

CONNECTIONS

A Newsletter of the ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
of Seventh-day Adventists

CHANGE IS COMING

For nearly 10 years, I have had the pleasure of compiling the Conference Newsletter, *CONNECTIONS*. During that time, we have grown and expanded, moving from every other month to a monthly publication and offering translations in three different languages to reach even more readers.

As communication continues to evolve, the trend is increasingly toward digital formats. Technology continues to shape the way we work and communicate.

For many years, Publisher has been my program of choice for designing this newsletter and other desktop publishing projects. I have seen many changes over the years, from cutting and pasting my pictures and typesetting to be printed, to being able to do it all on a computer screen. Each new development has brought new opportunities and new ways of doing things. Today, designs can be created in minutes with just a brief description, and while that is certainly different from what many of us are used to, it is remarkable to see how far technology has come.

That brings me to an important announcement about an upcoming change.

Publisher (the program that I have been using for many years) will be retired as of October 1. By the time you are reading this it will be obsolete. Initially, I understood that support for the program would end, but recently (this month) I learned that all access to the program and its files would also be discontinued. As a result, I have been converting archived files to PDF format, so they remain accessible. And all future files will be created differently. Moving forward, this means the newsletter will take on a new format as I explore alternative publishing options. During this transition, there may be a brief pause in publication while I test and develop a format that best serves our readers.

As I also take on new job roles within the conference, I have been provided an opportunity to acquire new skills and broaden my experience while also adapting to new tools and processes in the Communications Department. As with any transition, there is a learning curve, but I am excited about the possibilities ahead and wanted to keep you informed about some of the changes taking place behind the scenes.

Meanwhile, please do continue to submit your stories. Even if there is a short break in production of *CONNECTIONS*, the *RECORD* has recently launched a digital initiative, updated weekly on the SWUC RECORD webpage, and we can submit every article and picture you send in to the RECORD's online edition, with some stories also being featured in the printed magazine and on our own conference Facebook page.



I am grateful that ARKLA has been one of the biggest contributors to the RECORD since the digital issue came into being this past June. You are all very important and I appreciate you and the support that you give to one another. As a family in Jesus, let us maintain our Connections - United through the Holy Spirit in our Mission and Discipleship.

It is my hope that by January (if not before) we will rally with a refreshed look and feel, one that is more aligned with current digital trends while maintaining the warmth, uniqueness, and sense of connection that have always been at the heart of *CONNECTIONS*.

~ Frances Alcorn, Communications Director, Arkansas-Louisiana Conference

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Publisher is retiring

Beginning October 2026, Microsoft Publisher will no longer be supported, and you won't be able to access Publisher or open Publisher files.

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Little Rock Growing and Improving

Little Rock Adventist Academy is praising God for several exciting campus improvements that are helping make the school safer, more welcoming, and more functional for students and families.

On September 2, 2026, the school's new perimeter fence was completed. Earlier in late April, new playground equipment was also added, including a slide, seesaw, and Verve climbing structure. The existing swings were refurbished, complementing the swings and monkey bars already enjoyed by the students.

These improvements were made possible through the generous support of church members, school families and friends who have contributed through fundraising efforts that began in February 2024. Their prayers, time, and financial support have helped bring these projects to life.



Students and staff are already enjoying the benefits of the new fence. Children have greater freedom to play within clear and enclosed boundaries, while teachers and adults have greater peace of mind during outdoor activities. The school is praying that these improvements will also help strengthen its ministry and support future enrollment growth.

Looking ahead, Little Rock Adventist Academy plans to develop a greenhouse and garden area where students can grow fresh produce for the church and surrounding community. Students will have opportunities to participate in the church's community-service pantry ministry while also using the garden as a hands-on learning laboratory.

Through gardening, students can apply lessons in Science, Math, and Language Arts by observing plant growth, collecting and interpreting data, and writing about what they discover. Just as importantly, they will learn responsibility, cooperation, service, and the value of meaningful work.

Little Rock Adventist Academy is grateful for God's continued guidance and for the faithful support of its church family. The school looks forward to continuing its mission of providing a safe, Christ-centered environment where students can grow spiritually, academically, socially, and physically.

~ Imelda C. Lin-ao, Principal/Teacher

Under God's Blue Sky!

