

ANNUAL REPORT

2024

OVERVIEW

The Balboa Baptist Men's Ministry had a very active year in 2024.

This report will hit the high points on each of the Men's projects and introduce you to the volunteers that made the projects possible.

I'm hopeful that as you explore this report, you'll come across a ministry that looks interesting or is something you have done or wanted to do.

If that's the case, please contact me or the project head and become part of one of the many Men's Ministry Teams.

You will be working with committed men and you will be glad to be part of their efforts.



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MEN'S BREAKFAST

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MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST
SATURDAY | MARCH 2ND | 8:00 AM
BALBOA OUTREACH CENTER
\$5 Eggs, Bacon, Sausage and Biscuits
FEATURED SPEAKER SENATOR MATT MCKEE



Senator McKee co-sponsored and voted for legislation that would end mutilating transgender surgery and remove books that contain pornography and homosexual grooming from the children's section of public libraries. He will bring us up to date on the culture war in Arkansas and what is in store for the future. We will also have time for questions from the audience.

Friends, fellowship and fun. And did we mention bacon?

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**Constitutional Amendments:
THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE UGLY**
Can You Tell the Difference?



Featured Speaker: LARRY PAGE
Arkansas Faith & Ethics Council

There are four proposed constitutional amendments on the ballot this November. A wrong vote could reverse all the progress Arkansas has made on protecting the unborn. Other amendments could saddle the state with culture-damaging amendments that are almost impossible to nullify. Larry Page has been executive director of the AFEC since 1991. He has deep insight into the facts and politics surrounding the constitutional amendments that we will be voting on in November. Page will help us separate the good from the bad and the ugly when we vote.

Four Amendments on the November Ballot

- Abortion Amendment
- Marijuana Amendment
- Pope County Casino Initiative
- State Lottery Proceeds to Fund Scholarships

Featuring: BACON!

The August Men's Ministry Breakfast — in addition to hosting our speaker, Larry Page — will also feature your favorite menu standbys: Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Biscuits, Gravy and the latest super trendy Blueberry Scones. We start serving at 8am and should be finished by 9am. See you in the Outreach Center.



MARCH BREAKFAST WITH SEN. MATT MCKEE

St. Sen. Matt McKee was our first breakfast speaker. McKee is a first term state senator running unopposed this year. He brought us up to date on the culture war currently raging in Arkansas. McKee shared the background on his votes to remove pornographic books from the children's section in public libraries & the bill to end mutilating transgender surgery.

AUGUST BREAKFAST WITH LARRY PAGE

In August, Larry Page from the Arkansas Faith & Ethics Council came to Balboa to explain the constitutional amendments on the ballot this November. Larry covered the four proposed amendments at that time and went over the ins-and-outs of the sometimes confusing language that amendment proponents use. Page's appearance & detailed explanation was so popular the Balboa women asked to be invited and we had to move the breakfast to the main room in the OC.

Men's Ministry **BREAKFAST!**

8:00AM PATHFINDER'S ROOM IN THE OC



William Scheel, Tracy Clark & Joe West were prison inmates locked inside the Ouachita River Unit in Malvern. Until they met Dave Fleming and the other Kairos volunteers. Now all three are free and active in their

local churches. Don't miss their moving testimonies at the Men's Ministry Breakfast on Saturday, Nov. 2nd at 8:00am. Tickets \$5.00 cheap.

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NOVEMBER BREAKFAST WITH THE KAIROS THREE

The final breakfast featured the testimony of the Kairos Three. William School, Tracey Clark & Joe West who were prison inmates that accepted Christ & freed themselves from prison. Dave Fleming, who heads the program for Balboa, was the MC. The three gave us valuable insight on what it's like for believers in prison, how believers follow Christ in prison and what life is like outside the prison when the inmates re-enter the free world.

BACON REMAINS POPULAR

None of these breakfast events – and the accompanying bacon – would have been possible without the Men's Ministry's crack Kitchen Team: **John Baddaker, Allen Barnhard, John Baumgartner, Randy Conardy, Bob Corbett, Dave Finton, Butch Gephardt, Kevin Gordon, Magdy Hussein, Jim Lipe, Dennis Loeffler, Dwayne Shipman & Marty Smith.**

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

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TWO STUDIES PER YEAR: SPRING & FALL

Each year the Men's Ministry conducts two Wednesday morning Bible Studies in the Pathfinder's Room. One in the Spring and another in the Fall. The Spring study was '*How to Defend What You Believe.*' It was a ten-session study with topics that included:

- Is It True?
- What's Inside the Old Testament
- What's Inside the New Testament
- Mountain-Moving Prayer
- Faith, Forgiveness & Your Future

The fall session was led by **Clark Cogswell**. That was an eight-session study on '*Revelations & the End Times.*' Clark's study topics included:

- The Covenants
- The Signs (Parts 1, 2, 3, & 4)
- The Millennium
- The Final Judgement

2ND ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF

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Our second chili cook off was as successful as the first. The proceeds from the contest went to the missions supported by Boots on the Ground.

