

Yavapai Baptist Association

October 2009



ON TARGET

A couple of years ago my wife and I were visiting Atlanta, Georgia with our son and his wife. While we were there, we visited the Martin Luther King, Jr., National Historic Site. We were able to see the Ebenezer Baptist Church where Dr. King and his father served as pastors, a museum on the civil rights movement and Dr. King's tomb. As an observer of life I was very fascinated by something else I saw; there were numerous groups of people with matching t-shirts on. They were families having family reunions. Evidently, family reunions are a pretty big deal in Atlanta. Each family proudly pro-

claimed who they were a part of with their t-shirts.

YBA has a family reunion coming up; only we call it the annual meeting. On October 24th YBA will meet at Beaver Creek Baptist Church in Rimrock. We will meet at 10:30 AM for our business session and have lunch together.

Someone is saying, "Oh my gosh, another lousy meeting to attend. I'd rather have a tooth pulled!" I understand a lot of meetings are boring and seem like a waste of time, but I hope this one won't be like that. We will hear reports from our three ministry teams; we will elect officers and adopt a budget, too. But we will also worship together and Pastor Brian LeSturgeon will share from God's word. We will also have an opportunity to have lunch together, which will give us time to renew old relationships or start new ones. This really should be a family reunion.

We live in an area where we are in the minority. Christians in general and Baptists in particular are in the minority in Yavapai County. We are engaging in spiritual warfare out here and ought to realize that we need one another. This annual meeting could be and hopefully will be a time of refreshment and encouragement. Please make this a priority on your calendar.

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 2 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.

See you at the reunion,

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LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Pastors, October 24 is our YBA Annual Meeting. Do your church members know *why* we have the YBA? Do they know what we do, or better, what we are trying to do? The YBA Annual Meeting is one great opportunity to hear the stories of our efforts and get to know other missions-minded Southern Baptists in our county. What pastor wouldn't want a group from their church to rediscover their fire for missions, evangelism and church growth? Lead your congregation well and bring a large group to this year's meeting. Lets show everyone that missions is done by ordinary people empowered by an extraordinary God. Let's help them understand that the word *missionary* means "me."

Pastor Brian LeSturgeon

CHURCH STRENGTHENING TEAM

Wow! Time fly's when you are having fun serving the Lord. It seems like only yesterday we were preparing for 2009 and here we are preparing to close out 2009 and planning for 2010.

It has been a year of new challenges, ideas, and changes. Our YBA has so much to be thankful for. Thank you YBA for allowing me to serve in this manner. I pray that we will allow God to do great things. Let's claim Ephesians 3:20.

The YBA VBS Team is being formed and registration for training is taking place. If you are interested in being on the YBA VBS Team, please contact, Theresa Walton at (928) 848-4193 as soon as possible. The first JUMP-START to VBS is October 17 and it's FREE for the Association Team.

Again I call on our Pastors and churches for your help to serve on our Team!

Your Fellow Servant in Christ,

Pastor Hobby Wiles

GREAT COMMISSION TEAM

When many DOM's retire, they find a comfortable place to relax, golf, and take it easy. Our former DOM, Arnie Sorrells, has chosen the road less traveled. He continues to serve our churches.

Recently, Arnie has joined in with the Great Commission Team in the role of helping support our churches evangelistic efforts.

Specifically, Arnie is offering an Apologetics seminar examining 5 topics:

Biblical Archaeology – Evidence the Bible is not just story but historically accurate.

Validity of Scripture - Evidence for the consistency of the Word and the overlapping of thousands of ancient manuscripts.

Miracles and Prophecy - Answers for people that say miracles are impossible and never happened.

The Challenges to Jesus Divinity - The response to false teachers and cults who have a faulty concept of Christ.

New Age Challenges - Specific responses that we can give to those pursuing a New Age belief system.

Arnie can fit these sessions into a series of messages, Bible studies, or Sunday school classes to fit your needs. Please contact him at 928.759.0463 or e-mail him at sorrells@q.com.

The Great Commission team is here to serve your churches and equip you to reach your community for Christ.

