



from the **Yavapai Baptist Association**

December 2010

ON TARGET



What does December mean to you? For some it means closing out the year's books and for others it means the hustle and bustle of Christmas shopping and other holiday activities.

For me, December is a missionary month. Traditionally, Southern Baptists have emphasized the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions at this time of year. We give to support the work of our International Missionaries. We have more than 5000 of them serving in well over 100 countries, you know.

But December is also the month that we focus our attention on the greatest missionary the world has ever known – the Lord Jesus himself. Jesus was sent by the Father to bring salvation to the world (Luke 19:10; John 20:21). His mission was clear and he came willingly to fulfill that mission. Many tried to get him off course, but they could not succeed.

I still love the lyrics to the Gaither hymn that express this mission:

God sent His son, they called Him Jesus
He came to love, heal, and forgive.
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Jesus' mission was clear to him and should be very clear to us. As we gather to worship this month, let's celebrate all that the Father has done for us in Christ. Let's remember that without Jesus we would be completely lost and undone.

As we celebrate Jesus' birth this year, let's also remember that God has sent us on a redemptive mission to a lost world (John 20:21). Let's look for ways to be missionaries where God has placed us.

Your Brother,
Rik Danielsen

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Pastors: Please call or e-mail the YBA office (928)759-2246 to sign up for our Ministers and Wives Christmas Dinner at Camp Verde Baptist Church (map at CampVerdeBaptist.com). Dinner is at 6:30 and will be catered by Babe's BBQ. Music will be provided by River Community Fellowship's Kent Mason. Cost at the door is \$20 per couple. This is always an enjoyable event, but you must sign up. See you there!

There will be no pastor's lunch in December.

Brian LeSturgeon

ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR

December 2010

- 10 YBA Christmas Party 6:30 PM at Camp Verde Baptist Church
Reservation required.
- 9 Administrative Council Meeting 1:30 at Robert Rd. Baptist
- 22-28 YBA Office closed for Christmas Break
- 25 Christmas Day

CHURCH NEWS

From Camp Verde Baptist Church

"Camp Verde Baptist is on a giving spree. They collected cans of vegetables for a holiday food box distribution, filled 54 Christmas Shoeboxes, supplied Pies and cooking expertise for a community Thanksgiving meal, donated toys and clothes for needy Christmas families, and helped area police volunteers provide gifts to underserved children. All gifts point us to the gift of Jesus Christ!"

CHURCH NEWS, continued

From Robert Road Baptist Church

We will have a Christmas Dinner for the Deacons, Wives, and Staff on December 4th and a Children's Christmas Party on December 5th. The Ladies Secret Pal Reveal Fellowship and Potluck will be on December 6th.

Mark your calendars! The youth will sponsor a Mother's Day Out (free childcare) on December 11th from 9 a.m. - Noon

Everyone is invited to our Christmas Musical on December 12th with the Adult Choir and God's Little Voices and a Candlelight Service on December 24th at 6:00 p.m.

We will be having a Hayride event in December - FREE to all YOUTH - Everyone can come - \$5.00 per family call for details.

Some of our ladies just completed a Beth Moore Bible Study.....another one will be starting....watch for the date!

From FSBC Mayer

"First Southern BC Mayer joined with three other churches in Mayer to help host the annual Thanksgiving meal for the community on November 23, 2010. The meal was held at the Mayer High School in Spring Valley. Fay (the pastor's wife) helped by cooking over 100 lbs of turkey, and 25 lbs of mashed potatoes! There were over 350 meals served on Tuesday night! And every comment was positive from everyone that showed up!



Mayer will have their second annual Christmas Eve service on, uh, Christmas Eve!! We look forward to celebrating the birth of our Savior

For more information about our Association please go to the website yavbaptists.com.

Please forward this email to all of your Christian friends and church members.

Rik Danielsen