

# CONNECTIONS

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

## SOUTH LOUISIANA SPRING CAMP MEETING 2025

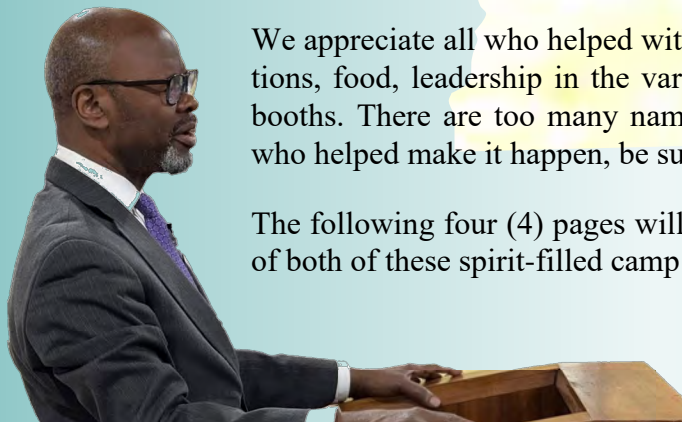
Our spring camp meetings in South Louisiana this year commenced a little bit earlier than they have for the past few sessions, with the Spanish camp meeting on March 14-15 and the camp meeting for non-Spanish speakers on March 21-22. Guest Speaker, Dr. Lemuel Olan Jimenez presented the topic “Mayordomia Integral” to our Hispanic members beginning Friday night at the 1st Iglesia Adventista del 7th Dia Hispana de Baton Rouge. There was a large crowd of enthusiastic participants, The Cuarteto Heraldos de Esperanza were the special musical guests. The group moved to the South Louisiana Convention Center in Hammond for the Sabbath Programs. Despite the threat of bad weather and a tornado touching down nearby, everyone prayed and worshipped together and the Lord placed his hand over the assembly, as the storm parted and went to the north and south of the campground and the congregation was safe in the arms of Jesus. The programs for both young and older were well received and everyone left with their spiritual hunger satisfied.



On the following weekend, Dr. Lael Ceasar was the guest speaker to the “rest” of the Louisiana membership both Friday night and Sabbath at the Convention Center in Hammond. Dr. Ceasar shared messages on “Integral Stewardship” and Sarah Vargas shared her musical talents, as everyone worshipped together.

We appreciate all who helped with the planning, cleaning, set-up, decorations, food, leadership in the various areas and those who brought their booths. There are too many names to mention, but if you see someone who helped make it happen, be sure to give them a big “Thank you!”

The following four (4) pages will be a picture documentary of the events of both of these spirit-filled camp meetings.



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# Scenes from Spanish Camp Meeting—Spring 2025









# Scenes from South Louisiana Camp Meeting—Spring 2025









# STUDENTS ACROSS LOUISIANA AND ARKANSAS PARTICIPATE IN “WE ARE ONE”

During the last full week of March, almost 90 students in grades five through eight from across the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference gathered on the campus of Ozark Adventist Academy in Gentry, Arkansas for "We Are One." While exploring the boarding school opportunity, the students participated in new learning activities, making friends, and preparing for a special Sabbath culminating with an afternoon sacred concert under the direction of Leandro Bizama, in which all the schools across the conference took part. Between classroom sessions and music practices, there was even some extra time for nothing but ... fun!

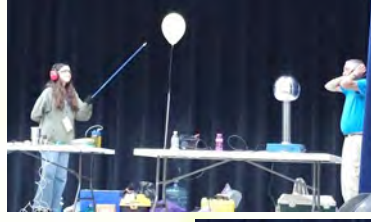
One of the attractions, aside from the academy itself, in the northwest Arkansas area, is the Old Spanish Treasure Cave near Gravette, which the students were able to explore during this week, trading in classroom walls for stunning cave formations and the opportunity to discover the hidden wonders beneath their feet.

We are grateful to OAA for hosting this event and helping these young people have a good time and be a part of a program that truly made all feel the “oneness” we share as a Christian family.





Activities included so many fun things—so many adventures, and memories to last a lifetime. If you're not sure what is happening in any of the pictures, grab a kid who was there and ask them. They will be very happy to tell you all about the event..



Tim Kripps, Director of Education for the Conference, (on the left) gives special recognition to student, Javari, for being a good steward



The “We Are One” concert on Sabbath afternoon was well attended, with some even “tuning in” online to enjoy the combined efforts from so many students from schools across the conference.