We had over 30 total entrants in the various chili categories and new this year was a dessert auction with even more entries.

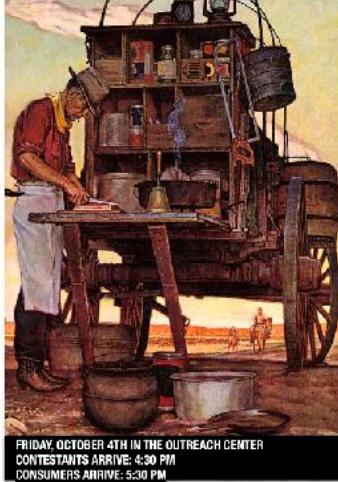
Total funds raised were over \$1,100 from the chili and approx. \$2,200 from the dessert auction for a total of \$3,300.00

Our thanks goes to **Phillip Gilbreath**, our professional chili judge, and our volunteer team: **Allen Barnhardt, John Baumgartner, Ben Carpenter, Paul Day, Silvia Day, Mark Graham, Stephanie Graham, Dennis Loeffler, Sue Loeffler, Janet Shannon, Dwayne Shipman and Linda Shipman.**



NEW DESSERT AUCTION Pies, cookies, pies & other desserts donated by Balboa members will be a auction during the Cook Off. Dessert donations & chili for that matter are of limited to none. Money goes to missions.	MUST REGISTER TO WIN You must register you or entry by Monday, Sept. 30th to be eligible to win. Registration can be done at the CC or online at www.balboabaptistchurch.com . If you have questions call 571-221-2271	EATERS PICK WINNERS There is no charge for the dinner, but chili eaters will determine chili category winners through donations. Bring cash or checks and support your favorite by making a contribution.
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2nd Annual Men's Ministry CHILI COOK OFF

An illustration of a man in a cowboy hat and vest standing next to a large wooden wagon. He is stirring a large pot on a small stove. The wagon is filled with various cooking supplies and equipment. In the background, there are hills and a small campfire.

SAMARITAN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST

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The Samaritan's Ministry of Hot Springs provides shelter, a comfortable bed, meals, clothing and a nightly Chapel service for each homeless man that arrives seeking assistance. Doors open between 4 pm and 5:45 pm daily. Men are required to be sober and clean and have no violent or sexual convictions.

A shower is available and they are given scrubs, clean underwear and socks as they prepare to go to Chapel. They are up at 6 am to get dressed, change the bed and have breakfast. The men help clean around the mission before they leave. This is their way of giving back for all that is provided for them.

The men are permitted to stay for up to 15 days per month as they are encouraged to find employment. Once employment is verified they are given up to 45 nights free of charge to return to a productive lifestyle.

Dwayne Shipman and his crew leave the Balboa Parking lot at 4:45 AM each second Tuesday of the month to make breakfast for the men at Samaritan's. They prepare eggs, bacon/sausage, biscuits and pancakes for between 20 and 30 men depending on the weather.

The regulars on Dwayne's Dawn Patrol team are: **John Baumgartner, Gregg Capps, Kevin Gordon, Kyle Keeley, Gary McCormick, Wayne Smith, Steve Weathers & David York.**



PRIMARY ELECTION CANDIDATE REPORT CARD

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BALBOA BAPTIST CANDIDATE REPORT CARD

Questions	Quorum Court Dist 13			Quorum Court Dist 12		Quorum Court Dist 11	
	Ralph Edds	Laura Ramoly	Larry Ranev	Abigail Rector	Jeremy Brown	Betty Westmorland	Ronald Hunter
1. Act 372 makes it a crime to furnish obscene material to a minor & made librarians liable to criminal charges.	SUPPORT	SUPPORT	Refused	SUPPORT	Refused	SUPPORT	Refused
2. Garland Co. Library Director Adam Webb, a county employee, filed a lawsuit to block Act 372. Should a county employee use his position to block a law passed by the legislature?	NO	NO	Refused	NO	Refused	NO	Refused
3. The Library Board is appointed based on recommendations by Webb. Now a majority of the board is composed of Democrat supporters. Do you SUPPORT or OPPOSE publicly advertising openings on the board?	SUPPORT	SUPPORT	Refused	SUPPORT	Refused	SUPPORT	Refused
4. A group is attempting to pass an 'Arkansas Abortion Amendment' that would "create a right to abortion up until the moment of birth." Do you SUPPORT or OPPOSE this amendment?	OPPOSE	OPPOSE	Refused	OPPOSE	Refused	OPPOSE	Refused
5. Larry Ranev, Quorum Court Dist. 13, joined with two abortion supporting members to defeat a resolution that would have declared Garland Co. a pro-life county. Do you SUPPORT or OPPOSE Ranev's vote?	OPPOSE	OPPOSE	Refused	OPPOSE	Refused	OPPOSE	Refused
6. If the pro-life resolution comes before the court again, will you vote YES or NO on the resolution?	YES	YES	Refused	YES	Refused	YES	Refused
7. The POA submitted a grant proposal requesting funds to upgrade and repair critical infrastructure. Garland Co. refused to submit a grant request for HSV. Do you SUPPORT or OPPOSE submitting grant applications on behalf of HSV?	SUPPORT	SUPPORT	Refused	SUPPORT	Refused	SUPPORT	Refused