The Heber Springs SDA church had a very special afternoon in the blue waters of Greers Ferry lake in Heber Springs on a beautiful Sunny day on Sabbath, August 15. Pastor Laurie DeWitt baptized Faith Sunday. He had been studying with this young woman for several weeks. Her heart was seeking after her Heavenly Father. The church met at the beach 23321 and prayed and shared tears of joy to watch this precious young woman give her heart to her God!! The setting was picture perfect and the water was blue and welcoming. The church welcomed this new member into their flock with joy and laughter. Her parents and grandparents were there for this very special day.

~ Submitted by Judith Newton



120 Years of Faith, Family and Community in Bonnerdale

On September 5, 2026, those gathered on the special Celebration Sabbath at the Bonnerdale Seventh-day Adventist Church celebrated much more than a milestone on a calendar. The anniversary represented 120 years of faith, fellowship and community among 7 generations of families who stayed, families who returned, children who walked to the same school, land that remained in family hands for more than a century, and a church that has remained rooted in essentially the same location since its beginning.



Seven Decades, One Community: Then and now: two generations gathered in essentially the same Bonnerdale location 70 years apart. The photos are a visual reminder of the continuity of the community and the families whose connections have endured across generations.

Returning Pastor Ryan Long and Pastor Sergio spoke about the importance of connection, and Pastor Ryan's message focused on the New Testament word *koinonia*—fellowship, participation and sharing life together.

For the Bonnerdale community, those ideas are not new. They have been lived for generations.

The congregation's story began in 1906, when the Seventh-day Adventist church was organized in what was then known as Lucky, Arkansas, approximately 20 miles west of Hot Springs. The community later became known as Bonnerdale. The church grew quickly. Only a year after the formation of the church was formed there was already a church school, and in 1910 the church had 55 members, making it the second-largest church in the conference at that time.

The school became an important part of the community's identity and continues today as Florence Ewing Junior Academy, providing a faith-based education through eighth grade and including facilities such as a full-size gym.

The school's history was presented during the anniversary celebration by Larry Burton, a former schoolteacher who spent many hours researching the school's past. Burton noted that, by the school-year count, 2026 represents the 120th year of having a school connected with the congregation, although there was one interruption in its continuous operation.

Perhaps the most distinctive feature of Bonnerdale's history is the number of families whose connections to the church extend across generations.

William N. Ewing and Thomas “Babe” Lambert were among the congregation's original founders. Ewing donated land for the church. The Lambert and Ewing families later became connected through marriage and succeeding generations.

Denny Nooner Jr. and Tim Bainum are direct descendants of both founding families through their grandmother, a Lambert who married into the Ewing family. Other longtime family names connected to the congregation include the Dillard, Peckham, Mooney and Weatherford families.

For descendants, the relationship to Bonnerdale goes beyond simply membership. It is a sense of “our family built this.” There is a kind of pride of ownership—not necessarily ownership of a building, but ownership of a legacy. They didn’t just worship together. They helped build and support the school, organized events, cared for the property and passed their commitment to the next generation and that connection remains tangible.



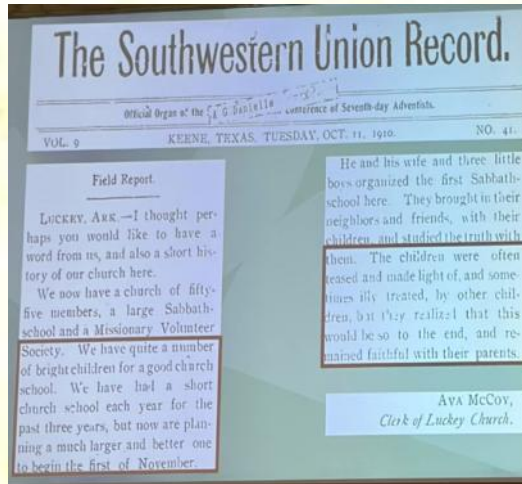
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John Peckham, Kim Peckham and Ric Huff are from families who still own farmland in the area. Nooner and Bainum still own their grandmother's farm, purchased in 1928, where three generations of the family have lived—nearly 100 years of family ownership.

Five descendants—Tim Bainum, Jeffery Ewing, Carolyn, Bill and Nooner—are current members and active in the Bonnerdale church, while several other direct descendants of the original families continue to live in the Glenwood area.

