



from the **Yavapai Baptist Association**

March 2010

ON TARGET



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Recently, I was reading the book *The Externally Focused Church* by Rusaw and Swanson and found an interesting quote:

Dun and Bradstreet conducted a study to determine why executives fail. The organization studied twelve hundred executives who had been fired from their jobs. Interestingly, it wasn't their market expertise, financial understanding, or product knowledge that as the primary cause for failure. In 85 percent of the cases, their relational skills were the cause. The same might be true of churches. If we were to study the primary reason churches fail, we might discover that they've failed in the one area they should be good at—building, sustaining, and cultivating relationships. (Group publishing, 2004, pg. 93)

The authors make the point that churches and church members need to be building loving relationships with the people and agencies in their communities. Helping agencies in most communities cannot imagine how the church can help them because the churches haven't been willing to offer any real help. In these difficult economic times, many agencies are struggling to help the people they were charged with helping.

A number of years ago Camp Verde Baptist Church (First Southern, Camp Verde in those days) made contact with a local school nurse to find out what kinds of needs she had. She expressed that children often have "accidents" and need clean underwear, but she didn't have any to give them. The church has been observing "Undy Sunday" ever since. When a child has a need like that they go away wearing some Baptist underwear. The children may not know where the underwear came from, but the nurse knows.

In last month's newsletter, Jesse Liles shared a need for churches to step and help clean senior citizen's homes. What an opportunity for the church to help people in need. Have you considered helping with that need? That would open more doors than you could imagine.

We ought to be good at building relationships with people and communities, but we tend not to be. Let's work at dispelling the perception that we only care about ourselves.

Your brother,
Rik

ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR

March 2010

- 11 Pastors' Fellowship Lunch 11:30 at Robert Rd. Baptist
- 11 Administrative Council Meeting 1:30 at Robert Rd. Baptist
- 12-13 ASBC Disaster Relief Training in Phoenix
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 27 ASBC Hispanic VBS Clinic in Phoenix
- 27 Preaching Workshop 9AM - 1PM at Robert Rd. Baptist

CHURCH EVENTS

March 2010

- 1 VBS planning and training at Robert Rd. BC at 6PM. All are welcome.
 - 20 "Messiah in the Passover" a Seder Meal, 6 - 8:30 PM at The Summit Church. Call for more details
 - 28 "Whistle Stop" will be in concert at Mountain View BC in Dewey Call for details
- Knitting Class, every Tuesday, at 2:30 PM. All welcome...beginners who need lessons to those who can teach lessons. The class has many projects...booties, newborn baby caps, etc.

CHURCH NEWS

From FSBC Mayer

After a long hiatus, the Women on Missions were able to get started again! While the attendance may have been small, it's a start! And God blesses everything that honors Him! The ladies will meet on the third Thursday of each month. If you are in the neighborhood on that Thursday, stop by and join them.

We also ask everyone to be in much prayer for the Baudek family. This is the family that lost their son in the flash flood at the Agua Fria river during the recent downpours. It is a tragic loss for the family.

From The Summit Church

"Messiah in the Passover" a Seder Meal, will be sponsored by The Summit Church at 6:00-8:30PM on Saturday, March 20th. Richard Toviah from CJF Ministries will be leading this special service showing the role of Jesus Christ in the passover celebration. Tickets cost \$10 for adults,

\$5 for children 12 & under, Children 5 & under are free. Please contact The Summit at 636-2888 to secure your ticket. The event will be held in the Family Life Center at First Southern Baptist Church of Chino Valley at 1524 N. Hwy 89. A separate love offering for the speaker and CJF Ministries will be taken.

GREAT COMMISSION TEAM

Wanted: Leaders who Laugh at Long Odds

One of the most violent aspects of the game of football is the opening kick-off. Players sprint the field with the full blown intensity of a locomotive and either mow down a blocker, seize the ball carrier, or land in the dejected "our Father" position hitting their knees with their hands folded together. There is little margin for error.

Usually the kick-off team assigns one or more people to the role of the **wedge buster**. That is, while the receiving team backs up to the ball carrier, the role of wedge buster isn't to tackle the ball or even to contain the reverse, but to wholeheartedly throw himself, his body, his reason, his manhood, and his full body mass index into the wall to bust up the runner's blocking coverage wall to allow other tacklers to make the play.

Special teamers have a huge impact on the effect of the game. They determine where in the field of position their team begins or ends. An unexpected touchdown on special teams will swing the tide.

Church planters and house/apartment church leaders are those wedge busters. The role is often inglorious as churches soon forget who started them once they call a long term pastor. Often the observers of the spiritually "life & death game" see them as secondary players.

Yet in spite of the challenges they face, these are the people who break down spiritual walls of fear, rejection, doubt, and pride. These are the ones who risk themselves and at times end up flat on their backs. While the margin of error is small, these are the ones who swing the tide of the eternal war that is waged for the souls of men & women.

And, though, at times they have to be carried off the field, their Call and Cause is the noble one of laying themselves down for the Kingdom and the King—not to mention taking one for the team.

Wanted: Fearless men & women willing to tear down walls in their communities who are resilient enough to keep from fumbling their faith. **Needed:** Leaders willing to take some initiative & start Bible studies in their neighborhoods and apartment complexes.

Is God calling on you?

**"Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."
1 Cor 15:57**

Dave Arden

**Mission Trip
to
Mescalero, NM
October 1-8, 2010**



Join the Yavapai Baptist Association's Director of Evangelism and Missions, Rik Danielsen, for a mission trip to the Mescalero Apache Reservation in New Mexico. We will be working with Pastor Zach Malott and the members of the Mescalero Baptist Mission.

We will be:

- **Leading Revival Services Sunday AM & PM and Monday through Wednesday PM.**
- **Doing prayer walking in the community during the day.**
- **Practicing servanthood evangelism during the day.**

Contact Rik Danielsen at the YBA office: 7594 E. Palo Verde St., Suite A, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314 928 759-8608 or by email at rdyba@cableone.net for more information.

Yes, it's that time of year for VBS Training!

The YBA VBS Team is so excited about

When: Saturday May 1, 2010

Where: Robert Road Baptist Church
5100 N. Robert Rd.
Prescott Valley, AZ 86314

Time: 8:30 am (Registration) - 1:00 pm (Lunch included if you RSVP)

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Reach One by Pastor Frank



Can we get on with it! I have lots of things
I need to be doing today!

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