Turn over to see the final score.

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8. The Garland Co Quorum Court refuses to hold meetings in HSV because Judge Darryl Mahoney says it's too far to drive. Will you SUPPORT or OPPOSE holding official court sessions in HSV?	SUPPORT	SUPPORT	Refused	SUPPORT	Refused	SUPPORT	Refused
9. Are you a member of a local church?	YES	YES	Refused	YES	Refused	YES	Refused
10. If you answered 'yes' what is the name of your church?	I am the Pastor at First Baptist Church HSV	242 Ministries	Refused	Temple Baptist Church	Refused	242 Ministries	Refused
11. Do you attend worship at least 35 times per year?	YES	YES	Refused	YES	Refused	YES	Refused
Final Grade	A+	A+	F	A+	F	A+	F

Balboa Baptist Does Not Endorse Candidates. This is strictly informational.

Remember to vote Tuesday, March 5th ~ at any of these locations:

Community Baptist Church
3518 North Hwy 7
Hot Springs, AR

Jessieville 1st Baptist Church
174 Baudry Cir
Jessieville, AR

Fountain Lake Fire Dept
7146 Park Ave
Fountain Lake, AR

Paid for by Balboa Baptist Church, HSV



The Primary Election Report Card was a non-partisan, purely informational survey conducted among candidates in the Spring that had contested primary elections. The questions on the survey were of interest to Christian voters and included obscene material in public libraries; a government employee suing the state to keep pornographic books in public libraries, the candidate's position on the Arkansas abortion amendment, their support for making Garland County a Pro-Life county and the candidate's views on HSV being eligible for state grant money.

Candidate responses and non-responses were tabulated and each candidate was given a letter grade. There were no candidate endorsements.

Report cards were passed out to Balboa members before each service.

BOOTS ON THE GROUND

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CHANGEPOINT PREGNANCY CARE

David York was the team leader on the Changepoint Pregnancy Care project. This project was so extensive the crew worked two weekends *before* the official Boots on the Ground Day.

The total project included replacing gutters and downspouts (approx. 70 yds); painting; repairing siding and replacing the soffit and some minor trim (bird box) work. The team also cleaned out all the gutters on both houses and patched a broken cinder block in the wall by the entrance.

Joining David on the project were: **Glen Barr, Ron Benson, Randy Conardy, Bob Corbett, Greg Ford, Dennis Forshee, Denis Gee, Reece Goodman, Dean Keller, James Melancon and Wayne Smith.**



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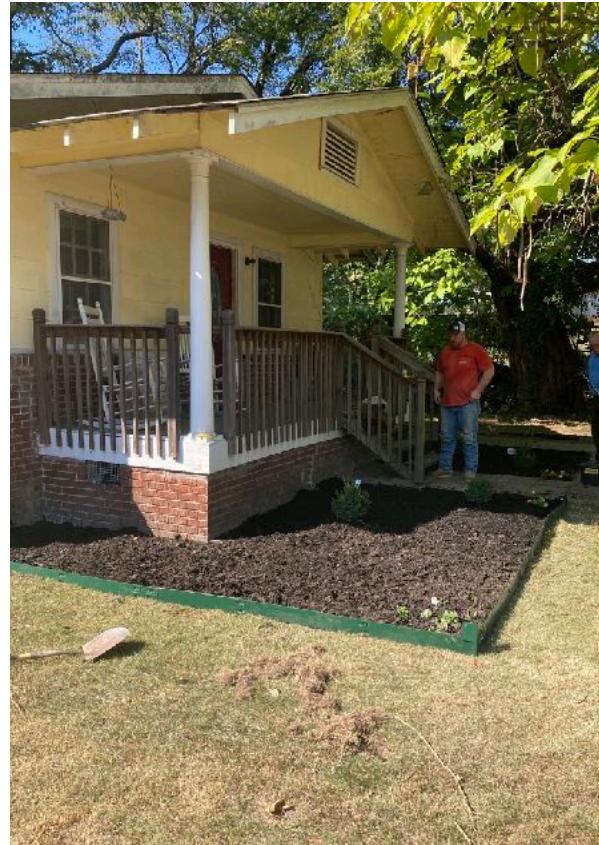
POTTER'S CLAY MINISTRIES

Potter's Clay ministries helps women and children escape from domestic violence and substance abuse.