The family connections extend even further back. Nooner's great-great-grandmother Ewing came from the Dillard family, another family represented among the church's charter members. Her father, Owen Dillard, had married in 1852 and died before the church was organized.



The generations continue today. One member of the Dillard family is an eighth-generation descendant who attended the Bonnerdale, originally Lucky, Seventh-day Adventist school and graduated only a few years ago.

Tim Bainum's daughter and granddaughter also represented the sixth and seventh generations descended from the original Lambert and Ewing families to attend the church before the family recently moved to Charleston, South Carolina.

For approximately 10 years, Nooner's grandmother, Florence Ewing, walked to school as was common practice among children in those days. And in 1934, his mother, Veda Ewing Nooner, walked to school as well. At one time, the school served approximately 100 children. The school bound the community together, as relationships formed and strengthened. Families worshiped together. Neighbors worked together. Nooner remembers his mother, Veda Ewing Nooner, as someone who was continually involved in coordinating and planning community events. Family records

still include programs from events such as the 1979 gym dedication, the 1984 school dedication and expansion, and gatherings in 1991 and 1993.

Generations remained close enough to know one another. And the connections did not necessarily end when families moved away. This could be clearly seen at Bonnerdale homecoming and reunion events in the early 1990s, when approximately 300 people returned to the small rural church and school. That is a remarkable number for a community of such small size.

The physical church itself provides another remarkable link between generations. The current building is the fourth structure, but the congregation has never moved from its original location. The front door of today's building is within approximately 40 to 50 feet of where the original church building stood. Times and people may have changed, but the church remained rooted in the same place.

The cemetery provides another visible reminder of that history. It contains approximately 185 to 190 plots and began, in large part, as a family cemetery connected with families such as the Ewings, Lamberts and Dillards before expanding as the community grew. Generations of families are literally rooted in the same ground.

Seven Decades, One Community

One of the most moving moments of the 120th anniversary came around 1:30 p.m., when approximately 70 people gathered outside for a historic photograph.

The group gathered in essentially the same location where an earlier generation had posed for a photograph approximately 70 years ago.

Placed side by side, the photographs tell a story that words alone cannot. The earlier photograph shows a



rural community gathered together in another era. The 2026 photograph contains a much larger gathering representing multiple generations and people whose lives now extend far beyond Bonnerdale. Yet the location remains familiar. For those in attendance this was not just an exercise in nostalgia but a visible reminder that history is not preserved merely in old photographs and records, but is carried by people.

On this special Sabbath, the first service drew 124 people. It took the cooperation of more than 30 people to make the day's activities possible. Some were involved in music, audiovisual work, sound, photography, social media and other areas of support. Others helped provide breakfast, or contributed to a potluck luncheon. It was a wonderful time of fellowship, singing and sharing stories and testimonies

The activities themselves reflected the meaning of koinonia: people participating together rather than simply attending an event.

The anniversary also prompted a larger question: What made this community endure for 120 years?

Faith is certainly part of the answer. Those gathered at Bonnerdale recognize God's providence in the congregation's history.

But there is another part of the story that can be seen in the photographs, family records, farms, cemetery, school and generations of names. There was connection. For decades, family and neighborhood relationships formed a backbone for the community. The church and school became places where those relationships could flourish and be strengthened.

That raises a difficult question for today's communities: Can that same kind of deep connection be created intentionally when multi-generational relationships are no longer as common? Perhaps it is not as simple as trying to create "community" inside a church, school or civic organization.

The Bonnerdale experience suggests that strong institutions may be built upon something that comes first—people who are connected enough to care about one another and about the place they share.

Looking Forward

The 120th anniversary was ultimately not only a celebration of what Bonnerdale was. It was a reminder of what it can continue to be. The hope expressed at the conclusion of the celebration was that the community would continue to grow in the practice of koinonia—community, participation and service to both the local and wider communities.

After 120 years, the buildings have changed, families have moved away, and the world surrounding Bonnerdale is very different from the world of 1906. Yet the congregation remains in the same place. The descendants of its founders are still connected. The school continues. The farms remain in family hands. The cemetery holds generations of those who came before.

The community changed—but it stayed connected. And for a small rural church that began in Lucky, Arkansas, in 1906, that connection may be one of its most enduring legacies.