## ARKLA PATHFINDERS PLACE AT UNION LEVEL BIBLE EXPERIENCE

The Hot Springs and Fort Smith/Mountain View Pathfinder Clubs represented the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference at the Union level Pathfinder Bible Experience in Keene Texas on March 22nd.

Both of our teams received second place. We are so proud of your determination, dedication, and hard work as you have studied Romans and 1 Corinthians. Keep up the good work!

~ From the ARKLA Youth & Young Adults Facebook Page







## Angel Tree at Fayetteville Seventh-day Adventist Church

(A look back on some an event from the Christmas season)

On December 15, 2024 the Fayetteville SDA Church held its annual Angel Tree event, a cherished tradition that brings joy and support to children in need. At this time, 45 children were sponsored through the generosity of church members and the assistance of the Lincoln Church. Members selected children's names from the Angel Tree, each name accompanied by a wish list, and fulfilled these wishes to make the season special.

The event, held from 1 to 3 pm, was filled with smiles and gratitude as families arrived to pick up gift bags for their children. Rosanna Cox, a dedicated volunteer, generously brought her cotton candy machine, offering a fun treat for the children. The Angel Tree event continues to be a wonderful way for the church community to serve others, demonstrating God's love in action.

~ Submitted by Joni Varner

## Happening Soon:

ASI Southwest Spring Convention is happening April 3-6, 2025, in Crowley, Texas!

This inspiring event, with keynote speaker John Bradshaw of *It Is Written*, brings together ministry-minded professionals, lay members, and organizations passionate about sharing Christ in the marketplace. Enjoy uplifting messages, engaging seminars, networking opportunities, and powerful testimonies of God's work.

For more details and registration, visit [asisw.org](http://asisw.org) or call 817-219-5724. Attendance is open to all. Don't miss this opportunity to be equipped and encouraged for service!







## A Spirit-Filled Revival at New Orleans First

The First Youth Rally in the New Orleans District

After five years, the New Orleans District joyfully hosted its First Youth Rally on Saturday, February 15, bringing together 35 young people from across the district and nearby churches for a day of worship, fellowship, and spiritual renewal. With hearts full of expectation, youth and church members gathered to experience God's presence in a powerful way. The highlight of the rally was the inspiring message delivered by Pastor Alton Diamond, who challenged the youth to rise up in faith, embrace their calling, and live boldly for Christ. His sermon, filled with biblical truth and personal conviction, stirred hearts and encouraged many to recommit their lives to God. The sanctuary was also filled with spirit-led music, lifting souls in praise and setting the tone for a deeply meaningful Sabbath experience. Church members and visitors joined in the blessed Sabbath worship, creating an atmosphere of unity and joy. Following the morning program, a fellowship meal was shared, allowing attendees to connect, strengthen friendships, and reflect on the messages of the day. Laughter and warm conversa-

tions filled the room, reinforcing the importance of community and belonging in the body of Christ. The afternoon program was a powerful and emotional experience. Young people opened their hearts, shared testimonies, and actively participated in discussions about faith, struggles, and God's calling in their lives. Many were deeply moved, with some making personal commitments to grow spiritually and serve more actively in their churches. It was evident that the Holy Spirit was at work, touching lives and igniting a renewed passion for Christ. As the rally concluded, there was a shared conviction that this was not just an event but the beginning of a revival. The youth left inspired, determined to carry the fire forward, and committed to making a difference in their churches, schools, and communities. The New Orleans District is grateful for all who contributed to making this rally a success—the organizers, musicians, volunteers, and most importantly, God's guiding hand. May this gathering be the first of many, and may the passion for Christ continue to burn brightly in the hearts of our youth.





# Praise Report: Prophecy Seminar Victory



All glory and honor be to God for His mighty hand at work during our prophecy seminar, held from January 17 to February 1, 2025. From the very beginning, we witnessed the Holy Spirit moving powerfully, stirring hearts, and transforming lives. Each night, the truth of God's Word resonated deeply, leading many to make life-changing decisions for Christ.

Today, we rejoice in the incredible outpouring of God's grace as nine precious souls have entered the waters of baptism, publicly declaring their commitment to follow Jesus. Additionally, four individuals have joined by profession of faith, affirming their belief in God's truth and their desire to walk in His ways. Even more, three others are preparing for baptism in the coming weeks, taking the next steps in their spiritual journey.