Keith Custer was the crew chief here.

Their Saturday project involved planting shrubs and flowers, along with trimming trees and shrubs. The crew also built and planted a new mulch bed and replenished an existing bed.

Kieth's crew included: **Caleb Dwyer, Garland McGhee, Darryl Nance and Corky Yates.**



DELIVERY DRIVERS

There were plenty of donations from generous Balboa members, but the goods needed to get to the respective destinations.

That's where **Dwayne Shipman** and his delivery team went to work.

They dropped off donations at Teen Challenge, Change Point, Potter's Clay, Samaritan's Ministries, Garland County Jail and Bonnie Sue's House.

Dwayne's team included **Michael Chew, Kevin Gordon, Donna O'Neal, Dick Rypkema, Wayne Smith, Jenny Stevens** and **Steve Weathers**.



SPORTING EVENTS

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FOOTBALL KICKOFF

Dave Finton, invited football players and coaches from Jesseville, Mountain Pine, Cutter Morning Star and Fountain Lake to attend the kickoff dinner.

For many players this is the only time they are in a church, that's why Dave organized inspiring speeches from former Razorback players Mark Miller and Jimmy Walker

Generous donations from Balboa members allowed 85 players and 15 coaches to eat for free.

Dave's team also included **Richard Gillespie**.



GOLF TOURNAMENTS

Allen Barnhardt organized two golf tournaments in 2024. And that's not counting the three rainouts when the weather didn't cooperate.

The Glenwood tournament attracted 44 players and the Nine & Dine at Granada had 28.

Allen's team included **Dave Finton** and **Jerry Johnson**.

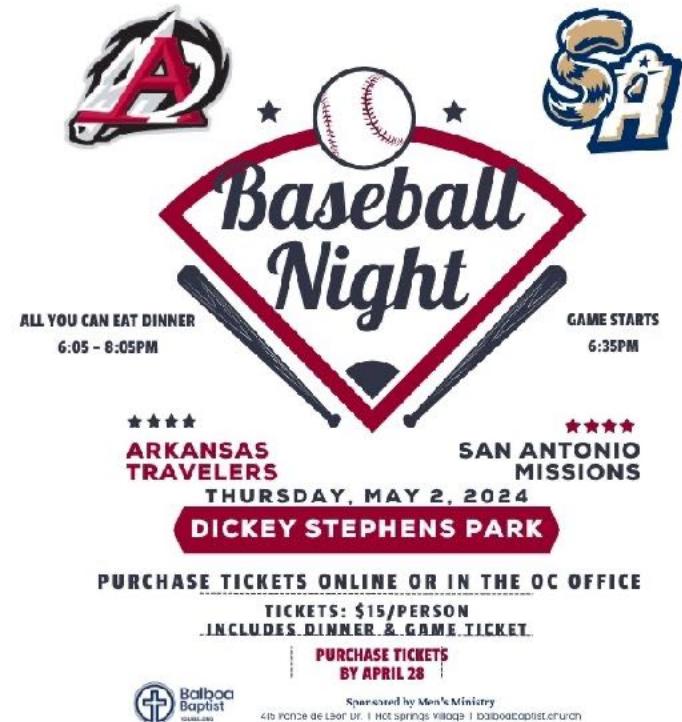
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BASEBALL

The weather didn't cooperate with **Randy Conardy** either. He was only able to organize one trip to see the Arkansas Travelers play baseball in Little Rock, because the other one was rained out.

That one event, though, was a rousing success. This trip featured 83 baseball fans who enjoyed an all-you-can-eat hotdog dinner and the baseball game.



CONCLUSION

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2024 was a big year for the Balboa Men's Ministry. I can't say we had something for everyone, but we did have something for quite a few.

And that's where you come in.

If you've had a project, study, class or fellowship opportunity you wish the Men's Ministry offered, now is the time to get in touch.

Give me a call and we can discuss your idea and possibly include it in next year's planning.

And if you read about a project the Men's Ministry accomplished that you'd like to be a part of in the future, then either call the team leader – phone numbers are in the Realm app – or call me and we'll make you part of that team.

And before we close this report I must call attention to the unsung people at Balboa who helped make all this possible.

Without the unfailing cooperation of the **OC staff**, the **Facilities Staff** and the **Hospitality Committee**, none of the Men's Ministry projects would have run as smoothly and in some cases would not have happened at all.

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