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# CONNECTIONS

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

### HAVE YOU HEARD? HAVE YOU SEEN? THERE'S A NEW WAY TO STAY CONNECTED!

Here's good news for you and your churches. Please let everyone know. The ARKLA Conference app, for Apple and Android is now available in your respective App Store. This app will help our members stay connected with the ministry, mission, and miracles taking place in our two-state area. With the app, you will be able to read stories and see pictures from



the churches, watch or

listen to sermons, and stream upcoming live events. Stay up to date with push notifications. All the convenience of the website is at your fingertips. It's just another way of doing ministry in Arkansas and Louisiana. Search "ARKLA" in your App Store and it should come right up. Thank you, Ben Orian, for dedicating many long hours and

putting your talents to work to simplify connections within our conference.

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#### FREE BOOKS at the Watermelon Festival

Every year during the third weekend in June, Beauregard Parish hosts their annual Watermelon Festival in DeRidder, Louisiana. This year, The DeRidder SDA Church voted to participate in the event as an opportunity to engage with the community. The church purchased a variety of literature from the ABC Bookstore and Amazing Facts. We rented table space, had a banner with our church name printed on it and made signs that said, "Free Books". Throughout the three days of the fair, Thursday to Saturday, many visitors stopped by the table, conversed with us about what we believed as a church and took literature. A canvas bag with the church's name and address printed on it was given to each person that took books. A prayer request jar with paper and pen was made accessible for people to fill out their requests. Over 50 attendees visited our table, talked with our members and pastor. We pray for the many persons who

took literature and continue to ask God to fill their hearts with love as they seek for truth.

By Rosemarie Jeffries





#### BRIAN COWIN ORDAINED IN ARKANSAS

Back on December 3rd of 2022, Brian Cowin was ordained as a Minister. Our apologies to the Cowins for overlooking this story. Here are some pictures from Brian's ordination with his wife, Felicity in the Fayetteville Church with the



Conference officers at his ordination. Brian is responsible for pastoring four churches: Siloam Springs SDA, Lincoln SDA, Brentwood Hilltop Chapel, and Fayetteville SDA Church. Felicity is also deeply involved in the ministry and nurturing of these churches. A plate displaying the conference logo and other gifts were presented to them. We appreciate the two of them and the work they do in the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference.

We wish them many years of blessings!

~ by Frances Alcorn





#### **NEW INSTALLATIONS OF PASTORS IN LOUISIANA**

After a wonderful and successful history of pastoring the Ebenezer Temple SDA French-Haitian Church in Belle Chasse, Louisiana for some time (down in the Greater New Orleans Area), Pastor Virgo Belizaire has been moved to continue his calling in the Baton Rouge and Zachary SDA Churches in Louisiana. Here are some photos from Virgo's installation at Baton Rouge SDA Church

on Sabbath, August 19, 2023.







Taking over Virgo's duties in the French speaking congregation of Ebenezer, is incoming Pastor Dominique Nelson, who now serves also as pastor in Marerro SDA Church.







#### WORLD PATHFINDER DAY WAS IN SEPTEMBER

How did your club spend the day? Bossier City Spanish Church's Pathfinder Club recognized World Pathfinder's Day on September 16th. They are pictured together here. Did you celebrate in any way? Next time you have a Pathfinder event at your church, please send us pictures and a story we can share with the rest of the Conference members across Arkansas and Louisiana. We are training up an army of young people not to be the future of the church, but the church of today! God bless you all.



#### CHEETAHS ARE ACTIVE THIS SUMMER IN ARKANSAS



June 10, 2023, was a high Sabbath day for the Cheetahs of South Little Rock Spanish church in Arkansas. The Pathfinders and Master Guides celebrated their anticipated Investiture. Six Pathfinders were invested and ready to go to their next level of preparation, and six Master Guides were also prepared to serve as leaders for God, the church, Pathfinders/Adventures, and their community. The program was filled with joy and excellent performance. First, during the Sabbath school, we were amazed at a unique souvenir made by our Cheetah's Club as part of an honor. A handmade soap was given to all the attendees. Second, we were blessed with the presence of Pastor Armando Miranda Jr. from the NAD, who was the guest speaker for that particular ceremony. Also, one of the guests invited to participate in the investiture ceremony was Gloria Gamas from Central Area, assistant coordinator for the Pathfinders, and Brenda Perez, Lead Coordinator for the Master Guides of

the ArkLa Conference. Pr. Miranda invited the clubs and church in general to study the life of Jesus' disciples, their qualities, and their flaws.