On this joyous occasion, Pastor Rodil Capobres, lead pastor of the New Orleans First Church District, had the privilege of baptizing these precious souls in the graveyard of baptism, where they symbolically laid down their old lives and rose anew in Christ. This sacred moment was a powerful testimony to the life-changing work of the gospel and the transforming grace of God.

This moment is a beautiful testament to God's faithfulness and the power of His Word. It is a reminder that when we plant the seeds of the gospel, he brings the increase. We are deeply grateful for our church family's unwavering support, the dedication of our evangelistic team, musicians, and volunteers, and the many prayers that have been lifted on behalf of this seminar. Your faithfulness and commitment to God's mission have truly made an eternal impact.

As these new believers step forward in faith, we ask you to continue covering them in prayer. May they grow daily in their relationship with Christ, find strength in His promises, and become shining lights in their families and communities. Let us also remain steadfast in our mission, sharing the good news with those still seeking the truth.



*You are Invited!*  
We would like to invite you and your constituents to join us in St. Louis for a mega health clinic prior to GC session. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out me.  
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Cordially,  
Don Adams, MD  
Adventist World Radio Medical Dir,  
Chief Medical Officer  
Pathway to Health

God is Love  
1 John 4:16  
&

I am a child of God





# TRAINING TEENS TO BE LEADERS

The Teen Leaders in Training (TLTs) of our Pathfinder Club at the Bentonville SDA Church recently demonstrated their leadership skills by planning, preparing, and teaching an honor entirely on their own. Under the mentorship of Beth and Brandon Jones, these young leaders dedicated several weeks to developing engaging learning projects, slideshows, videos, activity sheets, and more to ensure a meaningful experience for their peers.

Siblings Daysi Aguilar and Juan Aguilar Jr. took on the challenge of teaching the "Dunes" honor. They led their fellow Pathfinders through an interactive activity where students used wind (breath) to shape different types of dunes with sand on a tabletop. This hands-on demonstration helped students grasp the natural forces that create these fascinating landforms.

Meanwhile, TLTs Katheryn Dunn, Noah May, and Enli Yu prepared and taught the "Bogs and Fens" honor. Their lesson included a creative project where Pathfinders recreated the layers of a bog using different colors of Jello and marshmallows. This fun and educational approach brought the concept of wetland ecosystems to life.

We are incredibly proud of our TLTs for their dedication and willingness to step up as teachers. Their efforts required patience, time, and commitment, demonstrating their growing leadership abilities. Our TLT group meets once a month with their mentors to work on curriculum requirements and conduct a general "check-in." Additionally, they participate in quarterly off-campus bonding activities.

In the fall, the TLTs attended a nighttime outdoor light and sound art exhibit at our local American art museum, Crystal Bridges. During the holiday season, they came together to shop for and prepare Christmas gifts for children at the Northwest Arkansas Children's Shelter. These experiences not only strengthen their leadership skills but also deepen their commitment to community service.

We commend these outstanding young leaders for their dedication and the positive impact they continue to make in our Pathfinder Club and the broader community. Their willingness to serve and grow in leadership is truly inspiring!

TLTs are a blessing to have in any club. We encourage all Pathfinder clubs to utilize their Teens in leadership roles and to share with others the amazing things the TLTs are doing.



~ Audra Kohltfarber

## BONNERDALE SDA CHURCH IN BONNERDALE ARKANSAS INVITES YOU :

*Bonnerdale Adventist Church*

**FREE**

Lectures and demonstrations

*Jimmy and Florence Keesler*

**NATURAL REMEDIES**

April 11, 2025 @ 6:45 p.m.

