



Yavapai Baptist Association

June 2009



“Don’t Just Do Something, Sit There”

I fear that too often Christians launch out to do something without really knowing what or why they are doing that thing. Oh, we usually need to do something, which is evidenced by the fact that our churches are in decline and we are seeing very few genuine converts. But we tend to simply react to the problems rather than follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

In Acts 1 the Bible tells us again that Jesus commissioned the church to be his witnesses all over the earth. However, before he actually unleashed his power through them and them on the earth, he sent them back to Jerusalem to await the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Here’s the amazing thing—they obeyed him and waited. They spent time in prayer waiting for the promised outpouring of the Spirit. Remember these are the folks who “turned the world upside down.”

In today’s church, planning and the Lord’s will seldom have much of a connection. Oh, we will open our planning meetings with “a word of prayer”, but we really don’t spend time seeking the Lord, his will, or his power. Sadly the leaders and members of our churches know very little about seeking the Lord so we go on making our own plans and doing things in our own power. As a result, we keep getting what we can do and wonder why we don’t see the world changing around us.

Leaders must teach by example and through Bible study how to seek the Lord and wait for him to answer. Then we need to teach people how to step out in faith to do that which the Lord has led us to do. I believe the results will be phenomenal and God will receive the glory for it all.

Your Brother,

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Church Strengthening Team

The Church Strengthening Team met and approved a financial request for one of our association churches. The request was for Vacation Bible School!

Feel free to get involved in the Association through this team! Just call Hobby Wiles @ (928) 848-3403!

Hobby Wiles



Pastor Ramon Rodriguez and Family

Leadership Development

School is out and summer is upon us. There was a time in my life when this elicited a big honkin' "Whoo-hooo!" from my weary lungs. Now that I am a pastor though, I see how that freedom many families feel is applied to church responsibilities, resulting in a slowdown in both ministry and outreach. In most churches, summer is typically a time of decreased attendance and giving. Pastors have learned how to plan around the "summer slump," but many secretly wish they did not have to do this. The freedom from school, sports, and recitals to spend time together and try new things makes summer an ideal time to reach out to families and invite them to participate in your faith community. Why not spend some of your own family's new free time doing ministry together? This year, support your pastors by committing to ministry events when you know you'll be in town, or by volunteering as a family to coordinate a special summer outreach event. The fields are white unto harvest, but the (summer) laborers are few. Let's use our freedom to bless others, and make this a summer to remember!

Brian LeSturgeon

Great Commission Team

Keeping the First Time Guests From Becoming Last time Guests

Ok, Ok, so you've heard the Great Commission to "go and make disciples" a thousand times. But what does that look like for the person that walks in as a guest to your church the very first time? Whether or not they ask outright, your newcomers are wondering:

Are you going to accept me even though I may be a bit different?

Are you willing to go beyond a "Sunday only" relationship?

Are your going to just talk about a caring relationship or show it?

Are you a real family who is going to love me unconditionally?

Are you going to forgive me when I fall short?

Are you going to "be there" emotionally for me when I'm hurting?

Are you going to last?

The church's leadership must model true acceptance and support for the newcomers from the top down. Your heart must be open and readiness needs to come down deep as the grace of Christ flows through us through us.

Dave Arden



Verde Valley Hispanic Mission Celebration May 6

VERDE VALLEY ART SHOW

July 3rd & July 4th, 2009
Camp Verde
Parks and Recreation
Buildings 206 and 207

God's Creation: Power and Beauty

Painting, Ceramics, Sculpture, Drawing and Crafts
Celebrating God's Creation.

Show Hours: Friday Noon to 8PM
Saturday 10AM to 5PM

Artists' Reception Friday July 3rd, 6-8 PM

Submission Process:

Please bring works of art to:
Camp Verde Baptist Church
Fifth and Holloman
Camp Verde, AZ 86322
Wednesday July 1st from Noon to 6PM.

All work- both displayed and not, should be picked up
at Camp Verde Baptist Church
Monday July 6th from Noon to 6PM

Camp Verde Baptist Reserves the right to judge the merit of Art Work
and to include or exclude any submissions based upon
Quality, Appropriate Content for Theme or Community Standards.

CHURCH NEWS

From Pastor Hobby Wiles

Robert Road Baptist Church:

The J.O.Y. (just older youth - senior adult ministry) Bunch spent a day touring 11 of our Yavapai Baptist Association Churches and followed up with a great lunch time fellowship at the Sizzler in Cottonwood! It was the first time for some to see some of our churches and missions.

The youth served the church family and friends a Spaghetti Lunch raising money for ZonaYuthKamp which they attend in July. They ended the evening with their monthly AFTERGLOW fellowship.

From Pastor Brian LeSturgeon at

Camp Verde Baptist Church:

Camp Verde Baptist Church is hosting a Christian-themed art show on July 3 & 4, 2009. The purpose of the show is to reflect the beauty of God through the Arts. We are excited to see how the artistic community interprets this year's theme:

From Pastor Fred Reiter

Bagdad 1st So. Baptist Church

It was our joy to baptize a mother and daughter on Mother's Day, followed by an all Church Pot Lunch.

From Pastor Mark Reeder

Chino Valley 1st So. Baptist Church

Our youth group "Xperienced" will have their annual Yard Sale on May 15-16. This is one of the fund raisers our kids do to raise monies for camp. They will attend Centrefuge at Glorieta, NM this year, July 6-11.

Associational Calendar:

June 11th

Pastor's Fellowship Lunch 11:30 @ Robert Road BC
Council Meeting 1:30 @ Robert Road BC

June 24th

SBC Annual Meeting in Louisville, KY

July 5-11th

Youth Camp in Southern California. Contact Mitch McDonald or Tracy Baker at (800) 687-2431

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

WHERE AND WHEN

Clarkdale	June 8 - 12th
Cordes Lakes	June 8 - 12th
FSBC Prescott Valley	June 8 - 12th
Cornville	June 15 - 19th
FSBC Chino Valley	June 15 - 19th
Robert Road	June 15 - 19th
Bagdad	June 22 - 26th
Mountain View	June 22 - 26th
Beaver Creek	July 4 - 11th
Camp Verde	July 20 - 24th
Wilhoit	July 18 - 24th



Church Events

Tuesdays

Willow Hills has a Knitting Class, every Tuesday at 2:30 PM. All are welcome/ Contact Willow Hills for more information.

June 19

Robert Road Baptist's annual VBS Family Night Musical from 5PM - 7:30 PM. Inflatables, snow cones, hot dogs etc. will all be provided for FREE

June 28th

Join Mountain View Baptist and enjoy the gospel group "Under the Sun" in concert at 5:30 PM, refreshments and a music JAM will follow. Everyone is invited to bring an instrument and join the jamming and singing.

July 3 & 4

Camp Verde Baptist Church Art Show: "God's Creation: Power and Beauty". We invite all churches to encourage their artists to submit pieces.

July 4

Come and celebrate "A Good Old Fashioned 4th of July" in Bagdad, parade starts at 9:30 AM, with booths, games, food & lots of fun to follow

July 6-10

Children's Missions Camp! Grades 1st - 6th. Contact Lorraine Allen for more information at 602 995-2983

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