Nevertheless, our Precious Savior chooses them instead of other people. Miranda challenged us to follow Christ no matter what. "The Holy Spirit will guide us to keep going until we reach the perfection in Jesus."

Following the investiture, we all enjoyed a nice fellowship meal and camaraderie.

And third, the first day of the week started with a fantastic trip to the Buffalo River—an excursion prepared and officiated by the North American Division Youth Department for the Master Guides. A lovely group of youth and young adults from different parts of the States, including Cheetahs, gather for a canoeing experience—around 30 miles in just two days at the Buffalo River. The experience was epic with good time in nature, beautiful surroundings, sharing food, spending evenings together, and sleeping under the stars. The Master Guides were in love with the beauty of the place and the magnificence of God's power and love for His children.

~ Submitted by Brenda Perez





#### Springdale Adventist Fellowship "Be Love" Outreach Ministry

Springdale Adventist Fellowship is an active church community that is trying to make a positive impact in the world. The *Be Love* Outreach Ministry led by Elder Larry Holliman strives to go beyond mere words and become a church without walls. Their mission is to serve as the hands and feet of Christ, reaching out to those in need and making a difference in the lives of others.

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sabbath of the month, a group of young adults from Springdale Adventist Fellowship takes action and serves as the hands and feet of Christ. They come together to serve the community and make a positive impact. This can include volunteering at local shelters, organizing food drives, reaching out to the elderly, or serving the homeless. In the homeless outreach, these young adults routinely organize outreach programs to provide food, clothing, and essential supplies to the homeless population in the Northwest Arkansas area. These volunteers engage in meaningful conversations, offering support and encouragement to those facing difficult circumstances.

In addition, this group collaborates with various organizations and individuals who share this vision. By collaborating with local charities, non-profit organizations, and community leaders, they can maximize the impact and reach a wider audience. Together, they strive to create a network of support and love that extends beyond the walls of church.

Elder Larry Holliman states, "The *Be Love* Outreach ministry at Springdale Adventist Fellowship is committed to making a lasting impact in the lives of others. By going beyond words and actively serving as the hands and feet of Christ, we strive to bring hope, love, and compassion to those who need it most. Through our monthly service, collaboration with other organizations, and various projects and initiatives, we aim to spread love and create a church without walls. We invite you to join us in making a difference and being a part of something greater than ourselves. Together, we can truly make a positive impact in our community."



#### OAA Wins NAD Educators Convention Spark Tank

The journey began over a year ago when the NAD allocated funding to send one religion teacher from each Union to Mark Finley's Living Hope Evangelism Training Center in Haymarket, Virginia. Derek Timms, Ozark's religion teacher, was chosen by the Southwestern Union to participate. The purpose of the training was to have these teachers return to their schools and train students to conduct an evangelistic series within the year, aligning with Mr. Timms' pre-existing plans.

From this initial point, the plan gained momentum. Ozark Academy recognizes its mission to engage the conference's youth. Currently, Ozark engages with less than 10% of conference students aged between 13 and 18. Two main programs were devised to increase Ozark's reach: an Evangelism Series and Connected Discipleship Training.

The Evangelism Series involves a four-year cycle of topics: "2024 Three Cosmic Messages," "2025 NEWSTART Health Evangelism," "2026 Steps to Christ," and "2027 Redeeming Love." Students will develop or adapt these topics and deliver the presentations. The intention is to livestream the sessions to youth groups in their respective churches.

The Connected Discipleship Training aims to link small youth groups in churches with Academy Sabbath School classes. The objective is to unite students from across the conference in fostering a lasting commitment to Jesus Christ.

Derek Timms, alongside Marklynn Bazzy and Robert Fetters, presented the program to the Spark Tank Evangelism team at the NAD Convention in Phoenix, securing the top position. Ozark Adventist Academy received the first-place prize of \$3,000 from the Spark Tank Judges. This funding will be utilized in the upcoming fall season to send student evangelists to the Living Hope Evangelism Training Center for specialized training.

Ozark Academy is actively raising funds to upgrade the school's auditorium audiovisual equipment to facilitate high-quality livestreaming. Having received a \$10,000 grant from VersaCare during the previous academic year for this purpose, the school is actively seeking additional funding to further enhance and sustain the program.