"Things that matter most must never be at the mercy of things that matter least."

~ Submitted by Dennis Nooner, Jr



Charlie Ewing was baptized the day the church was founded. He served as treasurer for many years.



GOD IS IN OUR STORY

More than 70 women from the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference (ARKLAC) gathered in Frisco, Texas, September 18–20, 2026, for the Southwestern Union Women's Ministries Retreat under the powerful theme, "God Is in Our Story." This was a historic moment for ARKLAC, as it represented the largest number of women the conference has ever had attend a Union Women's Ministries Retreat a remarkable achievement considering that ARKLAC has often had little or no representation at Union retreats in the past.

Throughout the weekend, women were reminded of a foundational truth: God is the Author of our lives. Through seasons of joy and seasons of uncertainty, through answered prayers and seemingly silent moments, God's providence and provision remain with us. Even in the darkest chapters, He is still writing the story.

Sr. Desiree Bryant, NAD Associate Director for Ministerial Spouses, challenged the women through multiple messages to place their complete trust in the Lord Almighty not only when life is going well, but also when the path is unclear. Her messages encouraged women to recognize God's presence and faithfulness through every chapter of their lives.

The breakout seminars beautifully followed the theme as a journey through the chapters of life: Chapter 1: The Beginning, presented by Dr. Marjorie Bélizaire, ARKLAC Women's Ministries Director; Chapter 2: The Broken Pages, presented by Sr. Sandralee Mars, Texas Conference Women's Ministries Coordinator; Chapter 3: God Steps In, presented by Sr. Anyisia Archibald, Southwest Region Women's Ministries Director; Chapter 4: The Turning Point, presented by Cindy Mercer, Oklahoma Conference Women's Ministries Director; and Chapter 5: The Next Chapter, presented by Sr. Nelva Chacon, Texico Conference representative.

Music was another powerful highlight of the weekend. The theme song echoed the message that God is present in every detail:

*"Even in the broken parts, He holds my heart, He never fails.—When I'm at my weakest, I will trust in Jesus.
Always in the highs and lows, the One who goes before me—God is in this story."*



One of the most talked-about highlights was the Generational Gap presentation. Dr. Bélizaire introduced the concept of the generational gap and emphasized that we are "one faith, many generations." Every generation has something valuable to contribute to Women's Ministries. A lively panel featuring six women representing generations from the Silent Generation through Generation Z explored generational perspectives, values, what Women's Ministries might reconsider, and what should remain. The honest and thought-provoking conversation demonstrated that our differences can become opportunities for greater understanding, collaboration, and ministry.

The evening Recycled Fashion Show brought creativity and laughter to the retreat. Women were challenged to create dresses, purses, accessories, and other fashion pieces using only items they already had nothing new! From old bags and pins to repurposed materials, the creativity on display was remarkable.



The convention center was also filled with ministry booths, resources, and visual reminders of God's love. ARKLAC's booth centered on the message "Beautifully Made by God." Each woman received a special care package containing a compact mirror and hairbrush, lip balm, encouragement cards, nail files, Women's Ministries bookmarks and pens, reading materials, and a special handmade organic soap scrub. A prayer room provided a quiet place for reflection and communion with God, while beautiful displays—including an open Bible—helped create an atmosphere centered on His Word.

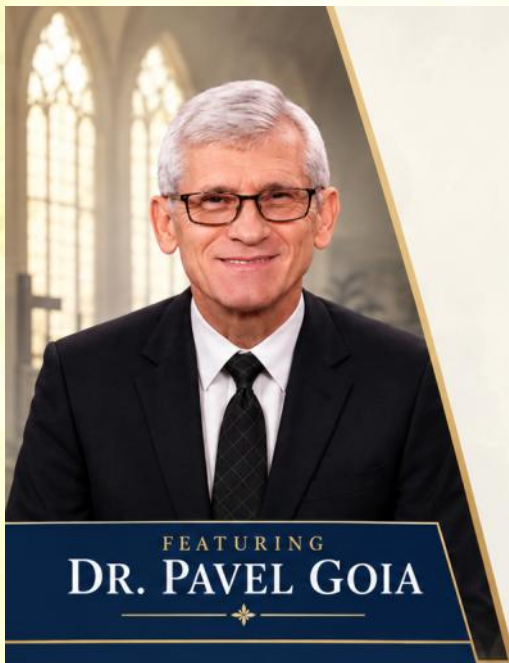
As the retreat came to a close, women joined hands and recommitted themselves to walking in their truth and embracing the next chapter of their lives.