Pastor Dave Arden

ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2009

- 2-3 ASBC New Challenge Seminar, Scottsdale
- 8 YBA Pastors' Fellowship Lunch, RRBC, 11:30
- 8 YBA Administrative Council, RRBC, 1:30
- 17 ASBC VBS Jumpstart, Glendale
- 24 YBA Annual Meeting 9:30, Beaver Creek Baptist Church

CHURCH EVENTS

October 2009

- 2-3rd Indoor Youth Rummage Sale Starting at 8 am at Robert Rd. Baptist Church
- 3rd Block Party at Willow Hills from 10-2 pm
- 10th 2nd Annual Fabulous 50's Fall Festival Fair at the Ridge from 9-3 pm
- 11-14th FSBC Chino Valley Revival with guest speaker Ron Hart
- 17th VBS Jumpstart, 10-2 pm, in Phoenix
- 24th "Fairy Tale Princess' Living Very Real Lives" one day Women's Retreat.
- 31st FSBC Chino Valley's Annual Harvest Festival from 5:30 to 8:30 pm
- 31st Annual Fall Festival from 5-7 pm at Robert Road Baptist Church

CHURCH NEWS

From Pastor Mark Reeder, Chino Valley FSBC

Beginning Sunday October 11th at 8:00 am, 10:45 am and again at 6:00 pm Chino Valley FSBC will be hosting a Revival with guest speaker Ron Hart. Please plan on joining us at 5:00 pm for a Family Night covered dish meal. Monday the 12th through Wednesday the 14th, the Revival will begin at 7:00 pm.

The Children's Ministry will have it's Annual Harvest Festival on October 31st from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. There will be booths for outreach, lots of great new games, fun, prizes and of course **candy!** You won't want to miss the Indian Fry Bread that the Kitchen Ministry will be making. **YUM!**

From Pastor Dave Arden, River Community Fellowship

River Community Fellowship will celebrate its 5th anniversary on October 18th at 10 am, at Tavasci Elementary School (2939 Del Rio, Cottonwood). We are grateful for the support of the Association these last 5 years and invite you all to attend this special service. Thanks for being there for us! Potluck to follow.

From Wade Mansfield, The Ridge Christian Fellowship

Join us for our annual 50's Fall Festival Fair starting at 9 am at the Ridge, Sky Daddy will be performing, there will be lots of games for the kids, a Bake Sale, a Rummage sale, a Car Show and food, balloons and FUN!

From Fred Reiter, Bagdad SBC

Great things have been happening with Awana, we started with 16 children and every week it grows. Currently we have 23 children from Puggles to T&T enjoying game time and learning Bible verses and

CHURCH NEWS cont.

From Pastor Ed Imbierowicz, Mountain View Baptist Church

The Gospel Music Festival was a fantastic success, there were over 250 people in attendance . Everyone enjoyed the music, the fun kids activities, food and fellowship. On Sunday we baptized two youth.

On Sept. 27th we will have the "Bluegrass Brethren" in concert starting at 5:30 pm and again on Oct. 25th we will have "The Full Quiver" in concert at 5:30 pm. We now have a Women's Bible Study led by Wand Cody every Thursday (except the 3rd Thurs.) starting at 10 am.

From Pastor Hobby Wiles, Robert Road Baptist Church

On Oct. 2-3rd we will hold an Indoor Youth Rummage Sale at 8:00 am. This is a fundraiser for Dare2Share in March 2010 and for ZonaYuthKamp in July 2010! Your "treasures" will be accepted thru Thursday Oct. 1st. All \$\$ donations accepted!

Our Annual Fall Festival will be Oct. 31st from 5-7 pm. There will be games, candy and food. . .
All for FREE!



Women's Retreat
Fairy Tale Princess Living Very Real Lives
October 24th 10-3:00
1st Southern Baptist of Chino Valley
3 Speakers, Music and Drama
Cinderella~ When jealousy hits the house of the sisters
Sleeping Beauty~ Awaken the woman of God inside you
Little Mermaid~ Body Image the new Idol worship
Catered Luncheon
Cost is ONLY \$5.00
Baby Sitting Available for a fee.
Please join us, worship with us as we are Arizona's Women
of Faith.
Dress up like a princess/prize drawings
Call for your group tickets at 928-713-0773
Or Church office 928-636-2014

Arizona Woman's Missionary Union
Annual Meeting and
Missions Celebration
November 13, 2009
"Called to Love"

Emmanuel Baptist Church
1825 N Alvernon Way, Tucson
9:15 AM Brunch with Missionaries,
Pastors/Wives, and DOEMs/Wives
10:00 - 12:00 Missions Celebration
Featuring Arizona Missions and
Ministries

Visit our website: www.azwmu.com

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.

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