#### **Bible Fun at Bonnerdale**

Up to 40 children spent 4 or 5 days having fun as they "twisted and turned" making friends while singing old and new songs, listening to Bible stories, playing games, creating unique craft items, ejoying tasty snacks and just plain having fun together.



At the end of VBS one child was heard to lament, "Do we have to wait till next year to do this again?

Submitted by June Bates, Bonnerdale, AR



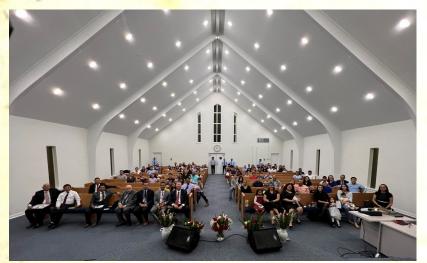
#### **BIG HAPPENINGS IN BATON ROUGE**

On Sabbath morning from 9 am to noon, September 16, 2023, the *All Nations Worship Center Group* was organized into a Company. There was also an Elder's ordination at the time. Here are a few pictures from this event. The newly formed body will now be known as **Baton Rouge East Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Company**.



#### **MORE BIG HAPPENINGS IN BATON ROUGE**

On Sabbath evening, at 5:00 pm, September 16, 2023, the Baton Rouge Spanish SDA Church held a dedication of their church building. At this time Eliseo Solis was also ordained as an elder, and a baby dedication took place.



















#### **NEW EVANGELISM DIRECTOR ATTENDS BOOT CAMP**

The North American Division presented a "Boot Camp" for evangelism in early September for our Evangelism leaders across the Division. Leonardo Melendez, who pastors the Bossier City Spanish Church, and has been serving faithfully as the head of Personal Ministries and Church Ministries at the Conference Level, is now also serving as Evangelism Director and he was able to attend the NAD event, to receive "power" to transfer to our churches for revitalizing all our evangelistic efforts. If you are wanting revival in your church and want to reach out to the community, Leonardo is on fire for the Lord and will give you the help and encouragement you need. (He also did a little preaching while he was there at the Samoa-Tokelau Church and Honoka'a SDA Church.)







## Health Expo in Huntsville, Arkansas

Take advantage of God-given opportunities to interact with our community! The Huntsville Seventh-day Adventist Church manned a booth every day at the recent Madison County Fair at the end of August. The booth had a Health Expo theme that promoted the Eight Laws of Health with DVDs, books and other literature. Blood pressure checks were offered and there was information on how to keep a healthy blood pressure level. A sign-up sheet for the upcoming Days of Noah film series was also offered.

A kids' table was set up where kids could do arts and crafts and receive Bible themed toys.

Church members handed out bags stuffed with health information, books, DVDs and pamphlets on church activities. There was an offer to win a Walmart gift card by filling out a community survey to gauge community needs. Over 100 goody bags were given out and 79 community surveys were completed. The church plans to follow up with the survey respondents who wished healthy cooking classes, natural remedies information, diabetes help, Bible studies, and how to optimize their brains. With much prayer and Jesus Christ leading the way, the church members are thankful for another successful year.

~ Submitted by Toni Johnson, Huntsville AR

#### Women's Ministries Retreat 2023 was in Texarkana

**Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" Esther 4:14** 

The ARKLA Women's Conference Retreat was held September 15-17 at the Texarkana SDA Church with the theme of "Such a Time as This." We started off Friday evening getting acquainted with our fellow sisters in Christ. Our special guest, Dr. Marjorie Belizaire shared a Health Nugget. Lanette Beiber shared thoughts from God's word. We closed the evening with songs and prayer. Sabbath School was led by Dr. Belizaire. She shared with us, as women ministering for

