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Don't simply defend your faith, be a leader! Help students and young professionals grow in faith and leadership as they navigate the stages of young adulthood.

Revival @ Leslie FBC...

March 24 - 27th - click for more details

Fish Fry @ FBC Center Ridge...

April 6 - Fundraiser for church camp - click for more details

Praying for you all and hope you are doing well. I wanted to share with you a bit of something that was discussed and worked through at this past weekend's Sunday School Training Conference. With over 100 in attendance one of the items discussed was the balance needed between the community, connection, and the content we cover in each class. When we say Sunday School we are talking about small groups within a larger group of people. These small groups can meet whenever, but what exactly do they need to accomplish? Small groups are in affect the discipleship and connection meetings for the larger church body. Sunday worship services and sermons are extremely valuable to the whole church body, but it is within the small groups that members can wrestle with scriptural teaching, deal with disobedient hearts, and build deep connections that allow all to grow stronger spiritually together. Even though Sunday worship has some discipleship and connection value, it does not do a great job of allowing members to wrestle with the truths of God nor does it give them a safe place to work out their faith with fellow believers. When was the last time someone declared out loud in your worship service their need to have redemption and sanctification over their bad thoughts or habits. Many never ever go meet with the Pastor or give any response to what God is doing, within the worship times, but often will bear unbelievable truths, hard truths, and valuable sanctification and reconciliation needs in a small group. I want to encourage you all to work on helping your small group leaders to give time in class for students to work out things. To intentionally work on the value of building strong connections, and to continue delivering valued content to their classes. We also discovered that most teachers do not have an apprentice. We all need to have these apprentices, who are trained and allowed to teach often so they can soon go out and start new class units. Small group growth has statistically always been stronger and longer lasting growth.

Know we are here for you and will have more trainings in the future. May God bless you and remember...we are doing more together than we ever could apart!

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Note from DOM

God Bless. Dr. Clark

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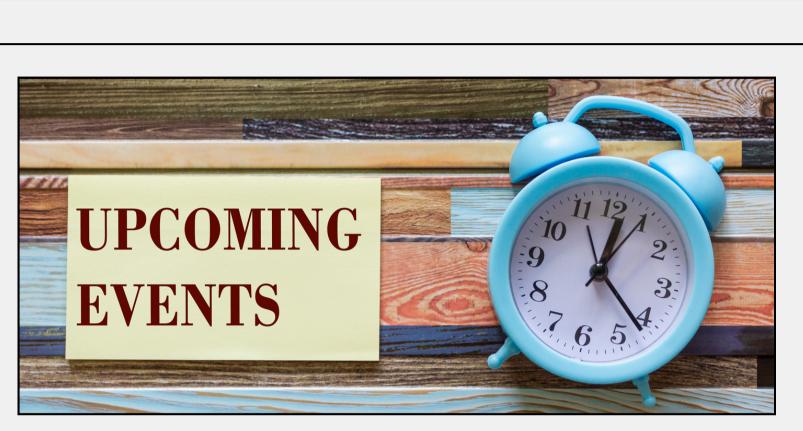
Decline to Sign...

A group known as "Arkansans for Limited Government" has launched a campaign to bring legalized abortion back to Arkansas, disguising It as an effort to free Arkansans from government overreach In healthcare. This misleading ploy (by Arkansans for Limited Government) manipulate Arkansans Into...click to read more

2024 Annie Armstrong...

The Week of Prayer for North American missions is observed annually by SBC churches to pray for...<u>click to read more</u>





- March 2 Lead>>>Defend Conference @ Immanuel in Little Rock
- March 3-10 <u>Annie Armstrong Week of Giving & Prayer</u>
- March 5, 12, 19 & 26 Ministers Prayer Meeting 8:00 am
- March 16 Statewide OneDay Serve Local
- March 24-27 Revival @ Leslie FBC w/evangelist Dr. David Allen and music by Christy Lester
- March 26 Renewing the Church Summit
- March 31 Easter
- April 6 Fish Fry Fundraiser @ FBC Center Ridge
- April 7 Statewide <u>Baptism Sunday</u> Mission Celebration Day
- April 18 Quarterly Executive Board Meeting 6:30pm
- June 10-12 SBC Pastor Conference & Annual Meeting In Indianapolis