with transportation. And most important, we must be ready share the Gospel with many of these out of state guests who are lost or un-churched! Again, if you need ideas on how your church can be involved, please contact our LRRBA office or Bro. Warren Gasaway at the ABSC.

## December 2023 Financial Report

### Gifts from Churches:

Brownsville	\$100.00
Concord	
Faith	\$311.64
First Baptist Heber	\$2,542.34
Harris Chapel	
Heber Springs Baptist	\$950.00
Higginson	
Lifeline	\$200.00
Lone Star	
McJester	
Mt. Top Cowboy	\$1,938.66
New Bethel	
Palestine	\$120.50
Pines Baptist	\$224.00
Pleasant Ridge	\$50.00
Pleasant Valley	\$313.29
Post Oak	
Quitman	\$300.00
Southside	\$844.00
Sugarloaf	\$700.00
Tumbling Shoals	\$308.13
Woodrow	

<b>Total Church Contributions</b>	<b>\$8,902.56</b>
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<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$9,342.58</b>

First Security Bank CD	<b>\$38,987.48</b>
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### Expenditures:

Send Network Wyoming	\$150.00
Arkansas Faith and Ethics	\$150.00
Bapt. Collegiate Ministry ASU	\$100.00
Bapt. Collegiate Ministry UCA	\$100.00
Deeper Still	\$150.00
Church Plant	\$150.00
Electric/Gas/Water	\$258.01
Telephone/Internet	\$113.61
Office Expense/Supplies/Postag	\$171.61
Ideal /Maintenance and Supplies	\$254.00
Repairs/Maintenance/Lawn mowing	\$68.40
Local Missions	\$74.63
National Missions	\$148.51
DOM Denominational Meetings	\$33.72
DOM Discretionary Fund	\$145.89
Van Maintenance	\$1,001.75
Pastor Staff	\$772.70
Honorariums Travel and Lodging	\$200.00
IRS Second Quarter repayment	\$511.72
DOM Travel Reimbursement	\$0.00
Missionary's Salary	\$4,000.00
Housing Allowance	\$2,500.00
Missionary's Annuity withheld	(\$250.00)
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Admin Assistant Salary Amanda	\$990.00
Admin Assistant Less Taxes: Amanda	(\$83.82)
Visa cash back rewards	

<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$11,960.73</b>
<b>Previous Balance</b>	\$53,891.79
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>(\$11,960.73)</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	\$9,342.58
	<b>\$51,273.64</b>

Total in DR/Designated Funds **\$2,135.92**