God in "Such a Time as This," we have purpose. A purpose to provide support, guidance, and mentorship to women in various aspects of their lives. We must be emotionally and mentally happy with ourselves and say good things about ourselves. Such as we are wise, beautiful, thoughtful, grateful, simply blessed, made in God's image, and are joyful. We broke out into 7 gourps, each group taking one of those topics. Once we came back together, we share our thoughts. The WISE shared they take it and learn from it to stay on the right path. The BEAUTIFUL group said beauty is on the inside and is a blessing in disguise. The THOUGHTFUL team said being thoughtful is showing love. The GRATEFUL ladies said it is to know what we live for—God's love. The BLESSED group feel blessed for learning the truth of God. Then the MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD table said that a piece of each table makes up God's ambassadors. Finally, the JOYFUL ladies came to realize that our joy is not our own, but it is from God. We must choose joy, and some days that is not easy. After more praising God in song, Lanette brought us another message from the Word. She shared that we have to be deliberate in



our purpose, which is about God, nor ourselves. We must remember that He is with us constantly. For Such A Time as This we are in battle, the great controversy, so we have to use and remember those qualities we discussed above. We

can use these characteristics to encourage women to embrace the virtues they recognize, being made in God's image. We were served a delicious Mexican meal for lunch. There were a variety of

afternoon activities, a prayer room or walk, crafts, fellow-ship or napping. The crafts were a big hit. Several ladies

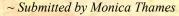




met to plan for next year. We want it to be a bigger better meeting, which is a challenge to try to top the blessings we received this year. For supper we had a salad with every topping you can imagine.



Lanette closed the evening with songs and more thoughts from God's Word. Sunday morning, we closed out the event with brunch and we came away with a new prayer partner to pray for, encourage get to know over the next year. Please mark your calendars for September 20-22, 2024, for our next meeting. We hope to see you there.







Leadership training in Northwest Arkansas was successfully carried out August 12 and 19, at Bentonville and Rogers. We are thankful to Pastor Leonardo Melendez and all the other leaders who participated to help make it great.



#### Wellness Secrets Opens Taste of Eden Restaurant

Wellness Secrets, a well-known health and wellness organization and ASI member for over 20 years, is excited to announce the grand opening of their latest venture, Taste of Eden Restaurant. With a strong focus on promoting healthy living through the power of delicious and nourishing food, the restaurant aims to provide an exceptional culinary experience to the local community. Taste of Eden Restaurant is designed to teach individuals to prioritize their wellbeing and seek nutritious meals without compromising on taste or variety. The menu showcases a range of dishes that are both flavorful and 100% plant-based. "We are delighted to bring Taste of Eden to Decatur Arkansas," said Dave Upham, General Manager of Wellness Secrets. "Our aim is to inspire individuals to make conscious choices about their diets and embrace the connection between physical and spiritual well-being." As part of their commitment to fostering a wellness-focused lifestyle, Taste of Eden Restaurant will host interactive workshops and cooking classes led by experts in the field of plant-based nutrition, empowering attendees to easily implement healthy practices into their everyday lives.

Chef Lance Williams serves guests Decatur, AR

#### Bentonville Seventh-day Adventist School is Growing Plants to Serve the Community

The Bentonville SDA School is doing its part to feed the people in need in their community. Students are hard at work



in their new agriculture program. Right now the students are growing seedlings in the greenhouse for Bentonville's "Helping Hands" Community Garden. Renee Otts, Principal and teacher at the school, says the garden is not only a way for the kids to learn but also to serve the community. She expressed the needs of the homeless community who rely on "Helping Hands" and Salvation Army and other groups and said, "If we can be a small part in helping those groups to help other people, we've done our job." Renee also stated that in the spring, the school's















agricultural program will be working with the Illinois River Watershed Partnership. The students will be growing native plants, for the watershed's repair and erosion control projects. We are proud and grateful to these students and the Bentonville SDA School for their involvement in

giving back to the neighbors and the blessing is that they are learning so much in the process. It gives new meaning to the phrase: "Go,



Grow, and Multiply!" Not only are these students meeting physical needs, they are planting seeds to reach a people for Jesus.





#### **HEALTH CORNER**

On September 12, 2023 - The Health Ministries/Health Evangelism Department of the ARKLA Conference had their very first Health Evangelism Webinar. What a blessing it was! Dr. Marjorie Belizaire, ARKLA Conference's Health Ministries/Evangelism director, invited Dr. John Torquato and Pastor Wayne Kablanow (two experienced medical missionaries with over twenty years experience) to join her as participants while they discussed how we can use practical health ideas in our lives and churches. When doing this, we are making a difference in people's lives and showing them what our Lord can do.

They gave countless experiences from a medical and pastor viewpoints and showed that when following the Bible and the spirit of prophecy that this work is possible to whoever wants to do it. Utilizing Sr. White's own words that: "The gospel of health is to be firmly linked with the ministry of the Word. It is the Lord's design that the restoring influence of health reform shall be a part of the last great effort to proclaim the gospel message." -Medical Ministry, 259 (1899).