**HEART DISEASE  
HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE**

April 12, 2025 @ 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

**AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES**

**PARASITES**

**WILD EDIBLES AND MEDICINAL PLANTS**

April 13, 2025 @ 9:30 - 12:00 noon

**GROUNDING**

**CHARCOAL POULTICE**

**TINCTURES AND SALVES**

**EUROPEAN GREEN CLAY**

**SUNDAY MORNING**

**BEV ELROD is offering massages**

**FREE**

**by appointment**

**Call 970-290-2221 for appointment**



# HEALTH CORNER



## Health Evangelism — What's Cooking?

On Tuesday, March 18th, the Health Ministries / Health Evangelism Department, with the assistance of the Communication Department, presented a live cooking demonstration. Pastor Hillis Jeffries, of the DeRidder and Lake Charles churches, showed that he has skills that go beyond the pulpit as he prepared a delicious vegan “chicken” cacciatore dish on camera in our own conference kitchen. There were over 200 of you tuned in at any given time in the presentation, and within less than 24 hours the video had over 800 views. Within the week that number jumped to over 1000 views. We thank you who supported this outreach and we appreciate those who also shared it. You may continue to do so by directing your friends to our Facebook page or YouTube. It was truly delicious, as well as being healthy. If anyone would like to try it yourself, the recipe is included below:



### VEGAN “Chicken” CACCIATORE Chicken Base Options = Tofu or Portabella Mushrooms



- Tofu - 1 Extra firm or 2 Portabella Mushrooms
- Vegan chicken (2 tablespoons) seasoning or vegetable bouillon (4 packs)
- Olive Oil - 2 tablespoons
- Tomatoes - 10 whole tomatoes
- Garlic - 6-7 cloves
- Spinach - 3 cups
- Basil 1-1/2 cup
- Nutritional Yeast Flakes - 3 tablespoons
- Liquid Amino- 2-3 tablespoons
- Red Onion- 1 whole onion
- Green Onion - ½ cup
- Red Bell Pepper - 1 whole
- Tomato Sauce

1. Slightly oil your pan to sauté green onions, peppers, chopped basil and tomato chunks

2. Blend 6 whole tomatoes and 3 garlic cloves in blender and cut 4 in chunks
3. Sauté chopped green onions & ¼ of chopped red pepper with chunky tomatoes, chopped ½ cup of basil
4. Place blended tomatoes into sauce pan with sautéed veggies
5. Add 1 tablespoon liquid Amino, 1 tablespoon Nutritional yeast flakes

#### Tofu or Portabella Mushroom

1. Slightly oil your pan to sauté Tofu or Mushrooms
2. Cut tofu or Mushrooms into chunks and sauté to your liking

#### Veggies

Slice spinach, onion, red bell pepper and chop garlic  
Add to Tofu or Mushrooms and sauté for 3-5 minutes and add rest of ingredients

### What is going on in your church? How is Health Evangelism being demonstrated?

2025 has started with a bang - from weeks of health evangelism in New Orleans at New Orleans First Church, to a mental health weekend at Glenwood Spanish SDA in Glenwood, AR. We then continued with a health expo for the community kids in Wilmar, AR to aiding the Batesville, AR for their pre-work health community fair for adults. We ended with a mini week of prayer for women at Texarkana Spanish in Texarkana, TX. Many lives were given to Christ and many asked for follow up with bible study and visits. To God be the glory!





Coming up right away this month . . .

**BATON ROUGE**  
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH



**100**  
YEARS

1925 2025

*Celebrating and Continuing  
Towards the Kingdom*

**CELEBRATION**

**SABBATH APR 5 at 11:00am**

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Baton Rouge, LA 70817

We invite you, your family, and your friends to join us as we celebrate 100 Years of faith, service, and community! Begin the day with a heartfelt service of gratitude and reflection. Continue the celebration with a delicious meal as we fellowship and give thanks together for 100 years of blessings.

**Come and be part of this special day!**

**ELDERS' CERTIFICATION**  
~ EVANGELISM ~

**SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025**

Training will be held for the purpose of:

- Preparing
- Equipping
- Learning how to be an effective evangelist

Everyone completing the training will receive a certificate

From 9:00 am – 5:00 pm (Lunch will be provided)



Join us at the Conference office:  
7025 Greenwood Road  
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**Arkansas-Louisiana Conference**  
One Family in Jesus

Please register in advance. Spots are limited.  
Contact Sylvia Downs at 318-631-6240

**APRIL 8, 2025 at 7:00 pm**

The Arkansas-Louisiana Conference Health Ministries / Health Evangelism Department will be streaming this webinar live on Facebook and YouTube.

 Arkansas-Louisiana Conference of SDA  
 ARKLA Adventist on YouTube



**Mental Health:  
STIGMA REMOVED**

**CAN YOU GUESS WHO OUR SPECIAL GUESTS WILL BE?**



Find out who may be struggling. . .