The final message was simple yet profound:

God is in my story. He is the Author. He is still writing. Have faith.

For the women of ARKLAC, this retreat was more than a weekend away. It was a reminder that our stories matter, our broken pages are not the end, and God is faithful through every chapter. To God be the glory for what He has done, what He is doing, and what He is still writing in the lives of His daughters! "God is in this story."

~ By Marjorie Belizaire, Women's Ministries, Arkansas-Louisiana Conference



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DR. PAVEL GOIA



"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray ..."

2 CHRONICLES 7:14

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The Arkansas-Louisiana Conference is pleased to announce that Dr. Pavel Goia will be our featured speaker for the 2027 Prayer Conference, January 22–23, 2027, in Shreveport, Louisiana. Dr. Goia is a Seventh-day Adventist pastor, author, and international speaker with a special emphasis on prayer, faith, and the work of the Holy Spirit.

The conference will be held at Shreveport South Seventh-day Adventist Church, 3217 Colquitt Road, with meetings Friday evening and throughout the Sabbath.

This will be a special opportunity for us to come together as an ARKLAC family, United in Mission through prayer and continuing the spiritual emphasis of the General Conference **10 Days of Prayer: "Prayers and Prophecy—God's Sure Word,"** January 6–16. All supporting the General Conference **OneVoice27** initiative.

We are currently working on hotel accommodations and meal options and will share more information soon. Please prayerfully plan to join us for this special weekend. We look forward to seeking the Lord together!

~ Tracy Francis, Prayer Ministries Coordinator, Arkansas-Louisiana Conference

CELEBRATING 107 YEARS

Irene Bowers was born in Shanghai, China on October 9, 1919 to missionary parents working in China. She came to the United States after academy and graduated from Loma Linda School of Nursing in the early 1940's. She married J.L. Bowers, a pastor, they served churches in Jonesboro, AR, Texarkana, TX, and Chaddock, OK in the south as well as several churches in California until the passing of her husband. Irene was a gifted pianist, providing the music for the worship services and also taught piano to children well past 100 years of age. She has enjoyed a long healthy life and greets each new day as a blessing. Often she has said that she hopes to live until she can witness Christ's return.

~ Pauline Oden, Niece





Free Clinic Brings Care to Springdale

At 5:45 a.m. on Aug. 29, the sun had barely begun to rise over Springdale, Ark., but the parking lot at the Jones Center was already filled with people waiting for care. More than 150 patients were in line for dental services alone, although the clinic would not open until 9 a.m.

From Aug. 28 to 30, the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference Health Ministries/Health Evangelism Department and Adventist Medical Evangelism Network (AMEN) offered a free medical, dental, and vision clinic for the Northwest Arkansas community.



More than 260 volunteers, including students from Ozark Adventist Academy, made the clinic possible. Physicians, dentists, hygienists, nurses, optometrists, interpreters, pastors, and others worked alongside registration, hospitality, security, and social services teams.

Some volunteers were highly trained health care professionals. Others simply came because they had a heart to serve. Everyone had a role, and one question characterized the weekend: “What can I do to help?”

Patients received dental fillings, extractions, cleanings, eye care, prescription glasses, medical care, women’s health services, psychiatric services, lifestyle consultations, and assistance connecting with community resources. Cosmetology volunteers also provided haircuts.

For some, the clinic ended dental pain that had lasted for years. For others, prescription glasses helped them see clearly again. Still others needed someone to listen and assure them, “You matter.”

Pastors prayed with patients, provided counseling, answered Bible questions, and listened to their stories.

“I felt the Holy Spirit in this place the moment I arrived in the line,” one patient said.

Another patient had lost his mother the day before the clinic. He said the experience changed his mental and emotional state. Other patients said, “Thank you for making me feel human again,” and “I felt so loved and seen in this place.”

On Sabbath morning, volunteers, patients, and community members attended a bilingual worship service led by Marjorie Bélizaire, M.D., Health Ministries/Health Evangelism director and Fernando Villegas, a Northwest Arkansas pastor.