Afterwards questions were taken from all over the ARKLA territory where people began to understand this notion of health evangelism. Let us all do our part, every little bit counts!

We thank Elder Ben Orian, ARKLA conference's media director for his help behind the scenes making sure the broadcast went well on our website. To God be the glory!! Looking forward to another great webinar on how understanding our blood flow can lead to optimal health with Dr. David DeRose on December 12, 2023. You don't want to miss it.

Note from Editor: If you missed the first webinar on Medical Missionary Work, there is a replay available on YouTube. You can watch it by typing this link in your search: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vLKu6tYNhGk&t=13s

#### **Health Leaders Affirming Day**



will be held in Shreveport, Louisiana on *Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.*Health Leaders, please make plans to attend! We want to affirm you and thank you for your service to your church. Come, get First Aid/CPR/AED training (certification valid for two years), network, fellowship and hear from our conference leaders. Lunch will be provided.

According to experts, self-care means taking the time to do things that help you live well and improve both your physical health and mental health. Self-care helps you to manage stress appropriately, increase your energy level and ultimately lower your risk of illness. Taking time to deliberately do acts of self-care — even the smallest acts can have monumental effects in your life.

What are some examples of self-care? Taking regular time to pray. By spending uninterrupted productive time with the Lord, this will help you stay focused and encouraged throughout the day. This will also aid you to relax which is a very important feature in self-care. Another example is by eating healthy, regular meals and staying hydrated throughout the day. This will improve your energy and focus. Practice making sleep a priority, prefera-

bly before 11 p.m. and by limiting the amount of "blue light" exposure before bedtime. Blue light is light from devices such as phone and computer screens, which makes it harder to fall asleep.

Another important part of self-care is prioritizing. You cannot do everything all the time, nor can you be in all places at once. Learn to say no and be mindful of realistic goals. At the end of the day focus on what you did accomplish, not on what you did not get to do. **Practice being positive.** Truly practice this so much that it becomes second nature to you. By identifying and changing your negative thoughts into positive ones you will see how much of a healthy impact this will be, not only to your physical health but your mental and emotional health as well.

~Excerpt from Health Works newsletter

**Do you need** our Health Ministries Director to do a seminar for you? Do you Need a sermon on health ministries and health evangelism? Just ask! Send you request to:

Marjorie Belizaire, M.D, M.S., ARKLA health ministries director at: mbelizaire@arklac.org.

Visit our website for more information as well: www.arklac.org/health

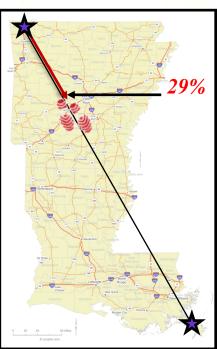
#### **KEEP ON MOVING!**

#### THE OFFICE STAFF IS STEPPING IT UP!

Here at the office, we are mid-step in a two week long Conference Staff Walking Challenge to take as many steps (collectively) as it takes to walk 722.4 miles, the distance between the cities that are in the furthest northwest part of Arkansas and the Southeastern tip of Louisiana.

We began walking on September 24 and will continue through October 8. As of Thursday morning, September 28, we have completed 567,466 steps (208.8) miles) which is almost a third (29%) of our trek across the conference territory. We have only 71 % of the journey left in another week and a half. We are having fun! If you feel that you would like to do a similar challenge for your church or group, please reach out to Dr. Marjorie Belizaire. She will be happy to give you the details for setting up the event.







#### Vegan Minestrone Soup with Potatoes and Kale

Super easy and healthy! Kale is full of vitamins A, C, D and folate for bone health, strong immune system, brain development, and blood clotting.

#### Ingredients:

- 1½ lb. russet potatoes, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 onion, finely chopped (1 cup)
- 1 cup chopped fresh mushrooms
- 6 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano leaves
- 4 cups vegetable stock
- 1 bay leaf
- 3 cups finely chopped kale, stems removed
- 1 15-oz. can cannellini or other white beans, rinsed and drained (11/2 cups)
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Place on medium heat. Add first five ingredients (through oregano). Cook 10 minutes or until tender, stirring occasionally. Add vegetable stock and bay leaf. Bring to boil; reduce heat. Simmer 10 min. or until potatoes are forktender. Stir in kale and beans; cook until kale has wilted. Remove bay leaf. Season with salt and pepper.