- Maybe they work right next to you
- Family & people close to you struggle
- High profile individuals are also affected

*Dr. Marjorie Belizaire will be hosting this conversation with two individuals that you may know, as they open up and honestly discuss their own personal mental health journeys.*

*If you have questions or issues you would like to see addressed during this session, please send us an email in advance so we can touch on purposeful, helpful aspects of this topic.*

**Let's talk about it!**

For more details or to submit questions contact: Marjorie Belizaire, M.D., Health Ministries / Health Evangelism Director at: mbelizaire@arklac.org

Also check the calendar pages and events at the end of this newsletter for more upcoming events. If you don't see enough information provided here, on Facebook or on our website ([www.arklac.org](http://www.arklac.org)) then please feel free to call the office at 318-631-6240 to ask about any event about which you have questions. We will do our best to fill you in!





# *A Letter from the Conference President*



Dear Constituents,

I am delighted to share with you the highlights from the February 20, 2025, meeting of the Conference Executive Committee. During this session, we heard insightful reports and made significant decisions for the benefit of our conference.

## **Celebrating Milestones and New Beginnings:**

On January 4, the Lincoln SDA Church celebrated a remarkable 50 years in their building! We also welcomed their new pastor, Allister Whitfield, who will serve the Siloam Springs, Lincoln, and Fayetteville church districts.

On February 8, we installed Pastor Rodney Garcia as the new pastor for the Shreveport South and Shreveport 1st church districts. Let us extend a warm welcome to him and his family—his wife Sandra and children Angela, Eva, Natalia, and Sofia as they embark on this journey of service.

Additionally, on February 15, the Lockport Spanish Church held a special dedication service to celebrate the remarkable accomplishment of paying off their church loan in just 15 years. We rejoice in this achievement!

The Dequeen Spanish Church recently held a groundbreaking ceremony for a new all-purpose building, which will enable them to host community events. It's heartening to witness ministry thriving in our communities!

## **Growth and Blessings:**

Our Executive Secretary, Elder Ross Harris, reported on the tremendous blessings within our field, noting an increase in membership from 13,824 on January 1, 2024, to 14,178 by year-end. We are truly grateful for God's guidance and are eager to see the amazing work He will continue to do through our churches.

While our conference treasurer Rodney Dyke shared that tithing declined by 3.23% in 2024 compared to the previous year, we remain optimistic as our overall financial position remains strong. On a positive note, ARKLA Advance contributions increased by 1.68% this past year, which help support evangelism, Ozark Adventist Academy, the Southern Louisiana Convention Center, building projects, and Camp Yorktown Bay.

## **Education and Evangelism Efforts:**

At our meeting, Tim Kripps, our Education Director, conveyed how God is continually blessing Adventist education in our territory, which includes nine elementary schools—six in Arkansas and three in Louisiana. We are proud to have a dedicated team of 23 educators, 10 with Master's degrees, and 15 staff at Ozark Adventist Academy. Our schools celebrated 18 baptisms last year, with nine already this year, contributing to a current enrollment of 380 students.

Evangelism Director Leonardo Melendez encouraged us with his report on adopting the North American Division's "Pentecost 2025" initiative. Out of our 115 churches, companies, and groups, 73 have signed up. This year has already seen 53 baptisms, 21 professions of faith, and four rebaptisms. We aim for an ambitious goal of 348 baptisms during the Pentecost campaign, running from September 27 to October 11, using the "Forecasting Hope" evangelism kit.

**Mark your calendars:** On Sunday, April 6, we will hold the second Elder's Certification module in Shreveport, focusing on evangelism. Additionally, we'll host a Spanish Lay Retreat at Camp Yorktown Bay from May 9-11, centered on the Seven Trumpets, followed by an English Lay Retreat from May 16-18, themed "Unfinished Mission: Igniting the Church for the Final Call."

We are excited about the Volunteer Lay Pastors initiative, with five lay pastors already serving in Jasper, Monticello, Mountain Home, Clarksville Karen, and Shreveport Spanish.

## **Exciting New Appointments:**

The Executive Committee enthusiastically approved the Bossier City Spanish Church's request to establish a new group in Shreveport under Volunteer Lay Pastor Ronal Landaeta. Brother Jim Morris was also approved to serve as the lay pastor for the Mountain Home church. We are blessed he has accepted to the call to serve in this capacity.