As patients left, each received a Health Ministries bag containing health resources, a Bible, *Steps to Christ*, local church information, and details about upcoming evangelistic and health programs.

The clinic was not the conclusion. It was the beginning. For one weekend, the Jones Center became a place where compassion had a face, service had hands, and healing pointed people toward Jesus.

~ Marjorie Bélizaire, M.D., Health Ministries/Health Evangelism Director





Elders Discipleship Certification in September

After some weeks of preparation and anticipation, on Sunday, September 27, 2026, more than 60 elders from across Arkansas and Louisiana gathered at the Conference Office in Shreveport for the fifth ever Elder Certification Training. This session focused on discipleship and provided a refreshing opportunity to equip lay leaders to serve and strengthen their congregations.

The sessions were provided in both English and Spanish. Speakers included Kojo Tsumani, Evangelism Director for the Ohio Conference; Daniel Hall, Compassion Ministry for the South Atlantic Regional Conference; Tony Anobile, Vice President of the Southwestern Union and Leonardo Melendez, Church Ministries and Evangelism Director of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference. Every message was discipleship centered and well received by the participants.

With the unveiling of the One Voice 27 vision and United Through Mission initiative everyone was encouraged to make 2027 a year that purposefully unites our churches for discipleship, evangelism, and mission. May God bless our elders upon their return to their local congregations, that they will lead faithfully and help others grow in Christ. We look forward to more Elders' Trainings in the coming year.





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He is my doctor,
He is my savior,
He is my God**

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"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations..."

MATTHEW 28:19-20



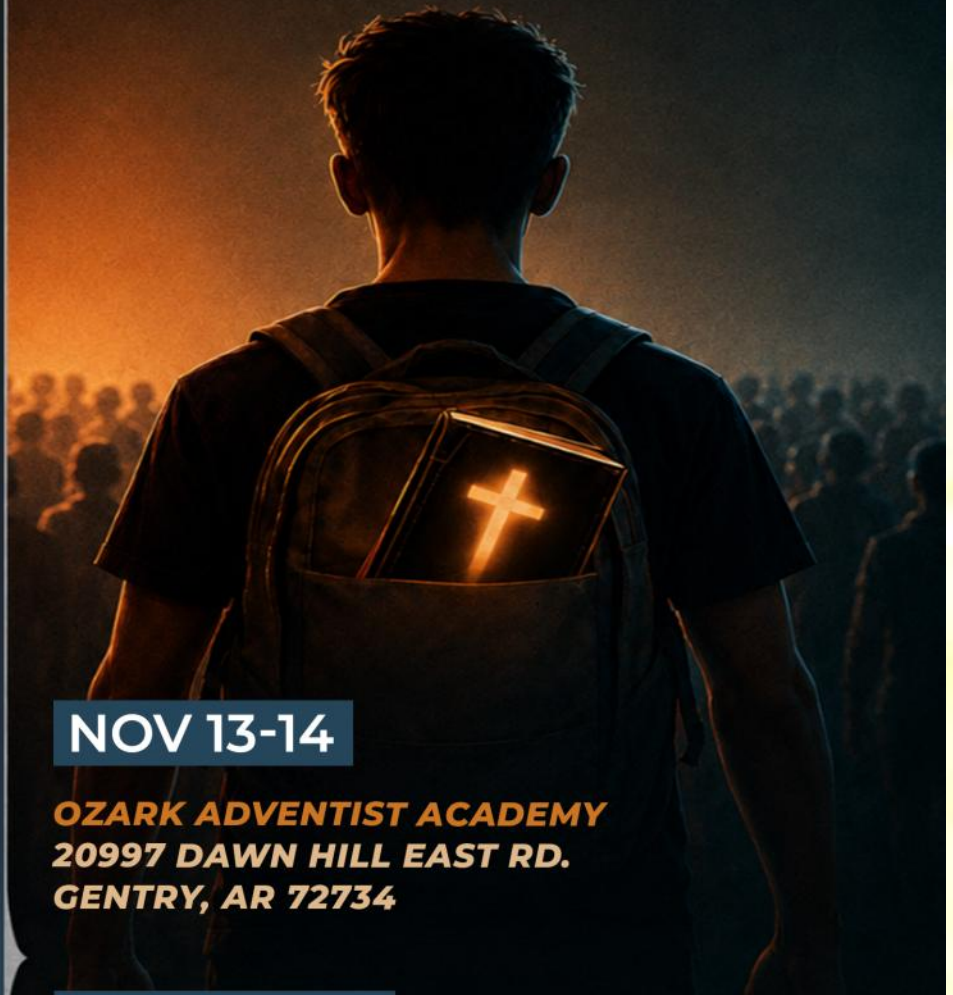
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Arkansas-Louisiana Conference Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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	UNION CAMPOREE Oct 1-4 @ Lake Whitney					
	Health Ministries: Conference-wide Step Challenge (Sept 13-Oct 4)					
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UNION CAMPOREE Oct 1-4 @ Lake Whitney	Prayer Zoom 7pm					English Evange- lism Caravan— Oct 10-17
Last day of Step Challenge						
11	12 Columbus Day	13 Pastoral Devel- opment Mtg Shreveport 9am	14	15	16	17
English Evangelism Caravan—Oct 10-17						
	Prayer Zoom 7pm		BOE / OAA Board zoom	OAA Gala	OAA Alumni Weekend	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Prayer Zoom 7pm				Children’s Ministries Retreat @ Camp Yorktown Bay	English Evange- lism Compas- sion Caravan— Oct 24-31
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
English Evangelism Compassion Caravan—Oct 24-31						
	Prayer Zoom 7pm			NAD Year End Meetings through Nov. 3rd		