#### Modified from:

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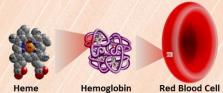
December 12, 2023, 7:00 pm CT Special Guest: David DeRose, MD, MPH



For many years Dr. DeRose has been teaching professional and lay audiences about the healing powers of optimal hemorheology, or blood fluidity.



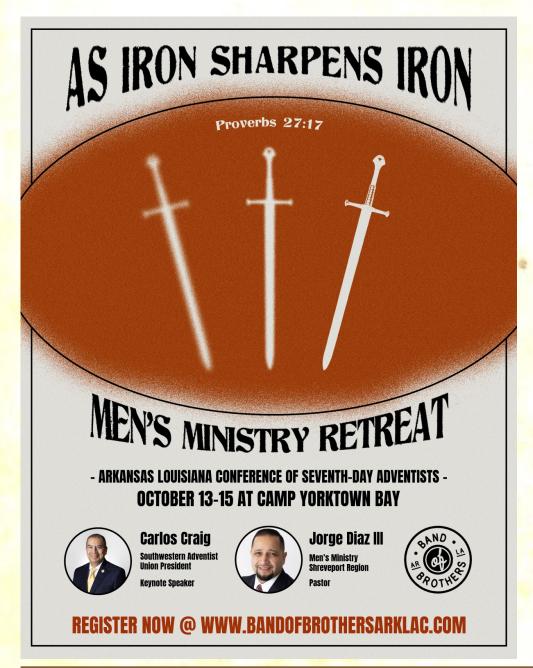
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For more details, please contact: Marjorie Bélizaire, M.D., Health Ministries Health Evangelism Director at: mbelizaire@arklac.org



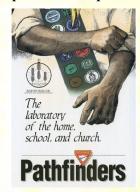


## Dates for International Pathfinder Camporee

August 5-11, 2024

Next year in Gillette, Wyoming. The 2024 Camporee will high-light 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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#### 2023 — EVENT LIST

#### FOR CHURCHES IN THE ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

#### **OCTOBER**

Oct 5-11	GC Annual Council
Oct 6-7	SS/Personal Ministries Training—Little Rock
Oct 6-8	TLT Leadership Weekend @ CYB
Oct 7	Springtown Fall Roundup
Oct 7	PAC Meeting @ CYB
Oct 7	NAD Children's Sabbath
Oct 12	Ministerial Pastor Development Meeting #4
Oct 13-15	ARKLA Men's Retreat @ CYB
Oct 19	ARKLA Executive Committee Meeting
Oct 19-22	Society of Adventist Communicators, Springfield MA
Oct 20-21	Pathfinder Campouts by area
Oct 20-22	Pathfinder/Adventurer Senior Staff Leadership Weekend
Oct 21	Pastor Appreciation Sabbath
Oct 26-31	NAD Year End Meetings
Oct 27-29	Teen Prayer Conference @ CYB
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#### **NOVEMBER**

Nov 2	Health Leaders Affirming Day (Shreveport, LA)
Nov 5	Set your clocks back
Nov 11	Veterans Day
Nov 12-16	UNION: Year End Meetings
Nov 22-Dec 6	THAILAND MISSION TRIP (Open to all members)
Nov 23	Thanksgiving Day (Office Closed)

#### **DECEMBER**

#### **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 Dec 7 Pearl Harbor Day

Dec 14 ARKLA Executive Committee Meeting

Dec 24 Christmas Eve

Dec 25-Jan 1 (Office Closed for the Holidays)

Dec 31 New Year's Eve

#### THE YEAR OF RECLAMATION is 2024

#### **JANUARY**

Jan 1	New Year's Day (Office Closed)
Jan 3	Back to School
Jan 7-13	Media Dept Annual Week of Prayer
Jan 15	Martin Luther King Day (Office Closed)
Jan 16-26	MAP Testing
Jan 20	South Louisiana Prayer Conference

#### **FEBRUARY**

Feb 3	Pathlinders Bible Study Bowls by area
Feb 3	Volunteer/Lay Pastor Training (Location TBD)
Feb 10	Mental Health Emphasis Sabbath
Feb 15	Executive Committee Meeting
Feb 18	Master Guide Honor's Day
Feb 19	Presidents Day (Office Closed)
Feb 22-Mar 3	Ministers' Meeting —Israel Trip

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