We are also thrilled to announce that Pastor Kyle Baldwin will be joining the Gentry district. His extensive experience will be a great asset, and we eagerly anticipate the blessings his ministry will bring. Please join us in welcoming Pastor Kyle and his family—his wife, Elizabeth, and children Matthew, Alexander, Isabella, and Olivia.

Rudy Alvir has been invited to serve as the conference’s Multi-Cultural Director, where his passion and knowledge will undoubtedly enrich our community. Let us pray for him as he takes on this vital role.

We are excited to have Sister Lilia Balboa as our new Spanish Children’s Ministry Coordinator, where her gifts will greatly benefit the children across our conference.

We are also pleased to share that Sister Marjorie Belizaire will serve as the conference Women’s and Family Ministries Director, bringing her enthusiasm and passion to these critical areas. We ask for your prayers for her as she begins this new chapter.

**Call to Prayer:**

As we continue to seek pastors for the four remaining open districts, we solicit your prayers for God to guide us in bringing the right individuals into these roles.

Finally, we invite you to join us in praying for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Let us earnestly seek a revival and reformation in our personal lives and within our churches, transforming us to reflect God’s love and purpose.

Faithfully yours,

*Jeff Villegas*

Arkansas-Louisiana Conference President



## Director Takes on Additional Ministries:

Dr. Marjorie Belizaire, whom you all know and love for her enthusiasm for Health Ministries/Health Evangelism is now (as you may read in the president’s letter above) the conference director for the Women’s Ministries Department and for Family Ministries. She is starting off with leaps and bounds. There is already a Women’s ministries Facebook page, that we encourage all the ladies to like and follow. She is ready and willing to help you out in whatever way you need as a ministry leader, so please don’t hesitate to reach out!

If you were at the South Louisiana Camp Meeting you may have seen Marjorie at any one of the three booths below!





Greetings ARKLAC Membership!

Beginning Monday, April 7, ARKLAC Prayer Ministries will host a weekly Zoom prayer meeting at 7:00pm. I would like to encourage you to attend as we seek the Lord and the guidance of the Holy Spirit together as a united family. Each Monday we will pray for the needs of the Conference Leaders, Pastors, Churches, Schools and Members. We are living in a time where there is great need for personal and corporate prayer. Please join us as we petition the Lord together. "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;" (Ephesians 6:18).



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PRAYER MINISTRIES  
**PRAY**  
ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Join us  
**ZOOM PRAYER MEETING**

**EACH MONDAY**  
**@ 7:00pm**  
Beginning April 7, 2025

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MINISTERIOS de ORACIÓN  
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ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Únete a nosotros  
**REUNIÓN DE ORACIÓN POR ZOOM**

**cada lunes**  
**@ 7:00pm**  
A partir del 7 de abril de 2025

ID de la reunión: 975 9316 7072  
Contraseña: 449042  
Llamada: 346-248-7799



### SACS PLANS FUNDRAISERS

The students at Shreveport Adventist Christian School are making plans to take a special field trip, and so they will be raising money to make it happen. There is a Chili Cookoff planned for some time in April (it had to be postponed from the original date of the 12th) or possibly in May. Also, on April 19th the Bossier Spanish Church will be hosting a concert put

on by the students starting at 6:30 pm and then to be followed by a fundraiser dinner after sundown. At one or both of these events, attendees will have the opportunity to buy some special potted plants in clay pots that the students have decorated with their own artwork. We hope to see you there!





**JUNE 3-7, 2025 | GENTRY, AR**  
**NORTHWEST ARKANSAS CAMP MEETING**



**THE Trumpet WILL SOUND!**

 <b>JOSEPH KIDDER</b> Weekend Speaker	 <b>TONY ANOBILE</b> Evening Speaker	 <b>CARLOS PASILLAS</b> Youth Speaker	 <b>ARM'D Vasilios</b> Featured Music Quartet
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**Gentry, AR**

