

Yavapai Baptist Association

October 2010

ON TARGET



Hello:

In late 1989 and on into 1990 something happened in Europe that many would consider a miracle—that miracle was the destruction of the Berlin Wall. You will recall that the Berlin wall divided the city into the Eastern side, which was controlled by the communists and the Western side, which was free. From 1961 until 1989 families in Germany were cut off from one another if members were on the Eastern side of the country. When the wall fell in 1989 some of those families were gloriously reunited. Don't you imagine that many tears of joy were shed during those reunions? Thousands had attempted to escape the communist regime in Eastern Germany; some were successful, but sadly many died in their attempt. The day the wall fell, all of that was over.

We have an opportunity to get together as a family very soon. Our reunion may not be as dramatic as the fall of the Berlin wall, but it is very important indeed. We live in a world that is torn by the spiritual battle. Some of our family members are wounded and others bear the scars of the battle. We need to get together for a time of refreshing and encouragement.

The reunion will take place at the YBA Annual meeting, Saturday, October 23rd, from 9:00 until noon with lunch to follow at First Southern Baptist Church, Chino Valley. Please, please, please plan to be there. We need one another. We need to be reminded that we aren't in this alone. Most of our churches are small and many are struggling. Our members need to know that they aren't the only ones out there fighting the good fight. We are a part of a larger family who is engaged in the battle, too.

YOU NEED TO PREPARE FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING: There are three things you need to do to prepare: 1) Set this time aside on your calendar. 2) Fill out your ACP and get it back to us ASAP (as of this writing 4 churches have already filled them out). 3) Elect your messengers for the meeting. Every church is allowed 4 messengers and churches with more than 50 members are allowed an additional messenger for each additional 50 members. The maximum is 10 messengers for any church.

I'll see you there,
Rik

CHURCH STRENGTHENING TEAM

Church Strengthening Team for 2011:

Hobby Wiles - Team Leader for YBA

Theresa Walton - YBA VBS Director (representing RRBC)

Jesse Liles - Sunday School Leadership (representing Willow Hills)

Bart Young - Music/Worship Leadership (representing Beaver Creek)

These are the Events the team has provided for 2010:

YBA VBS Team went to state training in Glendale, AZ - February 6th

YBA VBS Training for ALL YBA Churches at RRBC - May 1st

JUMPSTART Sunday School Worker Training at Willow Hills - October 9th

Music/Worship Workshop at Willow Hills - November 20th

If you would like to be a part of our team or have any ideas or input for 2011 please contact any of the team members.

Hobby Wiles

Team Leader

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Reading missions materials, you will come across the concept of a *people group*. A people group could be defined as "a population possessing relatively homogeneous language dialects, learned and shared values, common beliefs, modes of behavior, recognized customs, and social norms which identify them as distinct from other populations." An easier definition is: Any group of people who says, "We're us."

To some extent, each local church is like a people group. The people have something of a shared history, customs, way of speaking - and they self-identify as a unit together. How would our leadership change if we approached our own church as an anthropological people group? The apostle Paul had something like this concept in mind when he wrote 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 ("I have become all things to all people..."). Of course, Paul was speaking about those outside of the church who he was seeking to win to the Lord. But perhaps the principle might also apply to those within the church who we are seeking to lead.

If God has equipped you for ministry and has called you to a church - then He must want you to serve *that* church, with *those* people. When our pastors get together, we recognize that there are a lot of things that are common to ministry. Yet, even with all the similar situations and common personality types, your church (the people) is still distinct. Called by God into community, they deserve a shepherd that will tailor his ministry to minister to *them*, to equip *them*, to encourage *them*, to become all *they* have been called to be in Christ Jesus. No study guide or three-step program can replace the wisdom of a pastor who really loves God and really loves the people God has entrusted to him. Let's get together and discuss these ideas. Our next Pastor's Fellowship is October 14 @ 11:30 at Robert Road BC. Come enjoy the food (always \$5) and be encouraged. We're all in this together.

Pastor Brian LeSturgeon

ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2010

- 1-2 ASBC New Challenge Seminar in Scottsdale
- 9 Jumpstart – Training Leaders for the Ages. Willow Hills BC 9-2
- 10 Pastor and Staff Appreciation Day
- 11 Columbus Day
- 14 Pastors' Fellowship Lunch 11:30 at Robert Rd. Baptist
- 14 Administrative Council Meeting 1:30 at Robert Rd. Baptist
- 15 -17 ASBC Hispanic Men's Retreat in Prescott
- 16 ASBC VBS Jumpstart in Glendale.
- 23 YBA Annual Meeting 9:00 – 1:00 at FSBC Chino Valley

CHURCH EVENTS

October 2010

- 31. **Robert Road Baptist Church's 19th Annual Fall Festival 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Hot dogs, pop corn, treats, and beverages along with 6 new games with prizes and lots of candy! Fun costumes are encouraged, nothing scary please.**
- 31 **The Side Kicks will be in concert starting at 5:30 at Mountain View BC with a jam session after. Call for details**

CHURCH NEWS

From Robert Road BC

- Weekly - Beth Moore Ladies Bible Study
 - WMU Ladies prayer and missions study
 - Breakfast fellowship at Backburner
- Monthly - J.O.Y. (just older youth - senior adult ministry)
 - Ladies Fellowship and Potluck
 - Men's Ministry
 - Youth AFTERGLOW

Call (928) 772-0703 for more details on any of these activities!

**Yavapai Baptist Association
Annual Meeting
October 23, 2010
FSBC Chino Valley
9 AM to 1 PM**

***JOIN US FOR A FAMILY REUNION
CELEBRATION***

***Everyone is invited to
FSBC in Chino Valley for a time of***

Refreshing and Encouragement.
Reconnecting with friends.
Meeting New friends.
Praise and Worship
a Wonderful Lunch

***IF YOU ONLY DO ONE THING THIS
YEAR~THIS SHOULD BE IT!***

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