2026 EVENT LIST

FOR CHURCHES IN THE ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

OCTOBER

Oct 1-4	Union Camporee at Lake Whitney
Oct 10-17	English Evangelism Caravan
Oct 13	Pastoral Development Meeting at 9:00 am in Shreveport
Oct 14	Board of Education / OAA Board zoom meeting
Oct 15	Ozark Adventist Academy Gala
Oct 16-17	OAA Alumni Weekend
Oct 20	Health Ministries Mental Health "Staff Day"
Oct 24-31	English Evangelism "Compassion Caravan"
Oct 29-Nov 3	NAD Year End Meetings in Columbia, Maryland

NOVEMBER

Nov 1	Daylight Savings Time Ends
Nov 6-7	Blended Families Regional Weekend in Arkansas
Nov 8	S.S. / Personal Ministries Certification, Shreveport
Nov 9	S. LA Ministers Feedback at 9:00 am
Nov 10	Shreveport Ministers Feedback at 9:00 am
Nov 11	Central AR Ministers Feedback at 9:00 am
Nov 12	NW AR Ministers Feedback at 9:00 am
Nov 13-14	Master Guide University, AR
Nov 13-14	FRONTLINE: Youth/YA Training Cohort in NW Arkansas

DECEMBER

Dec 3	ARKLA Executive Committee Meeting
Dec 8	Pastors "Check up" Zoom Call at 10:00 am
Dec 8	Board of Education / OAA Board Zoom
Dec 12	Regional Discipleship Training
Dec 24-Jan 1	Office Closed for Holidays



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!

JANUARY 2027

Jan 1	New Year's Day
Jan 4	Quarterly Clerk's Zoom Call at 6:30 pm
Jan 5	PARL Zoom Call at 6:30 pm
Jan 6-16	NAD: Ten (10) Days of Prayer
Jan 9	Club Ministries Council Planning meeting—Shreveport
Jan 12	Pastor Check-up Call
Jan 18	Martin Luther King Day—Office Closed
Jan 22-23	ARKLA Prayer Conference with Pavel Goia
Jan 26	Pastoral Development Meeting—9am in Shreveport

FEBRUARY 2027

Feb 2	Groundhog Day
Feb 2	PARL Zoom Call at 6:30 pm
Feb 9	Board of Education Zoom @ 7:00 pm
Feb 11	South Louisiana Ministers Meeting
Feb 13	Family Ministries: Christian Marriage Day (Worldwide)
Feb 15	President's Day — Office Closed
Feb 16	Pastor's Check up Call at 10:00 am
Feb 18	Shreveport Area Ministers Meeting
Feb 20	Family Ministries: Christian Parenting Day (Worldwide)
Feb 23	Central Arkansas Ministers Meeting
Feb 25	ARKLA Executive Committee Meeting
Feb 27	South Louisiana Regional PARL
Feb 27	Conference Level Pathfinder Bible Experience (Shreveport)

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