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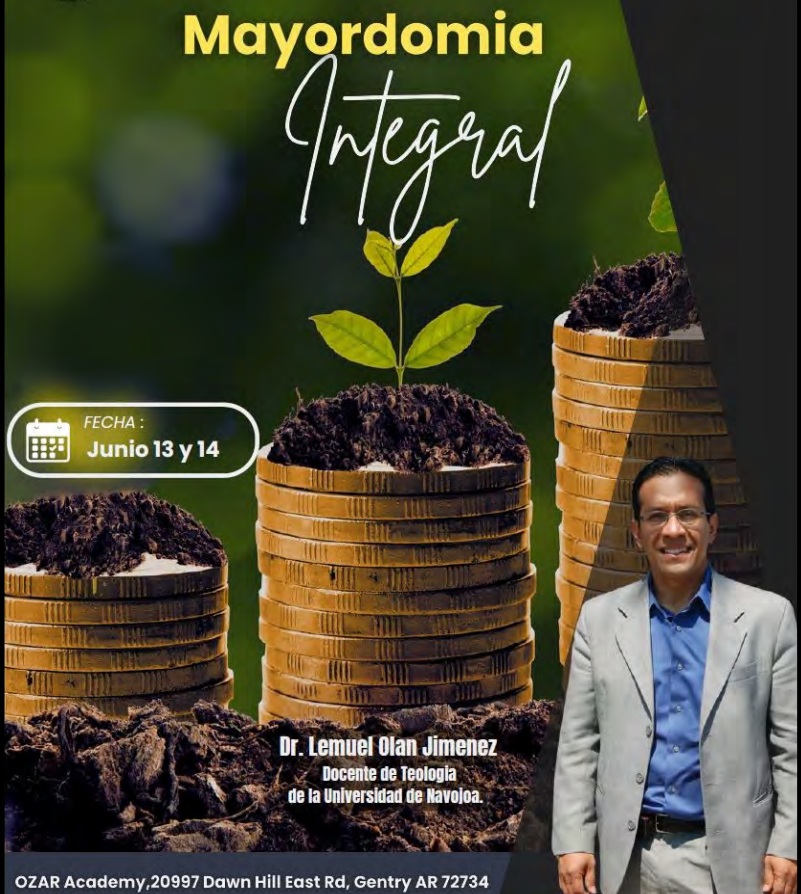
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**FECHA:**  
**Junio 13 y 14**



**Dr. Lemuel Olan Jimenez**  
 Docente de Teología  
 de la Universidad de Navojoa.

**OZAR Academy, 20997 Dawn Hill East Rd, Gentry AR 72734**

**NORTHWEST ARKANSAS CAMP MEETINGS: Coming in June**

**Announcement of New Principal at Ozark Adventist Academy**

The Arkansas-Louisiana Conference Board of Education is happy to announce the appointment of Beth Zeiss as the new Principal of Ozark Adventist Academy (OAA), following a two-month search filled with prayer and thoughtful discernment. On Sunday, March 16, 2025, the board met and approved this recommendation, making her the 34th Principal of OAA.

Mrs. Zeiss previously served as both Interim Principal and Vice Principal of Academics, and has a wealth of experience—a blend of educational expertise, skills, and spiritual commitment. She has previously taught at the elementary level within the Georgia-Cumberland Conference and public schools. She has spent over six years in the boarding school environment, excelling in fundraising, administration, and fostering alumni relations, with a dedication to development and commitment to Adventist education.



Mrs. Zeiss has an education degree with an emphasis in psychology from Southern Adventist University and later obtained her M.Ed. She is deeply committed to creating a more spiritually enriching environment at OAA, encouraging students to grow in their faith alongside their academic endeavors.

In her role as Principal, she will implement a student recruitment plan and a donor engagement strategy starting this semester. OAA eagerly anticipates her leadership and the positive spiritual impact she will bring as our new Principal. Please join me in welcoming Beth to her new role and let us offer our prayers for her and OAA as we embark on this exciting transition.



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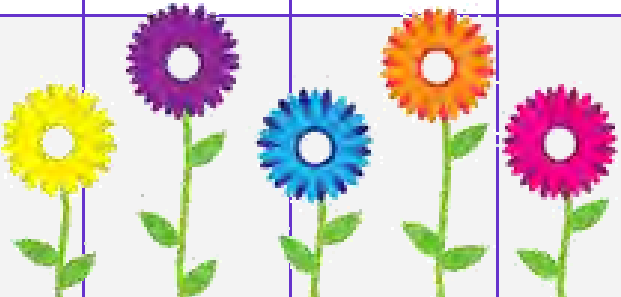
## Arkansas-Louisiana Conference Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
				Regional ASI, Crowley TX April 3-6		
				Pathfinders: Conference Camporee—CYB April 3-6		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Elders Certification #2 in Shreveport		Pastors' "Check Up" Zoom call @ 10:00 am		ARKLA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING		
Regional ASI		Health Evangelism - Live Webinar Interview on-Mental Health 7:00 pm				
Conference Camporee ends						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
			Pastoral Development Leadership Training in Shreveport			
SWAU: A Night at the Myerson 6:00 pm					OAA Academy Days April 18-19	
					Pathfinders: Master Guide Campout by area April 18-20	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Pathfinders: Master Guide Campout						
					Pathfinders: NAD Divsional PBE Testing—Battle Creek, MI	
27	28	29	30			
NAD: THRIVE — HR, Secretariat, Clerks training in Miami, FL						



# MAY 2025

## Arkansas-Louisiana Conference Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 National Day of Prayer	2	3  Arkansas Children's Ministries Retreat at CYB
4	5	6 Teacher Appreciation Day  South Louisiana Ministerial Mtg	7	8	9  Spanish Lay Retreat @ CYB May 9-11 to train and equip leaders	10
11 Spanish Lay Retreat @ CYB	12	13 Pastors' "Check Up" Zoom call @ 10:00 am	14	15	16  English Lay Retreat @ CYB May 16-18 to train and equip leaders	17 Pathfinders: World Adventurer Day
18 English Lay Retreat @ CYB	19	20 Shreveport Area Ministerial Mtg	21	22	23  OAA Graduation Weekend	24
25	26 Memorial Day — OFFICE CLOSED	27	28	29	30	31 LA FESJA Youth Sabbath



# 2024—2025 EVENT LIST

## FOR CHURCHES IN THE ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA CONFERENCE



### APRIL

- Apr 3-6 Southwest Regional ASI Spring Convention in Crowley, TX
- Apr 3-6 Pathfinders Conference Camporee @ CYB
- Apr 3-13 OAA Home Leave
- Apr 5 Baton Rouge 100 year Anniversary Celebration
- Apr 6 Elders Certification #2 in Shreveport
- Apr 8 Pastors' Check up Call by Zoom @ 10:00 am
- Apr 8 Board of Education Zoom Meeting @ 7 pm
- Apr 8 Health Evangelism Webinar at 7 pm
- Apr 10 ARKLA Executive Committee Meeting
- Apr 13 SWAU: "A Night at the Myerson" @ 6 pm
- Apr 16 Pastoral Development Leadership Training in Shreveport
- Apr 18-19 OAA Academy Days
- Apr 18-20 Pathfinders: Master Guide Campout by areas
- Apr 25-26 Pathfinders; NAD Divisiona PBE Testing, Battle Creek, MI

### MAY

- May 1 National Day of Prayer
- May 3 Arkansas Children's Ministries Retreat at Camp Yorktown Bay
- May 6 Teacher Appreciation Day
- May 6 South Louisiana Ministerial Meeting
- May 9-11 Spanish Lay Retreat at Camp Yorktown Bay
- May 11 Mother's Day
- May 13 Pastors' "Check Up" zoom call at 10 am
- May 16-18 Conference Lay Retreat at Camp Yorktown Bay

- May 17 Pathfinders: World Adventurers Day
- May 20 Shreveport Area Ministerial Meeting
- May 23-24 Ozark Adventist Academy Graduation Weekend
- May 26 Memorial Day (Office Closed)
- May 28 Teacher's Wrap-up Meeting
- May 31 Louisiana FESJA Youth Sabbath

### JUNE

- Jun 1 Pathfinders: PAC Meeting by Zoom
- Jun 1-7 CYB: Camp Staff Week
- Jun 3-7 Northwest Arkansas Camp Meeting in Gentry
- Jun 8-14 CYB: Cub Camp
- Jun 10 Pastors "Check Up" zoom call at 10 am
- Jun 10 Central Arkansas Ministerial Meeting
- Jun 13-15 NWA Spanish Camp Meeting at OAA
- Jun 15 Fathers' Day
- Jun 15-21 CYB: Junior Camp
- Jun 17 Health Ministries Webinar: Hydrotherapy Demo at 7 pm
- Jun 19 ARKLA Conference Executive Committee Meeting
- Jun 20-21 Theological Symposium in South Louisiana
- Jun 22-28 CYB: Tween Camp
- Jun 24 Northwest Arkansas Ministerial Meeting
- Jun 27-28 Spanish Theological Symposium in South Louisiana
- Jun 29-Jul 5 CYB: Teen Camp

### 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](mailto: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!

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